

FSM Congress considering law to reform and revive Social Security

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM – A law that would change FSM Social Security regulations passed its first reading in Congress chambers in Palikir on December 4, 2008, the last day of the fifth special session. The bill includes substantial changes that will mean a reduction of benefits, changes in who is eligible for benefits and an increase in the tax rate.

“Congress has been discussing changes we recommended to them more than two years ago,” said Alexander Narruhn, Administrator of FSM’s Social Security Administration. “The bill has changed a lot in those two years.”

In public hearings on the bill in each of the FSM States, as well as in Guam and Hawaii, Narruhn presented a power point presentation that showed the outgoing benefit payments are slowly but steadily eclipsing contributions to the program. In 2004 the program carried a surplus of \$42,423. By 2007 it showed a deficit of over \$1.8 million.

His presentation showed that of 2283

active retirement beneficiaries, 2,118 retirees have collected more in benefits than they had contributed to the program. Narruhn says that the program is only 16% funded and has a \$219.5 million unfunded accrued liability. Narruhn said in his presentation that FSMSSA is trying to increase the funding of the program though contri-

butions from 16% to 20 or 30 percent through the proposed bill

“It seems like we have two options. We need to decide if we want to get re-elected or salvage the program,” said Pohnpei’s Senator Neth of the Social Security bill during an off journal discussion. He said

he was only joking. Still, his comment pointed out that the issue is a political hot potato and Senators are moving very carefully on the bill. With a stern countenance Speaker Figir said that Congress must work very hard to educate the people about the problems that Social Security faces and what the program really is. He said that the people need to understand that the program is not a Government handout.

Pohnpei’s Senator Primo said it seems like Congress is changing the rules of the game in the middle of the game. What people really want Congress to do is to give the system a big cash injection but that would only solve SSA’s problems for a short term, he said.

After the bill passed its first reading Yap’s Senator Urusemal, who is chairman of the Health, Education, and Social Affairs standing committee that reviewed the bill said that he hoped that he could gather all of his committee members for one more swing through all of the states for public comment and possible improvement on the bill before the second reading at the next regular session of Congress in January. In the event that is not possible he challenged all of the Senators to hold public hearings in their home states. He said that the reform is a “very major undertaking” and

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Village Hotel proprietors face contempt charges in FSMDB Case

“Paying the FSMDB loan would be like giving Pohnpei State a reward for destroying our business,” says Bob Arthur

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM – During Governor John Ehsa’s press conference last month a representative from the United States Embassy asked what the Governor was doing to resolve a payment due to Bob and Patti Arthur, proprietors of the Village Hotel, as a result of a court judgment issued by the FSM Supreme Court in 2004. According to a letter written by Assistant Attorney General L. M. Bacalando, Jr. to then Acting Governor Churchill Edward on March 3, 2008 the amount Pohnpei State owed to the corporation AHPW, Inc. was \$987,838.70 as of February 29 of this year. Governor Ehsa said during his press conference that interest is accruing on that judgment at the rate of \$183 per day. After a discussion of cost analysis Bacalando recommended to the Pohnpei State Executive partner that “it will be cost-effective for Pohnpei to pay the judgment as soon as possible.” Pohnpei state paid the corporation \$335,000 a few months ago.

In point of fact, the payment was never due to the Arthur’s but to a corporation



called AHPW, Incorporated that was formed in the mid 80’s. The company was formed to package and export Pohnpei Black Pepper and trochus shell buttons.

The 2004 ruling by the FSM Supreme Court said that it was the actions of the Pohnpei State government that forced the businesses to close. The court awarded the corporation \$676,374 in damages.

Essentially the court ruled that the state



had cut off the supply of raw materials to the export company by opening a competing business subsidized by the government. The government subsidy allowed the state to pay an arbitrarily set high price for lower quality raw materials to operate its business than world market prices for high quality raw materials would allow AHPW, Inc. to pay.

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Ohmine man says he was beaten by drunken teens

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Kolonia, Pohnpei, FSM – A group of drunken teenagers is alleged to have severely beaten Wayne Dias at approximately 11:00 on the night of Friday, November 27 on the street next to Ohmine Elementary School in Kolonia. Dias said that he was walking home from visiting a friend’s house in the area known as China Town when the band of six or seven intoxicated teenagers, neighbors of his, accosted him and beat him with lengths of lumber.

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He was admitted to the hospital and released on the following day. He was treated for a broken finger, and contusions and lacerations requiring stitches on his head.

Dias said that as soon as he was released from the hospital he went to the Pohnpei State Police Station to file a report but hadn't by that time decided whether he should file charges or not. "They're my neighbors and I have to live there," he said.

Dias said that a few months ago he had an altercation with one of the juveniles that amounted to what he called a bit of a shoving match. Dias admitted that he started that confrontation "to teach him how to respect his elders."

Dias said that the Friday confrontation started when the boy he had fought with a few months ago yelled, "You remember what you did to me?" This was just before the group of boys moved in with what looked like 2 x 2's and began to beat him. He said that they got him on the

ground and continued to beat him.

Dias said the boys seemed to range in age from 14 to 16 years old.

Kolonia Town has a curfew law for children 17 years and younger. According to the law they must be off the street by 9:30 each night. To remind young people of the Kolonia Town area that 9:30 has arrived, each night the Kolonia Town police sound a horn announcing the time.

A spokesman from the Patrol section said that one arrest was made on the night of the incident. The name of the person arrested could not be released because he is a minor. The juvenile was charged with Assault and Battery with a dangerous weapon and consuming liquor while under the age of 21. The police spokesman said that Dias did not file charges but due to the seriousness of the charge the police department is pursuing the charges.

The case is with the Detectives section of the Pohnpei State Police Department for investigation. The arrested juvenile was released to the custody of his mother on the day after the incident. At press time he had not yet stood before the court.

U.S. Government Awards \$26,000 For Women's Advancement



Ambassador Miriam Hughes with Ms. Susana Sohs, Deputy Chief of Mission William Douglas and Embassy Political Assistant Lynn Pangelinan

By Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

The United States Embassy in Pohnpei recently awarded \$26,540 in separate direct grants to the FSM Women's Action Network (\$24,090) and the Pohnpei Women's Advisory Council (\$2,450), both under the U.S. Department of State's Pacific Island Fund for Small-Scale Development. The Embassy administers such grants to assist civil society organizations with projects that support democracy, good governance and the rule of law. The two successful FSM proposals clearly advance the strengthening of democratic institutions by addressing the under-representation of women in the political process.

Ms. Tina Takashy, CEO of the FSM Women's Action Network (FSM WAN), signed the grant award on November 28 at the U.S. Embassy. Takashy founded this NGO as a national organization to advocate for gender equality of opportunity, human rights and social development throughout the Federated States of Micronesia. Membership in FSM WAN consists of individual professional women as well as community-based women's organizations and umbrella bodies that are actively involved in gender and development work. The U.S. grant will support a project to "Address the Under-Representation of Women in the Political

Process in the Federated States of Micronesia" through the application of a human rights-based citizen and good governance education campaign. Such a campaign is aimed at improving citizens' understanding of their electoral systems, deepening citizens' participation in the voting and democratic processes, instilling respect for the rule of law, and enhancing FSM citizens' cultural, legal, political and social rights and responsibilities.

Ms. Susana Sohs, President, signed the grant documents on behalf of the Pohnpei Women's Advisory Council (PWAC) at the U.S. Embassy on September 17. PWAC represents sixteen different women's groups in the State of Pohnpei. The grant will help support a project to "Strengthen Women's Equal Participation at all Government Levels". This project aims to improve gender equality in Pohnpei State by identifying women's strengths and weaknesses in all facets of civil society and the public sector. Objectives stress the development of women's talents and strategies to overcome challenges that currently stand in the way of meaningful participation in public life. As the proposal states, "Understanding human rights is the first step in the journey that Micronesian women must travel in their quest to attain equal opportunity and equal participation at all levels of public service."



Embassy Political Assistant Lynn Pangelinan, Ms. Tina Takashy, and U.S. Ambassador Miriam Hughes display FSM WAN T-shirts for its "16 Days Campaign Against Gender Violence".

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Patti Arthur said the corporation's name stands for the Arthur, Henry, Perin Women. Of the three couples who started the corporation only the women were share holders. Mrs. Perin pulled out of the corporation early on because her husband worked for the government and he felt that ownership in the corporation might be a conflict of interest.

Patti Arthur's daughter in law, Elizabeth Arthur is now the majority share holder in AHPW, Inc. after a transfer and sale of shares by the corporation and its principals.

The corporation borrowed over \$600,000 from Patti Arthur which to this day has not been repaid. In addition the corporation took a loan from the FSM Development Bank (FSMDB) and made payments on it until it was driven out of business by Pohnpei State. The FSM Development Bank filed suit against Bob and Patti Arthur and, Bethwel and Marihne Henry in order to collect the remaining amount of money due on the loan plus accrued interest. The remaining principal on the loan is approximately \$370,000. The amount now owed is nearly \$700,000 including interest which is accruing on a daily basis at the rate of \$125.

A ruling on the FSMDB case was issued in July ordering Bob and Patti Arthur to sell their 2600 shares in Apple Computer and to turn over the proceeds of the sale minus US taxes to the FSMDB. In June of this year the Apple shares were worth approximately \$460,000. After the recent drop in stock market values the value is now less than half of that figure.

The Arthur's were also ordered to pay FSMDB \$10,000 from their personal savings which they have done.

The Arthur's have not sold their shares in Apple Computer and that fact led to a court hearing on Friday, December 5 at the FSM Supreme Court chambers in Palikir. They were there because of a motion for an order to show cause for why the couple should not be held in contempt of court filed by attorneys for the FSM Development Bank.

When a judge rules that a person is in contempt of court that person can be jailed until they comply with the order of the court. The FSM Development Bank did not ask for that ruling. They asked for the court to order a house arrest for the Arthur's and for the couple to surrender their passports.

The Arthur's have appealed the ruling that said they were personally responsible for the FSMDB loan and that requires

them to sell their stocks. They lost a previous appeal on the matter.

Associate Justice Yamase wanted to know as part of his deliberations on contempt whether or not the Arthur's had received word that their appeal would be heard by the appellate court. They had not.

The court took the arguments of both sides under advisement. At press time a court ruling had not been issued. There will be a further Supreme Court hearing on February 16, 2009.

At 3:34 on the same afternoon as the contempt hearing, the Arthur's and the Henry's, through their attorney filed a new civil action case at the FSM Supreme Court (2008-041). The case was filed against the State of Pohnpei, the FSM Development Bank, the Independent Development Fund (IDF), and the Federated Development Authority (FDA).

The new civil action charges that the FSM Development Bank made the Arthur's and the Henry's the borrowers on the loan rather than AHPW, Inc. and that the bank "breached their duty of good faith and fair dealing" with the Arthur's and the Henry's in doing so. It is asking that judgment entered in favor of FSMDB as agent for the state of Pohnpei issued in Civil Action 2001-007

be vacated and that the FDA, the IDF advisory board and the state of Pohnpei be ordered by the court to order FSMDB to terminate any collection proceedings.

The Arthur's say that IDF money was given to Pohnpei State by the US Government to help to develop business in FSM. This fund is separate from the Compact of Free Association with the FSM. FSM Development Bank's role was to administer the fund for Pohnpei State. Loaned money that is repaid would go directly into a Pohnpei State sub-account according to the Arthur's. Essentially the plaintiff's say that if FSMDB was acting on behalf of Pohnpei State and if Pohnpei State acted in a way that destroyed the business of AHPW, Inc. as the court decided that it did do then the loan should be forgiven.

Patti Arthur said that the checks issued by the FSM Development Bank for the loan were all issued in the name of AHPW, Incorporated and that neither the Arthur's nor the Henry's had been aware that they had been personally liable for the loan. They say that the bank misrepresented the proceedings when the initial loan was processed.

The court cases surrounding the demise of the two businesses operated by AHPW, Inc. have been before the FSM Supreme Court for nearly ten years.

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World War II artifact returned to Pohnpei after an absence of nearly 50 years

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – It traveled extensively after leaving Pohnpei nearly 50 years ago. It was in Cuba in 1962 during the Cuban Missile Crisis. It was in Washington D.C. during the years that Richard M. Nixon was the President of the United States. It has been in Oklahoma, Virginia and, before it arrived in Pohnpei was in St. Petersburg, Florida. Now a Japanese World War II era helmet found in 1959 is back in the country in which it was found.

The helmet will become a part of a collection housed in a museum that in the future will occupy the space where the Pohnpei State Personnel Office is currently situated. During the time of the Japanese occupation of Pohnpei the building was used as a hospital. A portion of the complex was burned out two years ago but a large portion is currently being used by the Pohnpei State Government offices.

In early 1959, six year old Jim Gilroy and his friend Andy were exploring a World War II era bunker in Pohnpei and found the helmet underground. Little Jimmy excitedly brought the helmet home to his father, Earl James Gilmore, Sr. who was serving with the US

Department of the Interior at the radio station in Pohnpei during Trust Territory days.

Not long ago the elder Gilroy died. His son rediscovered the helmet in an old trunk that belonged to his father.

On October 28 of this year, the day before his father's birthday, the younger Gilroy who is now a Senior Auditor with the City of St. Petersburg, Florida noticed an advertisement placed by the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor on a website for auditors for the position of Audit Manager for the ONPA. He responded to the advertisement, not so that he could apply for the position, but so that he could make arrangements to return the helmet to Pohnpei where he had found it when he was six years old. He contacted Sophia Pretrick of the ONPA and the two made arrangements for the return of the artifact.

On Thursday, December 4, a small group of people gathered in the Governor's conference room for a very special occasion. Sophia Pretrick was one of them. On the table was an unopened box she had brought, delivered to her by Priority Mail. The return address, written in black magic marker said that the

package came from Jim Gilroy of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Kohler, Pohnpei's Acting Director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources beamed like a young school child on Christmas day waiting for the box to be opened.

Dr. Rufino Mauricio, the Director of National Archives and Historic Preservation talked about the experience that many children of his generation in Pohnpei had looking for World War II artifacts in the late 50's.

A hushed reverence came over the room as Governor Ehsa used scissors to open the box. He reached in and pulled out what looked like a very old upside down green pot. The helmet was in excellent condition for its years and travels.

The people in the room knew that a Japanese soldier had sat during World War II inside a fortified bunker in Pohnpei with this very helmet on his head. One could only imagine the brain cooking heat that the helmet would have generated despite the tiny holes drilled



for ventilation around the crown. The webbing inside that would have kept the steaming steel off of the soldier's head had probably rotted away by the time it was unearthed in 1959.

Kohler's department has been given charge of the preservation of the helmet and its future display in the museum. "I hope that others who have historical artifacts from Pohnpei might be motivated to do the same thing as Mr. Gilroy did," said Kohler, "return them to where they belong."

The museum will be re-developed after the new State Government complex at Peilapalap, donated and constructed by the People's Republic of China, is completed.

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Leadership introduces bill to designate seats for women in FSM Congress

By: Congress Public Information Office

PALIKIR, Pohnpei, November 27, 2008 – On Day Two of the Fifth Special Session, Speaker Isaac V. Figir and Vice Speaker Resio S. Moses co-sponsored a bill that if passed, may forever change the landscape of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Among the legislations introduced on Day Two is the Speaker and Vice Speaker co-sponsored Congressional Bill (CB) 15-169, which proposes four designated seats in the FSM Congress for women. The bill's stated purpose is for "increasing the representation of women in Congress by increasing the number of at-large seats in Congress, and reserving said seats for women, and for other purposes."

The bill inspired a healthy discussion of views among members and while they collectively applauded its introduction, they also noted that nothing but personal choice has hindered women's participation in Congress.

As an amendment to the Constitution of the FSM, should the bill be signed into law, it would be placed for referendum.

Other bills introduced on the Day-2 included:
CB 15-165, an appropriation of \$40,000 to fund the upcoming FSM Public Safety Academy;
CB 15-166 through 168, are bills to amend previous laws to change lapse

dates and use of certain funds previously appropriated;
CB 15-170, is to appropriate \$166,537 to provide funding for Caroline Islands Air (CIA); and
CB 15-171, to appropriate an additional \$435,999 towards the 2009 Budget.

Nominations were the contents of the Resolutions introduced on Day-2 and they included:
Congressional Resolution (CR) 15-168 – to confirm the nomination of Kapilly Capelle as the Pohnpei State representative on the MiCare Board of Directors, CR 15-169 – calls upon the President to request the United States for the establishment of a Office of Insular Affairs in the FSM;
CR 15-170 – to extend the FSM Congress congratulations to the newly elected leadership of Republic of Palau, leadership of both the Executive and Legislative Branches; and
CR 15-171 – to confirm the nomination Lorin S. Robert to the US-FSM Compact of Free Association Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO).

Following the introduction of bills and resolutions and the rest of the order of the day, Congress recessed and joined the afternoon's functions already underway to observe the first ever National Prayer Day.

The National Prayer Day was an executive branch initiative intended to allow the nations' leaders to have fellowship together in for overall improvement

relationships. The National Government Central Facilities in Palikir hosted the day's event which included statements by Father Francis X. Hezel and Bender Enicar along with remarks by the heads of the three branches of the national government - President Emanuel Mori, Speaker Isaac V. Figir and Chief Justice Andon L. Amaraich.

Speaker Figir's statement called on the government, the people and the nation to "rededicate ourselves to unity." He reminded those gathered that the nation was built on the premise of unity among many different people therefore as the many challenges of the modern world reach the shores of the FSM "let us pray to have the strength and the wisdom to face the challenges together in unity, as one people...let us realize that in the long run, our unity is our strength and our salvation."

In addition to the guest speakers and the national government workers, witnesses to the day's event included members of the FSM Congress, Pohnpei State Governor John Ehsa and officials from the State along with the heads of all the diplomatic missions in the FSM.

The National Prayer Day's short ceremony concluded with a luncheon hosted by the Office of the President.

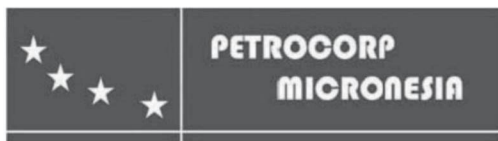
Yap seeks to host FSMPC Corporate Office

Department of Youth and Civic Affairs
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In a letter to the Chairman of the FSMPC Board of Directors, Yap State Representative on the board Mr. Faustino Yangmog, who is currently the Vice Chairman of the board, urged the FSM Petroleum Corporation to place its headquarters in Yap. Mr. Yangmog stated that it was the intention of the founding fathers of the FSM to allow each sister State a major role in the overall economic development of the nation.

He further argued that Yap would make an excellent location for the FSMPC Headquarters because "Yap is financially stable, economically suitable and politically united." Furthermore, Mr. Yangmog said Yap is geographically located within shipping sea-lanes with closer proximity to major seaports such as Guam. "The State of Yap has the land in Yap proper and in the Neighboring Islands for possible future expansions". Other justifications are in line with Yap State Leadership request and desire to have the corporate headquarters in Yaphe said. Establishing its FSM Corporate Office in Yap would serve to be an eminent part of the overall nation-building effort and sharing of the potential economic gains in the nation thus, leading to a stronger unity.

Vice Chairman Yangmog, in his communication, is officially requesting through the Chairman to have this issue placed on their next Board meeting's agenda. The FSMPC is currently operating out of Pohnpei. Since inception of the Corporation, Yap has been consistent in expressing its interest to be the home of the Corporate Office. No other States has expressed interest in hosting.



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Christmas Message

by
Isaac V. Figir
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Vice Speaker Resio S. Moses, Floor Leader Joe N. Suka and members of the 15th Congress join me in extending wishes for a very Merry Christmas to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Christmas is for most of us a time for a break from work, for merriment, feasting, presents and most especially a special time for family and friends. While these traditions are varied in celebration, they are however, all premised on one common factor - a birth in Bethlehem long ago.

An event that today remains a powerful symbol of hope for a better future. An event that today remains the greatest leveler in our society of varying cultures, languages and beliefs. It is one of the underlying keystones of our nations' unity.

Therefore as we come together amongst family and friends and look forward to the coming year, let us take time to also reflect upon the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us as individuals and as a nation.

My fellow Senators join me, therefore, to wish each and every one of you, a Christmas abundant with blessings of health, peace and happiness. And may the blessing of Christmas also enrich your lives and your loved ones' the New Year through.

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Opinion - Editorial

Junkscience Journalism: Sea Level Trends in South Pacific

By Michael R. Fox Ph.D.

The Earth's climate is very complex and well beyond the understanding of even the best scientists. The forces "creating" the climate can be powerful, natural, unknown, and interacting in both complex and unknown ways.

These forces involve the sun and the many variations of the solar production of radiant heat and light, the variations in solar magnetic fields, variations in sunspots production rates, the solar wind and its interaction between cosmic radiation and interactions with the Earth's magnetic field.

Furthermore there are strong and mostly unexplainable variations in movements of oceanic tides and current variations, about which we also know little.

With so much that is unknown and with so much uncertainty about the climate, one would expect that global warming scientists and their swarms supporters in the media, academia, and the political leadership, would be a little cautious, even humble at making sweeping and profound statements of their rigid certitudes.

Their statements are invariably warning of imminent doom if we don't change our behavior to their liking. Let us examine briefly one of the complexities, sea level changes.

We all recall that in Al Gore's documentary "An Inconvenient Truth", mention is made of sea levels rising by 20 feet as a result of global warming. Such loose talk has now become an everyday conversation among the media, even though the statement has been discredited (<http://scienceandpublicpolicy.org/monckton/goreerrors.html>) in numerous analyses.

Then we recently heard Meredith Viera of NBC up the sea level ante by tenfold when she told the world that sea levels would rise 200 feet if the ice melted, ten times greater than Gore's exaggerated prediction (<http://tinyurl.com/6rvoc7>).

The word "if" as used here by Viera is known as a "weasel" word. It sets up a dramatic "then" statement of doom designed to scare her audiences. There are a number of such weasel words used in journalism such as could, should, may, might, maybe, perhaps, likely, probably, expected, and my favorite, "link".

Their copious use by journalists (or ex-vice-presidents) makes it easy to generate scare stories on the spot, while lazily avoiding the hours of requisite homework in producing hard-nosed evidence.

Recently Dr. James Hansen, climate alarmist and advisor to Vice president Gore (as reported by Craig Idso at CO2science.com) issued another warning about rising sea levels. Hansen warned that by the end of this century sea level rise will be measured in meters, unless we

do what he tells us to do (<http://tinyurl.com/6oehvb>).

A close observation will disclose that neither Gore, Viera, nor Hansen provided any supportive evidence, such as actual sea level data, or trends in sea level data, to support their scary assertions.

One suspects these people don't appreciate that thousands of scientists from around the world appreciate the importance of such data, that there are thousands of scientists who are quite capable in knowing cause and effect, how to treat data, handle data, analyze data, and would appreciate being able to check them, to verify them, corroborate and replicate them.

Many, such as Ross McKittrick (<http://tinyurl.com/6s2h2g>) and Steve McIntyre (<http://www.climateaudit.org/>) even know the fine points of computer modeling, writing the codes, and how others have generated scare stories by manipulating computer climate data and codes.

The nation really doesn't need patronizing lectures, let alone flawed assertions from failed lawyers, lightweight journalists, nor heavily-funded, kept scientists with political support and destructive agendas.

It gets worse. Picking up on the sea level rise scares, the leaders of many nations such as those from the South Pacific, are telling there scare stories of being flooded out by rising seas.

Furthermore, they "know the cause" of the sea level rise, because of the sweeping assertions by people like Gore, Viera, and Hansen. Their blame for losses of their island homes on Tuvalu (<http://www.tuvaluislands.com/warming.htm>), Vanuatu (<http://tinyurl.com/5d2jxx>), Kiribati (<http://tinyurl.com/6ncdxh>), and others, is directed at the CO2 emissions from the capitalistic United States. To reach these conclusions requires ignoring a great deal of contrary hard-nosed science.

As we have come to learn from UN activities, there is a considerable anti-American sentiment among UN members, who not only wag fingers at the US, but also call for the US to pay for damages to their home islands.

It is an elaborate scheme at the international level which would be called "the rackets" on the streets of New York. It is legitimized and orchestrated by many powerful people on an international scale and national levels. Almost no one is calling for hard scientific evidence to support such claims.

Such evidence does in fact exist, but it shows quite conclusively that the contrary conclusions prevail, that the measured sea level rises are very small, consistent with known sea level rises measured since the end of the Little Ice Age in the 1700s.

Dr. Vincent Gray is a climate expert living in New Zealand and one of

the most prolific reviewers of all of the significant documents produced by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). From his intimate knowledge he has found that both the IPCC and its documents are hopelessly flawed scientifically, including the chapters devoted to sea level rises. He recently reported this about the sea level situation in the South Pacific:

"As I keep pointing out Flinders University in Adelaide had the task in 1991 of settling it once and for all by installing state-of-the-art tide-gauge equipment on 12 Pacific islands. The results have been a disaster for the global warmers (shown in table below)... There was no overall change in any of the islands after the sixteen years. The reaction was what might be expected. The results have never been published in a "peer reviewed" journal. They are only

available on the Australian Bureau of Meteorology website in a series of Monthly Reports that are "Untitled". See the latest report at <http://www.bom.gov.au/ntc/IDO60101/IDO60101.200809.pdf>

If you ask "Google" for information on sea level you get pages of claims that the Pacific islands are sinking in the sea, and it is difficult to find the actual facts, that the islands, including Tuvalu, are not sinking. They will likely keep the true information out of the official literature as long as they can."

Climate data are available, but it has to be forced into public view for assessment. We clearly cannot depend upon those flawed vice-presidents, television hosts and hostesses, nor those kept scientists who heap scorn on those who would challenge their flimsy climate orthodoxies

Government Leaders Sign Agreement Establishing Micronesia Challenge Regional Office

Momentum gaining as environmental program continues to roll forward

By Micronesia Challenge

Nett, Pohnpei – The chief executives of Micronesia recently signed an agreement formally establishing a Micronesia Challenge (MC) regional office and awarding it the full legal status necessary to operate as an official intergovernmental agency. The signing, which took place November 20th during the 10th Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit in Pohnpei, also gives the office the capacity to function as a semi-autonomous body under the auspices and direction of the Micronesia Challenge Steering Committee composed of national focal points from throughout the region.

"This agreement demonstrates the serious commitment the leaders of Micronesia have made to the Challenge and our overall dedication to effectively preserve our important natural habitats," said Marion Henry, chair of the Steering Committee which serves the role of the Board for the Micronesia Challenge. "The new office will serve as a command center and allow us to coordinate our efforts in addressing the environmental and sustainable development issues confronting communities throughout Micronesia."

As an intergovernmental agency, the MC office will have the ability to raise public and private funds, govern the disbursement of funds within each of the jurisdictions, enter into contracts, and acquire and dispose of its assets and properties.

Signers of the agreement included H.E. Emanuel Mori, president of the Federated States of Micronesia; H.E. Tommy E. Remengesau, president of the Republic of Palau; Hon. Tony deBrum, minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of the Marshall Islands; Hon. Felix P. Camacho, governor of Guam; Hon. Benigno R. Fitial, governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands; Hon. John Ehsa, governor of the State of Pohnpei; Hon. Robert Weilbacher, governor of the State of Kosrae; Hon. Wesley Simina, governor of the State of Chuuk; and Hon. Sebastian Anefal, governor of the State of Yap.

The agreement continues the collective momentum the Challenge has gained during the past year including the selection of Charlene Mersai as the first Micronesia Challenge Regional Coordinator. Mersai has ten years of conservation work experience and was most recently a researcher at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). In September, the Republic of Palau received \$1 million as the first payment from The Nature Conservancy's \$3 million pledge to sustainable funding for the Micronesia Challenge. Similar funds have also been pledged by Conservation International.

Already, the Micronesia Challenge, along with the Global Island Partnership – an international joint venture that assists islands in protecting their natural resources – has spurred more than 20 island countries throughout the Pacific, the Coral Triangle and the Caribbean to take more ambitious steps toward sustainable environmental conservation.

The Micronesia Challenge is a commitment by the Chief Executives of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to effectively conserve at least 30% of the near-shore marine resources and 20% of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia by 2020. Covering 6.7 million square kilometers of ocean, the Micronesia Challenge represents more than 20% of the Pacific island region and 5% of the largest ocean in the world.

UN Agencies Open Joint Office In FSM

By: United Nations

The 5th Joint Presence of three United Nations agencies (UNFPA, UNDP and UNICEF) was launched yesterday in the Federated States of Micronesia, as part of a long term strategy by the UN to strengthen aid coordination, joint programming; and to bring a stronger focus to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Pacific.

"Today another chapter is written in the political history of our nation, another achievement in nation-building that we can all celebrate. Our efforts to make good on our international commitments can only be enhanced by the Joint Presence. It is our hope that we can assume greater ownership of the many UN programmes and activities, and better facilitate and improve service delivery throughout the Federation. This is indeed a formidable challenge given our geographical configuration-remoteness, the sizes, and great distances of our islands – and the dynamics and sensitivities of the political structure of our Federation," said Hon. Lorin Robert, secretary of the FSM Dept. of Foreign Affairs.

The Joint Presence was launched at a gathering attended by high-level government officials, diplomats, civil society members, UN officials and other invited guests.

The JP is a unique partnership of three UN agencies that have come together in agreement to represent each other in seven Pacific Islands countries by establishing offices. This move comes after Pacific Island Countries made direct appeals to the

UN Secretary General for a greater operational presence in their countries.

"UNFPA is honored in taking a leading role on behalf of UNDP and UNICEF in setting up and operationalizing this Joint Presence in the Federated States of Micronesia. I wish to express our sincere thanks to the Government of FSM for providing the office space free of cost to the UN. It is also a pleasure for us to join hands with WHO, which who already have a presence in FSM, and acknowledge the presence of UNIFEM who have accompanied us on this journey," said Najib Assifi, Director Pacific Sub-Regional Office, UNFPA Representative.

The launch follows a period of consultations between the government of FSM and the United Nations on the new UN programming cycle for 2008 to 2012 – the United Nations Development Assistance Framework which offers a broad strategic framework agreed by 14 countries in the Pacific, including FSM.

The new office in FSM will be headed by the Country Development Manger, Okean Ehmes, who will be based in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

"The launch of the Joint Presence here today is a milestone in UN reform in the Pacific. It is a practical approach to accomplishing better things, born out of the idealism of what the United Nations represents in the world. We are very excited about this event because of the promise it holds and is now being realized – the promise to be able to increase, leverage resources and support for the achievement of results for and with children, young people and women, those most vulnerable, most in need of support," said Dr Isiye Ndombi, UNICEF Pacific Representative.

Japan Provides Grant Assistance to 3 Pohnpei Schools for Sanitation

attendance rates will go up.

The Government of Japan provided \$88,394 to the Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Project for "The Improvement and Enhancement of Sanitation at 3 schools in Pohnpei" under the Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security.

The Project was first suggested by a Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) who works at EPA, when the Embassy had an opportunity to exchange views on environmental issues in the FSM with JOCV environmental education volunteers. Since then, the rounds of consultations and steady efforts were made by EPA including the JOCV, and they led to the success of this project formation. This shows a successful partnership and strategic economic cooperation of Japan involving JOCV, which makes synergy effect. The needs from grassroots were bridged to the Japan's financial source, and realized as a project.

The project aims to improve and enhance the sanitary facilities at 3 public schools in Pohnpei which have been under severe deteriorated conditions and identified as urgent cases among 27 schools which were inspected in Pohnpei. They are Seinwar Elementary School, Mand Elementary School, and Pohnpei Island Central High School.

It is expected at the end of the project that the number of diarrheal germ carriers will decrease; the outbreak of infectious diseases such as cholera could be prevented; and the percentage of school

A Grant Contract signing ceremony was taken place on December 04, 2008 at the State Governor's Office in Kolonia. Mr. Shoji Sato, Ambassador of Japan to the F.S.M. signed on behalf of the Government of Japan, and Mr. Albert Roby, Executive Officer of EPA also signed the Contract, witnessed by Governor Ehsa and Senator Primo.

This is the second project under the Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security in Pohnpei this year. Ambassador Sato advocated that Japan's economic cooperation is not only the big infrastructure-related projects at the national level but also the grass-roots which respond quickly to the local needs. It could be compared grassroots projects with Sabiki (Kekihir), a fishing method which is to catch small fish. Ambassador said "Grass-roots projects are like Sabiki which is small but sure and quick". The Japan's responsive economic cooperation like a grass-roots project is highly expected for the further contribution to the people of FSM.



Japan Grants Pohnpei Fishery Development

Embassy of Japan in the Federated States of Micronesia

Embassy of Japan granted \$43,378 to the Marine Development, Office of Economic Affairs of Pohnpei State Government for the Project for Integrated Fishery Development Program under the Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects.

The Aim of the project is to install 3 sub-surface Payaos (Fish Aggregation Device =FADs) which are anchored at 300 meters below the sea level at 3 different points off the reef around Kitti Municipality. This will lessen the amount of fuel to consume by the boat for running around the sea to look for the fish.

A Grant Contract signing ceremony was taken place on December 01, 2008 in the Governor's office in Kolonia. Mr. Shoji Sato, Ambassador of Japan to the F.S.M. signed on behalf of Government of Japan, and the actual recipient of the project, Mr. Donald David, Chief of Marine Development, Office of Economic Affairs of Pohnpei State Government exchanged the paper, witnessed by

Governor Ehsa. Mr. Keropin David, Mayor of Kitti Municipality and Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation's (OFCF) resident representative, Mr. Koichi Sakonju also attended the ceremony as they took a great role in consultation and coordination for the project formation.

In the ceremony, Ambassador Sato made a short remark and said "In the rise of fuel price in the global economy, I am aware of the hardship that people are facing in this country. I believe the project will encourage the fishermen to lessen the burden and generate the income, and expected to make further integrated development in the municipal level as a whole."

Governor Ehsa, on behalf of the

Pohnpei State Government conveyed appreciation to the Japan's grant aid and mentioned how great impact that the grass-roots projects can produce to the local community, and he raised the awareness that the importance of such responsive grant aid matched with local needs. The ceremony concluded with photo session and the announcement of the next upcoming grassroots project which already has approved by the government of Japan.



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Governor John Ehsa poses with the two winners of the Pohnpei 2008 World Food Day Essay Competition. Samantha Walter (right) wrote the winning Pohnpeian essay, and Vanessa Hadley (left) wrote the winning English essay. The students were both from Nett Elementary School. They read their winning essays during the World Food Day ceremonies held at the Botanical Garden on November 14, 2008, attended by a large group of dignitaries, farmers, homemakers and other participants.

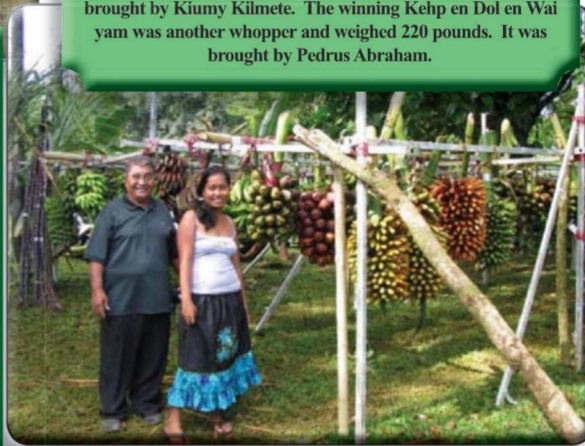


World Food Day Yam Winner: Gene Eham poses here in front of the Khep en Peniou yam, weighing 240 pounds, which was one of the two yams tying for first place in that category. Pardolome Eham brought the yam shown in this photo and the other yam tying for first place was brought by Kiumy Kilmete. The winning Khep en Dol en Wai yam was another whopper and weighed 220 pounds. It was brought by Pedrus Abraham.



LEFT
Various fruits, vegetables and root crops were among the many categories of the 2008 World Food Day crop competition, and there was interest shown by all.

RIGHT
2008 World Food Day Crop Competition of Banana Varieties Reverend Godaro Lorrin and Jacelynn Peniknos pose in front of the banana display at the 2008 WFD crop competition.



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What's in the proposed Social Security Regulations?

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that in spite of the many meetings about the bill there may still be room for improvement and possible changes before the second reading.

The HESA Standing Committee Report says: "The overall intent of these proposed amendments to Title 53 of the FSM Code is to increase the level of the FSMSSA's collections and decrease the program's unfunded liabilities. Based on communications from the Administrator of the FSMSSA to the Chairman of the Committee on HESA and the Speaker, there has been an increase in benefit payments and a decrease in collections. Some contributing factors are: (1) recent governmental reforms in the States of Chuuk and Kosrae, (2) the closure of some major businesses in the FSM; for instance, the Garment Factory in the State of Yap, and (3) some beneficiaries have exceeded their contributions yet continue to receive benefit payments. And to fulfill its mandated responsibility, the FSMSSA is currently subsidizing the monthly benefits it pays out with revenue from its Trust Fund, a practice that would, in the long run, incapacitate the viability of the program.

Senators, during off journal discussion said that the move of Congress to reduce the mandatory retirement age from 65 to 60 may have been a mistake and probably contributed to the problem.

In addition to significant changes in regulations as to who is eligible for Social Security the new bill would increase penalties on employers who intentionally fail to pay the tax. An employer who fails to pay the tax would be subject to misdemeanor criminal charges and could be jailed for not more than one year, fined not more than \$2000 or both. Further, if the result of the employer's failure to pay the tax they have withheld from an employee's paycheck results in the employee being ineligible for Social Security benefits the employee would otherwise have been entitled to from the Social Security Administration, the employer will be directly responsible for all of the benefits that the employee would have received. The FSMSSA can seek repayment from the employer of all benefits paid to the employee as a result of failure to pay.

The bill also identifies the Chief Financial Officer of municipal organizations, states of the FSM or any agencies of any those as the individual within the organization who would be liable for any FSMSSA tax payment enforcement including any possible criminal proceedings.

Maybe we should take off the earnings cap and just tax anything and everything that is wages, said Chairman Urusemal during an off-journal brainstorming session on the plight of Social Security.

A summary of proposed changes to Title 53 of the FSM Code (the Social Security law) follows. It is not an exhaustive list and is a layman's interpretation of the proposed amendments.

For a complete and authoritative listing of what the bill contains see www.fsmcongress.fm on the Internet. There you can find the entire HESA Standing Committee Report (15-166) on the Social Security bill along with a copy of the bill (15-52) Dates that have already passed where applicable will likely change by the time of the second reading:

- Certain people between the ages of 60 and 64 who qualify would be allowed to receive 50% of their benefits even if they are still employed;
- Several amendments serve to clarify the definition of employer and to establish a documentary process in determining who an employer is. It would also establish liability under the various types of legal structures a business can operate under;
- There is a clarification of the characteristic of an insured status to mean an individual who qualified as a currently insured person prior to the date that the bill becomes law if the individual has not less than eight quarters of coverage during the thirteen quarter period ending with the quarter in which he or she died; or the quarter in which he or she became entitled to old age insurance benefits at age 60; or the quarter in which he or she became disabled, whichever occurs first; after that date the insured must have attained 20 quarters within the last 25 quarter period;
- Fully insured individuals are those who attain age 60 or die after December 31, 2008 must earn at least 50 quarters and have contributed at least \$2500 to the Social Security System to be fully insured for death or old age benefits. Contributions short of the \$2500 requirement can be paid as a lump sum to the FSMSSA in order for an individual to become fully insured. (FSMSSA estimates a decrease in unfunded accrued liability of \$6.2 million as a result of this amendment);
- For purposes of disability insurance under the proposal a person is fully insured when they earned at least 45 quarters and contributed at least \$1500 to the FSMSSA (FSMSSA estimates a decrease in unfunded accrued liability of \$1 million as a result of this amendment)
- Additional criminal penalties would be imposed on employers who fail to pay the tax (see article on page 1 for details);
- If a State or municipal government falls behind in its Social Security tax payments any money owed to them by the FSM National Government is subject to a writ of garnishment that would have priority over any money owed them by the National Government;
- The age limit for surviving child benefits would be decreased from 22 to 20 years of age;
- For a person disabled on or before the date that the bill becomes law, that person to qualify for a disability claim must be fully and currently insured;
- Retirement benefits that begin on or after January 1, 2008 are proposed to be reduced by 50% until the retiree reaches the age of 65 at which time the benefit will automatically be adjusted to what it would have been prior to the 50% reduction. Reduced payments would not be subject to the earnings test. In other words, people between the age of 60 and 64 could continue to work and still receive a 50% retirement benefit from the FSMSSA; (FSMSSA estimates a decrease in unfunded accrued liability of \$28.5 million as a result of this amendment);
- After January 1, 2010 survivor benefits would be calculated for a fully insured worker who is eligible under the new requirements as if the fully insured worker had retired at the age of 65;
- Foreign citizens working in the FSM must meet three conditions before the individual can receive social security benefits. They must be fully insured. They must turn 60. They may receive social security benefits over a six month period. This six months duration is a timeframe which would enable the FSMSSA to evaluate the foreign citizen's application;
- After October 1, 2009 the social security tax would be increased to a 7% of wage contribution to be matched by the employer. Five years later the tax would be increased to 7.5% by both (with a wage base of \$6000 FSMSSA estimates annual collections would increase by over \$1.7 million annually after the first increase, with a wage base of \$7000 the second increase would increase annual collections by over \$2.7 million);
- Certain technical provisions that would update investment rules for FSMSSA;

The Committee on HESA rejected an FSMSSA proposal to reduce retirement benefits by 30% after the beneficiary's contributions have been exhausted. The Committee also rejected a proposed FSMSSA credit union proposal.

EU OFFICIAL SAYS FUNDS TO PACIFIC WILL DOUBLE

Aid to climb from \$51 million to \$123 million by 2013

By: Pacific Islands Development Program/East-West Center

SUVA, Fiji (Fijilive, Nov. 28, 2008) – The European Union's Ambassador to the region says EU funding for the Pacific will more than double for the next five years.

Fiji-based EU Ambassador, Wiepke van

der Goot, made his first visit to the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Palau earlier this week to present his diplomatic credentials.

During his visit he reviewed aid projects, discussed climate change and also free trade negotiation progress.

Mr van der Goot says funding for the Pacific will increase by about 140 percent in the new five-year EU funding cycle, 2009-2013, going from 50.7 million US dollars during the last five-year period to 123.5 million.

An EU official says its increasing funding because of the good performance of Pacific countries compared to other regions, the EU also provides five-year funding packages to African and Caribbean nations

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Funding to the Marshall Islands is also increasing from, 5.8 million US dollars to 7.3 million over the next five years.

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Petroleum Corporation Announces Further Price Reductions

The Federated States of Micronesia Petroleum Corporation (FSMPC) has reduced the wholesale prices for kerosene, diesel and gasoline products across the three States effective today.

“This is our fourth price reduction in as many months and applies to commercial, retail and aviation customers. The reductions vary in each State but range between seventy and ninety cents a gallon. We have reduced prices significantly since July” says the Corporations Chairman Mr. William Hawley.

The price of oil products in the international market remained stable in November. At the November meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Cairo, its most powerful member, Saudi Arabia, announced what it believed to be a “fair” price for oil. OPEC did not cut crude output levels, but Riyadh’s public comments about a specific oil price level were the first of their kind from the world’s oil superpower for some time. Saudi Arabia’s King Abdullah and oil minister Ali Naimi both said they thought a price of US\$75/barrel - more than US\$20/bbl higher than current levels – was a “fair” price, Naimi saying it was the kind of level which could guarantee continued investment in new capacity and therefore safeguard future supply. “It is too early to say where international oil prices will stabilize.

OPEC believes that a fair price for oil is US\$75/bbl which is higher than what the world market is currently trading at. The thing we are certain of is that oil prices have the capacity to rise as fast as they fall. We are taking a cautious approach to our pricing policy because this Corporation is just five months old. If international prices

stay this low we hope to pass on further savings in coming months” says Chairman Hawley.

International crude oil prices have stabilized between US\$55 and US\$60/bbl. The reference international trading market for refined oil products in the Asia Pacific region is Singapore and an independent data service - Platts Oilgram (platts.com) - collects and publishes the daily prices for oil product trades in the market. The Platts monthly average has reduced to around US\$70/bbl from a July high of US\$170/bbl.

Fuel is purchased by the Corporation under a Fuel Supply Agreement with Mobil Oil. Products are purchased from Singapore refineries, shipped to Guam and then transhipped to the FSM by the MV Golden Micronesia, a local coastal tanker purpose built for fuel delivers in the northern Pacific. “Our Supply Contract with Mobil uses an average of independently published Singapore prices. It is a transparent formula that is common in the Pacific and it ensures that our buy price is linked to an independent market reference. Because of distribution logistics, it takes time for it to translate into domestic prices. For example international prices through last month recorded the lowest international price in twelve months, but the Corporation did not buy any fuel until 31 November.

Depending on shipping logistics, this delay can be as much as two months” says Chairman Hawley. The new prices will be effective 05th December 2008 and is expected to have a positive effect on all aspects of the FSM economy. The general public can therefore expect these savings to be passed through to various local goods and services over coming months.





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Wishim Fermin	General Delivery	Chuuk
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Chuuk state Supreme Court	P.O. Box 112	Weno, Chuuk
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Kosraean:

In fwal nuke pusren Masap lun FSM, Bank FSM inge akkalemye nusin Customers nukewa ,ma e akkalemyeyuk lung inge la account lowos ma akkalemyeyuk inge e tufwa kauli a money ka an ac tuhfeh itukyan nusin Secretary lun Finance ke FSM National Government ke January 2009. In oralla account se lom an tia putatyan nuke oakwuk ku oiya se inge, kom enenu in tuku nu Bank FSM oralla sie deposit ku withdrawal nuke account san meet liki December 31, 2008.

Chuukese:

Sia awora ei esinesin ngeni ami kei aramas, mwicheichen aramas, ika sopai mi affat itemi assan pun faan pungun annukun FSM, masowan ami kei accounts epuene lo ngeni ach ewe FSM Finance lon January 2009, ika pwe ese wor mwokutukutun tutut (withdrawal) ika isonanong (deposit) lon me mwen December 31, 2008. Ach anean pwe kopwe chuuto rech ach sipue annisfengen won om kei account.

Yapese:

Tan e Motochiyal nu FSM, Bank e badag ni nge yog ko pi customer rok ney ni rayan I January 2009, maran close nag e pi account ney, man pii e salpiy riy ko FSM Secretary ko Finance. Fa'an ra be mug e account rom ko re list ney, ma rayog ni dabni pii e salpiy rom ko Secretary ko Finance faanra ngamub mu deposit fa mub mu withdraw nag e salpiy ko account rom u m'on ko December 31, 2008.

Pohnpeian:

E kosonndier sang ni ruwes en kosonned en FSM me FSM Bank udahn pahn pakairkiheng aramas oh pwihn en aramas me sansalehr powe, me epwelpen amwail tungol de sapwellimomwail nekinek nan Bank en FSM pahn katoktokidi nan sounpwong en January pahr 2009. Mwoni koaros me patpato nan nekinek pwukat pahn kesepwillang FSM Secretary en Finance. Ma mwaromwi iang sansal powe ah komwi kak pwaredo de ketido oh kapidohi de kasauwada omwi tungol de sapwellimomwi nekinek sang nan FSM Bank mwohn December 31, 2008 ma komw sohte kupwuriki omwi tungol de sapwellimomwi nekinek en kepideklang FSM Secretary en Finance.

Rotary Club Of Truk Lagoon 2008 3rd Annual Blue Ocean Fishing Derby

On November 08, 2008 at the Blue Lagoon Resort on the island of Weno, fishing boats raced from all directions of the lagoon to make the 5:00 am kick-off to the 3rd Annual Blue Ocean Fishing Derby.

The weather was slightly stormy, but this did not deter the registered boats, all out to catch the "big one".

The send-off was hosted by Mr. Nobuyuki Shindo, Rotary Club District Governor who traveled to Chuuk along with Mr. Hisamatsu, Ms. Mitarai, and Mr. Hagen to visit Chuuk State and the local Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon would like to express our gratitude and deepest "kinisou chapur" to this year's sponsors: California Pacific International (Kent Pearse), Continental Micronesia, Bank of the FSM, Blue Lagoon Resort and Dive Shop, Truk Transportation Co., Matson Navigation Co., Bruton Enterprises, CTSI, Robin's Store, Shigeto's Store, Ace Hardware Stores, AWM Enterprises, Lei Side Store, Western Sales Co., High Tide Restaurant, Family Clinic & Pharmacy, Susumu's Enterprises, Sea Venture Co., Chuuk Visitors Bureau



Right to left: Myron Hashiguchi, Erickson Richard, Charles Serious, Front Ms. Zaji

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- 3rd Place Winner**
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The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon is happy to announce the date of the 4th Annual Blue Ocean Fishing Derby which is scheduled for July 04, 2009.

The RCTL would also like to thank and commend the following participants for their outstanding sportsmanship: Thomas Narruhn, Yranifot Narruhn, Charles Serious, Gideon Bisalen, Myron Hashiguchi, Andy Musrasrik, Nickolas Namelo, Kaz Ezra, Erickson Richard, Danny Lizama., Walden Moses, Enebo Mokut, Eddie Serious, Enslly Kando, Haster Aritos



Myron Hashiguchi 1st Place Winner '08 Fishing Derby

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CHESS CLUB STANDINGS
as of October

MADOLENIHMW High School (5ormoregames)

Rank	Name of Player	GP	W	L	D	PCT
1	Leo Henry	19	17	2	0	0.895
2	Sylvia Elias	5	4	1	0	0.800
3	Joemar Wasan	28	15	13	0	0.536
4	R J Robert	18	9	9	0	0.500
5	Selestine Ada Jr.	23	11	12	0	0.478
6	Haimin Hinga	10	3	7	0	0.300
7T	Amson Iriarte	5	1	4	0	0.200
7T	Amelia Sane	5	1	4	0	0.200
9	Santrickson Lutrick	11	2	9	0	0.182

GP=Games Played W=#Won L=#Lost
D=Draws PCT=Winning Percentage
(W divided by GP)

SCRABBLE CLUB STANDINGS
as of October 2, 2008

SDA TOP 10 (5 or more games)			MADOLENIHMW High School				
Rank	Name	GP	AFP	Rank	Name	GP	AFP
1	Markson Samo	3	1.67	1	Anorleen Helgenberger	4	1.50
2	Brenden Yamase	7	1.86	2	Celestine Ada	1	2.00
3	Mrs. Villegas	24	1.96	3	Nancy Bardolome	4	2.25
4T	Neika Liwy	8	2.00	4	Yolanda Silbanuz	2	2.50
4T	Lia Panuelo	5	2.00	5	Connie Elias	3	2.67
4T	Trisha Tiongo	1	2.00	6	Joemar Wasan	1	3.00
4T	Nicole Solomon	1	2.00				
4T	Ryan Pangelinan	1	2.00				
9	Richelle Hanna Alfonso	7	2.43				
10T	Norton Romolow	2	2.50				
10T	Turilian Joseph	2	2.50				

GP=Games Played AFP=Average
Finish Position

BASKETBALL CLUB STANDINGS
as of October 2008

MADOLENIHMW HS - WOMEN

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1	Section 6	3	3	0	1.000
2	Section 4	2	1	1	0.500
3T	Section 3	2	0	2	0.000
3T	Section 5	1	0	1	0.000

COM-FSM PNI CAMPUS

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1T	Kolonia	2	2	0	1.000
1T	East	1	1	0	1.000
3	Sokehs	7	6	1	0.857
4	Nett	6	5	1	0.833
5	Kolonia	3	2	1	0.667
6	PingMwok	5	2	3	0.400
7	Mo Junk JEQ	6	1	5	0.167
8T	Uh	6	0	6	0.000
8T	West	1	0	1	0.000

MADOLENIHMW HS - MEN

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1T	Section 4	2	2	0	1.000
1T	Section 2	1	1	0	1.000
3	Section 3	2	1	1	0.500
4	Section 6	3	1	2	0.333
5T	Section 7	1	0	1	0.000
5T	Section 5	1	0	1	0.000

GP=Games Played W=#Won L=#Lost
PCT=Winning % (W/GP)

SOFTBALL CLUB STANDINGS

as of October 2008

MADOLENIHMW High School - MEN

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1	Section 4	2	2	0	1.000
2	Section 7	3	2	1	0.667
3T	Section 2	2	1	1	0.500
3T	Section 3	2	1	1	0.500
5T	Section 5	2	0	2	0.000
5T	Section 6	1	0	1	0.000

MADOLENIHMW High School - WOMEN

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1T	Section 7	3	3	0	1.000
1T	Section 2	2	2	0	1.000
1T	Section 6	1	1	0	1.000
4	Section 3	2	1	1	0.500
5T	Section 4	2	0	2	0.000
5T	Section 5	2	0	2	0.000

GP=Games Played W=#Won L=#Lost
PCT=Winning Percentage (W/GP)

Astronomical Tide Prediction
December 10 - 23, 2008

	Pohnpei		Chuuk	
Wednesday	12/10 Wed 01:07 AM 2.7 06:41 AM 1.1 01:34 PM 4.3 08:29 PM 0.9	12/17 Wed 12:46 AM 0.7 06:36 AM 2.5 11:32 AM 1.4 06:18 PM 4.0	12/10 Wed 01:46 AM 0.2 04:20 AM 0.1 01:00 PM 2.0 09:27 PM -0.4	12/17 Wed 01:55 AM -0.3 04:22PM LST 1.9
Thursday	12/11 Thu 02:01 AM 2.6 07:23 AM 1.0 02:14 PM 4.6 09:13 PM 0.6	12/18 Thu 01:29 AM 1.0 07:33 AM 2.5 12:25 PM 1.7 07:01 PM 3.6	12/11 Thu 01:28 PM 2.3 10:05 PM -0.6	12/18 Thu 02:26 AM 0.0 04:22 PM 1.6
Friday	12/12 Fri 02:49 AM 2.6 08:04 AM 0.9 02:54 PM 4.8 09:56 PM 0.4	12/19 Fri 02:15 AM 1.2 08:45 AM 2.6 01:40 PM 2.0 07:50 PM 3.1	12/12 Fri 02:00 PM 2.5 10:47 PM -0.7	12/19 Fri 02:24 AM 0.2 03:56 PM 1.3
Saturday	12/13 Sat 03:34 AM 2.6 08:44 AM 0.9 03:35 PM 4.9 10:39 PM 0.3	12/20 Sat 03:04 AM 1.3 10:13 AM 2.8 03:50 PM 2.2 08:56 PM 2.6	12/13 Sat 02:34 PM 2.5 11:33 PM -0.7	12/20 Sat 01:32 AM 0.3 02:52 PM 1.2
Sunday	12/14 Sun 04:17 AM 2.5 09:25 AM 0.9 04:16 PM 4.9 11:21 PM 0.4	12/21 Sun 03:59 AM 1.4 11:32 AM 3.1 06:25 PM 2.0 10:43 PM 2.3	12/14 Sun 03:08 PM 2.5	12/21 Sun 12:01 AM 0.2 01:23 PM 1.3 11:11 PM 0.1
Monday	12/15 Mon 05:01 AM 2.5 10:05 AM 1.0 04:56 PM 4.7	12/22 Mon 04:56 AM 1.5 12:29 PM 3.4 07:45 PM 1.7	12/15 Mon 12:20 AM -0.6 03:39 PM 2.4	12/22 Mon 12:43 PM 1.5 10:54 PM -0.1
Tuesday	12/16 Tue 12:03 AM 0.5 05:46 AM 2.5 10:47 AM 1.2 05:37 PM 4.4	12/23 Tue 12:25 AM 2.1 05:47 AM 1.4 01:11 PM 3.6 08:30 PM 1.4	12/16 Tue 01:09 AM -0.5 04:06 PM 2.2	12/23 Tue 12:42 PM 1.7 10:48 PM -0.2

VOLLEYBALL CLUB STANDINGS

as of October 2008

COM POHNPEI CAMPUS - MEN

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1	Nett	5	5	0	1.000
2	Kitti	3	1	2	0.333
3T	Madolenihmw	3	0	3	0.000
3T	U	1	0	1	0.000

MADOLENIHMW HS - WOMEN

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1T	Section 3	2	2	0	1.000
1T	Section 1	1	1	0	1.000
3T	Section 4	2	1	1	0.500
3T	Section 2	2	1	1	0.500
3T	Section 6	2	1	1	0.500
6T	Section 5	2	0	2	0.000
6T	Section 7	1	0	1	0.000

MADOLENIHMW HS - MEN

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1T	Section 3	2	2	0	1.000
1T	Section 4	2	2	0	1.000
1T	Section 1	2	2	0	1.000
4	Section 6	2	1	1	0.500
5T	Section 5	3	0	3	0.000
5T	Section 2	2	0	2	0.000
5T	Section 7	1	0	1	0.000

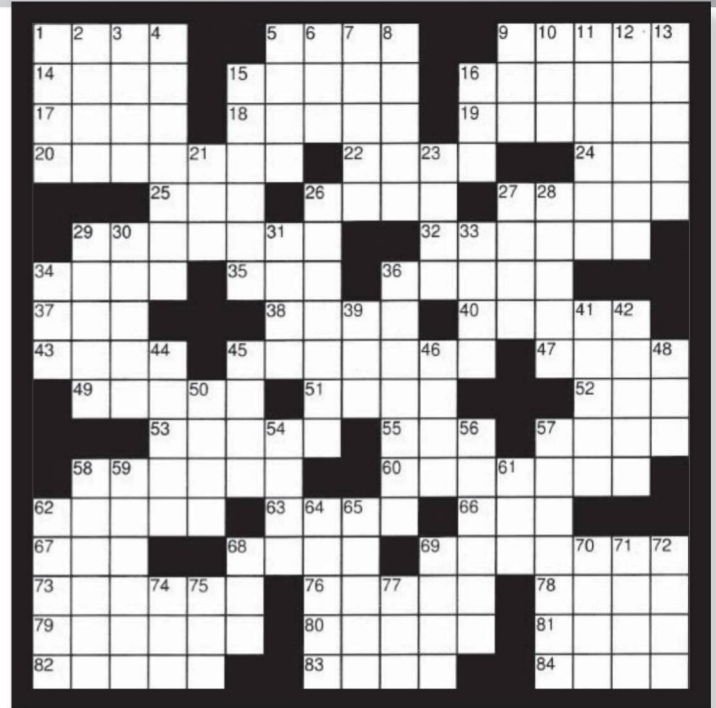
COM POHNPEI CAMPUS - WOMEN

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1	Kitti	2	2	0	1.000
2	Sokehs	3	2	1	0.667
3	U	2	1	1	0.500
4	Nett	3	1	2	0.333
5T	Kolonia	1	0	1	0.000
5T	Mix Girls	1	0	1	0.000

GP=Games Played W=#Won L=#Lost
PCT=Winning Percentage (W/GP)

Crossword - There oughta be one

- ACROSS**
- 1. Tree or human part
 - 5. Where to see a ham
 - 9. 2-door car
 - 14. Stench
 - 15. Mystiques
 - 16. Storage bin
 - 17. Belatedly hocked
 - 18. Approaches
 - 19. Kind of bar
 - 20. Least difficult
 - 22. It blows
 - 24. Pub pint
 - 25. There oughta be one
 - 26. Slowly escape
 - 27. Unclad
 - 29. Pig out
 - 32. One with lots of interest
 - 34. Lost traction
 - 35. Baker's sense of humor?
 - 36. Needing a loan
 - 37. Append
 - 38. Convenience
 - 40. They don't take stock
 - 43. Garden pest
 - 45. One way to learn
 - 47. Oriental combat
 - 49. Curvy
 - 51. Scanned
 - 52. Fella
 - 53. It might be mulled
 - 55. Forest forager
 - 57. Up to the task
 - 58. Pass
 - 60. Middling?
 - 62. Southern side
 - 63. Sot
 - 66. Misjudge
 - 67. Parking place
 - 68. Say it ___ so
 - 69. Baby gear
 - 73. Swear
 - 76. Less bright
 - 78. Display
 - 79. They don't hold water
 - 80. Pressing needs
 - 81. Greater area
 - 82. Metal fastener
 - 83. Column near the decimal
 - 84. Naval vehicles
 - 9. Hard to get
 - 10. Control location
 - 11. Comprehension
 - 12. Kitchen gadget
 - 13. Misstepped
 - 15. Reply
 - 16. Stolen
 - 21. Drum holder
 - 23. Goad
 - 26. Seafood treat
 - 27. Microwave
 - 28. Regions
 - 29. Further from birth
 - 30. Screened stuff
 - 31. Those in favor
 - 33. Weeps
 - 34. Musical tool
 - 36. Urge
 - 39. Chinese sauce
 - 41. Latin dance
 - 42. Teeny
 - 44. Gold coin
 - 45. Shooter's call
 - 46. Not up to much
 - 48. Number for the road
 - 50. Tiny bites
 - 54. Wiggly ones
 - 56. Does doughs
 - 57. Takes in
 - 58. Arousing
 - 59. Group of pups
 - 61. Hear a suit
- DOWN**
- 1. Folk history
 - 2. Inspiration
 - 3. Swabs
 - 4. One way to have fish
 - 5. Tandem song
 - 6. Time period
 - 7. Jumbo
 - 8. Problem



- 62. It may be half full or half empty
- 64. 4-F
- 65. Gaze
- 68. Start of a birth announcement
- 69. Eye part
- 70. O Brother, Where Art ___?
- 71. Aboveground burial spot
- 72. Farm females
- 74. When to turn on lights
- 75. Do embroidery
- 77. Put on

K Press Puzzle Pleasure

Flowers & Plants

Can't decide what to plant in your garden? Then scan the list below for some ideas. There are 35 flower and plant names hidden in the diagram, from ARABIS TO WISTERIA



- ARABIS
- FERN
- LIATRIS
- PHLOX
- ASTER
- FIG
- LILAC
- POPPY
- ASTILBE
- GARLIC
- LILY
- ROSE
- CANNAS
- GERANIUM
- LUNARIA
- SALVIA
- CERCIS
- GEUM
- LUPINE
- SEDUM
- CLEMATIS
- HIBISCUS
- MAGNOLIA
- TRILLIUM
- CORNUS
- HOSTA
- ONION
- VIOLA
- DAISY
- IRIS
- OXALIS
- WISTERIA
- DOGWOOD
- LAMIUM
- PEONY

Sunday, December 14, starting at noon at the Kolonia Town Hall, the Lien Kolonia Town (women) is hosting a Christmas program for its senior citizens. There will be gifts, food, and entertainment for the senior citizens. Additionally, the LKT has donated \$500 to Kolonia Town Mayor for candies. December 21 has been designated for Santa Clause to visit Kolonia

Notice to Bruno and Marina Amor:

If you do not contact us before December 15, the FSM Supreme Court will grant our request to withdraw as your counsel.

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- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the Truk Stop Hotel Restaurant VIP Room. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com

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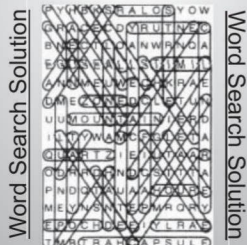
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Rotary Club's quiz night a success

Rotary Club of Pohnpei

Can you answer the following questions? What was the name of Rocky the Flying Squirrel's sidekick? Can you name the actor who played Maxwell Smart in both the movie and the TV show? If you can answer these questions, you should have attended the Rotary Club of Pohnpei annual quiz night fundraiser on November 15, 2008, which was held at PCR Restaurant. It was a tremendous success, with much public support. The winning team consisted of the Australian Ambassador Susan Cox, and support staff Julian Parker, Janet Whitaker, Layleen Oliver and, Serlynn Kersey; and the U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission William. Obviously diplomatic training is useful for remembering basically useless trivia.

The Rotary Club is a local civic organization made up of local business and government people and affiliated with Rotary International. The Rotary Club seeks to help the community, and has many public service projects including setting up a scholarship fund, arranging doctors to come to Pohnpei for eye care and eye exams, arranging the donation of an ambulance and a fire truck to the State of Pohnpei, and assisting in providing safe drinking water to local schools. This fund raiser is the largest one of the year for the Club. Through the generous support of our sponsors who made significant donations, and the assistance of all of the players who attended, the Rotary Club raised over \$7,000.00. This fundraising will go to support our scholarship fund and our other projects. For school year 2008-2009 the Rotary Club has provided \$5,000.00 in scholarships to local students for college education. With the success of

this year's fundraiser we can continue to award scholarships at this level.

The quiz night itself is set up so that tables of six persons answer trivia questions over the course of the night. This year there were 25 tables competing, which was our most ever. Additionally, we had auctions, raffles and other giveaways. The winning team won \$100.00 each, generously donated by Bank of Guam. However every table won prizes. The major auction item was a pair of tickets donated by Continental Micronesia, capable of being used anywhere in the Pacific. We wish to heartily thank these major sponsors and our other sponsors, FSM Telecommunications Corp., True Value Hardware, Village Hotel and Restaurant, Napa Auto Parts, Do It Best Hardware, Ace Office Supplies, Palm Terrace, Genesis Hospital and Pharmacy, Ace Hardware, WCPFC Tuna Commission, College of Micronesia-FSM, FSM Line, Moylans Insurance, Ace Hardware, Village Travel, DJ Store, Pohnpei Computer Consulting, Perfume & Things, Pohnpei Cinemas, Alison McConnell, Ambros & Company, Inc., the FSM National Olympic Committee, the U.S. Embassy, Village Travel, Rusty Anchor Bar, Visual Impact, MERIP, MedPharm Pharmacy & Clinic, Etscheit Enterprises, Pohnpei LP Gas, Pohnpei Arts & Crafts, Shimbros Distributing, the Australian Embassy, En's Seven Star Store, Western Union, Pohnpei Waste Management Services, PCR Restaurant for the venue and the Kaselehlie Press for the publicity.

It was an entertaining night for everyone, and we hope all that attended had a good time. The support for the Rotary Club was phenomenal. For those who didn't make it this year, the next quiz night will be in November, 2009. Lastly, for those of you who made it through the article, the answer to the questions are Bullwinkle the Moose, and the actors are Steve Carrell and Don Adams.

BIG CASH PRIZES WON AT Pohnpei Fishing Club's 5th ANNUAL BUDWEISER CATCH-8 TOURNAMENT

By Robert Spegal

On Saturday, 29 November 2008, nine boats and their crews challenged the ocean waters surrounding Pohnpei Island, and the various winners of the 5th Annual Budweiser Catch-8 Tournament collected a total of \$1,650 in cash prizes. Although the weather was a bit rough and rainy on the open seas, and the catch was not the best of 2008, it turned out to be a perfect afternoon for the weigh-in at PCR Restaurant. A large crowd of anglers and spectators enjoyed delicious food, sodas, and lots of cold Budweiser and Bud Light beer, while watching 558 pounds of fish jiggle the scale, under Tournament Director Paul Thomas's watchful eye.

As has become almost a tradition for the tournament, the boat called "Boat", captained by Alex Tretnoff, captured first place by reeling in four different species of fish this year. Alex, and crew weighed in a 48 pound Dogtooth Tuna (the second biggest fish of the contest), plus a Barracuda, a Rainbow Runner, and a Giant Traveller. As no other boat caught as many species, "Boat" won the 5th Annual Budweiser Catch-8 First Place prize of \$500.00. The Dogtooth, the Barracuda, and the three pound Rainbow Runner were the largest of their species for the day, and added a bonus of another \$300.00 to Boat's total winnings.

Captain Noel Boylan and member Evan and Jacob, on board Try-Ton, were able to land three species to earn the \$300.00 Second Place prize. They also weighed in the largest Giant Traveller of the day for a \$100.00 bonus.

Tygris, with captain Kumer Panuelo and crew member Pauly Henry, qualified for the Third Place prize of \$150.00, with two species caught, totaling 81.5 pounds. Tygris also landed a beautiful 65 pound Sailfish (big-

gest fish of the contest) for another \$100 in prize money. Two other boats caught two species each, but had smaller total weights.

Captain Reinhardt Weilbacher and crew Nihda on Rosie II caught the largest Skipjack Tuna worth \$100, and Captain Alloys Malfitani and crewman Johnny O'Keefe on board the Pohnpei Surf Club boat, were able win \$100.00 in prize money for the largest Mahi Mahi of the tournament.

Other boats participating in the contest included Miss Lahna (Barney Olter), Ms. Pakin (Andy Musrasrik), Bavaria (Konrad Englberger) and a new boat, the Queen Elizabeth II, captained by Jeff Martin.

In addition to the cash prizes, food, soda and beer, all anglers and spectators had a fun afternoon at the Pohnpei Surf Club docks at PCR Restaurant. On behalf of all of the participants and the rest of Saturday afternoon's weigh-in crowd, the Pohnpei Fishing Club wishes to thank Budweiser and Ambros, Inc.-Guam for their very generous sponsorship of the 5th Annual Budweiser Catch-8 Tournament.

The next Pohnpei Fishing Club event will be the 17th Annual General Membership Meeting in January, 2009. Watch for posters and an announcement in the Kaselehlie Press.

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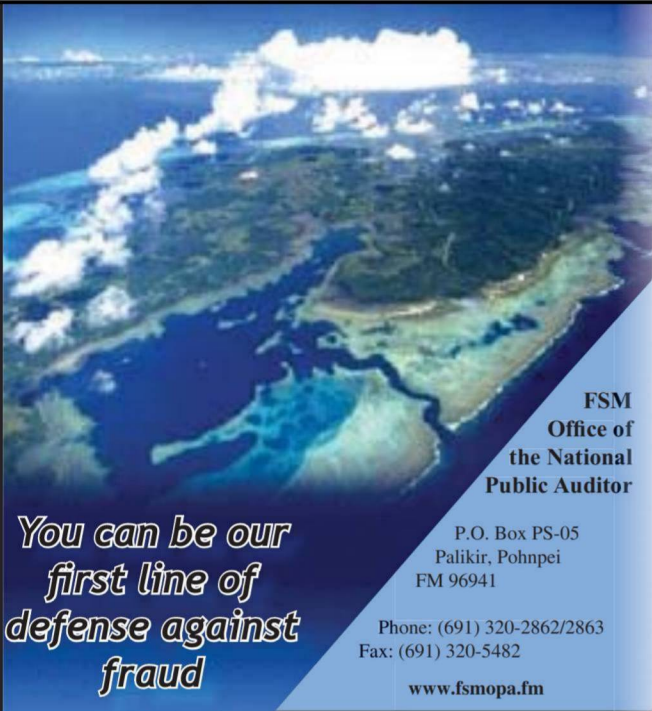
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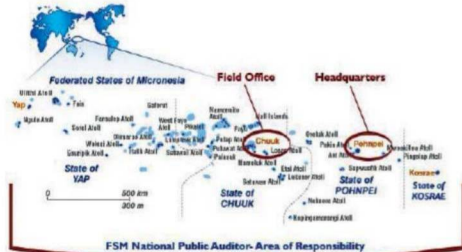
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