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Senate Appropriations Committee takes concrete steps to begin barring some FAS citizens from entry to the United States

By *Bill Jaynes*
 The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei, FSM — Hawaii's powerful Senator Daniel Inouye, the Dean of the United States Senate and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee has played a game changing card with the passage in the Senate of his committee's U.S. Homeland Security budget. The budget directs the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to "implement all legally allowable grounds of inadmissibility under the Compact which apply to nationals from the FAS." Essentially Inouye's committee wants a report on DHS plans to implement regulations to keep some FAS citizen's out of the United States.



45 days after the date of enactment of this act, a National Security Council Interagency Policy Committee on Freely Associated State Affairs, with representation from the relevant departments and agencies including the Departments of State, the Interior, Defense, Education, Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Agency for International Development, to develop an action plan to reduce the impact of FAS migration on Federal, State, local, and territorial governments, particularly those in affected jurisdictions. The Committee directs the President to submit the action plan to the Committee not later than 180 days after enactment of this act," the Homeland Security Budget says.

While the Senate Appropriations Committee's action is startling for FAS citizens it should come as no big surprise to FAS heads of state. Inouye pretty much spelled out his intention in his July 25 letter to FAS leadership. "I am aware of and appreciate the initial efforts within the FAS to reduce these Compact Impact costs. However, I

Inouye's July 25 letter written to the heads of state of each of the Freely Associated States (FAS) which was read at a meeting in Pohnpei of those leaders in late July said "I look forward to our governments working together to develop and implement reasonable and effective policies to reduce Compact Impact costs and to reduce growing social tensions between FAS migrants and the Hawaiian community." However, his committee's recommendation within the Homeland Security budget makes no mention whatsoever of working together with FAS countries.

The FAS countries are The Federated States of Micronesia, The Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

"The Committee recognizes that the scope of these impacts (impacts of the Compact of Free Association) will have to be addressed by multiple Federal agencies and believes that the administration must develop a comprehensive, interagency approach to reduce the financial burden placed on affected jurisdictions. Therefore, the Committee directs the President to convene, within

am concerned that these efforts will not adequately address the challenge. I have therefore, as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, instructed my staff to develop other options to reduce these unanticipated and excessive costs associated with the Compacts. In addition to the three options recommended in the May 12th letter - revising and expanding the use of public education, establishment and expansion of dialysis treatment, and enhanced pre-screening of potential migrants - these further options may include, but are not limited to, establishing of an interagency process to develop and track cost reduction efforts, the expanding pre-screening for any criminal background issues to include health and other factors, and promulgating the regulations regarding the time and conditions of entry into the U.S. as provided under section 141(f)(2) of the Compact Act."

The Homeland Security budget says, "At present, it is estimated that affected areas of the United States are spending upwards of \$200,000,000 annually for education, healthcare, and other services

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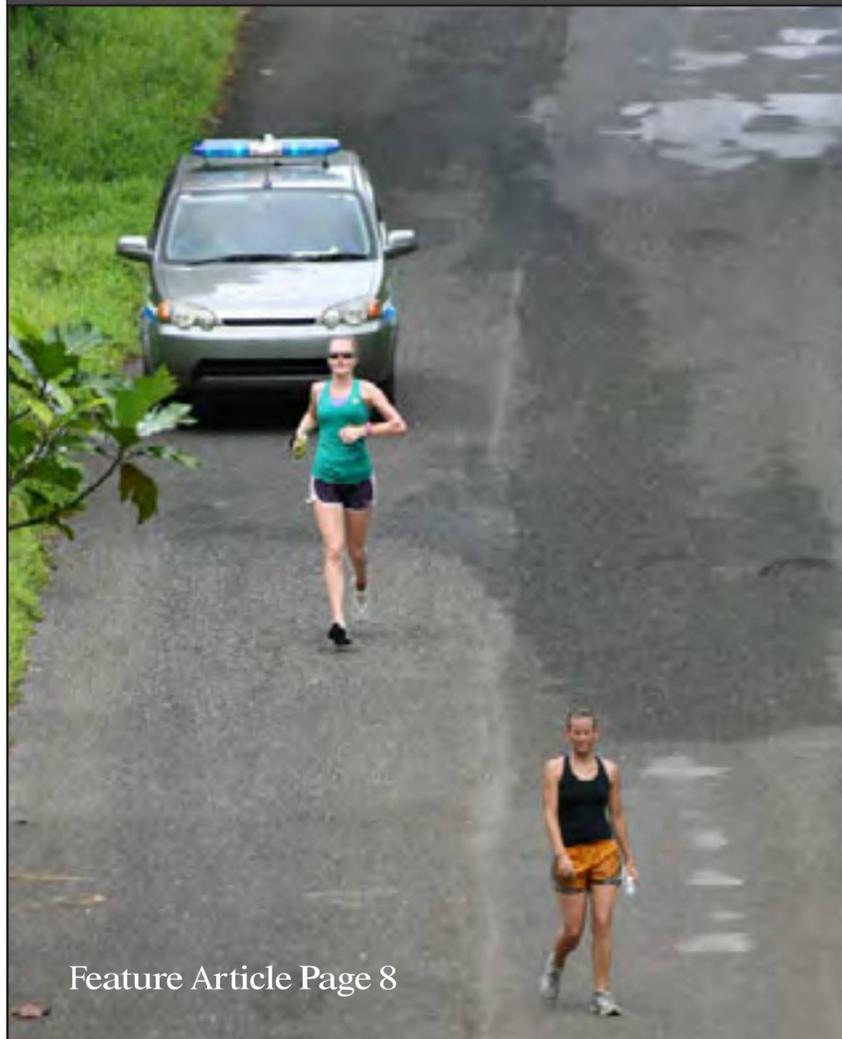


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Chuuk court rules it will not mandate a runoff election Election Commission dismisses allegations of election misdeeds on technicalities

By *Bill Jaynes*
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Weno, Chuuk—"I'm not doing this because I lost the election," said Alexander Narruhn of his filing at the Chuuk State Supreme Court arguing that the Constitution requires that a Governor be elected by a majority vote. Narruhn also filed a complaint with Chuuk State Election Commission making fifteen separate allegations of election wrongdoing. "I'm doing this because of the legal precedents that can be set for the future in Chuuk and I'm not going to give up!"

He has already filed an appeal of the Chuuk State Supreme Court which denied his petition for a Writ of Mandamus. The Court essentially ruled that in the case of a "special" election to fill a vacancy for the seat of Governor the winning candidate need not have a majority of the vote.

Narruhn also appealed the decision of the Election Commission which dismissed his complaint essentially on a technicality. Although he filed his complaint with the Commission within the prescribed time limit of five days after the certification of the election he hadn't paid the \$50 fee that should have accompanied his complaint and allegations. The Commission dismissed his complaint on September 5 because it was not accompanied by the \$50 payment.

After Narruhn was alerted to the fact that it costs \$50 to file a complaint he made the payment on the following day and filed a supplemental complaint which was essentially a copy of the original complaint. The Election Commission accepted the payment, kept the money and then ruled that the supplemental complaint (the original complaint accompanied by a payment) was received after the five

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Conservation Society of Pohnpei

On August 10, 2011, 29 high school students from Madolenihmw High School and Nanpei Memorial High School gathered at Senpehn Community Center for the 6th Annual Youth Environmental Ambassadors Summer Camp. Since 2005 the focus of each summer camp has alternated between a terrestrial or marine focus. Senpehn hold some mysterious places on Pohnpei so it was the best place for high school students to enjoy a summer camp about Pohnpei's terrestrial ecosystems.

The students are all member of Youth Environmental Ambassadors Club (YEA), which began at PICS high school in 2005, Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) and the Seventh Day of Adventist (SDA) high School and has since grown to include Madolenihmw and Nanpei schools. Each club has student officers, memberships and faculty advisors, and meets regularly to address local environmental issues. Club members have organized activities such as roadside and campus cleanups, community outreach, and more. Members are dedicated to spread their knowledge to all the environmental challenges facing Pohnpei through peer and community outreach.

The Society's Terrestrial and Education programs staff led the students through three full days of interactive sessions. The students learned about the challenges happening in Pohnpei forests, invasive species eradication, grow-low sakau, island agro-forestry and sustainable raised bed gardening for food security and income generation, importance of having mangroves due to climate change, GPS, GIS, GeoMicroneisa, and enthotbotany collection. The students were also led on a tour to Pahnsile waterfall and got to

spend some time swimming in the water. Early on the last day, the students were led to Senpehn Mangrove sanctuary to explore and experience how to learn while in an MPA site.

Senpehn Community Center served as an ideal location for the three-day camp. It was the first time many of the students had ever visited Senpehn community and seen such a healthy environment. The Society would like to express sincere appreciation to Sustainable Land Mangement, EPA, NRCS, Weather Service Station, Forestry, parents, all partners, and the Senpehn Community in helping make this event a success. The students are now ready to begin another school year with a greater understanding of the beauty of Pohnpei and an increased passion for preserving it.

Deadline

Submissions of articles, advertisements, community service items and other items for the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press is:

**Sept. 28,
2011**

U.S. Construction Civic Action Detail kicks off in F.S.M.

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

In August, the United States Pacific Command (USPACOM) commenced a series of engineering projects performed by its Construction Civic Action Detail (CCAD) in Pohnpei. Initially proposed during the U.S. – F.S.M. Joint Committee Meeting in August 2010, CCAD will complete one deployment cycle every six months to a different F.S.M. state, with each state visited once every two years. The purpose of the program is to enhance U.S.-F.S.M. partnership and cooperation established during Pacific Partnership 2011 (PP'11).

In Pohnpei, CCAD Construction Battalion Unit 133 will work on four projects identified during PP'11: renovation of the Pohnpei Public Library in Kolonia; construction of a three-classroom building at Palikir Elementary School; renovation of a classroom building at PICS High School; and renovation of the Pohnpei State Substance Abuse/Mental Health Building in Nett. Renovation projects will include roof replacement, paint, ceiling fans, drainage, bathroom repairs, and air conditioning. Each \$35,000 project will last between ninety and 180 days, and will utilize materials purchased from local vendors as a means to enhance the local economy.

In addition to the construction of the projects mentioned, the CCAD will also have an apprenticeship program enabling engineering and construction skills transfer to participants. The Pohnpei Department of Education (DOE) in collaboration with the CCAD will choose sixteen apprentices to participate in the program. The Pohnpei DOE would like to utilize this program to serve as a stepping stone for their candidates selected for participation in the Center for Micronesians Empowerment in Guam.

While CCAD projects continue in Pohnpei, potential project assessments will begin in Yap this month, with the Yap-assigned CCAD battalion arriving early 2012. Similar assessments will occur in Kosrae at the end of this year. In all assessments, the State Governments assist in the identification and design of engineering projects.

USPACOM protects and defends, in concert with other U.S. Government agencies, the territory of the United States, its people, and its interests. With allies and partners, USPACOM is committed to enhancing stability in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting security cooperation, encouraging peaceful development, responding to contingencies, deterring aggression, and, when necessary, fighting to win. This approach is based on partnership, presence, and military readiness.



CCAD Liaison Officer LT Lee Howard briefs members of the Pohnpei Public Library Board and the Rotary Club on project plans at the library in Kolonia September 2.



Members of Construction Battalion Unit 133 work outside the Pohnpei Public Library September 2.

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JEMCO to reduce College Compact Education Sector Grant funding by 74 percent

The College of Micronesia

JEMCO resolved at its September meeting to reduce compact grant funding by \$2.8 million over four years. The college currently receives \$3.8 m from the compact grant annually. This resolution was passed with three votes in favor from the U.S. representatives and two votes against it from the FSM members of the JEMCO.

The Joint Economic Management Committee resolved that effective FY 2013, Compact Sector funds provided to the college will be reduced at a minimum annual rate of \$700,000. The reduction will be implemented over a four-year period or until the annual Compact funding for the college is reduced to \$1m per year. This change constitutes a 74 percent reduction in the area of education sector funding to the college. The JEMCO recommended the college to increase its "capture rate" for Pell Grant or to find ways to depend more on Pell Grant funding to make up for the decrease in Compact support.

During the same meeting, JEMCO resolved that project proposals for the college infrastructure projects will not be considered for approval during the fiscal years period 2012-2016.

JEMCO also resolved that a comprehensive review of the educational priorities and resources of the FSM should be undertaken involving all appropriate leaders, officials and community leaders. The review should determine the most appropriate funding resources, in light of decreases in compact funding over the remaining years of the Compact, and should take into account additional funding resources such as local revenues, increased fees and PELL grant revenues. National recommendations shall be made and presented to the FSM President and Congress and to the JEMCO prior to June 1, 2012.

In his letter to Chairman Pula of JEMCO, FSM President Mori asked whether the FSM and the U.S. have moved to a point in their bilateral relationship where major policy and budgetary decisions can be presented without any significant prior discussion with FSM leaders and voted on in a forum where the U.S. always carries the majority.

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incidence in Micronesia and among recent Compact migrants. There is also concern regarding growing social tensions in affected communities as local government agencies are forced to reduce the level of services to U.S.-citizen residents to offset the costs associated with the FAS migrants."

The relevant section in the US Homeland Security budget concludes, "The Committee notes that persons admitted to the United States as nonimmigrants pursuant to the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-188) are subject to most, but not all, inadmissibility provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The Committee is concerned regarding the lack of enforcement of certain grounds of inadmissibility under the Compact such as the health-related and public charge grounds of inadmissibility and deportability. The Committee also is concerned about the growing negative budgetary impacts that the admission as nonimmigrants of nationals of the FAS is having on State, local, and Federal governments. The Committee directs DHS to report, within 90 days after the date of enactment of this act, on the Secretary's plan to issue regulations to implement all legally allowable grounds of inadmissibility under the Compact which apply to nationals from the FAS including, but not limited to, a feasibility and cost analysis of establishing a pre-screening process and promulgating regulations pursuant to the appropriate sections of Public Law 108-188 to establish a process, based on the existing Advance Permission to Enter process (I-192), to provide advanced permission for prospective travelers from the FAS to enter the United States. As part of this report, the Committee urges DHS to consider including modifications to the Electronic System for Travel Authorization to address the unique requirements of the population of individuals covered by Public Law 108-188."

The Senate version of the Homeland Security budget must be approved by the House of Representatives before it can be implemented.

The Partnerships We Need

By President Barack Obama

On this 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, we remember that 9/11 was not only an attack on the United States, it was an attack on the world and on the humanity and hopes that we share.

We remember that among the nearly 3,000 innocent people lost that day were hundreds of citizens from more than 90 nations. They were men and women, young and old, of many races and faiths. On this solemn anniversary we join with their families and nations in honoring their memory.

We remember with gratitude how ten years ago the world came together as one. Around the globe, entire cities came to a standstill for moments of silence. People offered their prayers in churches, mosques, synagogues and other places of worship. And those of us in the United States will never forget how people in every corner of the world stood with us in solidarity in candlelight vigils and among the seas of flowers placed at our embassies.

We remember that in the weeks after 9/11, we acted as an international community. As part of a broad coalition, we drove al Qaeda from its training camps in Afghanistan, toppled the Taliban, and gave the Afghan people a chance to live free from terror. However, the years that followed were difficult and the spirit of global partnership we felt after 9/11 frayed.

As President, I've worked to renew the global cooperation we need to meet the full breadth of global challenges that we face. Through a new era of engagement, we've forged partnerships with nations and peoples based on mutual interest and mutual respect.

As an international community, we have shown that terrorists are no match for the strength and resilience of our citizens. I've made it clear that the United States is not and never will be at war with Islam. Rather, with allies and partners we are united against al Qaeda, which has attacked dozens of countries and killed tens of thousands of innocent men, women and children—the vast majority of them Muslims. This week, we remember all the victims of al Qaeda and the courage and resilience with which their families and fellow citizens have persevered, from the Middle East to Europe, from Africa to Asia.

Working together, we have disrupted al Qaeda plots, eliminated Osama bin Laden and much of his leadership, and put al Qaeda on the path to defeat. Meanwhile, people across the Middle East and North Africa are showing that the surest path to justice and dignity is the moral force of nonviolence, not mindless terrorism and violence. It is clear that violent extremists are

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for FAS migrants, including high-cost treatments such as dialysis and chemotherapy. These impact costs are increasing annually. Public health officials are particularly concerned about the rate of certain diseases such as tuberculosis and Hanson's Disease which have a high

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Congress hosts 42nd General Assembly of the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union

FSM Congress Press Release

September 12, 2011

Palikir, Pohnpei – The Congress of the Federated States hosted in Palikir the 42nd General Assembly and 76th Council Meeting of the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union from the 7th thru 9th of September 2011 at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center at the College of Micronesia.

For the past week, parliamentarians from across Asia and the Pacific region gathered in Palikir under the theme of "New Challenges, New Role" to review the current role of APPU as it applies to the ever-changing socio-economic landscape of Asian-Pacific region.

During the course of its sessions, the member parliaments elected FSM Congress Floor Leader Florencio Singkoro Harper as Chairman of the 76th Council Meeting and further elected Speaker Isaac V. Figir to preside over the 42nd General Assembly as its President.

On September 8, the 76th Council Meeting reviewed a list of Resolutions submitted by

member countries for adoption by the 42nd APPU General Assembly. The next day, the 42nd General Assembly adopted five of the eight submitted resolutions, and those include:

1. CM76/RES/DR2 - submitted by Palau: a resolution to request all Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (APPU) member countries to recognize Palau as the World's First Shark Sanctuary and to address shark-finning in the Asian-Pacific Region;
2. CM76/RES/DR3 - submitted by Palau: a resolution to urge Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (APPU) member countries to preserve and protect hawksbill turtles and other species of sea turtles in the Asia-Pacific region;
3. CM76/RES/DR4/REV1 - submitted by Taiwan: a resolution to state that the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (APPU) welcomes and supports the participation of Taiwan in the UNFCCC COP-17 and related mechanisms, meetings and activities this year;
4. CM76/RES/DR5/REV1 - submitted by Palau: a resolution to state that the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union

- supports Taiwan to obtain the observer status in the UNFCCC and the ICAO.); and
5. CM76/RES/DR7 - submitted by FSM: a resolution to support the advancement of the Micronesia Challenge and information sharing that could carry out this resolution and link the same to environmental conservation and climate change funding initiatives of donor countries including but not limited to APPU members.

The adopted resolutions were incorporated into the Joint Communiqué that was signed at the closing ceremony of the APPU 42nd General Assembly on September 9, 2011.

The Joint Communiqué in its entirety is available at www.fsmcongress.fm.

Member countries that participated in the 76th Council Meeting and 42nd General Assembly of the APPU in the FSM included: Japan, Kingdom of Thailand, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, Taiwan, Tuvalu, the APPU Secretariat and the host country of the Federated States of Micronesia.

First organized in 1965 as the Asian Parliamentarians' Union (APU), the union's main purpose was to achieve and preserve freedom and democracy in order to secure peace and prosperity in Asia.

In 1975, the Union expanded to include the Pacific parliaments to widen its scope and to strengthen solidarity and the force of freedom in the Asian-Pacific region and thus changed its name to Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (APPU).





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Proposed Amendments and Additions to Airport Regulations: Chapter 7 (Conditions of Use of Airport); Chapter 12 (Schedule of Fees and Charges)

The following proposed amendments and additions to the Pohnpei Port Authority – Airport Division Rules and Regulations (the "Airport Regulations") are meant to impose use agreement obligations on air carriers and to increase revenue to cover the costs of expanded and improved airport facilities by *increasing or imposing new* charges for the following categories of fees:

1. Landing Fees;
2. Terminal Apron Parking;
3. Departure Facility Service Charge;
4. International Arrival Facility Service Charge;
5. In-transit Passenger Service Charge;
6. Catering Fee;
7. Fuel Flowage Fee;
8. Runway and Taxiway Lights Usage;
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11. Taxicab Operator Permit Fee;
12. Public Parking Fee;
13. Conveyor Belt Use Fee;
14. Security Equipment Use Fee;
15. Cancel Flight Fee;
16. Delay Flight Fee

A complete set of the proposed amendments accompanies each posting of this public notice located at the Pohnpei Supreme Court Building, the Kolonia branch of the FSM Post Office, the Governor's Office and PPA's Headquarters at the Pohnpei International Airport. For ease of reference the amended and newly proposed provisions are underlined.

Once adopted, the full text of the rules and regulations will be on file at PPA Headquarters where any interested person may read them during reasonable business hours.

The public is invited to make written comments on the proposed amendments and additions within 30 days from the date of this public notice. Comments may be mailed to the attention of the General Manager to P.O. Box 1150 or they may be sent to his attention via e-mail at netse@mail.fm.

These amendments are proposed to take effect upon approval of the Governor following the time for public comment and due consideration by the PPA Board of Trustees, which may be as soon as October 9, 2011.

Dated: _____
Nelson Etse, PPA General Manager

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being left behind and that the future belongs to those who want to build, not destroy.

To nations and people seeking a future of peace and prosperity—you have a partner in the United States. For even as we confront economic challenges at home, the United States will continue to play a unique leadership role in the world. As we remove the rest of our troops from Iraq and transfer responsibility in Afghanistan, we will support Iraqis and Afghans in their efforts to deliver security and opportunity for their people. In the Arab world and beyond, we will stand up for the dignity and universal rights of all human beings.

Around the world, we will continue the hard work of pursuing peace, promoting the development that lifts people from poverty, and advancing the food security, health and good governance that unleashes the potential of citizens and societies.

At the same time, we have recommitted ourselves to living our values at home. As a nation of immigrants, the United States welcomes people from every country and culture. These newest Americans—like all the innocent victims we lost ten years

ago—remind us that despite any differences of race or ethnicity, background or belief, we are all bound together by the common hope that we can make the world a better place for this and future generations. That must be the legacy of those we have lost.

Those who attacked us on 9/11 wanted to drive a wedge between the United States and the world. They failed. On this 10th anniversary, we are united with our friends and partners in remembering all those we have lost in this struggle. In their memory, we reaffirm the spirit of partnership and mutual respect that we need to realize a world where all people live in dignity, freedom and peace.



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day period candidates have to file a complaint had expired. The Commission said that a supplement must supplement a complaint but since the Commission had already dismissed the September 5 complaint because of the absence of a payment the supplement supplemented a non-existent complaint.

The Commission dismissed the entire complaint and its supplemental having made no judgment whatsoever on the validity of Narruhn's fifteen allegations of election misdeeds.

The Election Commission also used as grounds for dismissal of Narruhn's complaint the fact that it "failed to state any number of votes in a given precinct that might reduce votes for the winning candidate or increase the votes of the complainant, or votes that given (sic) to defendant or votes that were denied to complaint (sic) that could have change (sic) the result of the special election."

The dismissal of the Narruhn's complaint on the conduct of the election was signed by Election Commissioners Rufus Petewon of the Faichuk region, Angelino Rosokow, Chairman of the Commission from the Northwest region, Ananter Year of the Northern Namoneas region, and John Eliezah, of the Mortlocks region. The signature of Commissioner Sountak Gideon of the Southern Namoneas region was absent.

If one were to center his or her attention on technicalities it would be reasonable to argue that the dismissal of Narruhn's complaint was signed long before the election was even necessary. The dismissal said that the complaint was denied with prejudice on "this 8th day of April, 2011," clearly a typographical error.

The Chuuk State Supreme Court's denial of Narruhn's filing for a Writ of Mandamus asking the court to decide that a runoff election is required by the Constitution seemed to center on the word "ticket." Article VI Section 7 of the Chuuk Constitution which deals with a general election of a Governor and Lt. Governor says:

"The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be elected jointly on a single ticket at a general election. The candidates for the 2 offices on the ticket receiving the majority of votes cast shall be elected. If a majority is not received, a runoff

election between the candidates on the tickets receiving the two highest pluralities shall be held on the fourth Tuesday following the general election, as prescribed by statute."

Article VI Section 11(a) of the Chuuk Constitution deals with the replacement of a Governor who leaves office for reasons such as just occurred when former Governor Wesley Simina left office in order to take up a new elected office as a member of the FSM Congress. It says:

"(a) If the Governor dies, resigns, suffers a major incapacity, or is removed from office with one year or less of the term remaining, the Lieutenant Governor becomes Governor. However, if any such event occurs with more than one year of the term remaining, the Lieutenant Governor becomes Acting Governor until a Governor is elected and takes office. The election shall be held on the fifth Wednesday after the event occurs. If the Lieutenant Governor dies, resigns, is removed from office, or succeeds the Governor, the Governor shall appoint a Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of 2/3 of all of the members of the Senate. The order of succession after the Lieutenant Governor shall be the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives."

The word "ticket" does not appear in Section 11 but neither does the term "special election," a term that the Supreme Court used several times in its decision to deny a writ of mandamus requiring a runoff election for the position of Governor.

The Supreme Court decision said essentially that Section 7 standards for gubernatorial elections and Section 11 standards for gubernatorial elections differ in three main ways.

Section 7 requires a run off in the case where a "ticket" that includes a candidate for Governor and a candidate for Lt. Governor, does not receive a majority of votes. Candidates running under a situation that activates Section 11 run alone. The winner of an election in that case later chooses his or her own Lt. Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Section 11 makes no mention of a runoff election in the event that a governor is not elected by a majority vote.

Section 11 does not say that an election conducted for reasons of its terms should be conducted in the same manner as the gubernatorial election requirements for general elections described in Section 7.

Section 11 did not include the words, "as prescribed by statute." The Supreme Court decision said that if it had then Section 142 of the Chuuk Election Code would carry a great weight. Section 142 of the Election Code says that "[a]ll special elections shall be conducted in the same manner and form as a general election, except as otherwise provided in this Act."

"A court must be careful not to read into a constitution provisions which are not there not rewrite a constitution to include provisions that seem to be omitted," the ruling said.

"The Constitution's framers did not include such provisions, and even if that was through oversight, the court will not insert into the Constitution a runoff provision that is not there."

The Court denied Narruhn's petition for a writ of mandamus ordering the Election Commission to hold a runoff election.



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**Proposed Amendments to Seaport
Regulations: Chapter 8 (Pilotage Charges);
Chapter 10 (Port Fees and Charges);**

The following proposed amendments to the Pohnpei Port Authority – Seaport Division Rules and Regulations (the "Seaport Regulations") are meant to raise the amount vessel owners are charged by PPA for transporting pilots, and increasing the charges to seaport users for the following categories of fees:

1. Vessel Entry Fee;
2. Dockage Fee;
3. Wharfage Rates;
4. Transshipment Fee;
5. Line Handling Charge;
6. Navigational Aids Dues
7. ISPS Port Service Fee;
8. Passenger Fee;
9. PPA Diver Charge;
10. Equipment Rentals;

A complete set of the proposed amendments accompanies each posting of this public notice located at the Pohnpei Supreme Court Building, the Kolonia branch of the FSM Post Office, the Governor's Office and PPA's Headquarters at the Pohnpei International Airport. For ease of reference the amended and newly proposed provisions are underlined.

Once adopted, the full text of the rules and regulations will be on file at PPA Headquarters where any interested person may read them during reasonable business hours. The public is invited to make written comments on the proposed amendments within 30 days from the date of this public notice. Comments may be mailed to the attention of the General Manager to P.O. Box 1150 or they may be sent to his attention via e-mail at netse@mail.fm. These amendments are proposed to take effect upon approval of the Governor following the time for public comment and due consideration by the PPA Board of Directors, which may be as soon as October 9, 2011.

Dated: _____

Nelson Etse, PPA General Manager



Financial and Administrative Officer
Australian Embassy Pohnpei

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to apply for the position of **Financial and Administrative Officer** at the Australian Embassy, Pohnpei.

In this challenging position, the successful applicant will undertake a range of financial / human resource / administrative duties, including payment processing, budget reporting and administering human resource issues.

Qualifications:

- Experience in accounting essential
- Sound computer skills, including Microsoft Excel and Word
- Strong organisation and administrative skills
- Ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure
- Demonstrated analytical skills and attention to detail
- Ability to take initiative and work with little supervision

Training in the Embassy's financial management system SAP, will be provided.

Contract: This is a 2-year contract, which includes a six month probation period. The contract may be extended on the basis of need and performance.

Salary Range: The salary offered to the successful applicant will be in accordance with the Australian Embassy Salary Scale, commensurate with experience and qualifications and within the range of USD17,993 – USD25,000

Application Process: Interested applicants need to provide a resume / CV and address the selection criteria. The Selection Criteria and duty statement can be obtained by contacting casey.parker@dfat.gov.au

Please note that all of the selection criteria need to be addressed within the written application to be considered for interview.

Applications close on Wednesday 21 September 2011.
No late applications will be considered.

Runners run a ring around Pohnpei to

By *Bill Jaynes*
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Press

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Pohnpei, FSM—“This is what happens when you don’t give a mehn wai (an expatriate) something to do,” 26-year-old Michaela Corr said as she trotted effortlessly up a steep hill in Kitti on Sunday September 11. I assumed that she was kidding since she had a big smile on her face; an amazing feat considering that she had already been running for more than three hours and was nearly 20 miles from her starting place at the Spanish Wall in Kolonia.

That she had any sense of humor left at all by that time was remarkable.

But this was no simple matter of mehn wai boredom. I’m a mehn wai and I’ve never considered the possibility of running around the island.

Corr and her friend, running partner, Emily Naparalla, 27, decided that a run around the circumference of Pohnpei would be a great promotion of exercise and healthy nutrition in advance of World Heart Day.

World Heart Day is recognized on September 29.

The two runners successfully ran the entire length of the circumferential road over the course of two calendar days. They ran just over 24 miles during the first day and nearly 25 miles the second day; essentially two full marathons on two consecutive days. 29 ½ hours after their start the two runners had logged a total running time of just under nine hours each.

Most drivers in Pohnpei find it difficult to complete a trip around the island in less than two and a half hours.

Pohnpeian runners...

Corr and Naparalla invited other runners to join the Pohnpei 360 team for as long as the runners felt comfortable to continue. On Sunday morning three Pohnpeian teenagers joined them in Palikir and ran for several miles continuing well past Enpein Elementary School.

Though Corr and Naparalla were the only two runners who completed the entire circle island trip, they were not alone in their epic journey. Marlone Etnold, Mikey Laurdine, and Waipw John of Pohnpei joined the two accomplished runners for the entire first day’s marathon of just over 24 miles.

Laurdine’s participation was especially notable in that he was one of the two who was seriously injured just over a year ago when Paul Salvador drove his car off the road at the PICS gymnasium. Salvador’s car struck Laurdine and Joseph Welson, both of whom were watching a basketball game from the side of the road outside of the gym.

Witnesses to the incident in late August of 2010 said that one of Salvador’s tires ran completely over Welson. His injuries were debilitating.

Welson and Laurdine were both members of the Pohnpei track team. Michaela Corr was their coach.

Corr has been the track coach in Pohnpei since shortly after she set foot on Pohnpei several years ago. Since then she has passionately coached the members of the Pohnpei track team whose members, despite her young age still call her “Mom” – the head of the family, the head of the team.

First day end

By 10:00 last Sunday morning, runners began to arrive at the sign that says, “Welcome to Madolenihmw.” They had run from Kolonia Town through Sokehs and all the way through Kitti.

Corr said that her running time was four hours and nine minutes. She was the first to complete the first day’s run. The rest of the group came in a few minutes behind starting at about four hours and 25 minutes.

Naparalla, who had earlier found it necessary to walk, said as she passed me on the roadside with my camera in hand, “We all have our bad days.” She smiled a genuine and sweat soaked

smile.

To have said anything contrary would have been completely asinine on my part. My car was just a few feet away and it was pointed in the opposite direction.

After they arrived, all of the runners stayed at the home of the John family in Weno.

“We couldn’t have made this trip if not for all of the community support we received,” Corr gushed. “We were so amazed that so many people in Pohnpei were so willing to sacrifice their time to help us do this!” She said that the Alexander family set up water and refreshment stops and John Eldridge drove a support vehicle, “and there were so many others who helped,” she said.

Go Local...

A few weeks before their ambitious trip was set to begin, Corr said in an email that they hoped to have a support vehicle that could “carry a cooler with water, coconuts, bananas, tapioca uhm (a great post run re-fueler!!), and other local foods to show people that we are serious about ‘going local’ with this event.”

After the run Corr expressed disappointment that none of the entities whose job it is to support and to promote health initiatives expressed any interest in the efforts of the runners. Though she told us the names of the departments and NGO’s the two had contacted, Corr asked that they remain “off record.”

Corr and Naparalla trained hard.

For example, two weeks ago, in the late afternoon we took pictures as the two runners met at the Palm Terrace parking lot and began one of their many training runs. Later that evening I dialed Corr, expecting that she would be in no shape to talk. I was prepared to pursue the interview at a later date if need be. She answered the phone after only two rings. Rather than the sluggish, “I just woke up, don’t bother me,” kind of voice we expected to hear, Corr’s voice conveyed the kind of exuberance one might expect to hear from a child who has awakened on Christmas morning to find that not only has Santa Claus visited but he has left the wealth of the Continents under the Christmas tree, all wrapped in garish paper and garnished with tinsel.

Corr and Naparalla “only” ran to Kitti and back on that day. Their training run was “only” just over 15 miles in “only” less than three hours.

If I had run to Kitti and back from Kolonia Town I would have been laid up in a hospital bed in the intensive care ward sucking forced air from an oxygen tube and “wired” up to intravenous feeding tubes. Just listening to Michaela talk on and on about the joys of running made me tired and just the tiniest little bit...jealous.

I told her so and she laughed like a kid would do on Christmas morning with the wealth of the... and so on...



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Doggies and other beastsies...

On the first day of the Pohnpei 360 run I parked on the side of the road having passed the runners earlier hoping that my exhaust would not “exhaust” their efforts. I had my camera ready and Sergeant Major, my wife’s dog, who I’d invited to come along for the ride looked as if he’d eaten a tennis shoe and hadn’t yet managed to swallow the shoe strings. He was hot. I was hot, and as my wife’s dog and I sat and thought about how hot we both were, Michaela jogged by. I snapped a few photos.

She made it look easy as all experts do. I knew in my poor unexercised heart that it wasn’t.

“Doesn’t this make you wish you were a runner?” She didn’t even have the courtesy to gasp for breath when she asked.

“Yeah, uh huh,” I grunted and snapped another photo.

Except for his dangling “shoe strings,” Sergeant Major acted like he was ready to go. He gave a few barks and tried for a moment or two to climb out the car window. I knew his efforts were only bravado.

Corr probably didn’t. She probably thought that he wanted to eat her rather than to join her. But then she could be forgiven for that kind of thinking. Dogs and sometimes humans can be a problem for joggers or for walkers in Pohnpei. Corr and Naparalli have faced both and one of them has faced attacks by both but both have persevered where others might have called it quits.

Chipping away at it...

Corr said that before she came to Pohnpei as a representative of World Teach she was a sprinter, an entirely different discipline from long distance running. She said that long distance runners run with conservation of energy in mind while sprinters run with maximum expenditure of energy for the fastest speeds in mind.

“When I first got here, 15 minutes (of running) was a challenge but I just kept chipping away it,” Corr said. “Emily and I weren’t born running this far!”

“It’s just something we’ve always wanted to do,” Corr said. “We just weren’t ready yet.”

Ready or not, the September 11 weekend had to be it. It was then or it was never for the two runners.

Naparalla, who currently works for the World Park office in Pohnpei will have left Pohnpei before this newspaper hits the news stands on Monday. She intends to increase her knowledge of another of her passions, Landscape Architecture and Engineering.

Corr, who has been working at the U.S. Embassy since completing her stint with the World Teach organization, first as a volunteer and later as its coordinator, will be heading back to the United States before the end of this month. She hopes to pursue a Master’s Degree in International Relations and also plans to take the test for service in the U.S. State Department.

On the day after the run Michaela stopped by my office. I didn’t expect her visit.

She didn’t say that she worried about the future of “her kids,” the one’s who have called her “Mom,” the head of the family, the leader of the team.

She didn’t have to.

“These kids have so much potential!” Her voice caught and she turned away for just a moment.

She hates to drive. She says that she’s bad at it. I can only assume that she left my office on foot; the same feet that took her around the island.





Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA)

The **Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA)** are the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu that provides a framework for co-operation in the management and conservation of shared tuna stocks. The waters of the 8 Parties account for approximately 70% of the total catch of all species of tuna in the Western and Central Pacific and 30% of the world's raw canning material and an average of 1.1 million metric tonnes of tuna is taken from the Parties' waters each year.

The PNA Office was established in January 2010 with its Headquarters in Majuro, Marshall Islands. Its role is to:

- Develop and coordinate commercial programmes and activities for which a Party may enter as it so decides;
- Coordinate implementation of the provisions of the Nauru Agreement and other agreements concerning the Parties
- Develop strategic fisheries conservation and management initiatives for the Parties
- Formulate initiatives to maximize the sustained direct and indirect economic benefits to the Parties
- Administer PNA management initiatives and undertake such other functions as the Parties may decide.

The PNA Office is currently embarking on the development of initiatives that would maximize economic returns to the Parties and ensure control of their tuna fisheries. It works closely with existing regional and international organizations such as the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and Oceanic Fisheries Programme of the SPC.

The PNA now seeks to expand their staff by recruiting qualified, experienced and highly competent people to the following positions:

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is based at Majuro in the Marshall Islands and is responsible to the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) for the overall management, strategic direction and efficient operation of the PNA Office.

The CEO develops and implements business plans, policies, appropriate regulations and procedures, including the formulation of annual work programmes and budgets for consideration by the Parties.

The Position is responsible for the policy implementation of the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS), the FSM Arrangement, VMS, Observer, Crew Placement and Training programs and other initiatives. This role involves establishing and maintaining external relations with appropriate government and private enterprise organizations involved in the tuna fishery and other internal and external stakeholders.

The CEO provides advice to the Chair of the PNA and Government Ministers on policies and issues related to the PNA and he/she is the administrator of regional treaties, agreements and arrangements.

This position requires extensive travel in the Pacific region and internationally.

Essential Competencies

- Tertiary qualifications in fisheries management, fisheries law, fisheries science, fisheries economics, business management, or a relevant discipline. Relevant post graduate qualifications preferred.
- At least 10 years experience in a senior management position with proven "hands on" leadership, financial management, administration, human resources management skills and extensive experience in the development and implementation of business plans and policies.
- Have experience in the formulation of work programmes, budgets and is knowledgeable in the fishery industry, especially the tuna industry, with relevant work experience in both the private and public sectors.
- Possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills with proven experience and ability to communicate effectively with Government Ministers, high level Government officials and industry leaders.
- Have an understanding of the social, economic and political aspirations of Pacific Islands people, coupled with the ability and willingness to travel extensively, both regionally and internationally.
- Must be in good health and have the ability to work in hot and humid tropical conditions and to adapt to living in small island communities.

Commercial Manager

The Commercial Manager (CM) is based in Majuro and reports directly to the CEO, PNA. This position is responsible for developing a commercial arm with associated commercial activities and ventures for PNA to maximize economic opportunities for the Parties.

The CM provides advice to the CEO, Government Ministers and Officials on policies and issues related to the commercial arm of PNA.

Essential Competencies

- Tertiary qualifications in fisheries management, fisheries law, fisheries science, fisheries economics, business management, or a relevant discipline. Relevant post graduate qualifications preferred.
- At least 10 years experience in a senior management position with proven success in a relevant commercial industry. Must have extensive knowledge of and commercial experience in the tuna industry.
- Possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills with proven experience and ability to communicate effectively with high level Government officials and industry leaders.
- Have an understanding of the social, economic and political aspirations of Pacific Islands people, including the ability and willingness to travel extensively, both regionally and internationally.
- Must be in good health and have the ability to work in hot and humid tropical conditions and to adapt to living in small island communities.

Policy Development & Implementation Advisor

Based at the PNA Office Majuro, the Policy Development and Implementation Advisor (PDIA) reports to the CEO and works closely with the CEO and the CM in the development and implementation of tuna fishery policies, with the goal to conserve the fishery resource and maximize economic, commercial, social and employment benefits to the Parties.

Essential Competencies

- Tertiary qualifications in fisheries management, fisheries law, fisheries science, fisheries economics, business management, or a relevant discipline. Relevant post graduate business qualifications preferred.
- Be highly computer literate and have proven experience in fisheries policy development, ideally tuna and preferably within the Pacific region.
- Possess extensive experience in the development and implementation of management plans and policies, and is well versed with the formulation of work programmes and budgets.
- Have proven high level analysis and project management skills and is knowledgeable in the fishery industry, especially the tuna industry, ideally with work experience in both the private and public sectors.
- A strong, outgoing and confident personality with excellent communication and interpersonal skills and a proven experience and ability to communicate effectively with high level Government officials and industry leaders.

- A creative and lateral thinker, proven planner and implementer who is enthusiastic, self motivated and has an understanding of the social, economic and political aspirations of Pacific Islands people. He/she has to have the ability and willingness to travel extensively, both regionally and internationally.
- Must be in good health and have the ability to work in hot and humid tropical conditions and to adapt to living in small island communities.

Implementation Coordinator

The Implementation Coordinator (IC) reports to the PDIA at Majuro and is responsible for assisting in the efficient and timely implementation of policies and projects.

Essential Competencies

- Tertiary qualifications in fisheries management, fisheries law, fisheries science, fisheries economics, business management, or a relevant discipline. Relevant post graduate qualifications preferred.
- Proven experience in the successful development and implementation of business plans and policies, having at least 5 years experience in a project management role with proven "hands on" leadership, financial, administration and people management skills.
- Be highly computer literate and competent in relevant statistical methods, preferably with extensive experience in the formulation of work programmes and budgets.
- Have a thorough knowledge of and relevant work experience in the tuna fishery industry. Has effective communication and interpersonal skills and is able to understand the social, economic and political aspirations of Pacific Islands people.
- Must be in good health and have the ability to work in hot and humid tropical conditions and to adapt to living in small island communities.

FSMA Regional Data & Licensing Administrator

Reporting to the Implementation Coordinator (IC) at Majuro, this position is responsible for administering the FSMA arrangement, Data Bases, Licensing and Observer placement and management.

Essential Competencies

- Tertiary qualifications in fisheries management, fisheries law, fisheries science, fisheries economics, business management or a relevant discipline.
- Minimum 3 years experience in a project management role, managing data bases and disseminating accurate and timely information.
- A working knowledge of the tuna fishery industry or administration is desirable.
- Possess effective communication and interpersonal skills, with an understanding of the social, economic and political aspirations of Pacific Islands people.
- Be in good health and have the ability to work in hot and humid tropical conditions and to adapt to living in small island communities.

VDS/VMS Data Centre Officer - Madang

The VDS/VMS Officer is responsible to the PNA IC for the day to day operation of the PNA VDS/VMS system based in Madang, PNG.

This role will include validation of non-fishing activities, actioning of system generated alerts and other activities necessary for the PNA to effectively manage the PNA Vessel Register and Vessel Day and VMS Schemes.

Essential Competencies

- Preference for short course training in fisheries law, compliance, investigation or prosecution. Certificate in IT Management preferred.
- Minimum of 5 years experience in operational fisheries management with at least 2 years work in a monitoring, control and surveillance environment. Must have a detailed working knowledge of Fisheries Management, enforcement, investigative and evidential procedures.
- Have understanding and knowledge on VMS tracking and surveillance software such as Smart Track, TeraVision, Argos and Geographic Information System, including Inmarsat C and D+transponders or Automatic Location Communicator (ALC) units such as Thrane & Thrane, Furuno, JRC, SAILOR, Mini C, Trimbal, Iridium (Faria Watchdog) and Argos.
- Possess technical experience in fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance operations, with proven integrity in all matters of interaction with the public, the fisheries interest groups and commercial operators. Have a well developed computer literacy and is able to learn more.
- Have an understanding of fisheries surveillance strategies in a national, regional and international context and is able to demonstrate confidence in personal capacity to participate in meetings and consultation.
- Excellence in oral and written communication, with a proven ability to produce sound reports. Must have the ability to demonstrate sensitivity in situations involving people and can be able to maintain an open and enquiring approach in communication.
- Demonstrate personal standards of integrity and honesty and possesses interpersonal skills; i.e. the ability to adapt, delegate and show leadership skills.

Our client, the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) offers genuine career opportunities and competitive performance based remuneration packages for these very challenging and professional positions.

To apply, please visit our website: http://www.vanguardpng.com/current_vacancies.html Complete the Application Form and follow the website instruction to forward Vanguard International completed Application Form and a brief CV.

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Applications close - COB Monday 3rd October, 2011

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Pohnpei Liberation Day

Pohnpei's Liberation Day is on September 11, the day that Japanese forces surrendered to the United States during World War II. Pohnpeians celebrated with an Opening Ceremony for games that started immediately after the opening ceremony and will continue until September 26.

The closing ceremony for the Liberation Day games will be held on September 26 at 4:00 in the afternoon at the Spanish Wall Ball Field.

Teams from Madolenihmw, U, Kitti, Nett, Sokehs, Kolonia, Pingelap, Mowakilloa, Sapwafik, Nukuoro, and Kapingamarangi will be compete during the games.



Items for Bid



Items:

- (1) 2004 & 2005 Toyota Echo 4 door Sedans (2 units available).
- (2) Radio (Taxi) Equipment (1 lot)

Minimum bid for vehicles: \$2,000
Minimum bid for radio equipment: \$ 500

Bidding Deadline: October 15, 2011

Bids are to be submitted to **Pacific Islands Development Bank** through postal mail at 414 West Soledad Avenue, Suite 204, Hagatna, Guam 96910 or through e/mail ajohn@pacificidb.com. Once a bid has been approved, awardee has forty-eight (48) hours from the time of notification to remit payment.

All equipment and vehicles for bid are to be sold **"AS IS"** CONDITION. For bidding forms or if you have any questions, you may contact Antonio John at Pacific Islands Development Bank (Guam) at (671) 477-0047 or e-mail ajohn@pacificidb.com. **FINANCING IS AVAILABLE** subject to loan qualification. *PIDB reserves the right to reject any bid.*

In Memory

Not a day goes by where we do not forget or feel your presence.



Puis Chotailug
 10/17/1959
 to 09/08/2010

Our thoughts go to the Chotailug family who we know feel a sense of sadness and sorrow that cannot be fully appreciated.

TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS WE LEAVE BEHIND IS NOT TO DIE.

We miss you our dear friend.
 Donna Wrembeck and Tim Fenlon

Pohnpei GEAR UP gears up for academic excellence

By *Nora Kriauzaitė*
Pohnpei GEAR UP

410 students from six Pohnpei elementary schools have been selected to participate in the new federal education program, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). This program, funded by US Department of Education, aims to improve those students' academic skills and strengthen their motivation so that they will successfully complete high school and be well equipped to pursue further educational opportunities. It will expose 410 students to exciting educational opportunities and will support the selected cohort for the next 5 years. Enrolled in the program, students receive 2-hour GEAR UP-designed after-school instruction and tutoring sessions to improve math, English and science skills Monday through Friday; Saturday activities at computer labs and special reading programs; student-centered summer camp sessions in June and July; educational, motivational, and cultural events, workshops and field trips throughout the year, and counseling. Students will be given an opportunity to participate in enrichment clubs such as culture, drama, or reading club that focus on social and emotional development.

This summer GEAR UP conducted its engineering summer school in its 6 target schools: Awak, Kolonia, Nett, Ohmine, Saladak, and Sekere. After seeing what happened this summer, GEAR UP team is convinced that it will raise a group of future engineers who will lead the way in this technologically advanced world. GEAR UP 7th graders learned about the engineering design process and put it into practice by creating innovative bridges, tunnels and simple machines from LEGOs. The students took the challenge home and created designs from locally available materials. As a result, students assembled bridges, tunnels and houses from wood, pipes, palm tree leaves and other resources. The students listened to engineering presentations and interacted with engineers from a number of fields including: civil, renewable energy-related; electrical, mechanical engineering, and more. On field trips, students discovered engineering-related courses at Pohnpei campus and how they get energy from the Power Plant in Nanponmal.

At the end of each session, students rose to the challenge by identifying engineering issues in

Pohnpei and proposing creative solutions. One of the groups from Ohmine/Sekere school session proposed to connect Sokehs island to Dekehtik by a "beam bridge." The group described the size of the bridge, compression and tension, the materials that would be used, and developed a financial plan. The "Greeks" group from Nett/Kolonia school session brought up an idea and built a man powered coconut grinder that would be environmentally friendly and improve daily routine. The "Egyptians" group from Nett and Kolonia schools presented a school design of a ramp that would help students in wheel chairs to get to the classrooms. One of the groups from Awak/Saladak session built a pinwheel from LEGOs and explained that it was a prototype for a wind mill that could produce wind power.

The students greatly valued this opportunity. Most of the students said that they learned a lot of new things about simple machines and structures using LEGOs. They learned what engineering is about; and said it was fun because two schools were grouped together which allowed them to meet new friends from other schools. Many students said that after participating in the summer program they feel strongly motivated and will do their best to improve their grades this school year.

The teachers were also very excited about summer school. Many teachers said that teaching about engineering structures and machines was challenging but interesting. According to them, it was a good learning experience and an opportunity to learn how to incorporate important technology and engineering concepts into their daily lessons. The teachers were also happy about the opportunity to work with teachers from other schools and to share their experiences.

GEAR UP Team is very happy with the outcome of the summer camp and is looking forward to working with the students and teachers during this school year.

"We expect that this program will bring sustainable outcomes. We hope that collaborative efforts of teachers and GEAR UP staff will bring quality education not only to the children involved in GEAR UP but to all Pohnpeian children. We plan not only to create a better learning environment for its participants but also to make students aware of

the difference that better education can make for themselves, their families, and their island," one GEAR UP team member said.

GEAR UP, together with Upward Bound and Talent Search Programs, which have been implemented in Pohnpei since 1990s, is a common TRIO program that is implemented throughout the United States. TRIO programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Students usually come from low-income families and families that do not have a college or even high school education. GEAR UP will work for these students to provide them with an opportunity that their families may have never had.

GEAR UP wishes to take this opportunity to express its great appreciation to parents, business and community members for their donations and support to GEAR UP engineering summer school. Thank you to: Etscheit Enterprises; FSM Telecommunications; FSM Petroleum Corporation; Bank of FSM; Ace Office Supplies; Pohnpei Arts & Crafts; Pohnpei Port Authority; Pohnpei Public Library; Do It Best; Blue Nile; True Value; GEAR UP Parents; Whitney Hoot, World Teach Volunteer; Amanda Korell, Peace Corps Volunteer; Maureen Curtin, World Teach Volunteer; Sizue Yoma, Micronesia Red Cross Society; Morgan David, HIV/AIDS Officer, Micronesia Red Cross Society; Melyann Malarme, Praise Santos, First Aid Officers, Micronesia Red Cross Society; Gardner Edgar, Chair of Trade and Technology Division, COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus; Richard Kulat, Driver, COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus; Feliciano Perman, General Manager, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation; Dackson Solomon, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation; Luke Dragovich, Engineer, Pacific Partnership Team; Phillip Baranowski, Builder, Pacific Partnership Team; Carlos Geronimo, Civil Engineer, TC&I, FSM National Government; Gary Wiggins, Engineer-Contracting Officer, TC&I, FSM National Government; and Emanuele Taibi, Energy Specialist, Secretariat of the Pacific Community.



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Letter to the Editor

I am Micronesia (and you can too!)

My people are a proud group; proud to the point where we may seem arrogant, at times. We have to be first in everything. We compete with the rest of Micronesia when it comes to sports, education, health care and environmental issues. We display our national and ethnic pride enthusiastically on our cars, clothing and in our names.

There is even a term for islanders who are not from our islands: chad er a iungs. Its literal translation is "people from islands," or, simply, "islanders." Are we not all islanders, though?

Why are we so quick to say "I'm not Micronesia! I'm from (insert specific Micronesian island here)?" Why this distinction when, four short decades ago, we were all one people? When did being Micronesian become something we are not proud of?

When I lived in Hawaii, people would often say this after I told them where I'm from: "You're

Micronesia? But you speak English!" "You chew betelnut? But your teeth are white!" "Are you sure you're not a Polynesian who was raised there?"

Yes, I speak English; I am also fluent in my native language. But when you ask me to say something specific, my brain freezes. Explaining where I grew up, to someone not familiar with the region, is close to impossible. I prefer starch and some sort of meat for breakfast, over milk and cereal. I'd rather fish with a hand line than a rod and pole. I take my shoes off before entering a house. I call my elders "aunty" or "uncle" whether or not they are related to me. For some reason, unless it is for work, I can never arrive anywhere on time.

Where I come from, food is offered within five minutes of a guest's arrival, whether or not there is any to be had. I say "slippers" or "zorries" but never "flip-flops." I think long hair is pretty. If I were interested in a girl, I'd have to ask around

first and make sure we are not related. Anything regarding that department, be it questions, concerns or advice, is to be sought elsewhere, never from my parents.

I cannot picture myself living in a big city. I have a need to be close to the ocean. I have never touched or seen snow up close. I consider myself a good and honest person. Most of my friends and relatives are, too.

You may find that you can relate to some of these statements. I am not that much different than you. My future children will feel pain and bleed, just as yours. They will respect me because I will demand it, just as you might with yours. I will raise them to be God-fearing children, just as you might have with yours. Just because we are not all citizens of the FSM, does not mean we are not Micronesian.

When the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands still existed, we were one family. We ate from the same table and sent our kids to the same schools. We met and exchanged ideas on how

to better ourselves. And now? Now we are so quick to distance ourselves from each other. Are Tongans not Polynesians? Are Fijians not Melanesians? They say it loudly, with gusto and pride.

Why can't we?

Ethnically, we are very different. Linguists point out that there is a division between western and eastern Micronesia. Groups who are included in the geographical lines of Micronesia include those of Melanesian and Polynesian ancestry. Instead of segregating ourselves, as our children do during lunch hours at school, we should learn to embrace our differences. This is what makes us special.

My name is Mathias Wenty Oldiais. I am Palauan, born and raised. I am a descendant of chiefs, farmers, warriors and seafarers. I am Micronesian. I say it proudly.

Mathias Wenty Oldiais is a resident of Tamuning.

Kosrae Liberation Day celebrated in Pohnpei



Kosraen residents of Pohnpei gathered at the Spanish Wall ballfield on the morning of September 10 for a day of celebrations to commemorate Kosrae Liberation Day. Kosrae's liberation day is three days before Pohnpei's Liberation day on September 8 in commemoration of the day that Japanese occupied forces there surrendered to the United States during World War II. The day is not a holiday in Pohnpei. Kosraens living in Pohnpei celebrated their liberation on the first day of the weekend.



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|-----------|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|------|---------|------|
| Monday | 09/19 | | 09/26 | | 09/19 | | 09/26 | |
| | 12:17AM | 1.8 | 02:13AM | 4.4 | 02:22AM | 0.8 | 01:35AM | 1.8 |
| | 05:20AM | 2.7 | 08:31AM | 0.8 | 08:51AM | 0.0 | 08:14AM | 0.0 |
| | 11:07AM | 1.4 | 02:39PM | 4.2 | 04:39PM | 1.7 | 02:16PM | 1.5 |
| | 06:17PM | 3.7 | 08:41PM | 0.9 | | | 07:59PM | 0.3 |
| Tuesday | 09/20 | | 09/27 | | 09/20 | | 09/27 | |
| | 01:20AM | 2.1 | 02:48AM | 4.5 | 08:39AM | 0.0 | 02:07AM | 1.7 |
| | 05:27AM | 2.4 | 08:58AM | 0.7 | 05:12PM | 1.6 | 08:22AM | 0.1 |
| | 11:10AM | 1.7 | 03:09PM | 4.5 | | | 02:31PM | 1.7 |
| | 07:14PM | 3.4 | 09:19PM | 0.7 | | | 08:41PM | 0.2 |
| Wednesday | 09/21 | | 09/28 | | 09/21 | | 09/28 | |
| | 09:32AM | 1.9 | 03:23AM | 4.4 | 08:17AM | 0.0 | 02:36AM | 1.4 |
| | 09:55PM | 3.3 | 09:25AM | 0.7 | 06:15PM | 1.4 | 08:26AM | 0.2 |
| | | | 03:39PM | 4.8 | | | 02:50PM | 2.0 |
| | | | 09:57PM | 0.6 | | | 09:25PM | 0.1 |
| Thursday | 09/22 | | 09/29 | | 09/22 | | 09/29 | |
| | 07:05AM | 1.7 | 03:57AM | 4.1 | 07:58AM | -0.1 | 02:58AM | 1.1 |
| | 01:56PM | 2.5 | 09:52AM | 0.8 | 11:40PM | 1.6 | 08:23AM | 0.2 |
| | 04:57PM | 2.4 | 04:11PM | 4.8 | | | 03:12PM | 2.1 |
| | 11:57PM | 3.6 | 10:36PM | 0.8 | | | 10:10PM | 0.2 |
| Friday | 09/23 | | 09/30 | | 09/23 | | 09/30 | |
| | 07:18AM | 1.4 | 04:30AM | 3.8 | 07:53AM | -0.1 | 03:09AM | 0.8 |
| | 01:32PM | 2.9 | 10:17AM | 0.9 | | | 08:12AM | 0.2 |
| | 06:33PM | 2.0 | 04:45PM | 4.7 | | | 03:35PM | 2.2 |
| | | | 11:18PM | 1.0 | | | 11:01PM | 0.3 |
| Saturday | 09/24 | | 10/01 | | 09/24 | | 10/01 | |
| | 12:53AM | 3.9 | 05:02AM | 3.3 | 12:24AM | 1.7 | 02:52AM | 0.5 |
| | 07:40AM | 1.1 | 10:41AM | 1.2 | 07:56AM | -0.1 | 07:56AM | 0.0 |
| | 01:48PM | 3.4 | 05:20PM | 4.5 | 02:21PM | 1.0 | 03:59PM | 2.2 |
| | 07:22PM | 1.6 | | | 06:32PM | 0.7 | | |
| Sunday | 09/25 | | 10/02 | | 09/25 | | 10/02 | |
| | 01:35AM | 4.2 | 12:04AM | 1.3 | 01:00AM | 1.8 | 07:43AM | -0.1 |
| | 08:05AM | 0.9 | 05:34AM | 2.9 | 08:04AM | 0.0 | 04:23PM | 2.1 |
| | 02:12PM | 3.8 | 11:02AM | 1.4 | 02:10PM | 1.2 | | |
| | 08:02PM | 1.2 | 05:58PM | 4.2 | 07:17PM | 0.5 | | |

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Nanpei Memorial High School Home Arts Class with “Go Local”

By Mona J. Tara
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

With a full school schedule in swing, the local food educator, Ms. Johnson from the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, made her way to

the Nanpei Memorial High School on August 31, 2011. When she arrived at the high school Home Arts class, she received a warm welcome from the Home Arts teachers and students.

After the warm welcome, introduction was

made and the presentation started. Ms. Johnson started her presentation with the Red Pen message, emphasizing the health crisis on noncommunicable diseases caused by change of diet and lifestyle followed by the “Let’s Go Local” with CHEEF benefits message, with

C-in culture, H- in Health, E-Environment, E-in Economy and F-in Food Security.

After the presentation, both Home Arts/ Economics teachers claimed that it was their first time to learn the information on beta-carotene nutritional value on the yellow fleshed food crops having more nutritional value when cooked.

MESSAGE TO REMEMBER:

Ripe banana like Karat and Mangat and other yellow-fleshed varieties have just as much or more beta-carotene than raw banana.

This is thought to be because cooking helps the bioavailability and the body can take up the beta-carotene more easily.

Students were paying attention during presentation because after the presentation, some questions were asked and students were able to respond to the questions asked being related to the presentation. Students responded to the questions were also given another red pen as a prize.

After the conclusion of the presentation, an all local fresh fruits snacks were being served with cool local coconut drinks.

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Enipein Powe bans smoking at public events within the village Leaders declare the ban to be the first of its kind in the FSM

FSM Information Services and
Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

On August 16, amid lush vegetation on the rainiest island in Micronesia, over 200 residents of Enipein Powe Village in the Pohnpei municipality of Kitti gathered together and not one person was smoking. Enipein Powe is the first village in the FSM to ban tobacco use in public functions.

According to Mr. Herbert Mikel, (village) Chief of Enipein Powe, the village-wide ban on tobacco use in public functions came about through a long process. More importantly, such ban is a part of the villagers' serious attachment to their environment, something for which they are known among other Pohnpeians.

"Because we rely on our environment, we also want to improve our health. For a community to achieve good health kids must be healthy, parents must be healthy physically and mentally. That's what we try to achieve, healthy community", Chief Mikel said in his remarks on that day.

An early version of this press release said that Enipein Powe's decision to go smoke free at public functions may have been the first of its kind in the Pacific sphere. However, during the NCD conference held in Tonga participants visited Kala'au, on the western coast of Tongatapu. That village's 126 residents not only declared their village to be smoke free but alcohol free as well.

Enipein Powe is still the first village in the FSM to have taken such a step and some other village chiefs are planning a similar and perhaps even bolder move to declare their villages as smoke free.

Mrs. Alik director of the Tobacco and Cancer Prevention Program at the National Government said by phone that while the ban on smoking in Enipein Powe is only in effect during public events rather than a complete village wide ban as they had hoped it would be it is still a remarkable and important first step. She said that her program is working with two other villages in Pohnpei who have expressed a desire to make their villages smoke free.



As in the case of most of Micronesia, Enipein has witnessed an increasing addiction to tobacco use that can be linked directly to a host of severe health complications that seem to have been ushered in with the trends of "modernization" since the 1800's. The Chief Justice of Madolenihmw Municipal Court who is also the chairman of the Tobacco Free Coalition, in his remarks, traced the introduction of tobacco use in Pohnpei back to the late 16th century following "common trade routes" that crisscrossed the Pacific. The increase of tobacco use in FSM from the Pacific, contributed cancer diseases which are among the top 3 leading causes of death in Pohnpei. And altogether, it is believed that non-communicable diseases account for over 70% of deaths in recent times. Mr. Hadley supported the Cancer Coordinators of both the National and State in saying that the prevalence of tobacco use advances cancer of the respiratory system and contributes to cervical cancer and other types of non-communicable diseases, including heart disease and diabetes.



Ms. Welton of CDC congratulated the traditional and village leaders of Enipein Powe for making a bold policy and praised the governor and mayor for supporting the community "smoke free" effort that will have a great impact on the health of the community, "especially the children and the parents".

In thanking the visitors from CDC and the FSM National Tobacco and Cancer Prevention Program for their presence, Chief Mikel, who was recently diagnosed as being in the initial

stages of emphysema, expressed a desire to have a center in the FSM, if not in Pohnpei, solely dedicated to the treatment of respiratory related illnesses as part of combating the deadly grip of tobacco use and addiction.

The village-wide tobacco ban in Enipein Powe is indeed a community based endeavor in taking ownership of the vital role in promoting healthy lifestyle and taking a resolute stand against the silent brutal substance that arguably has surpassed the communicable diseases of the 1800's in terms of the magnitude of their epidemiological impacts. According to Mrs. Alik of the National Tobacco Control Program, the commitment by the leaders and the people of Enipein Powe which was validated by their traditional ceremony is important to note, as it is a population impact movement. The movement prompted a nearby village leader to make his commitment to also have a village-wide tobacco ban. Mrs. Alik further expressed the need to support the community leaders in their efforts in taking the ownership of their community health by promoting healthy lifestyle against the silent brutal substance such as tobacco products that are now so commonly used by almost half the youth population of this nation.

Residents and visitors participated in a traditional ceremonial festivity with many local delights, including the "sakau" presentation in the presence of Wasahi Kitti, Honorable Gregorio Peter, one of highest traditional chieftains in all of Kitti. Also in attendance were T.H. John Ehsa, Pohnpei State Governor, Vice Speaker of FSM Congress, Hon. Berney Martin, Chief Magistrate of Kitti, Keropin David, Ms. Susan White and

Ms. Marybeth Welton from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, (Office of Smoking and Health) Atlanta, USA, and staff of Tobacco and Cancer Prevention Program at the National Government headed by Second Lady Shra Alik, staff of Pohnpei State Tobacco and Cancer Control Program and other staff of Pohnpei State Government as well as village leaders from Kitti and nearby sections. Not one person "lit up" during the ceremony.

Twelve years of Minginfel golden dominance in Olympic style weightlifting at Pacific Games

FSM Information Services

September 06, 2011

Manuel Minginfel, from Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, set Pacific Games records by winning 3 gold medals in the men's 62 kilogram (KG) men's weightlifting competition held at Mont Dore, New Caledonia on Monday evening September 5.

Minginfel lifted 115 KG in the Snatch and 150KG in the Clean and Jerk for a total weight of 265KG. He easily beat the other 6 lifters in his weight division winning by over 15KG. Minginfel has a long history of representing the FSM at the South Pacific Games, now called the Pacific Games winning gold medals at the 1999 Guam South Pacific Games, 2003 Fiji South Pacific Games and 2007 Samoa South Pacific Games.

Minginfel will remain in New Caledonia and

train at the Oceania Weightlifting Center under famous weightlifting coach Paul Coffa. In early November, he will travel to Paris, France to compete in the 2011 IWF World Weightlifting Championships attempting to qualify for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The FSM has one of the smallest delegations of athletes at the 2011 Pacific Games competing in Athletics, Swimming, Basketball and Weightlifting with 17 athletes. Minginfel (weightlifting), Debra Daniel (swimming) and Keitani Graham (wrestling), through the FSM National Olympic Committee, have been awarded \$28,000 London Olympic Games Athlete Scholarships to train and try to qualify for the London Olympic Games. Daniel is attending Iowa Central College in the USA mainland under a swimming scholarship and Graham has been training in Minnesota, USA with the USA greco-roman wrestling



(update by Jim Tobin via email from New Caledonia)



team. He will compete in the 2011 FILA World Wrestling Championships in Turkey later this month.

FSM is 6th in the overall medal standings out of 22 island countries and territories at the Pacific Games in New Caledonia.