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Legendary Master Navigator Pius "Mau"

Piailug sails on

By Bill Jaynes
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Mau, master navigator and progenitor of a new breed of Pacific navigators has died. Pius "Mau" Piailug was 78 years old when he died on July 13, 2010. He had suffered from diabetes for many years.

He was not the first of the traditional navigators in the Pacific and because of his life and what he chose to do with it he won't be the last.

Mau's accomplishments as a traditional navigator who used only the stars, the sun, the ocean currents, birds and keen observation of what was going around him is the stuff of legends. He was the navigator on the 1976 round trip journey from Hawai'i to Tahiti. He violated his own traditions to teach his skills to potential mariners not from his own family or heritage who had

demonstrated to him that they were ready to accept the knowledge.

Mau was chosen by his grandfather to be a navigator for his island of Satawal, a tiny island in Yap one mile wide and a mile and half long. It is said that when Mau was young his grandfather took the young child to several tidal pools on the island and laid him there so that he could begin to experience the movement of the water, to look up at the sky and to observe and to learn by simply being.

When he was six years old Mau's official training began in earnest and he learned from his grandfather the ways of the ancient mariners and navigators.

Nainoa Thompson who studied under Mau wrote an article about the experi-

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Mau gives a lesson in navigation - (Photo by Steve Thomas Traditional Micronesian Navigation Collection; University of Hawaii-Manoa Library, Pacific Collection)

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Trash! what should be, what has been, what shouldn't be done with it

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—A permanent sign installed over the road arriving air passengers must take from the Pohnpei International Airport says, "Welcome to Pohnpei the garden island of Micronesia!" It's a warm and friendly greeting and though the sentiment is authentic a first time visitor to Pohnpei might find it disingenuous when, after they have traveled a few hundred meters south they are confronted with the warm, sticky sweet smell of decaying garbage as they pass the official solid waste landfill in Pohnpei on the Dekehtik causeway.

Plans have been on Pohnpei's books since 1994 to relocate the dumpsite. In 2004 the 10 year old plan was folded into the 2004 strategic development plan (SDP) of the FSM and a goal was set to move the dumpsite elsewhere by 2011; next year but that plan is several years behind schedule. It might be more than six years before a new dumpsite is ready for operation in Pohnpei. So say the FSM and Pohnpei Offices of the Public Auditor.

Ten Pacific Island Nations including the



Trash on any given day in the lagoon off Danpei, Sokehs

Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Tonga, and Tuvalu conducted simultaneous performance audits of solid waste management practices as part of an initiative developed by the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) with the support of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions Develop-

ment Initiative (INTOSAI).

The performance audit of Pohnpei waste management practices was released in early July of this year.

"No singular agency has taken the lead in ensuring that progress continues in a timely manner. Other priorities compete

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Court rules—statute requiring Congressional approval of FSM EEZ access agreements is unconstitutional

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—Motions and arguments in a case filed by Pacific Food and Services, Incorporated (PF&S) have resulted in an FSM Supreme Court ruling that part of the FSM Code that regulates fishing licenses in the FSM Exclusive Economic Zone is unconstitutional.

Congress has asked the court to amend the ruling to allow them to seek an interim appeal with the Supreme Court Appellate Division.

The case (Civil Action number 2009-001) was filed in January of 2009 by PF&S against the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA), the Federated States of Micronesia, the Congress of the FSM, and Bernard Thoulag in his official capacity as Executive Director of NORMA. PF&S filed suit after Congress refused to approve an agreement for fishing licenses after which NORMA immediately cancelled all agreements with PF&S.

“I told my attorney that we don’t want to sue any person. We just want justice for the people of the FSM not just for myself,” said Perdus Ehsa. “The case is easier now because the question about constitutionality has been answered.”

The background information in the court ruling said that PF&S had an agreement with NORMA for fishing licenses that expired in November 2006. On November 6, 2006, PF&S and NORMA concluded a one-year successor agreement and promptly submitted it to Congress.

The agreement remained in effect until Congress passed a resolution on September 26, 2006 rejecting the agreement. NORMA then cancelled permits that had been issued to PF&S represented vessels. Those vessels in turn terminated their agreements with PF&S and entered agency agreements with PF&S competitors.

A footnote in the court ruling said that the reason Congress gave for rejecting the agreement was PF&S’s financial condition and also a \$150,000 FSM Supreme Court judgment against it held by National Fisheries Corporation. The footnote said that while fishing boats and their owners are banned from applying for or obtaining FSM EEZ fishing licenses if there are unsatisfied FSM Supreme Court judgments in excess of \$25,000 there is no similar ban for access agreement agents such as PF&S.

The FSM code (Title 24) which governs negotiation and execution of licensing agreements in the FSM EEZ con-

tains a section 405 which essentially says that NORMA can negotiate agreements for fishing companies and can issue licenses based on those agreements, but that if the company handles nine or more fishing vessels, Congress has the power to review those agreements and to approve or reject them.

The Supreme Court said in its ruling that section 405 is unconstitutional essentially because it allows Congress to act in an enforcement role of a law they passed which is an Executive branch function.

It quoted a 2003 precedent from a case

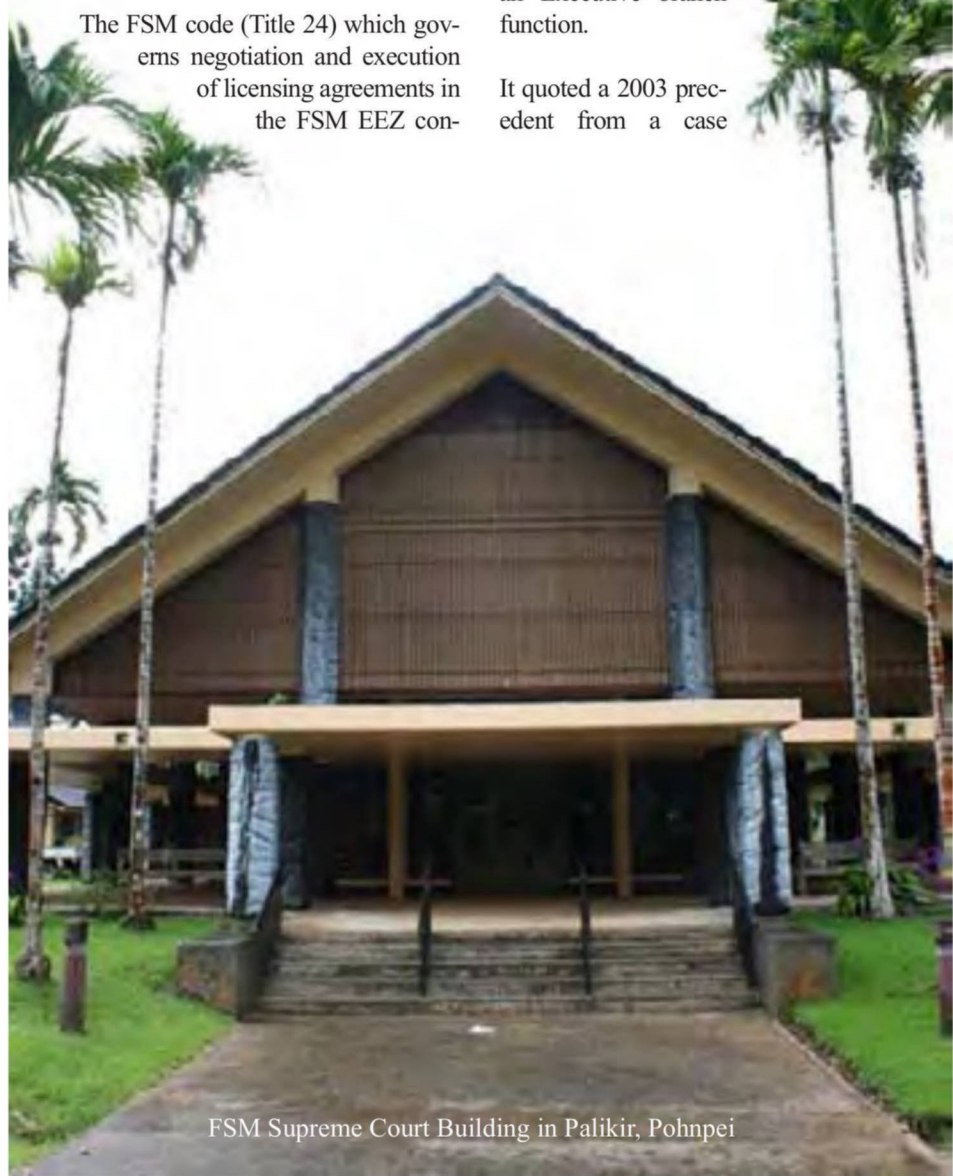
between the FSM and Udot Municipality: “Once a public law is enacted, the responsibility for the execution and implementation of the law rests with those who have a duty to execute and administer the law, and Senators can have no further role in its execution...”

The June 2010 ruling of the FSM Court said, “Negotiation and approval of commercial transactions is ordinarily an executive power. Congress has enacted Title 24 and engaged in an executive function by formally inserting itself into the execution and implementation of a portion of that act by vesting in itself the power to control how the law regarding fishing access agreements is executed when more than nine vessels are involved. This is impermissible under the separation of powers doctrine.”

The Court rejected the Congress argument that section 405 must be constitutional since it is a function of its treaty ratification powers. Congress pointed in support of their argument to the definition “access agreement,” (24 F.S.M.C 102(1)) which says, “Access agreement means a treaty, agreement or arrangement entered into by the Authority (NORMA) pursuant to this act (Title 24) in relation to access to the exclusive economic zone for fishing by foreign fishing vessels.”

The Court reasoned that a fishing access agreement is usually not a treaty and that certainly in the case of PF&S’ access agreement it can’t be considered to be a treaty particularly because it was an agreement between a Pohnpei Corporation and the national government. It concluded that even if the agreement had been between a foreign corporation and the national government it still would not have been a “treaty.” “They are business deals—not treaties,” the court conclusion stated.

Congress had asserted that ruling section 405 unconstitutional would impair its ability to ratify treaties and to advise and consent to presidential appointments.



FSM Supreme Court Building in Palikir, Pohnpei

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Loaded Penta-Ocean dump truck cuts a path of destruction

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM—On Thursday, July 15 at 9:15 in the morning, an out of control dump truck loaded down with gravel plowed through an intersection leaving a path of destruction before it finally came to rest narrowly missing the fuel tank and fuel dispenser at the PITC building.

According to the police report, the truck was driven by Maynart Dulei, an employee of Penta-Ocean that owns the dump truck. The loaded truck was traveling east down the steep roadway from the Kolonia Town Hall past Yvonne's Hotel that finishes at a T-intersection by the Pohnpei Public Market when its brakes failed. The truck, unable to stop at the intersection slammed into a white van functioning as a taxi that was traveling north toward the Dekehtik causeway on the waterfront road.

After hitting the van, the truck continued toward the PITC building, apparently unchecked by its impact. It damaged the roof of PITC, collided with another vehicle

parked under the roof of the PITC building. It collided with three more vehicles including a Nissan Steaga belonging to Paul Lake which flew off of the elevated shore, driven completely into the lagoon by the impact.

Snoleen Manuel and nine year old Li-ouel Santos, both passengers in the van struck in the intersection were injured to the extent that they were admitted to the Pohnpei State hospital. Penta Ocean driver Maynart Dulei was also injured in the accident and was treated and released to the custody of Pohnpei State Police.

A Pohnpei State Police mechanic checked the dump truck and verified that the cause for the vehicle being out of control was in fact a malfunction of the braking system.

Police have closed the investigation and have turned the matter over to the Pohnpei State Attorney General's office.



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Trial counselor certificate program graduates six in Pohnpei

By Bill Jaynes
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Peilapalap, Pohnpei, FSM—Six students who took part in the College of Micronesia's Trial Counselor Certificate program graduated on Tuesday, July 20 in a ceremony held at the Pohnpei Supreme Court.

The graduates, Johnny Peter, Mary Immanuel, Jackson F. Joseph, Josephine L. James, Gustin Harris, and Catalina Donre successfully completed the 30 credit hours in legal training required for the program, many, if not all of them while simultaneously working full time. Because of their successful completion all of the graduates now qualify to sit for the FSM Bar exam which, if they pass the exam, will entitle them to practice law in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The program relies on the expertise of local attorneys who teach the 10 three credit hour courses. Coursework includes classes in tort law, criminal law procedure, criminal law, constitutional law, legal research and writing, rules and procedures of evidence and other courses to prepare students for a possible career in the legal profession.

Five attorneys who practice law in the FSM were recognized at the ceremony as having taught courses for the program including Dana Wesley Smith, Kembo Mida, Julius Joe Sapelalut, Sarah Dorsett, and Marstella Jack.

"The program is a stepping stone for anyone who's interested in taking the bar exam," said Delihna Ehmes who coordinates the Micronesia Studies program at the College and who also served as an instructor for the course.

Mariana Ben Dereas is the coordinator for the program which is part of the College's Vocational Certification Program under the direction of Grilley Jack.

COM President Spensin James addresses the graduates assembled at the Supreme Court and outlined a brief history of the program.

He said that the late FSM Chief Justice Andon Amaraich first approached the College in 1994 to ask them to explore the possibility of establishing the program. He said that the College was lucky because at that time there was a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer with extensive legal background who helped the college to set up the program which began in earnest in 1996.

The program was later extended to Kosrae where three graduates passed the bar. They extended the program to Chuuk but due to funding restraints it had to be closed down.

Currently there is a similar program in Chuuk that is sponsored by the State Supreme Court.

"You graduates should shine today with your accomplishments. Take pride in opening your minds and widening your horizons for the future," President James said.

Pohnpei's Benjamin Rodriguez, Chief Justice of the Pohnpei State Supreme Court also addressed the graduates and told them that he graduated from the program 11 years ago.

He told the graduates and the assembled crowd of well wishers that a program like the trial counselor's program is needed in the FSM. "We need more lawyers. We are employing people from the outside. Some lawyers are doing two jobs at once. There is an evidence of need," he said.

"There is good evidence that the program is working as well," Chief Justice Rodriguez said. He pointed to himself as evidence as well as three other judges that graduated from the program.

"Graduation from the program shows that we have the know how. From here on out we will have to develop the skills," he said. "Taking the bar exam is the first step. Experience comes with time and with effort."

"Certainly graduation is a ticket to a brighter future," he exclaimed and congratulated the graduates on their accomplishments.



Lawyers, graduates, and Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez at the Trial Counselors program graduation ceremony

NORMA Executive Director Dies on July 7, 2010

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei: July 20, 2010 - Bernard Thoulag, Executive Director of the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA), died unexpectedly on July 7, 2010. Thoulag had arrived in PNG on that same day to attend the Sixth Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries (FFA) Committee Ministerial Meeting.

Thoulag, the son of Joseph and Teila Hasedal, was born on March 27, 1951, on the is-

land of Mogmog in Ulithi Atoll, an outer island of Yap State. He attended Xavier High School (XHS) in Chuuk, graduated in 1970, and then attended Chaminade University of Hawaii. Upon graduating from university, Thoulag returned to Ulithi to teach at the Outer Island High School, where he later became the first Micronesian Principal. In 1985, he began his career with the FSM National Government, as a Foreign Service Officer of the FSM Department of External Affairs.

Thoulag became Deputy Director of NOR-

MA in 1989, and then served as Executive Director from 1993, until his passing. The mission of the Authority is to be the effective guardian and manager of the living and non-living resources in the 200-miles exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the FSM. Thoulag developed a number of important regional fisheries initiatives over the years affecting the EEZ, earning the respect of his colleagues as a leader, mentor and friend.

As a graduate of XHS, Thoulag established the Xavier Yap Outer Island Scholarship

Fund in 2002, with the help from friends and fellow alumni. The fund to date, has enabled three outer island Yapese Students to attend and graduate from XHS. To honor his memory, Thoulag's family and XHS will continue to maintain this scholarship and welcome all contributions from friends (please contact btxiissf@gmail.com).

Thoulag is survived by his wife Jean and their six children: Shaun Suliol, Russell Marechmai, Walter Marpa, Walterene Hathiya-Weilbacher, Megan Tagalaiol and Keyna Tamelyor.

President Mori Meets Delegation from Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei: July 16, 2010 - On July 13, after a brief visit in Chuuk, Deputy Secretary General Liu Xiao Jie of the People's Government of Guangdong Province, PRC, and his delegation, were welcomed to the FSM Capitol by President Mori.

Mori thanked Jie and his delegation for their visit. He explained that the FSM had the potential for small scale industries, but primarily needs to focus on the development of its tourism. Mori underlined that in order to be able to welcome tourists, the FSM needs to strengthen its infrastructure; he expressed his hope that Guangdong Province will be able to assist the FSM in such matters.

Effectively, Jie confirmed a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed between Chuuk and Guangdong Province to establish a friendship between the two areas and also a cooperative relationship in the fields of agriculture, fisheries, tourism and energy. "We were deeply impressed by the friendliness, hospitality and kindness of your people," said Jie.

Guangdong Province, 179,000 square kilometers, is one of the 23 Chinese Provinces, located in the southern part of China, with a population of 113,000,000. Guangdong is one of China's most prosperous provinces; according to provincial annual preliminary statistics, Guangdong's GDP in 2009 reached CNY3,908,159 million, or US\$572,121 million.



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The court said "This is false... Those powers are enshrined in the Constitution. Approval of commercial fishing agreements, however, is not a power that the Constitution confers on Congress, but a power that Congress has conferred upon itself by statute."

Congress also contended that since Congressional approval or rejection of access agreements is a "time honored procedure" of Congress, the court should consider it to be constitutional.

The court said that "the passage of time does not automatically make a practice (or a statute) constitutional. In this case it has not."

Congress asserted that section 405 adds an extra layer of review necessary to see that the fishing access agreements that are adopted are in the nation's best interest.

The court said "If Congress feels that the current title 24 statutory requirements for access agreements are too loose or are not in the nation's best interests and should be tightened, it can enact further and stricter requirements. If Congress feels that another layer of review is needed to protect the nation's interests, Congress can provide for that review by creating a mechanism for further review in the executive branch...but Congress may not execute the laws itself and under 405 it does just that."

PF&S had asked the court to consider whether or not the section 405 resolution process

would violate the Constitution's two-reading enactment clause, and presentment-to-the-President requirements. It said that since it ruled section 405 to be unconstitutional on separation-of-powers grounds there is no reason for the court to rule on that matter.

The court asked PF&S during its hearings what relief it sought against Congress. The only answer the court received was that they should determine that the law (section 405) was invalid. "If PF&S does not, within 20 days of this order, specify what other relief its Complaint seeks against Congress, the court will grant the motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim upon which the court can grant relief for defendant Congress only," the ruling said.

The court, in absence of any written or oral response from plaintiff PF&S to the defendants' motion to strike the PF&S allegation that an FSM Senator had a conflict of interest, granted that motion. It said that even lacking opposition to a motion the court must have good grounds before it can grant a motion. It said that the allegation was "immaterial and impertinent to the question of 24 F.S.M.C 405's constitutionality. It may also be scandalous," and the court granted the motion to strike any allusions or implications in PF&S's pleading alleging a congressman's conflict of interest.

Ehsa said in a telephone conversation on the matter, that there were actually two Senators that may have had conflicts of interest. He seemed to think that issue would still be on the table at a later date. But a footnote to the Court's ruling said "If a Congressman had a conflict of interest and did not take steps to

avoid that conflict, that is an ethical lapse that Congress, not the Court, has the authority to consider and, if proper, impose sanctions or discipline on the Congressman."

It appears from the ruling that any further discussion regarding possible conflict of interest in the matter is prohibited and that the allegation itself is stricken and will not be considered in any further court rulings.

The court said that it would be willing to entertain motions that would allow for an interlocutory appeal. Interlocutory appeals (interim appeals) are sometimes granted if the trial division is of the opinion that a decision it has made in a civil action involves a controlling question of law as to which there is substantial ground for difference of opinion and that an immediate appeal from the order may materially advance the ultimate termination of the litigation.

The Court said that it would be willing to entertain a motion to amend its ruling to allow for an interlocutory appeal. If that motion is granted and the order is amended the appealing party can file an appeal with the Supreme Court Appellate Division within 10 days of the amended order in the trial division.

The trial on the civil action continues unless an Appellate Division Justice orders the trial to be stayed pending a decision on the interlocutory appeal in the appellate division.

Congress did file a motion asking for the trial justice to amend the order to allow for an interlocutory appeal of the decision regarding constitutionality of section 405. They argued

that the FSM Constitution under Article IX Section 2(m) speaks directly to the matter. Section 2(m) expressly gives Congress the power, "to regulate the ownership, exploration, and exploitation of natural resources within the marine space of the Federated States of Micronesia beyond 12 miles from island baselines."

A document filed by the attorney for PF&S said that the plaintiff does not object to the motion but does reserve the right to argue the matter before the court.

The court had not at press time issued a ruling on the motion so now appeal is yet being heard in the Appellate Division.

The June 21, 2010 Supreme Court ruling did not consider the matter of relief for plaintiff PF&S other than ruling section 405 to be unconstitutional. The matter of financial relief if any, is to be left to further proceedings. The ruling defined the deadlines for submission of discovery and pretrial motions in those and other matters.

Ehsa said that the particulars of the requests for relief are part of SP&S' filing on the matter and include such things as lost profit, attorneys fees, and reimbursement of fees paid for licensing in advance that were lost when the agreement was terminated. Most of all they'd like to get their license back. He didn't immediately remember if they had asked for other types of relief.

Under the current schedule those matters won't even begin to be considered until sometime after November 1.

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for staff and agency attention, involvement of agencies at both the national and state levels creates confusion over jurisdictional authority and project responsibility, and the fact that waste management involves both environmental and land use policy have hindered progress," the auditors said in their executive summary of the audit.

They concluded that the structure of the FSM as a federation gives rise to jurisdictional authority questions related to the handling and disposal of hazardous waste materials. The auditor went so far as to say that the FSM may even have violated some international treaties to which it is a signatory nation because of the way that hazardous waste materials are handled in Pohnpei.

The 31 page performance audit includes graphic pictures of trash in the lagoon, in the mangrove swamps, at residences, and on the roadsides in Pohnpei. Along with photographs of the problem, auditors pointed out the need for legislation prohibiting the abandonment of worn out vehicles in Pohnpei. There currently is no law expressly forbidding the practice.

While the lack of legislation regulating various aspects of solid waste management was certainly mentioned by the auditors on several occasions they also found that where legislation does exist, laws are not being enforced by regulatory agencies and the problem of solid waste disposal is only becoming bigger and harder to handle.

"It is unclear to whether the national Project Management Unit for amended compact projects (PMU) or Pohnpei State is responsible for ensuring that landfill architectural and engineering design studies are completed," the executive summary said. Because of that question no plans have yet been completed.

Auditors quoted one national government official as essentially saying that his office has plans to host another conference in order to make plans.

Jurisdiction rather than legislation was the topic of the first listed finding of the performance audit.

Auditors quoted the FSM Constitution which says, "Radioactive, toxic chemicals or other harmful substances may not be tested, stored, used or disposed of within the jurisdiction of the Federated States of Micronesia without the expressed approval of the Federated States of Micronesia." (Article 13 section 2 which can be viewed at www.fsm-law.org)

The FSM Code says, "The accumulation of rubbish, garbage, cans, coconut shells, and other refuse attractive to animal and

insect life is prohibited. Any person who shall permit, create, or maintain any such accumulation on land owned or occupied by him, and who fails to remove and dispose of such accumulation within a reasonable time after due notice thereof in writing by a representative of the Department of Health Services shall be deemed to have violated this section." (F.S.M.C. Title 41 Chapter 6 Sanitation 602)

Pohnpei has its own set of regulations established by the Environmental Protection Agency that deal with solid waste collection, permitting, standards for disposal and hazardous waste, responsibilities for solid waste management, and the management of solid waste on public properties.

The FSM SDP stated two main goals: The prevention of solid waste from having adverse effects on terrestrial and marine environments and the accomplishment of that goal in a manner that minimizes the land area required to avoid adverse effects.

"The existing legal and policy framework has resulted in overlapping responsibilities and jurisdiction. As a result, it is not always clear as to whether the national or state government is responsible for certain actions," the audit said.

As an example, auditors said that the Project Management Unit (PMU) expressed uncertainty as to whether they are responsible for the completion of architectural and engineering design studies or whether Pohnpei State is responsible for those plans.

Auditors pointed also to a 2009 review of FSM laws, regulations, and treaties conducted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP). That review said that it isn't at all clear whether the national or state government has jurisdiction over the management of hazardous wastes and chemicals on state land. It was also not clear whether the national government has the authority to implement international treaties that address areas that fall within the state's jurisdiction.

Only the national government can ratify international treaties for the Federated States of Micronesia.

"Relevant national and state agencies with legal and environmental authority need to determine roles and responsibilities for all parties and develop appropriate communication protocols," auditors recommended.

"No progress has been made towards limiting the amount and type of polluting and hazardous substances that enter the waste stream," auditor said as their finding 2.1.

Many imported products are packaged in plastic and/or Styrofoam, at least some of which ends up as non-decomposable litter on the island. The audit says plastic

takes more than 100 years to decompose and Styrofoam takes over 1000 years. Despite recommendations no legislation has been introduced to ban or discourage the importation of those types of items.

The Stockholm POP Convention which was ratified by the FSM Congress requires signatory nations to eliminate or reduce the release of POPs including plastics, Styrofoam, some pesticides, and solvents into the environment.

The Office of Environment and Emergency Management (EEM) which came into existence after Congress approved President Mori's reorganization plan in September of 2007 said that it is in the process of drafting legislation that it will submit to the President for his approval and eventual consideration by Congress.

No date was given as a deadline for that draft legislation.

Pohnpei's EPA said in its response to the audit that it has a pesticide regulation that controls the pesticides that are allowed into the state. The regulation prohibits the importation of pesticides listed in the POPs convention. They also said that they are developing regulations that would impose a higher import fee for non-decomposable products.

They also did not list a goal date for the submission of that draft legislation.

"Waste reduction initiatives have not been developed and implemented," said finding 2.2 of the audit.

In Pohnpei, small scale recycling programs and education efforts have taken place with very little impact in the waste stream, according to the audit.

The state of Kosrae has a recycling program that was recently recognized at an international environmental summit in Nairobi. Pohnpei, on the other hand has not managed to develop a program for recycling that has been sustainable.

EPA says that the Kolonia Town Government has an aluminum can recycling program. It also said that the EPA has worked with the Pohnpei State Legislature for several years to try to pass a recycling bill that would impose a disposal fee on all imported aluminum cans but the legislation has yet to be adopted.

EPA also says it works closely with the scrap metal dealers on island to remove all large abandoned equipment scattered around the island, including cars, cranes, home appliances.

On the national level, EEM reports that it is currently in the process of "trying to identify potential overseas partners to engage in a large recycling program."

The FSM Infrastructure Development program (IDP) which is a part of the FSM SDP recommended that a solid waste minimization study should be con-

ducted. That study, for whatever reason, was never conducted. Auditor's recommended that the FSM PMU should initiate the process for a request for proposal and hire a contractor who can conduct the study.

Finding 2.3 said, "Solid waste collection practices do not ensure proper disposal of waste."

Garbage collection in Pohnpei is minimal. Collection of residential garbage only occurs in the urban areas of Kolonia for those people who pay for the service on an optional basis. "There is no collection in the rural areas and many families lack either a vehicle to transport garbage to the dump or available funds to purchase gasoline to travel to the dump on a frequent basis," auditors noted.

Families in both urban and rural areas have taken to burning or burying garbage after it has piled up for a sufficiently long period of time.

Burning garbage releases deadly pollutants into the wind affecting not only the people burning the trash but their neighbors, depending on the whim of the wind. Trash burning also releases carbon emissions that many scientists have said contributes to global climate change.

Burying trash can attract disease carrying animals and insects.

As a short term solution to the problem, auditors recommended that Pohnpei's Environmental Protection Agency enforce regulations to ensure that garbage is transported to the dump. In the long term, transportation should be addressed as a component of the long awaited landfill plan.

Audit finding 2.4 says, "Neither the minimization study nor the landfill plan have been initiated." Until those two components are completed the current garbage dump on the Dekehtik causeway will continue to be used.

"Continued use of the existing dump is problematic because chemicals are leached into water and soil causing damage to terrestrial and marine environments, the dump attracts disease carrying 'vectors,' and it is an eyesore to tourists and others arriving on the island," auditors said.

Auditors outlined the history of project management authority for infrastructure projects in the FSM since 2005 which, at least at press time was still a matter of litigation. The auditors said that the transfer of project management authority was one factor that slowed the projects down.

"Though Pohnpei State's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) is taking the lead in locating a site for the landfill, it does not attend technical

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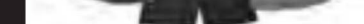
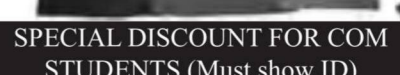


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meetings related to solid waste environmental issues because invitations to these meetings are usually extended only to environmental agencies and groups. As a result EPA attends those meetings but T&I does not. Moreover, although responsibilities were transferred to the national EEM, related authorities reside with the National Department of Health Services," the audit said.

In a true "Catch 22" situation, a piece of state owned land has been identified as a potential site for a new land fill. A bill has been drafted to designate the land for that use but the Pohnpei State Legislature has not voted on it. The legislature will not vote until environmental studies have been done. Conversely, the PMU

will not perform the environmental studies until after the legislature passes a law designating the use of the land for land fill purposes.

To politically complicate matters, landowners near the proposed landfill site are reported to be unhappy with the idea of having a landfill in their area and are voicing their opposition to the proposal.

The audit's recommendation on their finding 2.4 is easier said than done. "It is recommended that PMU and other relevant parties at the state and national level meet and develop a mutually agreed upon list of roles and responsibilities and work out related issues of cooperation and information sharing.

"It is also recommended that PMU meet with the Pohnpei Governor and Legis-

lature to resolve issues causing delays to the process of designating a piece of land for landfill use."

A letter written in response to the audit by Marcelino Actuouka, Acting Program Manager of the PMU said that on July 1 the PMU did meet with the State Governor and his committee on Solid Waste. He said that during the meeting it was agreed that with funding under the Compact Infrastructure Grants and architectural and engineering firm is to begin the pre-design, an environmental assessment is to be performed, and recycle and waste energy is to be considered. The Pohnpei State Legislature is to address the designation of a new land field area in Palikir, Sokehs and Madolenihmw.

The final finding of the auditors said, "Monitoring activities are limited and do not ensure compliance with the State

EPA regulations."

EPA is empowered with monitoring and reporting requirements to ensure public compliance with solid waste regulations. Pohnpei T&I is responsible for management of the dump site.

"The audit team found that while both EPA and T&I perform monthly inspections of the dump and EPA performs residential inspections, there is not effective enforcement program to ensure compliance with solid waste practices outside of the dump," the audit said.

It said that while the EPA does issue citations there is no tracking system to be sure the \$100 fine for non-compliance is ever paid. "As such, the citations act more as a warning than as a citation.... garbage piled outside at private residences is a common site in Pohnpei," said the auditors.

Pohnpei EPA said that it conducts household inspections in all communities of the state partly to ensure compliance with EPA Solid Waste Regulations. They said that they are now re-inspecting households that did not comply with EPA regulations, in order to work with the owners to bring their residence into compliance. Those failing to do so are brought before the EPA Board of Directors for a hearing and possible fine.

It said that Pohnpei Waste Management Services has not been required to renew an annual permit or to submit annual records that would show the quantity and type of solid waste processed at the site.

Though monthly dump inspections do occur, the monitoring activities have not resolved ongoing problems. Auditors specifically mentioned that precautions over hazardous waste are not in place. Though Pohnpei State Hospital has an incinerator the hospital staff is afraid to use it because during an instructional demonstration intended to teach hospital staff how to use it the instructor was burned.

The audit said that the dump operator is not complying with all requirements which includes a requirement that they cover garbage with dirt and then compact it.

"The audit said that in 1997 Pohnpei Waste Management Services took over operations of the dump. It submitted a request to initiate procedures to secure a permit. However, it was determined that the site and its operations would meet the requirements for either a permit or a variance. Pohnpei State determined that the most pragmatic action was to allow the dump to continue operating without a permit and hasten progress toward development of (a new) landfill," auditors said.

At least according to the auditors stated opinions, the "hastening" had not, by the completion of the audit, occurred.

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...Mau passes on

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ence and the man fourteen years ago.

Thompson said of Mau in that article, "His grandfather took him out to sail with him at age four. Mau told me that he would get seasick and when he was seven years old, his grandfather would tie his hands and drag him behind the canoe to get rid of that. This was not abuse. This was to get him ready for the task of serving his community as a navigator..."

"Mau can unlock the signs of the ocean world and can feel his way through the ocean. Mau is so powerful. The first time Mau was in Hawai'i, I was in awe of him-I would just watch him and didn't dare to ask him questions. One night, when we were in Snug Harbor, someone asked him where the Southern Cross was. Mau, without turning around or moving his head, pointed in the direction of a brightly lit street lamp. I was curious and checked it. I ran around the street light and there, just where Mau had pointed, was the Southern Cross. It's like magic; Mau knows where something is without seeing it..."

"'It's too late,' Mau said, 'I am too old, our children have too much to learn, and it's too late.' That's something I never wanted to hear. But he said, 'It's okay. All navigators find a way out. When they put me in the ground, it's all right because I already planted a seed in Hawai'i. When my people want to learn, they can come to Hawai'i and learn about me.' Mau does not see navigation as cultural revival; it's his way of life. His people will never come to learn from him until they want to live that way again," Thompson concluded.

When President Mori's Chief of Staff received the phone call telling him that Mau had sailed on to other waters I happened to be close by and I thought of the many great men of Micronesia I wish I'd had the opportunity to meet before they passed on; historic and stalwart men who accomplished so much in their lives. How to write a fitting tribute to a man like Mau has completely eluded me, though my thoughts have had an opportunity to incubate within me for nearly two weeks. Ultimately I found myself unequal to the task, daunted by the vast differences between his world and mine, and completely overwhelmed by his monumental accomplishments and the mark he made in this world before he sailed on.

Mau's nephew, Tom Raffipiy who knew his uncle extremely well had the following to say:

"In his native Satawalese vernacular "mau" means strong, strength, hard, hardened, and mature, among other definitions. Truly, Pius "Mau" Pailug lived up to the nickname given to him in his early adulthood. The name was supposedly given to him to describe his uncanny physique which was then thought of as a physical defect. The ripples of muscles on his back were likened to the rough shells of hawksbill turtles. However he got the nickname "Mau" one can be certain that it was given out of love and affection as was the normal practice. Probably no one realized how the name would shape the character of the man who defied cultural belief to safeguard a dying art of Oceania - non-instrumental navigation.

"Mau was naturally strong and courageous. Mau would have been the first to admit that he might have not known as much "talk of the sea" as most navigators of his time did, but I knew him to have more courage and to be more fearless than any of them. Mau would never allow himself to doubt his decisions and navigational tactics and that served him well throughout his life. He thrived on challenges and rarely stayed on the land. He dedicated his whole life to voyaging and to teaching. That was his passion.

"Mau's points of view frequently sparked controversies as he would always speak his mind and often challenged other

people's points of views that he believed were not in line with cultural practices and beliefs. He was a man of few words but if presented with the opportunity, he would speak in burst of words in rapid fire fashion that could be intimidating to those who didn't know him.

"Among his major pet peeves was the introduction of Christianity and western education in the islands. Like many island elders, he believed western religious practices and schools contributed to the rapid erosion of cultural arts and sciences that have kept the Pacific Island cultures alive for generations.

"Like men of his age and those before him, Mau believed that real men drink alcoholic beverages. Mau drank most of his life and that probably contributed to the downward spiral failure of his health.

"Mau fulfilled the callings of the traditional navigators

and much more. He did his part in feeding the islands and upholding the honorable legacy of "pwo navigators." Unlike many navigators, Mau was so giving of his knowledge and willing to teach whoever was willing to learn. Every moment was a teaching moment to Mau. He loved the dedication of the Polynesian people to learning traditional navigation, and it's for that reason that he dedicated half of his life to teaching traditional navigation to the Polynesian people especially the Hawaiians. The Hawaiian people were very special to Mau.

"Mau left behind a legacy that is unparalleled and unmatched. Mau will be remembered by his generous gift of pride and self-identity to the people of the Pacific. His will be a legacy of teaching islands rather than individuals. Mau was a visionary man with great conviction in his knowledge, tremendous physical and mental strength, and unwavering courage to break the taboos of the teaching of navigation in order to preserve the precious "talk of the sea."



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Marshalls' Ebeye out of room for dead

Cemeteries are full on the tiny atoll

By Giff Johnson

MAJURO, Marshall Islands (Marianas Variety, July 16, 2010) – An urban center in the Marshall Islands with one of the highest population densities in the Pacific has run out of room to bury its dead.

This problem has reached a crisis point on Ebeye Island, said Kwajalein Senator and traditional leader Michael Kabua.

Ebeye, the bedroom community for the 1,000 Marshall Islanders who work at the U.S. Army's Kwajalein missile range three miles away, has a population estimated at greater than 10,000 living on 78 acres (31 hectares) of land.

As a chief for Ebeye and the surrounding islands of Kwajalein Atoll, Kabua is responsible for burials and other matters involving land use on these small, low lying coral islands. "All of Ebeye's cemeteries are full," he said Wednesday. "There is no place to bury people."

Kabua said there are four funerals in progress this week and burial locations are a problem.

"People are being forced to dig up existing graves and put new caskets in on top of the remains already buried," he said.

The Kwajalein leader said he has raised the problem to U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll officials as an issue that needs to be addressed. One option is to create cemeteries on islands that border the central part of Kwajalein Atoll's lagoon that are periodically off-limits because U.S. missile tests launched from California are targeted on the atoll. But Kabua said that option also presents the problem of the cost of transporting people by boat to these small islands, Kabua.

Centuries ago, Marshallese "buried" their dead in the ocean. But in modern times the custom of burial on land has been adopted and limited space in the two crowded urban centers is becoming an increasingly serious problem.

The lack of burial space on Ebeye is also a concern of Kabua's for long-term U.S. use of the atoll and restrictions this places on the movement of Marshall Islanders to many of the 93 islands in this atoll. "Can we put up with this for another 70 years on Ebeye?" he asked.

Bank of FSM Pays Annual Dividend to National Government

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei: July 15, 2010 - On June 30, 2010, the Bank of FSM issued a check in the amount of \$197,511.44 to the FSM National Government, representing the Bank's 2010 Annual Dividend payment to National Government, principal shareholder of the Bank of FSM.

President Mori is hoping that private businesses and individuals will seize the opportunity to purchase shares in the Bank of FSM and that eventually the National and State Governments will be able to sell off their interest to the private sector. "The Bank of FSM is generating profitability

and should be supported by the private sector," said Mori.

The Bank of FSM shares are available for purchase with the FSM Department of Finance in Palikir. The shares are currently being sold at the price of \$10 per share, the same price at which the government originally purchased its 300,000 shares for \$3,000,000 on December 31, 1992. The FSM Government currently owns 290,458 shares, representing a 31.10% ownership of the bank.

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National conference in Kosrae adopts gender issue resolutions

FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs

TOFOL, KOSRAE. The 2010 Federated States of Micronesia Women Conference gathered women from across the nation in Kosrae from July 12-16, to discuss gender issues under the banner "harmonizing gender roles to make a difference" and adopted three gender based resolutions.

Gender is among the planning matrices under the FSM Strategic Development Plan which identified priority issues for work in the FSM from 2004 to 2023. The Kosrae Conference is the first national women conference after the adoption of the 2004 FSM SDP and the first major gathering of the nation's women councils after a 10-year absence.

First Lady of the host state, Josefa A. Weilbacher noted that the conference provided the opportunity for FSM women to "discuss many of the critical issues facing women in the nation." Noting the various issues, she also went on to acknowledge the many success stories of women in the FSM and highlighted the conference as the "occasion for us to share our experiences and knowledge that would allow us to learn from each other culturally."

Similar sentiments were echoed by the keynote speaker for the Opening Ceremony Vice President Alik L. Alik who referred to the conference as the needed forum for FSM women to reassess their changing environment and make the necessary adjustments.

"We have to recognize that the traditional systems and social safety nets we use to enjoy have shifted. We have to take initiatives and measures to adapt to our changing environment," the Vice President told the participants.

He emphasized that progress cannot be shouldered by the Government alone, it requires the collective input of all stake-

holders, "It requires each of us to do our part whether in our own organizations, communities or families; we have to first understand our roles, what we want and how we can make a difference."

The Vice President urged the conference attendees to make necessary policy recommendations that would encourage cooperation from government and sectors of civil society to work together with women so that "entire communities may benefit from the empowerment of women."

He also recognized the activities undertaken by the Women Councils and Association in each of the four states and commended the various initiatives undertaken by the women and challenged them to expand their innovative ideas utilizing their strengths and expertise.

The 2010 was officially opened by Governor Robert J. Weilbacher who encouraged the participants to rationalize the roles of men and women today to make a difference. He underlined the fact that while the FSM has taken great strides to even the gender field, "more still needs to be done."

Colorful and lively delegations of women from the four states gathered at the Kosrae High School in Tofof for the week-long conference joined by presenters and representatives of the five governments, development partners, regional and international organizations and an eclectic range of participants from the civil society.

The conference addressed various gender issues, specifically the subject of:

- Women's health
- Women in decision making;
- Success and challenges of self employment;
- Quality education-keeping students in school and teachers at work;
- Youth social adjustments; and

- Disability, whose responsibility is it.

Other topic issues included: Domestic Violence, Millennium Development Goals, Congressional Bill 16-10, Constitutional Amendments, FSM Tax Reform, Social Security and many more. The conference also discussed the various roles of civil society in harmonizing of gender roles to make a difference for the nation.

With the gender planning matrix of the FSM SDP as a guideline, the conference incorporated the various presentations, consultations and discussions to gauge FSM's progress in gender work for the past six years. The Conference agreed that while the goals under the Gender Matrix were being addressed at various levels, much more needed to be done to fulfill them.

To that extend the Conference adopted three gender based resolutions to recognize the national progress made thus far under the Gender Matrix and urged parallel actions from the respective governments, and they are:

- Resolution 2010-02, which recognized that the National and Kosrae State Government have adopted mandatory maternity leave for its employees and thereby the delegates urged the respective state legislatures to follow suit and "pass maternity legislations as soon as possible...";

- Resolution 2010-03, which recognized the existence of domestic violence in the FSM along with current efforts by the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs to review effectiveness of existing laws and thereby the delegates urged the state governments to pass necessary laws to address domestic violence and other forms of violence against women; and

- Resolution 2010-04, which endorsed the intend of Congressional Bill 16-10 pending before the FSM Congress to provide reserved seats for women in Congress and urged the members of the FSM Congress to "pass C.B. 16-10 as soon as possible."

In addition, the Conference also adopted two other resolutions and they are:

- Resolution 2010-01, which expressed gratitude to the Kosrae State Government and Kosrae Women Association for hosting the 2010 FSM Women Conference; and

- Resolution 2010-05, which expressed gratitude to the Developing Partners for their support and assistance to the 2010 FSM Women Conference and also noted the "kind donation of the Japanese Government for the Chuuk Women's Council Multipurpose Center."

Ambassador Shoji Sato of the Japan Embassy joined the Kosrae Conference to sign over to Mrs. Christina 'Kiki' Stinnett a donation of 97,000 for the Chuuk Women's Council Multipurpose Center.

Along with the adopted resolutions, the Conference noted that for the next two years, the effective way forward in gender work requires the partnership and collaboration of all stakeholders in the nation. To that extent the Women's Councils identified priorities in gender work that each would work towards in their respective states within the next two years.

The 2010 Conference concluded with the adoption of an outcome document and agreement that the next FSM Women Conference will be in 2012 hosted in the State of Chuuk.



Kiki Stinnett and Japan's Ambassador Shoji Sato sign an agreement for the Chuuk Women's Council Multi Purpose Center



Serious ladies concentrate on the issues at the Women's Conference in Kosrae

Guest Editorial

Fiji censorship like dark matter: impossible to see but still there

By *Michael Field*

AUCKLAND (Crikey/Pacific Media Watch): Australia's top diplomat has been expelled from Fiji for "unfriendly acts". Not that you'd read about it there.

Watching Fiji these days is a bit like astronomy and physics: you can look into the universe and know that dark matter exists. It is just that it is impossible to see. Theory says it has to be there, and that is like Fiji.

Censorship is an almost all pervading thing; anything even slightly critical is blue-pencilled out of existence.

However, not quite. If you look carefully at the Fiji media, you can see what is not there, even as in the parallel universe of reality, it exists.

Take the typhoid epidemic. Officially, it is under control and everything is fine, problem solved. Look again, the Fiji media keeps reporting it is all well, every week. Censorship has pushed the Fiji media into black hole, while out here, in the real world, there are other clues that typhoid is not at all well, and not under control.

The thing is, ordinary people are hearing the same things I am hearing now around the crashing health system; it is why the Fiji media keep reporting all is well. They are not going to report that things are deteriorating.

Look at the Fiji media; there is almost no crime other than that which can be spun by the military regime into evidence against previous regimes. So, when an old lady of some earlier fame is gang raped in her Suva old folks home, it does not get into the censored press. It cannot be blamed on former PM Laisenia Qarase; it is here and now.

Another piece of dark matter floating around is the Land Use Decree. We are told

that this will lead to a rational and reasonable use of leased land. We are told, repeatedly, about how badly land was used in the past. Again and again, without specific reference to lands being, well, rationalised.

Why is that? Censored Fiji is not being told what is happening.

In fact, the decree is rationalising - and that is not the word - the beginnings of a kind of Mugabe land grab. I know of large well-managed properties around Viti Levu where people aligned with the Bainimarama regime are now getting doubtful orders from the corrupt courts to have land seized.

In one case, a prominent military appointed court official has managed to get orders seizing white leased farmland without any compensation to the leaseholder.

Some of it even slips through the censor's net: Momi Bay and Lagoon Resort in Pacific Harbour. Again, it is not what you read, but what you don't read. The Black Matter is the name, or names, of the people in the regime who will profit from these seizures.

Bainimarama says corruption has gone; in fact, it is the black matter we cannot now see in the New Legal Order.

Look at the Surfing Decree, proclaiming the waves of Fiji open to all. Well, who could argue that robbing a fat cat's property and giving it to the poor (or in this case, the lazy surfers of the world) is laudable. Just that Fiji might just find it increasingly harder to attract the fat cats any more.

After all, if the military gun can steal the waves, what about the resorts on the land next to them? Free rooms at Treasure Island; free room service at the Sheraton? Watch out.

What is notably absent from the censored press is any coverage - not a solitary word - of the discussion and consultation that preceded the Surfing Decree. Dark matter buried in there.

Another clue that all is rotten in Fiji is in Frank Bainimarama's emergency budget. He said he had to bring it out because of unexpected events that he did not think of in his earlier budget. These included cyclones and rain. Cyclones and rain, unexpected, in Fiji?

In addition, his economic projections were knocked over by a termite outbreak in Nadi. Who does he think he is kidding? Termite treatment costs less than the Chinese weapons he is proposing to buy for the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.

A lot of black matter floating around in those unchallenged 'budget' statements. One of which was why wasn't there money for a rainy day?

Bainimarama says he is going off to the IMF to get \$1 billion. However, he says they will only take it up after "placing paramountcy on what is in the best interest for Fiji and her people".

Why would you state such an apparently obvious thing? It's simple - as Greece and other much more powerful countries have long since found out; when you are broke and holding out a begging bowl no one cares about your paramountcy. Therefore, you tell the world - like pissing into the wind - that your paramountcy matters. No, it does not, and you will not read that in the Fiji media.

Then, there was the Media Decree. Now that came after 150 minutes of "consultation" with the media industry. The difference between the April draft and the June version is modest in the extreme.

Just before going there though, a small piece of unnoticed context, more dark matter if you like. Two weeks before the decree blitz hit, Bainimarama and his bag peon Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, announced they were off to the Arab League where, the censored media assured us all, the Middle East was about to sprinkle US\$50 million in gold on the regime. The censored media said, repeatedly, that this was Fiji's money to claim.

There was black matter, unreported; the Arabs offered US\$50 million to be "shared" among 14 Pacific nations, not just Fiji. Bainimarama delivered a speech to the assembled Arabs that was so bad I doubt even he can remember what he said. Then he and bag boy came home.

Nothing more in the censored media; it has gone, black matter. Don't mention the Arabs.

Yes, we can determine from that vacant space that Bainimarama got nothing. Zilch. Chances are he even had to pay for his own mini-bar.

Nothing in the media equates with nothing in Fiji. So, they come home and immediately change the subject. They attack the media and Rupert Murdoch in particular.

Have no doubt, Bainimarama is being nasty and vindictive in the most self-destructive way. Investors have had the message driven home with ruthless efficiency; if we don't like you, we will change the rules. It is robbery, straight and simple. It is also anti-democratic, oppressive and designed to squeeze out whatever independent thought is left.

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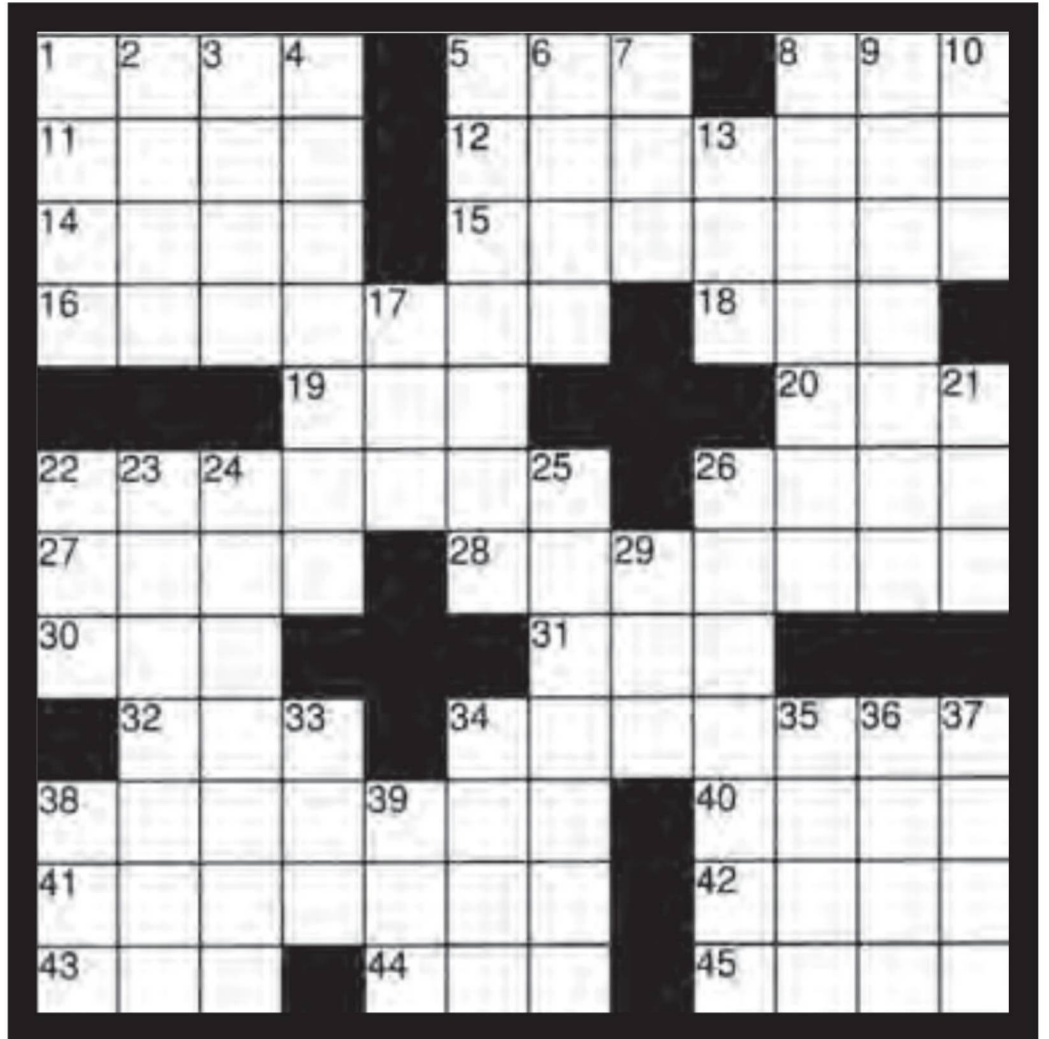
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- 22. Long job for a plotter
- 26. I'm outta here!
- 27. You might pick up on it
- 28. Atoll features
- 30. Spinning stat
- 31. Second Sunday in May honoree
- 32. Bring along
- 34. It ruins the ending
- 38. Aruba neighbor
- 40. Chivalry, for one
- 41. Sauce seasoning
- 42. Sign of a breakout
- 43. Limiting word
- 44. Calming count
- 45. It has heels

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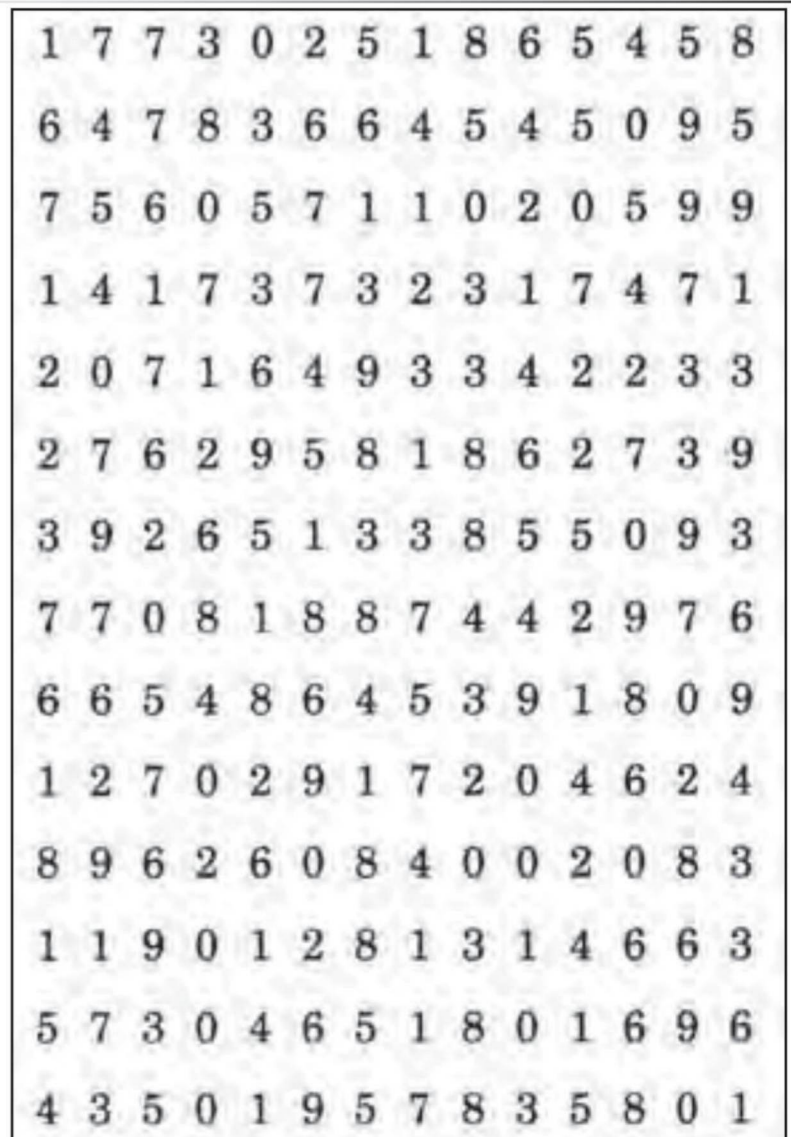
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- 2. Like some hair
- 3. Excluding
- 4. Potential turn-ons
- 5. Undying
- 6. Long-eared one's comment
- 7. Humongous
- 8. It isn't in stereo
- 9. Hercule Poirot, for one
- 10. Bellow
- 13. All U.S. presidents so far
- 17. Down
- 21. Barber art
- 22. Not close
- 23. Burst
- 24. Mail deliverer
- 25. Satirize
- 26. Funny
- 29. It's messy
- 33. Wiggle
- 34. Not 35 Down
- 35. Not 34 Down
- 36. Charlotte Rae TV role
- 37. Scuba site
- 38. Bit of fuzz?
- 39. Tree climber



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K.P. Crazy Korner

Me Time:

Everytime I get it together, I forget where I put it!

Island Inspiration:

English Proofreading aren't for lazy persons
101:

Where the facts are few, the consultants are many

think about it: the trouble with the gene pool is that there's no lifeguard.

Computer Corner

How can we re-boot the government?



Daffy Definition: Mother -- A travel agent for guilt trips

Math 101

There are 3 kinds of untruths- fibs, lies and statistics

Mama S says:

If the phone doesn't ring you'll know it's me



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- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at China Star Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- 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.
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- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: - rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service Invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too!. Call: 320-2496
- Ultimate Frisbee pick-up game every Tuesday 5:45pm at the Spanish Wall. All levels welcome! Call 320.2439 for more details

Summer HAP Students Learn about Go Local and Sing Along

By Arelina Joakim

On July 9th, Island Food Community of Pohnpei gave a presentation about the importance of local foods to 61 summer Higher Achievement Program students.

Jessica Trout director of Higher Achievement Program who requested the talk, and three other staff participated in the event. The HAP program is run by volunteers from Xavier High School and other schools closely affiliated with Xavier and the program is for top seventh grade students.

The purpose of the talk was to pass on the message of local foods and their 'CHEEF' benefits: culture, health, environment, economy, and food security.

The students were excited to sing the go local songs.

A prize was given out to Maylani Pelep and Mary Amor for voluntarily singing the go local and 'CHEEF' songs.

Each of the 61 participants received a go local red pen, which stated the message that "we are in a crisis, one in three people in Pohnpei have diabetes, this is a serious problem, but the solution is given on the pen...and that is to go local!"

Island Food Community would like to thank the HAP program for organizing the visit and special thanks are also given to the US Agroforestry and Global Environment Facility Small Grant Program for funding and support.



HAP students happily hold bananas at the Go Local workshop at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei Training Centre in Kolonia.

Astronomical Tide Prediction July 26 - August 8, 2010

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	07/26	08/02	07/26	08/02	07/26	08/02	07/26	08/02
	03:20AM 4.2	12:27AM 1.6	02:21AM 2.2	03:47AM 1.2	10:23AM -0.1	10:41AM 0.1	03:53PM 0.4	05:47PM 1.3
	10:11AM 0.4	06:02AM 2.9	10:24AM -0.1	10:33AM 0.1	03:53PM 0.4	05:47PM 1.3	06:59PM 0.3	11:13PM 0.9
	04:01PM 2.7	12:27PM 1.0	03:46PM 0.6	06:46PM 1.3	09:19PM 1.0	07:16PM 3.1		
Tuesday	07/27	08/03	07/27	08/03	07/27	08/03	07/27	08/03
	03:47AM 4.2	01:23AM 1.8	02:44AM 2.2	02:45AM 1.0	10:24AM -0.1	10:33AM 0.1	03:46PM 0.6	06:46PM 1.3
	10:31AM 0.4	06:22AM 2.5	10:24AM -0.1	10:33AM 0.1	03:46PM 0.6	06:46PM 1.3	07:42PM 0.3	
	04:25PM 2.9	12:50PM 1.1	03:46PM 0.6	06:46PM 1.3	09:49PM 0.9	08:20PM 3.0		
Wednesday	07/28	08/04	07/28	08/04	07/28	08/04	07/28	08/04
	04:12AM 4.1	03:40AM 1.9	03:06AM 2.2	10:09AM 0.0	10:28AM 0.0	10:49PM 1.4	03:52PM 0.7	
	10:51AM 0.4	06:21AM 2.0	10:28AM 0.0	10:49PM 1.4	03:52PM 0.7		08:18PM 0.3	
	04:48PM 3.0	01:18PM 1.4	03:52PM 0.7		10:19PM 1.0	10:16PM 3.1		
Thursday	07/29	08/05	07/29	08/05	07/29	08/05	07/29	08/05
	04:36AM 4.0	08:13AM 1.5	03:26AM 2.0	09:32AM -0.1	11:10AM 0.5	12:03PM 1.6	10:32AM 0.1	
	05:12PM 3.1	02:51PM 1.5	04:04PM 0.9		10:48PM 1.1		04:04PM 0.9	
			08:50PM 0.4					
Friday	07/30	08/06	07/30	08/06	07/30	08/06	07/30	08/06
	04:58AM 3.8	12:06AM 3.3	03:43AM 1.9	12:00AM 1.7	11:29AM 0.6	08:07AM 1.1	10:36AM 0.1	09:14AM -0.3
	05:36PM 3.2	01:46PM 1.9	04:21PM 1.0		11:17PM 1.2	05:53PM 1.6	09:22PM 0.5	
Saturday	07/31	08/07	07/31	08/07	07/31	08/07	07/31	08/07
	05:20AM 3.5	01:09AM 3.7	03:55AM 1.7	12:41AM 2.0	11:47AM 0.7	08:30AM 0.8	10:40AM 0.1	09:17AM -0.4
	06:04PM 3.2	02:18PM 2.3	04:43PM 1.1		11:49PM 1.4	07:09PM 1.3	09:54PM 0.6	
Sunday	08/01	08/08	08/01	08/08	08/01	08/08	08/01	08/08
	05:41AM 3.2	01:56AM 4.1	03:59AM 1.4	01:18AM 2.2	12:07PM 0.8	08:57AM 0.5	10:42AM 0.1	09:30AM -0.5
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Rohi, U Holds Go Local Workshop and Plants a Banana in a New Way

By Cassandra Cantero

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) was happy to hold a Go Local Agroforestry workshop in Rohi, U at Adelino Lorens' residence on July 8th, 2010. Ten women and six men participated, including the IFCP staff.

As part of the workshop, Arelina Joakim shared the IFCP standard talk with everyone. She explained the local foods that are rich in beta-carotene and provide special health benefits, helping to protect against certain cancers, heart disease, diabetes, and vitamin A deficiency. She explained the CHEEF benefits of local foods, which are Culture, Health, Environment, Economy, and Food Security; why local food is important for our health; and why we should go local.

After her talk, Mona J. Tara demonstrated the three banana fruit salad recipe (see below). Followed by the banana recipe demonstration, Mr. Augustine Primo of COM/ Land Grant Cooperative Research Extension gave a talk on how to differentiate between a good and bad banana sucker.

The most important part of this workshop was the demonstration on how to plant a banana in a new way by using compost, as presented by Semes Silbanuz from Pohnpei Agriculture. This is to dig a big hole and put in leaves and plant material, which decompose [animal manure can also be added if available]. This acts like a local fertilizer helping the plants grow very well.

Thanks are extended to the people of Rohi, U; the facilitators Augustine Primo from COM FSM Cooperative Extension Services, Semes Silbanuz from Pohnpei Agriculture, as well as Adelino Lorens; and to the funding support by US Forestry and the Pacific CEED Legacy Project.



The Rohi, U community prepare here a deep hole about 2-3 feet wide and 2 feet deep, after which compost material should be added.

Showing the planted banana! Try it yourself and see how well your bananas will thrive!

Three Banana Fruit Salad

Ingredients

Karat banana, ripe
(the color of the flesh is deep yellow-orange)
Akadahn or Daiwang or Kudud banana, ripe
(the color of the flesh is yellow)
Utin Menihle, Utin Pihsi or Kaimana, ripe
(the color of the flesh is white)

Method

1. Peel the bananas and cut into slices.
2. Cut the citrus and squeeze out the juice over the bananas, mix in, and your colorful fruit salad is ready.

Monster grouper caught in Pohnpei

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—The excitement at Caroline Islands Enterprises Market on Tuesday, July 20 flashed like blue lightning. People who had heard the tale of a monster grouper caught that day by Nelper Lemuel on a hand line, flocked in to see the fish with their own eyes. Children petted and stroked the creature where it lay on the concrete floor.

“We had it hanging from the scale for 10 minutes. It was impressive hanging there but then the rope broke,” said Simon Mix, of Simon’s market. “It weighed 240 pounds.”

A large 28 pound giant trevally laying next to the magnificent creature was dwarfed by comparison. Indeed, the trevally inserted into the mouth of the grouper fit to over half of its length. In terms of girth there was room to spare as demonstrated by the young onlookers who petted the dead grouper as if it were still alive though if it had been it quite possibly could have eaten at least one of them. The fish probably weighed more than four of the children combined.

“If I had caught this fish,” Mix said, “I’d probably go out and buy a freezer and keep it in there forever!”

“I wonder what you’re going to find in its stomach when you cut him open,” one onlooker asked a bit squeamishly.

“Oh, I don’t know. Maybe an arm or a leg or something,” Mix joked and flashed a huge happy grin vicarious though it may have been.



Yap battle of the bands comes to a close

Yap Office of Youth and Social Affairs

After two weekends of non-stop music action the 2010 Summer Jam also known as the Battle of the Bands came to an end on July 18th 2010 with the attendance of more than 200 people filling up the community center to enjoy great local music by our local artists. Performing were the TB Productions, 10-28, Island Brothers, R&BB, and many more young local artists displaying their talents of music and singing.

Only 1 band was able to come out and claim the first place although all of the bands put up a magnificent show for the audience, it was up to the fans and audience to decide which band was the best.

It was done by a secret ballot vote by the audience in attendance and at the end of the day it was TB Productions who came out on top with the most votes and claimed the grand prize of \$300 while Island Brothers came out 2nd winning \$200, and 10-28 placing third winning \$100.

The event was organized by the Waab Music and Art Federation, a non-government and non-profit organization created to organize and promote local musicians. According to the organization, they are planning to do the event again next year and hope that more local bands and artists will come out and sign up to join.

Palau to Host Micronesia Games

By **Jim Tobin**
FSM National Olympic Committee

The Republic of Palau will host the 7th Micronesia Games, with the opening ceremony to be held at 4:00pm on Sunday, August 1, 2010 at the Palau National Track and Field and the closing ceremony on Tuesday, August 10. Over 1,500 athletes from the Micronesia region will compete in Athletics (track and field), Baseball, Basketball, Micronesia All-Around, Outrigger Canoe, Softball (fast-pitch), Spear Fishing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball, Weightlifting and Wrestling. The Federated States of Micronesia does not participate as a country in the games. The 4 FSM States of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap compete separately along with the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Kiribati, CNMI, Guam and Palau.

Pohnpei will be sending the largest delegation of 191 athletes, coaches and officials. Pohnpei will compete in Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Micronesia

All-Around, Outrigger Canoe, Softball, Spear Fishing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, and Wrestling. The Kosrae delegation is just under 100 and will participate in Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Outrigger Canoe, Table Tennis, Tennis, Softball, Volleyball and Wrestling. Chuuk will be competing in Athletics, Basketball, Volleyball and Wrestling with a delegation numbering over 80. Yap will be sending 122 people and will compete in Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Outrigger Canoe, Softball, Volleyball, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap sport leaders were responsible for the selection of athletes, coaches and officials; delegation and team management; drafting budgets and fundraising. In February, FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC) hosted a FSM national sport administration workshop on Pohnpei, with the sport leaders from all 4 FSM States attending. The workshop focused on athlete and coach selection criteria, team management, drafting budgets and fundraising. In the past, major fund-

ing for each of the FSM States costs has come from each state’s legislature. Additionally, the FSM National Government generously provided \$200,000 to support the FSM States with airfare costs. The FSMNOC assisted with athlete and team training by bringing outside expert coaches to the FSM; proper training equipment; ordering of athlete and team uniforms; and on-line games registration and accreditation.

The official website for the Palau 2010 Micronesia Games is oceaniasport.com/Palau. The site contains the schedules for all sports. The results are to be updated each day during the games. The Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap delegations will arrive to Palau on July 30 and 31 and return immediately after the games close on August 10.

The Micronesia Games are held every 4 years. Saipan hosted the last games in 2006. The Micronesia Games Council will be holding a meeting in Palau on Sunday, August 8. The main agenda items at that meeting will be the selection



of the next host of the 2014 Micronesia Games and the election of officers. Rumor has it that Pohnpei plans to submit a bid to host the next games. It is also hoped that a mini FSM Games, with no more the 6 to 8 sports, will be held on Pohnpei in July 2011.

Good luck to all of our athletes, teams and coaches!