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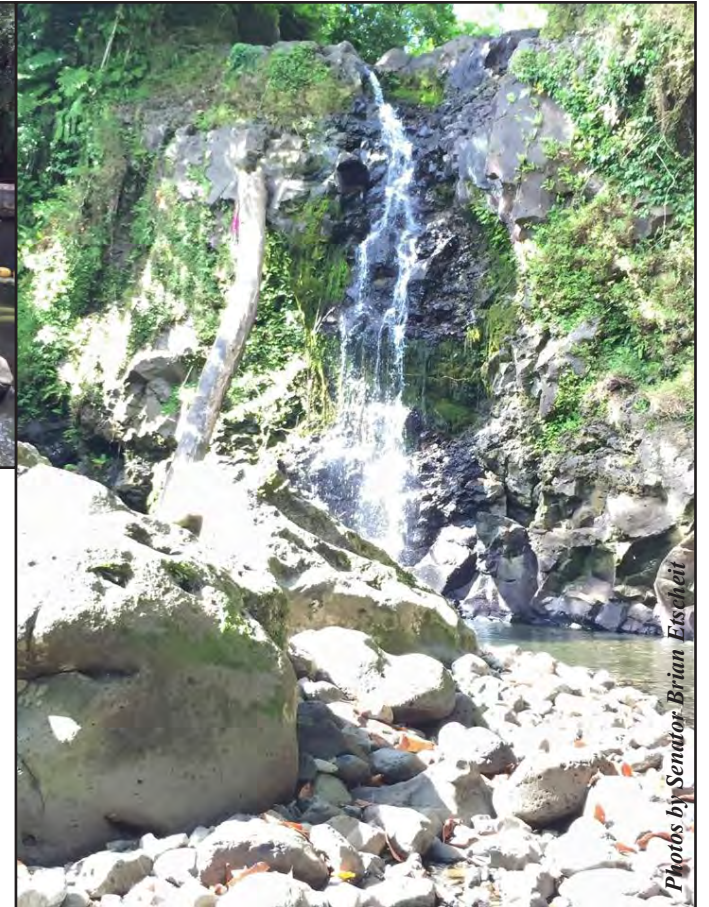
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# Many Pohnpeians suddenly left with no water due to El Nino

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

**February 11, 2016**  
**Pohnpei, FSM**--The majority of households and businesses in the most populated areas of Pohnpei have been without water since yesterday. The water stopped flowing with no public warning or any notices that the Nanpil dam storage area was getting dangerously low. As recently as last weekend, fund raising car washes took place on the streets of Pohnpei as they do on most weekends. Three days later, the water stopped flowing.



Photos by Senator Brian Etscheit

Pohnpei residents were left guessing about what was going on. When they called PUC they received the answer that the problem was caused by El Nino and that PUC had not shut off the water; the valve was still open. No other information was issued.

This evening PUC dropped off a statement for the State radio station to read on air. It was far too late to warn residents that the water outage was imminent since it happened after the fact, but it did let people know that they should conserve what water there was and to fix or report water leaks to PUC.

While it would be easy to blame PUC for not warning the public that it was on the cusp of not just a water shortage but a water outage, they apparently didn't have any time to do so. One day the water was sufficient. On the next day it, simply wasn't, according to a report they issued to the State government this morning.

*"These guys are using tie wire and elbow grease. [They're] using left over materials...no equipment...These guys are magicians..."*  
**Senator Brian Etscheit**

PUC was not caught by surprise that there might come a period of drought. That prediction was made long ago and the current El Nino is the strongest in recorded history. Like most residents in the North Pacific, PUC knew that the effects were coming and that the resulting drought could be worse than the 1998 El Nino that brought six months of drought and may have been at least partially to blame for the cholera epidemic that followed.

The National Weather service in Pohnpei said that at the Kolonia station they measured only .82 inches of rain this month as of today. That's 9.2 inches of rain less than the average to date for the month of February. The Weather Service says that during the last rainfall on February 7 they measured only .09 inches of rain. February 3 had the highest level of rainfall for the month at only .36 inches of rain.

Hard working PUC crews have been working to implement a quick plan that was presented this morning by PUC. Last night they worked until midnight and at 11:00 this evening, the time of this writing, they were still hard at work. The report this morning said that, "A joint effort between PUC Water and Power Distribution

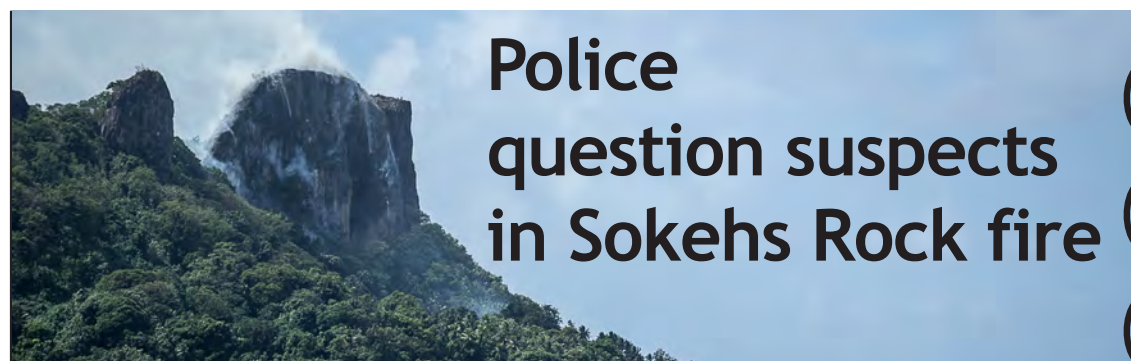
personnel is in effect to try and install a pump in the dam to pump water into the settling tank next to the dam; and PUC Water personnel will extend an eight (8) inch water line from the inlet in the dam to the upper pool to try and restore the water supply."

Certainly PUC is working on the problem as best they can. Senator Brian Etscheit put it best, "These guys are using tie wire and elbow grease. [They're] using left over materials...no equipment...These guys are magicians..."

If those "magicians" are able to restore a water supply to the most highly populated area of Pohnpei, residents are urged to conserve water at all times. No officials have warned that any water taken from rivers and streams should be boiled for at least 10 minutes before human consumption, but common sense dictates that should be so.

Governor Marcelo Peterson said this afternoon that he expects to issue an emergency declaration either tomorrow or Monday at the latest. PUC is giving a briefing on Friday, after this newspaper goes to press. Governor Peterson will base his declaration on that briefing. In addition to the status of the Nanpil dam, he has

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**Police question suspects in Sokehs Rock fire**

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# Six-week ordeal ends for Pacific drifters

IOM in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Papua New Guinea (PNG) teamed up to help two drifters return safely home. The men, from PNG's New Ireland Province, spent 41 days on the vast expanses of Pacific Ocean. Three companions died on the journey.

the Humanitarian Assistance to Stranded Migrants (HASM) fund.

After a prolonged and logistically challenging coordination process involving various governmental, diplomatic and NGO partners, the two men have been flown home and reunited with their families.

On 28 September last year, Rickson Masol, 32, and Chris Pagan, 49, and three others, including a pregnant woman, were sailing from their home village of Fissoa on the mainland to Simberi Island when their boat experienced engine failure and started to drift. Within hours they had lost all communication with land.

The rescued men arrived at Jackson airport in Port Moresby on February 1 and were received by IOM, their family members and media.

"We are so happy to be home," said Masol. "Being lost at sea was terrifying, but we have been treated so kindly by everyone since then."

Over the next six weeks they floated almost 1,000 kilometres to Satawan Atoll Island in the FSM, where local residents found them in surprisingly good health, having survived by drinking rainwater and coconuts which washed past their boat.

IOM Micronesia Chief of Mission Mr Stuart Simpson noted that this rescue was tinged with sadness for the three travellers who did not make it. "There are surely many other cases that we never hear about, in these remote islands and oceans," he said.

From Satawan Atoll in Chuuk State, the men were transported to Pohnpei State where a faith-based organization 'Every Home for Christ Fellowship' was able to provide them with shelter, food and clothing.

The HASM fund was established in 2005 to allow IOM to respond globally as a provider of last resort to urgent requests from national governments and to assist with the repatriation of stranded migrants. Since 2007, IOM has repatriated 19 people from FSM to PNG

The residents of Satawan Atoll helped them to get in touch with their families in Papua New Guinea, who contacted IOM for assistance.

As in previous cases, IOM engaged relevant government authorities in FSM, PNG and transit countries and activated



IOM Micronesia Programme Officer Ms Zuzana JANKECHOVA and members of the Pohnpei State chapter of Every Home for Christ Fellowship farewell Mr Rickson Masol, Mr Chris Pagan at Pohnpei International Airport on January 31.



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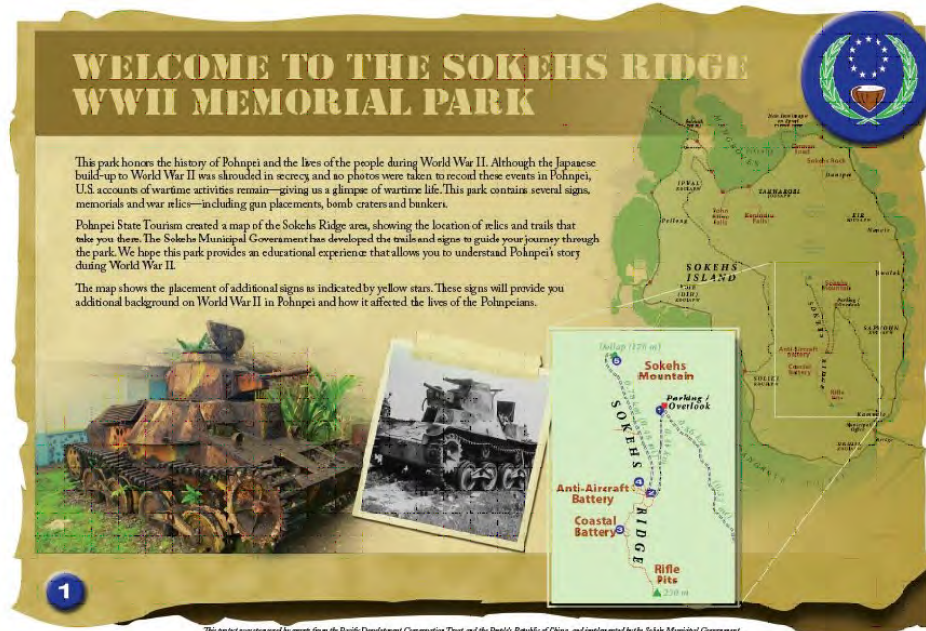
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# Sokehs Government invites people to “Join the Rebellion” on Sokehs Rebellion Day 2016

The Sokehs Municipal Government will host a Fun Walk up Sokehs Ridge to celebrate this year’s Sokehs Rebellion Day on Wednesday, February 24th at 10am. The event will begin with a short program at the Sokehs Municipal Office and then participants will be invited to hike up on the Sokehs Ridge trail to see the newly installed World War II memorial signs that the Sokehs Government has created to improve tourism on the ridge. Sokehs Rebellion Day is an annual holiday in Sokehs municipality to commemorate the Sokehs Rebellion that happened in 1911 when Soumadau en Sokehs led a band of men against the occupying German forces in Pohnpei in a rebellion to reclaim their honor.

Today, the Sokehs Municipal Government is encouraging all the people of Sokehs and everyone in Pohnpei to start a new “rebellion” and fight against non-communicable diseases (NCDs) like heart disease, obesity, high blood pressure, cancer and diabetes. To fight NCDs, we must rebel against our current eating habits, lack of exercise and unhealthy lifestyle choices. The hike up to the ridge is strenuous and is considered good exercise. Exercise is a great way to fight against NCDs.

The World War II memorial signs were part of a grant project to improve tourism on Sokehs Ridge. Donors from New Zealand, China and USDA have provided funds that will improve the safety of the road and trails, fix the restrooms and small nahs at the top of



the ridge, and install 5 educational signs on the ridge that explain what life was like in Pohnpei during World War II. Participants that climb the ridge and see signs 1 & 2 will receive a free T-shirt. Those that visit all five signs will receive a pair of shoes donated by the Care Micronesia Foundation.

*Photo of Soumadau en Sokehs and his brother when they were arrested after the Sokehs Rebellion in 1911*



# FSM Congress urges Pohnpei Legislature to repeal its law on taking back Palikir land

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

February 10, 2015

**Palikir, Pohnpei**—In its current session the 19th Congress of the FSM passed a resolution requesting that Pohnpei State repeal its recently passed law pertaining to the return of certain lands deeded to the National Government. The resolution also asks the President of the FSM to initiate consultation to quickly resolve any dispute regarding land with Pohnpei State.

The resolution says that in January of 1985 Pohnpei State deeded by quitclaim deed a parcel of land of about 134 acres to the National Government with the condition that within five years the land be used as the national capital and official residences.

Last month Pohnpei State adopted State Law 8L-90-16 to authorize surveying of the land and any legal action necessary to return unused portions of the land deeded to the National Government beyond 100 feet of buildings. The resolution asserts that one main property right is the right of quiet enjoyment. It says that Pohnpei’s law represents a “political infringement of the property rights granted by the 1985 quitclaim deed and introduces uncertainty in the land tenure system of the FSM.” It says that the law will result in disruption of the functioning of the National Government and says that any issue between the National Government and a State should be resolved by consultation.

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# Vice-President Yosiwo P. George participated in the turn-over ceremony of the Okat Bridge in Kosrae

**OKAT, Kosrae (FSMIS, Feb. 04, 2016)** — The Honorable Vice-President Yosiwo P. George participated at the Turn-Over Ceremony of the Okat Bridge in the State of Kosrae, which was held in the morning of January 21, 2015. The new Okat Bridge is funded by the government of the People’s Republic of China to replace the old bridge in Okat. The Okat Bridge project is one of the largest projects and the first of its kind, ever donated to the Federated States of Micronesia by the Government of the People’s Republic of China and another largest project ever donated to Kosrae by the Chinese Government. The Kosrae High School project that was built six years ago, is another important project resulting from the China-FSM Cooperation. The new Okat Bridge project was constructed by a Chinese company, Seichuan Road and Bridge Group Cooperation Company and started back in October 2014.

In his statement, Vice-President George expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the people and Government of the People’s Republic of China through Ambassador Li Jie, who was attending the turn-over ceremony on behalf of the government of the People’s Republic of China. The Vice-President indicated that he was happy to see a huge crowd gathered in Okat to witness the ceremony, which was an indication of great appreciation and thankfulness for the successful completion of the important project. Toward the end, he conveyed that the FSM National leadership shares the same feeling of pride and appreciation for the completion of the bridge. Vice-President George also indicated that it was a coincidence that the grand opening of the Okat Bridge took place, in the New Year 2016, which marks the FSM’s 30th Anniversary of our FSM Independence.

He stated that the new bridge is and would become a permanent landmark in Kosrae. It would stand as a symbol of the strong partnership between FSM and China and the friendship of our people and would not only symbolize a strong connection and a permanent bridge between FSM and China but would actually improve the connection and access from the main island of Kosrae with the important commercial area and would encourage business and commercial development.

He reiterated that the FSM highly values and enjoys its diplomatic relationship with China, which was forged 27 years ago and that the FSM has remained committed and will continue to respect China’s policies, including One-China Policy.

He concluded his statement by thanking the officials and workers of Sichuan Road and Bridge Group Cooperation Company, the project contractor, for their hard and excellent workmanship.

While in Kosrae, Vice-President George held meetings with the leadership of Kosrae as well as with Ambassador Li and his staff. He was accompanied to the ceremony by Second Lady Antilise George and representatives from the Departments of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure (TC&I).

# Pohnpei and RMI teams face off in 13 and under Goodwill Games

By Ryan Eliwise  
Pohnpei Sport Commission

**January 29, 2016**  
**Pohnpei, FSM**—Pohnpei was in its joyous moment as the 41 delegates from Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands arrived at Pohnpei International Airport today. The delegation was invited to take part in the 13 & Under Pohnpei Goodwill Game in the sports of basketball and Little League baseball. The vision for the sporting movement was to foster a good relationship among the young people of the two Pacific Island nations.

The Majuro delegation consisted of players of the Majuro “Coolers” baseball and basketball teams, their parents, and friends. Each tournament consisted of 4 teams, 3 from Pohnpei and 1 from Majuro. The games concluded on February 6, 2016.

Pohnpei’s “Young Knights” took first place in Little League baseball followed by team “Komwad Komwad”. Majuro’s “Coolers” came in third, followed by team “Ihoan”.

Team “Ihoang” took the Sportsmanship Award for the Little League baseball competition.

In basketball, Ohmine School came in first followed by Pohnpei Seventh Day Adventist school. The players from the Awak School came in third followed by Majuro’s “Coolers”. Team “Coolers” won the Sportsmanship Award for basketball and Jefferson Buno was named as the basketball competition’s most valuable player.

While on island, the Majuro contingent also had opportunity for some sightseeing. On February 2, the team met with Governor Peterson and Lt. Governor Oliver where some members performed excellent musical numbers. On Friday, February 5 Lt. Governor Oliver invited them to his home in Nanpohnmal for a dinner celebration.

A special thank should be given to Pohnpei Sport Office and Softball Association of Pohnpei for the good coordination of this healthy sporting movement. Same goes to all who volunteered their time and effort in this friendly based sporting endeavor.



# Police question suspects in Sokehs Rock fire

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

February 12, 2016

**Pohnpei, FSM**—At 4:17 pm on January 31, the Pohnpei State Police received a call that there was a large amount of smoke coming from the top of Sokehs Rock, Pohnpei's famous landmark. Detective Captain Edmond says that DPS dispatched officers to the scene who climbed to the top and found that brush was indeed burning. He said that by that time, it was beginning to get dark and the officers had no flashlights with them so they had to retreat.

Officials evacuated the people from their homes in Danpei, Sokehs. They spent the night at Sokehs Powe Elementary School if they had no other place to go.

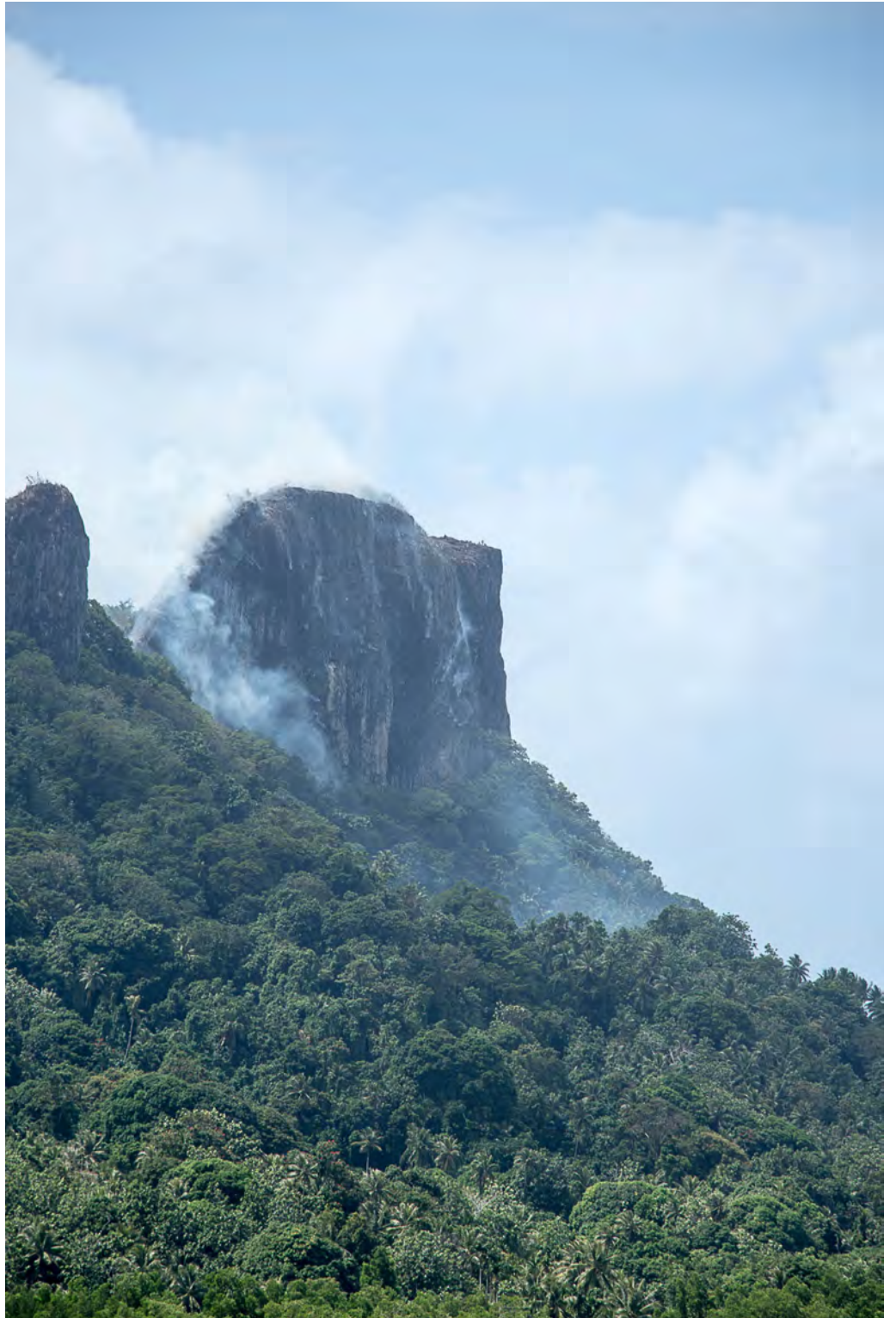
Captain Edmond said that they brought in a 16 year old male yesterday afternoon for questioning who admitted that he and some friends had been "playing with matches" when the fire started. Police have also questioned three juvenile males and three juvenile females about their involvement in the fire that burned for more than 24 hours.

On Monday, February 1, several police officers once again went to the top of Sokehs Rock. Sergeant Wendolin Linus was one of them. He said that the officers reached the top of the rock at about 11:30 that morning. They attempted to put out the small fires that were burning on the top of the rock by beating them with tree branches and clearing brush by hand. They were able to put out many of the flames but the fires that were burning the brush on the side of the rock intensified and rock began to fall. They were advised from below to stay where they were.

Linus said that the ground around the aircraft warning light had been cleared and the smoke was not as heavy in that spot so officers huddled together for several hours there until it was safe to climb back down at about 4:00 in the afternoon. Neither the warning light nor the conduit that supplies it with power was damaged by the fire.

He said that from his point of view the fire was not a particularly hot one but as the brush and trees burned, rocks began to fall that had previously been held in place by the vegetation.

Strong winds played a role in fanning the flames and even after the main portion of the fire had burned out, some small blazes erupted throughout that night.



## ...El Nino

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asked PUC to provide information on what the aquifer can be expected to provide from the wells that have been dug. He said that the government is also doing an assessment of water for schools.

Many schools closed this afternoon due to the water shortage/outage. The Pohnpei State swimming pool has also had to close which does not bode well for the athletes who are training for the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Customers lined up at two commercial water sellers today. Both of those sellers are now out of water for their operations. Some restaurants have already closed pending a water supply.

Pohnpei is certainly not alone. Yap has been experiencing drought condition for weeks now.

Weno, Chuuk has had no rain for at least three weeks but CPUC CEO Mark Waite said that customers of CPUC have not yet been without water. CPUC has been trucking water to customers who are not connected to their water service. He said that tomorrow he will be participating in a government analysis of the drought situation in Chuuk.

"On my island of Fefen, some homes are starting to dig around for other water springs, deep wells," wrote Marz Akapito, Executive Director of the Chuuk Conservation Society (CCS)

All reports say that Kosrae has not yet fallen to the El Nino caused water shortage but it may well be next.

In Pohnpei the human effect of a water outage has only been a day so far, but the El Nino caused drought could last well into the summer months.





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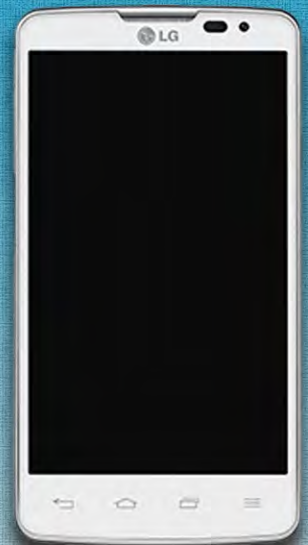
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# Japanese university students researching Pohnpeian Chief's lost village

By Dr. Takuya Nagaoka  
NGO Pasifika Renaissance

Research by some Japanese university students has begun to shed some light on what may have been a previously unknown part of Pohnpeian history.

Members of the Hosei University's Exploration Society have surveyed an ancient village site in a mountainous area of the island of Pohnpei since 2014. This site, located in an inland area of Senipehn in Madolenihmw, was initially surveyed by a NZ archaeologist, Dr. Janet Davidson in 1967. She documented more than 80 archaeological features in the area, although the location of the site was not described in the details she provided and the site hasn't been studied since then. After being approached by the Exploration Society, which hoped to discover unknown archaeological sites in the jungles on Micronesian islands, NGO Pasifika Renaissance Executive Director Takuya Nagaoka recommended them to survey this mysterious settlement site.



Members and host family

Supported by Takuya and Professor Osamu Kataoka of Kansai Gaidai University, five members of the Society surveyed a possible location of the site on Dolen Lepen (elevation: 470 m/1540 feet) in the interior of Senipehn in 2014, after securing permissions from FSM National and Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Offices, Nahnmwarki of Madolenihmw and local chiefs. They confirmed the presence of a large settlement complex site from the summit to the mid-slope that had been described by Davidson.



Two site clusters on Dolen Lepen



Pohnpei Island and the location of Dolen Lepen

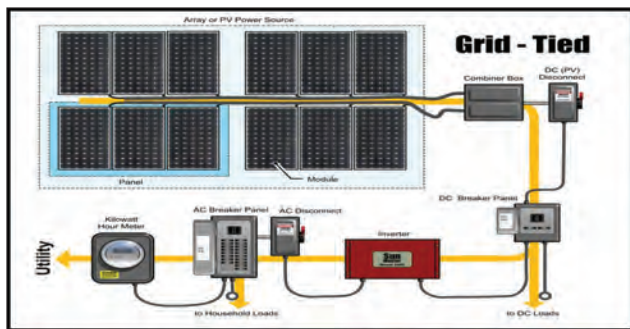
An interview with Mr. Rasner Elias, the local section chief of Elieliwi revealed that this site was the seat of Lepen Moar, a prominent chief of the Sounkawad

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## UH Entrepreneurship Center Director visits COM students

*College of Micronesia FSM*

**February 3, 2016**

**Pohnpei, FSM**--The Executive Director for the University of Hawaii's Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE), Susan Yamada, came to Pohnpei this week to visit COM-FSM's Center for Entrepreneurship (Center) and meet with the Executive Director, Mason Wiley.

Since 2008, Ms. Yamada has had many successes at PACE, including business competitions, fundraising projects, speaker events and workshops to foster Hawaii's next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs.

On Wednesday, Ms. Yamada shared her expertise during a Center for Entrepreneurship Round Table session where students were free to ask her questions about PACE's programs or her background during the tech boom in Silicon Valley in the 1990's.

The Round Table session gave the students examples of programs the Center for Entrepreneurship could undertake in the future to help them become future



leaders. Josephine Paul, a second-year business student, commented after the event, "I feel encouraged and want to start a business right away!"

Mr. Wiley said that the experience gave him many ideas for moving the Center's programs forward.

## Pohnpei and Kosrae have a field day

*By Darsy Augustine*

**January 30, 2016**

**Pohnpei, FSM**—On January 30, 2016, in Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Pohnpei - Kosrae catholic youth (PKCY) held their fourth annual field day. Field day is a special day set aside for Catholic youth around Pohnpei to start off the New Year with, as a way of unifying and strengthening the youth. The day started off with the blessing of the new officers elected to lead the catholic youth around Pohnpei.



This prayerful celebration was led by the three Pohnpeian Seminarians; Augustine Barnabas, Jake Hetiback and Rody Lopez, who are currently studying in Fiji.

During the celebration the newly elected officers, from R to L President Romino Victor, Vice President Ceasar Ardos, Secretary Macy Ioanis, Treasurer Neil Hadley and Youth Advisor Maily Johnson were anointed with holy oil, and blessed with holy water to symbolize their significant role as leaders of the Catholic Youth in Pohnpei. The Seminarians also gave their reflections on the theme of Pope Francis, "The Jubilee Year of Mercy" what is it all about? What are the obstacles that the youth would encounter on this journey and what the youth could do to live out concretely this year of mercy among themselves, in their homes and communities, etc...At the end of the prayer service the new officers got to bless their youths with holy water to initiate the beginning of their journey together throughout this Year of Mercy.

The second part of the celebration was held at



the Spanish Wall Park with guest speaker The Honorable Mr. Reed P. Oliver, Lt. Governor of Pohnpei State who advised the youth about the important choices they make in life.

Along with our guest speaker, we were very fortunate to have the Filipino group (Couples for Christ) from International Community who introduced themselves to the youth with their beautiful songs.

The rest of the day consisted of games that allowed interaction among the youth from different parish and ended with the announcement of Mr. and Ms. PKCY, Alex Alexander and Daisy Kanichy from St. Phillip parish.



## MAFA - KUCHUWA COMMUNITY PROJECT

By Dr. Nicholas Halter and the MAFA team

February 8, 2016

**Chuuk, FSM**—The Micronesian and Australian Friends Association (MAFA) has recently completed a successful research project into indigenous responses to climate change in Chuuk last month. The collaboration between staff and students of the Australian National University and Heidelberg University culminated in a youth workshop held in Kuchuwa village on Tonoas Island from the 22-24 January. Funded by a European PACE-Net grant for water and waste management, MAFA's goal was to assess the community's water and waste needs, and empower the youth to develop community strategies for climate change adaptation.

MAFA's president, Zag Puas, who was born in Lekinioch and has lived in Australia for many years, was pleased to be able to work at a grassroots level with the Kuchuwa community, many of whom are still struggling to repair their homes in the wake

of typhoon Maysak. One of the strengths of the project, he said, was identifying new young leaders in the community. He was aided by three other academics, including Myjolyne Kim, a Chuukese PhD student completing her studies in Australia. Kim explained that the aim of the project was to facilitate youth participation and innovation, rather than instruct them what to do. On the final day of the workshop, the youth of Kuchuwa gave presentations to the wider community and made commitments to ongoing local projects, which MAFA plans to follow up on in the next few months. MAFA would like to thank the Kuchuwa community for their support, including Tonoas' political and traditional leaders, the Mayor of Kuchuwa Douglas Reselap, and the FSM Ambassador for Japan John Fritz.

For more information about the project and MAFA, please email [microaustfriends@gmail.com](mailto:microaustfriends@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/ANU.MAFA](https://www.facebook.com/ANU.MAFA) or [pasifika.anu.edu.au/micronesian-and-australian-friends-association-mafa](http://pasifika.anu.edu.au/micronesian-and-australian-friends-association-mafa).

## Shark billboard launched at the Chuuk International Airport

On January 29, 2016, the Chuuk State Government and the Chuuk Conservation Society (CCS) held a brief ceremony for the launching of the shark sanctuary billboard at the Chuuk International Airport. The board was constructed through support from the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) and the Pew Charitable Trusts. The sign is now posted at the arrival section of the airport terminal building as a visible token of appreciation to the Leadership of Chuuk for their successful effort put into making Chuuk State a party to the region-wide conservation initiative for the protection of all shark species.

The conservation of shark species is linked directly with the sustainability of coastal ecosystems and marine life. Shark conservation measures in some places have been reported to far outweigh the economic gains from the commercial and sometimes barbaric harvesting of the majestic creatures.

At the ceremony, Mr. Kind Kando, a member of the CCS Board of Directors, thanked the Chuuk Leadership for allowing that the sign be posted at the airport and expressed appreciation to those who took time to witness the commemorative function.

Mr. Willy Kostka, Director of the Micronesia Conservation Trust who visited Chuuk primarily to assist CCS with their Board training and other matters, congratulated the leadership for their collaboration in putting in the legislation that resulted in making all the

jurisdictions of Micronesia a shark sanctuary. He expressed regards for the Members of both The Senate and the House of Representatives at the Chuuk State Legislature who were instrumental in getting their colleagues endorse the bill. He also emphasized that steadfast collaboration would add success in implementing the crucial measure.

Speaking on behalf of the Honorable Governor Johnson Elimo, Chief of Staff Wilfred Robert highlighted Chuuk State's readiness to support important initiatives that align with the Administration's efforts to improve sound policies on the environment and resources. In this regard, Mr. Robert expressed appreciation to MCT, CCS and other NGO's who partner with government entities in helping Chuuk address the impacts of climate change and steward its valuable resources.

In addition to the speakers, the event was attended by Honorable Wisney Nakayama, Member of the House of Representatives and former director of CCS; Mr. Tos Nakayama Jr., Director of Public Works and Transportation; Mrs. Christina Stinnett who heads the Chuuk Women's Council, and a few other office and civil society representatives.

Those involved with the lobbying efforts for the bill at the legislative level recognized valuable backing fronted by House Speaker Innocente Oneisom, Senate Floor Leader Nelson Stephen, and Senator Harris Rain.



## ...Lost Village

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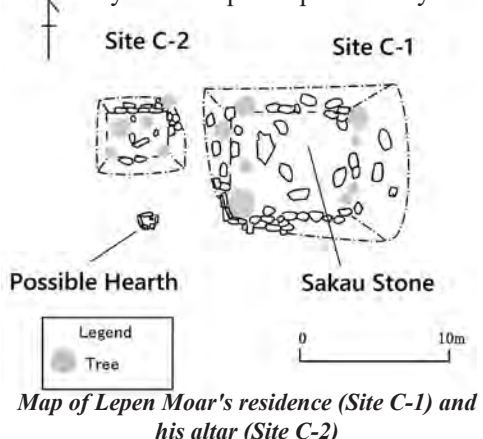
clan in the area during prehistoric times. This is the reason that the mountain was named "Dolen Lepen," literally 'Mountain of Lepen (Moar).' According to Mr. Elias, who belongs to the Sounkawad clan himself, Senipehn was a large autonomous area in the central Madolenihmw ruled by Lepen Moar prior to the rise of the Saudeleur dynasty (archaeologically dated from AD 1200 to AD 1500-1600). This clan is known to have based in the interior of Pohnpei in such areas as Nankawad and Nansokele in Nett and Salapwuk and Nanmeir in Kitti during prehistoric times. According to Pohnpeian oral traditions, during Isokelekel's invasion, Lepen Moar helped overthrow the Saudeleur dynasty, allying with Isokelekel's Dipwinpahmei clan. Due to this, the chiefly title of Lepen Moar, which is still bestowed upon a senior member of the Sounkawad clan in the region, holds special significance in Madolenihmw today.

The archaeological features the "Society" recorded there include house foundations, stone altars, terraces, and stone walls. They documented nine features in 2014 and five features in 2015, seven in the summit area and seven in the midslope area. The prominent archaeological features are two stone platforms, Lepen Moar's residence and altar (pehi), located on the summit area, to which it takes two and a half hours to walk from the flat area of Senipehn where the team stayed. Since their surveys were limited to recording of surface features, we still don't know the antiquity of the site. However, according to oral tradition, Lepen Moar predates the rise of the Saudeleurs based at Nan Madol and continued to rule in the region until historic times.

The members would like to thank all the officials and local people supported their project, especially Mr. Bersin Martin and Mr. Benard Martin, who kindly assisted this research as guide and host of home stays. They have submitted preliminary reports on the results of their surveys to the FSM and Pohnpei Historic Preservation Offices every year and hope the results of their surveys will contribute to the study of Pohnpei's history.

The preface of their report reads as follows: "This research all started with a pure motive to know the unknown, such as a ruin that has never been discovered. Through the process of this research, and as we contemplated about the meaning of 'exploration,' this project began to possess the social and moral meaning for us. We wish that our efforts and the findings after all the tremendous work will lead to something that improves the current situation in Micronesia."

The members are planning to return to Senipehn for additional research for two weeks from late February, and hope to continue their survey in years to come to illuminate the whole picture of this important site. Their research hopes to enhance our understanding of the inland settlement and inter-clan relationships, which has been a gap in the study of Pohnpeian pre-history.



Lepen Moar's residence (Site C-1)

# SDA Dolphins bring it at Walla Walla University Friendship basketball tournament

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

January 31, 2016

**Walla Walla, Washington**—The Seventh Day Adventist Dolphins basketball teams didn't merely perform adequately at the 2016 Friendship Basketball tournament at Walla Walla University, they performed spectacularly in all aspects of the tournament.

The tournament's 15 teams were divided into two brackets, the green bracket and the orange bracket. Both SDA Dolphins teams competed in the green bracket.

The girls' team won second place in the tournament behind San Gabriel Academy from San Gabriel, California and received the sportsmanship award for the women's "green bracket". Danielle Edward won a certificate for "All Tournament Team Player" for the Pohnpei girls' team.

The boys' team tied for first place with Milo Adventist Academy from Milo in Southern Oregon in the "green bracket" and also received the sportsmanship award in that bracket. SDA Dolphin Hart Yamada won the "All Tournament Team Player" award for his team.

According to Coach Kayla, the tournament hosted Adventist and Christian schools from around the country and internationally. The Pohnpei teams competed in a pool of

15 teams.

Walla Walla University journalist Alex Aamodt wrote on the University's website, "The idea began a month prior (to the games)—when WWU student and former student missionary Kenneth Johnston returned to Pohnpei Seventh Day Adventist School to visit—and progress to full-fledged plan at breakneck speed. For every difficulty in planning the trip, an answer appeared. To Johnston's disbelief, the majority of funds were raised within two week. 'We said "Yes" and then just basically rode prayer and faith literally every step of the way. It's a miracle we're here,' said Johnston.

It was a miracle but the teams had actually only raised half of the funds they needed in order to compete in the tournament and more funds are needed in order to cover the costs of the now internationally competitive teams that represented Pohnpei, the FSM, the Pohnpei SDA School, and as Vice Principal Daniel Williams said, the Lord, so very well, though not in that particular order.

Their GoFundMe page ([www.gofundme.com/e9gzxrv8](http://www.gofundme.com/e9gzxrv8)) says that they have currently raised \$33,618 of the \$60,000 is cost for the teams to participate though that page doesn't necessarily show all of the funds that have been raised. Assistant Principal Daniel Williams says that donors can also contact the school to help cover the costs of

the extremely successful tournament.

"This was the first trip to the mainland U.S. for most of the students from Pohnpei, Aamodt wrote. "Stepping off the plane in Seattle, they saw strange clouds appear in the air. 'That's your breath', one of the coaches told them. 'No way,' they exclaimed and kept blowing clouds of vapor, walking through it, entranced. In Walla Walla they saw real, live horses. One student tried an out-of-season strawberry. 'It is so good! Where can I get some more?' he wanted to know.

"There were many firsts, but a sledding trip to the mountains left the most indelible impression. When asked what was their favorite thing from the trip, there was no hesitation. 'Snow!' they chorused in unison."

Aamodt wrote that that when the tournament started, many Pohnpei players and fans didn't know what to expect but the performance of the teams quelled any doubts they might have had fairly quickly.

"The Pohnpei women's team lost only to a team from San Gabriel Academy en route to second place in their bracket. The Pohnpei men's team lost a hard-fought first game but dominated the next three. They ended up in a three-way tie in their bracket, and through a series of tie-breaking tournament rules, were placed in the fifth place final," Aamodt wrote.

"In their final game, they came out playing their signature tough, fast-paced game, and with the help of a suffocating full-court press, gained a quick lead they would never relinquish. But in a trip of many surprises, one more remained after the final buzzer. A mistake had been made in interpreting the bracket tie-break rules and tournament officials announced Pohnpei would share first place."

The players lived on campus while they were at Walla Walla University. Aamodt concluded in his coverage that the game wasn't a "home game" for the Pohnpei players but that for some of them it could be.



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# Crossword - Food...

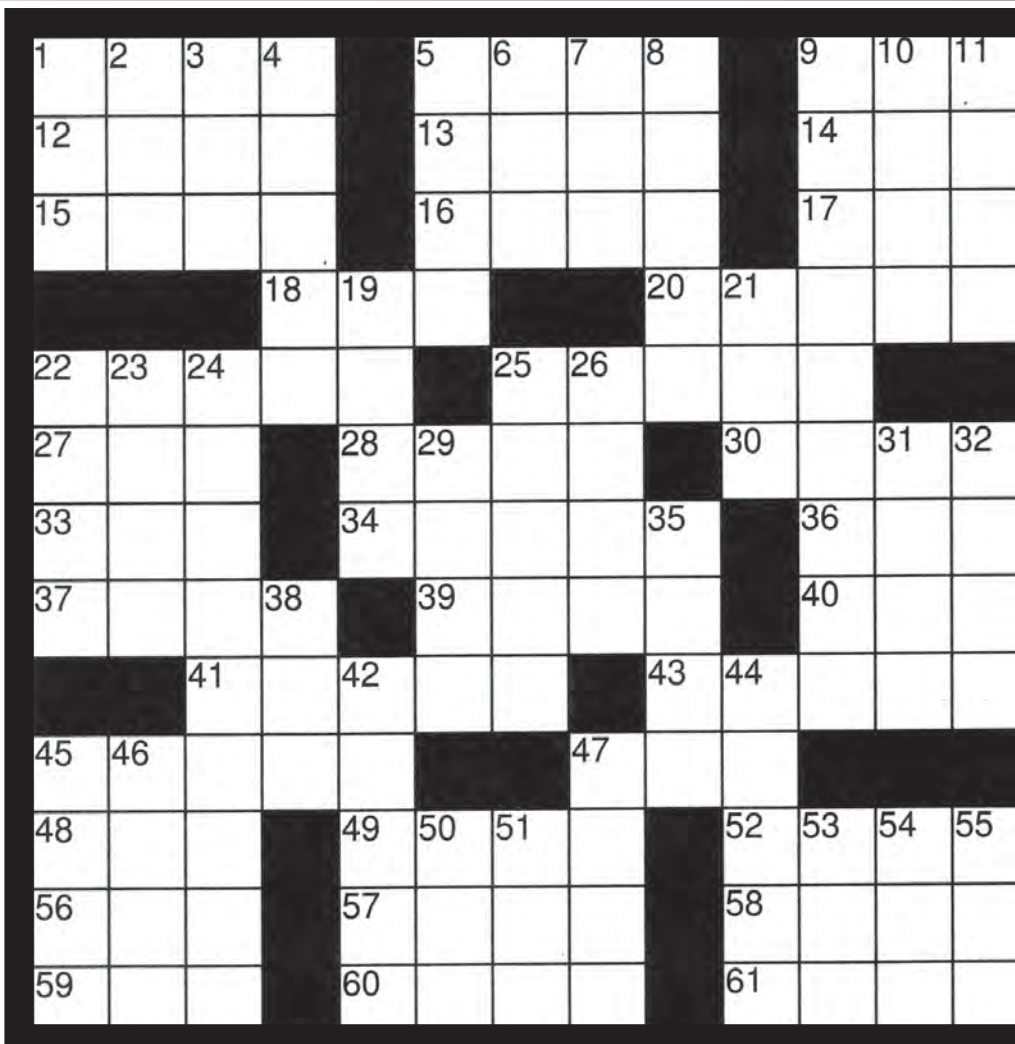
## ACROSS

1. Dutch cheese
5. Brewer's yeast
9. Absorb, like gravy
12. Part of IPA
13. Recipe words
14. Another part of IPA
15. Italian cooking style?
16. Broil
17. Food school, for short
18. Recipe abbr.
20. Hungry-Man rival
22. Soy sauce
25. Red wine also called Shiraz
27. Way more than 18 Across
28. \_\_\_ Moco (a burger with a fried egg, rice, and brown gravy)
30. Spirit sometimes used in tapenade
33. Sushi tuna, often
34. Dos Equis, for one
36. Strong Brazilian coffee
37. Jicama or horseradish
39. \_\_\_ trout
40. Place often having a quaint restaurant
41. Frequent detail for Chinese food
43. Stovetop
45. Epicure's pride
47. Where to skim from
48. Sushi squid
49. A lubricating liquid

52. \_\_\_ apple
56. Sushi fish
57. Their tails are used in soup
58. Common fruit shape
59. Tea \_\_\_
60. More than merely dip
61. Keg tapper

## DOWN

1. Farm spray watchdog
2. Indian legume or dish
3. \_\_\_ purpose flour
4. Like some beans
5. Food fish
6. Fruity drink
7. Advised quantities, for short
8. Seder spice
9. Artificial sweetener beverage
10. Aglio e \_\_\_
11. Fruit shaped like a light bulb
19. The "meat" of onion or garlic
21. \_\_\_ prik (hot sauce)
22. \_\_\_ fruit
23. Hostess product
24. Seasoning from a shaker
25. One without much meat



26. \_\_\_ Imperial apple
29. Seasons a pan, perhaps
31. Flan mold
32. Ice cream holder
35. UK candy bar
38. A "short shot" of a beverage
42. Red Bordeaux wine
44. Chef's garb
45. Bow \_\_\_ (farfalle)
46. Caribbean fruit resembling a peach
47. Loosely cover meat
50. Kitchen gadget
51. Black-eyed or goober \_\_\_
53. Caviar, for instance
54. \_\_\_ Tai (drink)
55. Shape for some kitchens

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## The US Treaty and the FSM

There has been a lot of media coverage in recent months, weeks, days about the United States Multilateral Fisheries Treaty with Certain Pacific Island States or commonly referred to as the US Treaty. The US Treaty is a fishing arrangement that allows U.S. flag purse seiners to fish in the Pacific Island Parties (PIPs) waters including Australia and New Zealand. Since its first licensing period some 30 years ago, it has operated under a traditional fisheries access arrangement where licenses are issued annually and they fish all year round with payments of fees and a U.S. Government Economic Assistance package to support Pacific Island Countries economic development programs. Financial package started with \$12 million, eventually going to \$18 million then \$21 million. In the last 3-5 years, that all changed with the introduction of the vessel day scheme to the US purse seiners that would limit their fishing effort annually. This increased license fees to \$40 million to what is now in the 2016 Statement of Intent (SOI) \$89 million of which \$68 million was from industry. Since then, the relationship has taken a turn for the worse due to a number of factors mostly resulting from the inability of a component of the industry to pay for their fishing days. The increasing value of the PNA VDS and the high demand for fishing days by foreign fleets meant the US fleet had to compete for these days and pay the commercial value of these days, something the US fleet couldn't really adapt. The US Government assistance cushioned that impact by a portion of those funds being used to help pay for access to the VDS. Another reason is the US fleet is a mixture of ex-Taiwanese, ex-Korean flag vessels with several traditional US purse seiners. The traditional US fleet that normally fish to support their canneries in Pago Pago in American Samoa are inefficient because of the nature of their operations and age. They have to fish close to Pago Pago and can't go large distances when fish move farther west. Fish prices have fallen in the past year and a half and has further aggravated their situation.

advised that they would be unable to pay for the days and asked that days be taken back and some concessions be provided despite those requests earlier being rejected by PNA Ministers. In December, when payment was due, the US did not pay and FFA, the treaty administrator, was directed not to issue their licenses until they pay. To date, no payment has been made and no licenses have been issued. PIPs, but most importantly, the PNA which includes the FSM must now consider the implications if the US does not pay for the days they got under the 2016 SOI. PNA members are taking steps to mitigate the risks of non payment as these are important for their national budgets. A meeting is being held in Fiji among PIPs to look at their options. From the perspective of the FSM, the US Treaty remains an important treaty because it is the foundation for Pacific Regional Solidarity through the US Treaty. It also serves as a model for monitoring control and surveillance as well as employment. The problem is the fleet is divided between those that can pay for these days and those that can't afford them (pago pago fleet) and therefore everyone is affected. FSM would like to see these issues quickly resolved as 10% of the fishing season is past and the longer it takes to resolve these the situation on worsens for both sides. PIPs are developing a future treaty model that will form the basis for future negotiations with the US to salvage the treaty.

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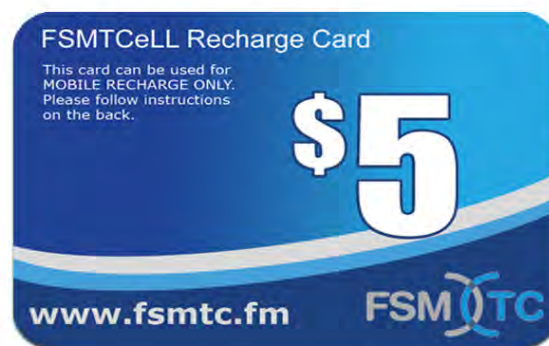
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## Commitment to ongoing training

The matter of what to teach usually comes before aspiring teachers learn the how to teach. That is teachers learn most of their science and social studies standards content in before tackling the methods of teaching. The Data for Decision Making (DDP) project allows us to see where our teachers can benefit most from On Going Teacher Training in the content areas of science and social studies. When teachers are hired they are expected to teach five different sciences each year in our elementary schools. We know that some teachers have taken coursework in some of these sciences and not others. But recall that PDOE follows the FSM Science Standards which require each teacher to teach; Science as Inquiry; Earth AND Space Science; Life AND Environmental Science; Physical Science AND Technology; and Marine Science. The DDP asks teachers to self-identify their weak areas in the sciences (and social studies) and ask for On Going Teacher Training for improvement. We all see that only by improving teachers so we can we improve the students' learning.

Last issue we went to great length on the importance of curriculum material, explaining the efforts to survey the curriculum available to students and teachers in the sciences (and social studies). To date have found very little

and certainly less that is readable for a student. Remember when teaching sciences or social studies the teacher should have reading, writing, listening and speaking skills incorporated in every lesson taught. This will greatly improve our students reading scores on the FSM standardized exams to students. In the content standards teachers are asking for training in all sciences at every grade level. The DDP is quite revealing and it leads us to another purpose that being Professionalism. PDOE is calling for an attitude change and one that promotes one hallmark of the true professional teacher and school principal.

**Commitment to Life-long learning:** This is a simple phrase that means continuously updating of training. The necessary knowledge and skills of professionals needed in today's ever-changing world is constantly changing. Readers need only read some current events in the world and one understands this fact. To meet these changes, formal and informal On Going education should be an important part of a professional teacher's life. Why is this? It is simply because the answers to the basic daily questions of: What am I going to teach? And the ever changing question of how am I going to teach? ; change constantly. What do teachers teach? They teach the

approved standards and benchmarks. For sure, the curriculum standards and benchmarks change as new content is added to the total body of world knowledge. Teachers must be current and aware of new content in their curriculum. How do teachers teach? For sure, teachers must be constantly updated to meet changes and new methods, strategies, and skills necessary to teach in today's world. Presently what is known as "Best Practices" must be part of all On Going training. It's all about "hands on: and active learning by students and teacher guidance rather than the old lecture-Teacher talks, students listen and take notes for the test. The use of technology for improvement is our most important example. How do teachers know students have learned what has been taught? New techniques for measuring learning are important for teachers to know but changes in what "the public" demands to be measured are equally important. Likewise, new ways to creating positive learning environments should always be sought out by professional teachers. With On Going education, teachers find ways to address gaps in weak areas of their day to day teaching lives.

Some continuing education is generally required for professionals to maintain professional licensing or certification. This usually means continuing education units or college

credits recognized by the licensing agency. For teachers, this can often mean advancement on a professional pay-scale. This condition obviously serves as strong motivation when more paycheck money is tied to continuing education. However, sometimes this is not the case and teachers must take additional training just to maintain their certification. Naturally, it is always better when teachers develop the internal motivation and hunger for improvement and continue education because they want to improve and become better teachers for their students. The internal desire for improvement is certainly important. It is important when On Going education not is not paid for by the usual Pell Grant. When such is the case other national, state, or local tax money or outside funding sources will be needed. Is it worth it? Perhaps the following little story can illustrate.

The young man was attending a 25 year party for the worst professor he had experienced as a graduate student at the university. As he walked besides his wise old mentor he said "I did not know Professor X had taught for 25 years" to which the mentor quickly replied "He hasn't taught 25 years. He has taught the same bad year 25 times"

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