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FSM Police officers graduate from National Police Academy Australia funded academy is first ever conducted entirely by FSM citizens



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Pohnpei, FSM—25 Police officers from throughout the FSM graduated from the third FSM Police Academy today in a ceremony at the Spanish Wall ball field. Though the academy was entirely funded by the government of Australia it is the first time that the FSM police academy was taught entirely by citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia from curriculum developed by Micronesians.

Of the 25 trainees five were from the Yap State Police, five from the Chuuk State Police, six were from the Pohnpei State Police, two from the Kolonia Town Police, three were from the Kosrae State Police, and four were from the National Police.

Efren Eliou of the National Police was the Valedictorian for the class, Nixon Ludwig of Pohnpei State Police was the Salutatorian, and Andrew Ruepong of the Yap State Police earned the Commanders Award. All three also earned a Top 5 award along with Pedro Baltasar of the Chuuk State Police, Benjamin Likiaksa and Reed Tilfas of the Kosrae State Police, Benjamin Fredrick and Perry Tewasimal of the National Police.

Johnny Agrippa of the National Police won the Leadership Award. Francis Choay of the Yap State Police earned the Most Improved Award. Louis Falmngar of the Yap State Police earned the Physical Fitness Award, and Quleen S. Tyler of the Pohnpei State Police earned the “Against All Odds” award. Tyler was the only female officer trainee at the academy.

Academy Commander Lieutenant Patrick Carl said that the Academy was taught from the locally developed curriculum

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Yap celebrates the opening ceremony of the Yap Living History Museum

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The Kaselehlie Press

The Yap Living History Museum (YLHM) held its opening ceremony on December 7 Wednesday afternoon. Held at the museum site in Colonia, the ceremony celebrated the completion of the Peebay (meeting house), Faluw (Men’s house), Koyeng (small shelter), two Wunbey (platforms), and Rai (stone money) which make up the majority of the project’s first phase. Located across from the museum site and near the water are two canoe houses for the purpose of traditional canoe sailing.



The ceremony started off with Yap State Lieutenant Governor Tony Tareg’s speech, during which he thanked the financial supporters, agencies, and individuals who contributed to the museum project. Lt. Governor gave special recognition to the government of France for their very generous support.

Recognition was also made to the Yap State government, Yap Visitor’s Bureau (YVB), and Yap State Historic Preservation Office (YSHPO) for their collaborative effort to garner enough financial support, get the project underway, and finally completing most of the first phase of the project.

Tareg also gave special recognition to James Lukan “who has been dedicating most of his time to get this project on track.” Lukan is the former director of YSHPO and current chairman of the Yap State Museum Board.

Under Yap State law, the establishment of a state museum is the responsibility of

YSHPO, and for many years YSHPO has worked towards putting together a blueprint and seeking funding from outside sources. According to one YSHPO employee, when funding from the People’s Republic of China failed to come through, the project was fortunate enough to gain the interest of the French government.

The French government generously funded the construction of the completed structures, and according to Lukan during his speech, the government of France has indicated that it will help with funding the rest of phase one - which includes the construction of a local residential house. According to Don Evans, the general manager of YVB and member of the Museum Board, the second phase involves the construction of a modern climate controlled building to house and display items of historical and traditional values.

Laura Koonce, the liaison officer for the museum and cruise ship coordinator, stated that the second phase would commence as soon as funding is secured. As cruise ship coordinator, Koonce will be working towards incorporating her work for the museum with cruise ships since the museum will be used as a welcome center.

Regardless of the second phase, Evans stated that beginning next year the museum will engage in activities that involves school children in an attempt to revive the art of some handicrafts that are currently on the verge of being lost. The museum will also be involved in tourism activities.

YLHM recognizes that traditionally these completed structures would not be built so close to each other, but intends to showcase the unique Yapese architectures in one setting.

The ceremony concluded with two local dances from Gagil and Weloy Municipalities.

Pohnpei voters partner Ehsa and Peterson as top executives

Tight votes mean neither candidate received a clear voter mandate

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

December 8, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—Saying that all of the ballot boxes had been counted, the Pohnpei State Election office today released unofficial results for the runoff election for the positions of Governor and Lt. Governor. The results were quite tight and none of the candidates for the positions received an overwhelming voter mandate.

In the race for the position of Governor, incumbent John Ehsa edged out veteran Johnny P. David in a vote of 9,824 for Governor Ehsa, and 8075 for former Governor Johnny P. David for a total number 17,899 votes. Ehsa received 54.89 percent of the votes while former Governor Johnny P. David received 45.11 percent of the votes.

In the race for the position for Lieutenant Governor, Kolonia Town Mayor Marcelo K. Peterson won 53.06 percent of the total

of 17,923 votes for a total of 9,510 votes. Kiomy Albert-Kilmede made an extremely admirable showing at 46.94 percent of the vote, 8413 in all.

The Pohnpei Election office said that the reason for the differing number of total votes in the two races was due to some voided ballots. The representative of the office told us by phone that on some ballots voters properly voted for one office but wrote in a name on the other. In that case the portion of the ballot that was proper was counted and the portion in which the voter had written in a name was voided.

As could probably have been predicted David dominated in his home municipality of Kitti with 2,592 votes to Ehsa's 994. Things were much tighter in Kitti between the two candidates for Lt. Governor. Albert-Kilmede received 2,006 votes while Peterson received 1,611.

Governor Ehsa dominated in his home municipality of Madolenihmw with 2,428

votes to David's 645. Albert-Kilmede had 1,956 votes there while Peterson had 1,116.

In Sokehs the vote was much tighter in the Governor's race. Ehsa received 1222 votes just edging out David who had 1147 votes. Peterson took more than twice the votes than did Albert-Kilmede who received 784 votes. Peterson had 1590 votes in Sokehs.

Ehsa took nearly 300% more votes than David in Nett. Ehsa had 1,501 while David serious lagged in that municipality with 579 votes. Peterson received 1217 of the Nett votes while Albert-Kilmede received 864.

At 1271 the votes in U for Ehsa were over four times as many as David's 314. Peterson took a beating in U with only 429 votes compared to nearly triple that number earned by Albert-Kilmede who receive 1158 votes there.

Kolonia Town was tightly divided between

Ehsa and David. Ehsa only marginally won at 848 votes compared to David's 656. Peterson, of course ran away with the vote in Kolonia logging 1,113 Kolonia votes to Albert-Kilmede's 384.

Johnny P. David walked away with the votes from Sapwafik, Nukuoro, and Kapinga Marangi with 772 votes compared to Ehsa's 333. Peterson was even further ahead in that vote with 916 votes compared to Albert-Kilmede's 190.

Johnny David won by a small margin the votes of Mokilloa, and Pingelap. He received 431 votes to Ehsa's 315. Peterson again walked away with the votes from those two outer island communities with 533 votes compared to Albert-Kilmede's 144.

Among absentee ballots Ehsa and David were neck and neck. David squeezed by Ehsa in a vote of 881 to 815. The votes for Peterson and Albert-Kilmed were also equitably disbursed with a margin of only 14 votes. Peterson received 854 of the votes of absentee voters while Albert-Kilmede received 840.

Board names Dr Joseph M Daisy as new President

College of Micronesia-FSM

The Board of Regents for the College of Micronesia-FSM announced it has successfully completed the search process for the position of president, which has been vacant since former president, Spensin James, stepped down in March. After an intense search, Chairman Kasio E Mida reported that Dr Joseph M Daisy has accepted the position and will officially begin the first week of February 2012.

Dr Daisy comes from Cambridge College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he served since 2005 in a wide range of administrative and leadership positions, including most recently as the Executive Vice President. In 2001, Dr Daisy was engaged by the college as a senior faculty member in the School of Education, teaching courses in leadership and social science research.

During his tenure at Cambridge College, he acted in a provost equivalent role and provided academic and administrative leadership for the college for eight months during their

search for a new president. Dr Daisy has a strong background in accreditation, curriculum development, and strategic planning and implementation. With the numerous challenges currently facing the college, great expectations await Dr Daisy. In accepting the position, Dr. Daisy wrote that it is with "great anticipation and pride that I look forward to serving the College as its next President."



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Kosrae makes Yahoo list of ten secret islands

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

December 5, 2011

Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia— Officials at the Kosrae Visitor's Bureau are understandably excited about the publicity that has recently come from Yahoo.com on their "travel ideas" page. Kosrae appeared in an internationally heralded news item with the headline "World's Most Secret Islands: We turned up 10 dreamy islands unknown to the average U.S. traveler." (<http://travel.yahoo.com/p-interests-40878721>)

Grant Ismael, the Director of the Kosrae Visitor's Bureau (KVB) said in his email alerting us to the Yahoo.com article, that Kosrae had been awarded "with Top 10 most desirable secret island getaway for 2012 by Yahoo.com."

It was an understandable overstatement. The website didn't say that the Kosrae's inclusion on the list was a "top ten" designation nor did it say that inclusion on the list was an award of some kind. The article did say that Kosrae is amongst the world's most secret islands.

"From what I understand, this Yahoo article was a direct result of KVB's PR (public relations efforts) approaching the writer to do a story on Kosrae and repeated follow up for almost two years," KVB director Grant Ismael said in an email.

Though the Kosrae Village eco-lodge and dive resort was the only hotel in Kosrae mentioned in the article amongst several other resorts that also provide excellent services on the island, proprietor Katrina Adams said that she had nothing to do with soliciting the article. She said that the author of the Yahoo article contacted her and that she answered the questions that were asked. She also sent a few photos.

Jamie Moore, the author of the Yahoo article seems never to have been to Kosrae. Additionally there is a contradiction in the way the article was published probably caused by line editors. Moore clearly said in the article that Kosrae is a "lush spot just north of the equator," but the "summary section of the article said that Kosrae is in the "South Pacific." It's a common mistake for editors and writers who are unfamiliar with the area.

Just the same, the publicity for the island is extremely valuable for Kosrae's tiny tourism industry.

The author's assertion that Kosrae, the "island of the sleeping lady," is "dreamy" and that the island is "unknown to the average U.S. traveler" is absolutely correct. Travelers to the island who are ready for a relaxing trip away from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the world will find exactly what they are after in Kosrae.

A tourist to Kosrae CAN "dive or snorkel

amongst some of the world's last remaining pristine fringe reefs," as the author of the article asserts. Kosrae guides CAN lead divers to the location of a sunken pirate ship that was captained by the legendary Bully Hayes. They CAN lead them to the site of a sunken wooden whaler, and to airplanes shot down during World War II. Visitors CAN paddle an outrigger canoe through mysterious and beautiful mangroves.

But tourists can also hike into the magnificent Yela Ka rainforest ecosystem in Tafunsak.

The Yela watershed contains the world's only remaining stand of terminalia trees. The Yela rainforest is an eco-tourist's dream stretching from the mountain top to mangroves far below.

Tourists can dine and drink at the Pacific Treelodge Resort, at Bully's Restaurant, an open sided, thatched roofed structure built over the Lelu River. The elevated walkway to Bully's wends its way through magnificent mangroves.

The Kosrae Nautilus Resort is another excellent place to dine and guests of the hotel have access to the only in ground swimming pool in Kosrae.

Though the author of the "secret islands" article did mention the private cottages on a sandy beach at the Kosrae Village eco-lodge and dive resort it didn't mention that

the resort also has an excellent restaurant which is a very short walk from the road side, through a small mangrove and toward the ocean.

Each of the above resorts in Kosrae is within a stone's throw and a clear view of a beach and each offers dive and tourism packages.

U.S. travelers do not require a visa to visit Kosrae, the smallest State in the Federated States of Micronesia. Access is by Continental Micronesia which has merged with United Airlines.

KVB has been diligently combating "secrecy" about the island amongst American and Canadian tourists and recently concluded an Internet campaign on Facebook and Twitter that offered free round trip airfare for one from anywhere in the United States or Canada.

Having heard nothing from KVB, we checked the contest website on Facebook this evening and found that someone named Katherine Yonker had won the prize.

Though every comment on her winning entry indicated that none of her friends had ever heard of Kosrae, they certainly have now. Yonker will be travelling to Kosrae at a time of her choosing and some of her friends begged her to take them with her.

Kosrae appeared eighth on the list but the

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Grand Opening of Women's Interest Facility in Chuuk

Chuuk Women's Council

Excellency Eiichi Suzuki, Japan Ambassador to the FSM.

More than 400 people gathered in Nepukus Village on Weno Island, Chuuk State on Friday, November 25, 2011, to help celebrate the grand opening of the Shinobu M. Poll Memorial Center; a center for Women's interests in the State.

The new facility includes a large business office with a handicraft work & display area, two staff offices, a media room, two medical/consultation offices, a full kitchen, a large conference room, and restrooms.

The property on which the facility sits was donated to the Chuuk Women's Council (CWC) by former CWC President and civic leader Shinobu M. Poll.

After her donation the government of Japan donated \$97,000 for the construction of the 2,600 square foot women's interest center which is the home base for the Chuuk Women's Council, the umbrella organization for 64 separate Chuukese women's organization State-wide.

Speakers on the beautiful day of the celebration included Mrs. Kiki Stinnett, President of the Chuuk Women's Council; the Honorable Pintas Kenneth, Mayor of Weno Municipality; the Honorable Johnson Elimo, Governor of Chuuk State; His Excellency Alik Alik, Vice President of the FSM; the Honorable Mark Mailo, Chuuk State Senate President; and His

All speakers paid tribute to the elder generation of Chuukese women who laid the foundation and paved the way for the women of today. The speakers called the event "historic." They said that the provision of a facility for the Chuuk Women's Council would help the CWC to further expand the projects with which they have already been involved and that the center would help to foster growth for future projects aimed at improving the health, education, and social welfare of all communities in Chuuk.

Prayers were offered before, during and after the celebration by Pastor Yosta Lodge, Pastor Sataichy Roby, and Pastor Jody Colson. All those in attendance either enjoyed or participated in the singing by the women and there was more food than could be eaten on this day of celebration.

His Excellency Eiichi Suzuki joined Chuuk State Governor Johnson Elimo and CWC President Kiki Stinnett in cutting the ribbon of the main entrance into the Shinobu M. Poll Memorial Center and then everyone enjoyed a tour of the new women's interest facility.

All in all it was a great day of fellowship, speeches, singing, ceremony, and eating great food. Many of the 400 plus attendees saw the facility for the first time and were impressed with the construction, the quality of work, the ceramic tiles, the high ceiling, and the overall layout.

It was pointed out by several speakers that the transition from construction to operations will require support for essential requirements such as power and communication and the CWC is seeking assistance for those two critical areas.

CWC President mentioned the generous donation of \$2,000 by the Bank of Guam which has already been spent to purchase 14 tables, 50 chairs for the conference room, and the signs displayed on the outside of the facility.

For anyone who may be interested to learn more about the Chuuk Women's Council or to make a donation to this Chuuk Women's Organization you may visit their website site at www.cwcfiinchuuk.org, or contact Mrs. Kiki Stinnett via e-mail at cwcfiinchuuk@mail.fm



Ribbon cutting at the Shinobu M. Poll Memorial Center



Crowd gathered at the opening of the Women's Interest Center

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Japan's National Fisheries University vessel Tenyo Maru calls on the Port of Pohnpei

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM—26 year old training vessel, the Tenyo Maru of the National Fisheries University (NFU) in Japan paid a visit to Pohnpei beginning on December 2. The nearly 63 meter long vessel is the fourth in the line of training vessels that have been used by the National Fisheries University. It is scheduled for departure from Pohnpei on December 7 and scheduled to arrive at its home port of Shimonoseki, Japan on December 19.

Ship's Captain Tadashi Kamano said that in addition to the 28 crew members many of whom who also function as instructors there are 50 students of the university all of whom are graduate students. Half of the students are studying Navigation and Fishing and the other half are studying Marine Engineering.

Through Mr. Koichi Sakonju, Resident Representative of the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan (OFCF) in the FSM who functioned as interpreter, Captain Kamano said that it costs about the same amount of money to train a navigator as it does to train a doctor.

Captain Kamano said that students who complete the course are then qualified to captain small vessels in Japan's domestic waters or to become a third officer on a larger international vessel. A student who successfully completes the course is also exempt from Japan's stringent testing for marine licensing.

During the 52 days cruise students have received training on navigation, seamanship, and engine handling. They have carried out oceanographic observations in the vicinity of Okino-Torishimain and other research including tuna long lining techniques in the Western North Pacific Ocean.

The vessel's only previous stop on its journey was in Palau from the 8th through the 13th of November, otherwise it has

been constantly at sea giving the students plenty of ocean going experience.

While in Palau and Pohnpei the NFU students had opportunity to visit local facilities of fisheries research, according to an OFCF press release. The release also said that exchange meetings with local people were also planned "for the promotion of mutual friendly relations."

In Pohnpei the Tenyo Maru hosted an open ship from 1:00 to 4:00 on the afternoon of December 3. The Kaselehlie Press had a private tour and meeting with the Captain this afternoon.

The Tenyo Maru departed from Japan on October 29. By the time they reach their home port the vessel will have travelled 6400 nautical miles in 52 days. The journey is the 204th training trip for the vessel which currently runs an average of three training journeys per year.

The training ship is a stern-trawling-type steel ship equipped with a four-cycle diesel main engine of 1,618 kW and various kinds of navigational instruments, gear for fishing and instruments for oceanic observations. Its gross tonnage is 1,020 tons, and its overall length is 62.6 meters according to the OFCF press release.

The University's catalog shows that the University offers degree programs in several departments and with a full range of disciplines including land based fisheries disciplines on a large campus.

The Department of Fisheries Distribution and Management offers three laboratories; one for Business Management, another for Distribution and Information, and another for Social and Cultural Studies. The Department of Fisheries Science and Technology offers labs in Fishing systems, Nautical Science, and Marine Resources and Environmental Planning. The Department of Ocean Mechanical Engineering offers labs in Marine Engine Systems, Ocean Mechanical Systems, and Ocean Environmental Conservation Systems. The Department of Food Science and Technology offers labs in Marine Resource Processing, Food Function and Food Biochemistry, and Food Safety. The Department of Applied

Aquabiology offers labs on Aquatic Biology, Environmental Biology, and Aquaculture Science.

The students aboard the Tenyo Maru are participating in the Advanced Course for Apprentices of Seamanship and Engineering.

NFU also has a Graduate School of Fisheries Science with two courses both divided into two research fields. The Fisheries Science



Tenyo Maru Arrives



Tenyo Maru from Sokehs Mountain

and Mechanical Engineering graduate course has Marine Fisheries and Environment, and Mechanical Engineering of Fisheries research fields. The Resource Management and Food Science course has Nutrition and Food Science, and Biology and Research Management research fields.

On board the Tenyo Maru this afternoon, Captain Kamano said that the cost of running the at sea training program has significantly increased mainly due to the cost of fuel. He said that the Japanese government is looking for ways to reduce the budget for the government run university program.

"It may be some time before we are able to come back to Pohnpei," he said.



Visitors to the bridge of the Tenyo Maru



Koichi Sakonju and Captain Tadashi Kamano

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FSM admitted as a new IOM Member State

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

On December 5th, 2011 the International Organization of Migration (IOM) reached a special milestone in its history: 60 years of assisting migrants worldwide in an ever changing environment and political and social context.

The 100th Council Session of the Organization was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 5 – 7th December, 2011 to coincide with the 60-year anniversary of the Organization.

Established in 1951, the IOM is the principal intergovernmental organization in the field of migration. It is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments, migrants and the wider community.

During the recent IOM Council in Geneva, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) were officially admitted as a new IOM Member State, along with 12 other nations, two of which are also from the Pacific region – the Republic of Nauru and the Republic of Vanuatu.

The FSM is being represented by Ambassador Jane J. Chigiya, who was recently appointed as the Permanent Representative for the FSM to the United Nations.

The application for membership followed the adoption of Resolution No. 17-52 by the 17th Congress of the FSM, in which the Congress requested President Mori to obtain membership for the FSM in the IOM through an Executive Order.

Through its more than 440 field locations in more than a hundred countries, the IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration

and development issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to communities in need.

The IOM Constitution gives explicit recognition to the link between migration and economic, social and cultural freedom of movement of persons. The Organization's work with populations in crisis, particularly following natural disasters, is far reaching.

The IOM is also increasingly engaged by governments to assist in disaster risk reduction activities for hazard prone communities and for developing strategies for populations facing the challenges presented by climate change, including sea level rise.

The IOM works in the four broad areas of migration management: migration and development, including harnessing migrants' potential for the benefit of society; facilitating migration, including cultural orientation for people resettling in another country; regulating migration, including technical assistance in immigration and border control systems; and addressing forced migration, including combating human trafficking. Cross-cutting activities include the promotion of international migration law, policy debate and guidance, protection of migrants' rights, migration health and the gender dimension of migration.

The IOM also works on issues pertinent to its host countries. For example, the IOM is currently working closely with governments, civil society and scientific institutions on the addressing the nexus between climate change and migration.

The IOM has been established in the FSM since late 2008 and has a Head Office covering the North Pacific region based in Nett Municipality, Pohnpei. This office oversees the two sub-offices, one in Yap State and another in Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The IOM originally established a presence to operationally support the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in disaster mitigation, relief and reconstruction activities - a critical function to which the Organization remains fully committed.

Under this program, the IOM is currently working in Pohnpei elementary schools, assisting teachers in educating students on climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction.

Previously, the IOM also assisted in the repatriation of stranded migrants (often referred to as drifters) and provided technical assistance to the government on combating human trafficking.

For further information, please visit www.iom.int; one of our offices, or IOM Micronesia on Facebook.

Ambassador Jane J. Chigiya Presents Credential to UN Secretary-General

FSM Information Services

December 07, 2011
New York (FSM Permanent Mission to the United Nations): December 2, 2010 – The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) reached another milestone in its political history when its first female Ambassador presented credentials to the United Nations Secretary-General. The new Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations, Ms. Jane J. Chigiya, presented her credentials on 2 December 2011 to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon as her country's first female Permanent Representative since the FSM joined the United Nations in 1991.

Prior to her appointment to the post of Permanent Representative, Ms. Chigiya served as the Deputy Secretary for the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs from December 2009 to August 2011. She also served in various posts within the Department of Foreign Affairs including as Assistant Secretary for the Division of the Americas and European Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Americas subdivision, as well as a Foreign Service Officer in the Asian subdivision and the South Pacific subdivision.

Ms. Chigiya holds a Master of Arts degree in international relations and trade (1977) from Monash University in Australia, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in public administration (1990) from California State University in Chico, California. She also has an Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts (1987) from Lassen Community College, Susanville.

Ms. Chigiya is married to Mr. Matt Chigiya.

Ambassador Chigiya was accompanied to the ceremony by the Mission's Deputy Permanent Representative Mr. Jeem Lippwe, and Mission Legal Adviser Mr. Clement Yow Mulalap.

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order did not seem to be by any kind of ranking system, at least the article did not mention any ranking system. The islands were not listed alphabetically, qualitatively, nor were they ranked by cost. Instead the listings seemed to be randomly ordered.

In order of listing, the Yahoo article gave very brief write ups of Madeline Island which is just off the coast of the U.S. State of Wisconsin in Lake Superior. That island can be accessed by a 25 minute ferry ride from Bayfield, WI.

Second on the list in the article was Tangier Island in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Virginia. Access to that island is also by ferry, from Virginia or Maryland. Travelling time ranges from 45 minutes to an hour and a half.

Staniel Cay is the third island on the list and is one of the Bahamas' outer islands. Access to that island is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida and costs approximately \$200 per person each way by chartered flights.

The next island Fernando De Noronha is off the coast of Brazil in South America. Access is by air "from Natal (70 minutes) or Recife (100 minutes), two Brazilian cities accessed by direct flights from major U.S. airports. Save with a Brazil air pass," the Yahoo article recommends.

The Isle of Mull, the fifth listing is off the coast of Scotland and is accessed by car ferry from the Scottish mainland. The Tiroran House Hotel charges "less than \$200 per night per person" for a hike and stay package on that island including breakfast and dinner.

Pulau Uban off the coast of Singapore in the South China Sea is the next on the Yahoo list of "secret islands." It is accessed from Changi Village by a 10 minute boat ride once 12 passengers have arrived for the trip. The article did not say how often a boat fills.

Koh Yao Yai is one of 44 islands off the coast of Thailand where tourism has "not taken hold." It is accessed from Phuket by ferry or by public speed boat from the public pier. The trip takes 30 to 60 minutes depending on the method of transportation chosen.

Kosrae is the eight island on the Yahoo list. "Continental (which is merging with United) flies to Kosrae. The airline is part of the Star Alliance, which sells a Micronesia Airpass with great savings if you want to visit multiple islands," the article recommends. To the article's detriment it did not list the islands included in the Micronesia Airpass.

Il de Re is just off the coast of France in the Atlantic Ocean. It's connected to the French mainland by a two mile bridge and is over three hours away by high speed train from Paris. Other forms of ground transportation are needed after that point.

Salt Spring is off the coast of Canada's British Columbia between Vancouver Island and the mainland. Access is by a 30 minute sea plane trip from downtown Vancouver, B.C. Ferries are also available from Vancouver with trip times from one and a half to three hours.

"These little patches of unspoiled paradise, from the Great Lakes to the South China Sea, are relatively affordable and easy to get to. And the idea of getting stranded on any one of them would be, well, absolutely OK with us," the Yahoo article said.

Celebrating Emperor Akihito's birthday in the FSM

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

December 2, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—Dignitaries and invited guests joined together at the home of Japanese Ambassador to the FSM Eiichi Suzuki to celebrate the upcoming birthday of Emperor Akihito, Emperor of Japan. The Emperor will be 78 years old on December 23.

FSM's Vice President Alik Alik addressed the crowd and underscored the unique relationship that the FSM has with Japan.

Kasio Mida, who heads up a friendship group between the FSM and Japan and is the former FSM Ambassador to Japan also spoke to the crowd.

Because of the tragic tsunami and the earthquakes in Eastern Japan eight months ago, in which 20,000 people died or went missing and up to 40,000 people were forced to evacuate, Japan could easily have cancelled its foreign assistance program. But Japan did not do that and the FSM continues to receive grant assistance from Japan for many programs in the FSM.

Ambassador Suzuki said, "While this tragedy gave us many challenges, it also gives us many precious lessons which will help us in the future. I think it is our duty to share our lessons with the world. Now, let me introduce the following 3 important lessons.

"First lesson is the importance of bonds or 'Kizuna'. After March 11 earthquake and tsunami, people who lost their families and close friends were supported by their neighbors or communities, and they realized they are not alone. Not only from their neighborhood, but also from all over Japan and also across the world, significant number of volunteers devoted their efforts to help these people and to contribute to their recovery. Bonds are not only limited to among people but also affirmed between countries. After the disaster, I rediscovered there is very rich bond between Japan and the FSM through various kinds of support

and encouragements from the FSM. At various places, I witnessed many school children joined charity activities to raise funds for Japan. We strongly feel that our historical ties were reaffirmed and I made up my mind to devote myself to repaying the great support that we received from the FSM.

"Second, I re-acknowledged how resilient the Japanese people are through watching speedy recovery in disaster areas. The people in disaster areas have been very patient and have been implementing a more rapid recovery in various fields than we expected in the beginning. The recovery of city function in disaster area has moved ahead at a very fast pace. The supply chain of industrial goods has been almost recovered. I have now reinforced my confidence that we will be able to rebuild Japan in near future, while we are still suffering from many challenges derived from triple disaster- earthquake, tsunami and nuclear power station accident.

"Our diplomacy is also one aspect of our resilient nature of Japan. Our diplomacy does not hesitate to encourage our friendly relationships across the world and also not stop playing a significant role at the international community such as the United Nations. We will continue to strengthen our presence for agendas such as human rights, environment, infectious disease and disaster management. Last week I attended the ceremony to celebrate the completion of construction of the facility of Chuuk Women's Counsel to empower women's human rights and job training. We are very pleased to have contributed for the building through our human security grass root grant assistance.

"We also pay much attention to conservation of environment and sanitation. I am very pleased to assist improvement of environment of Pohnpei state through introduction of garbage packer vehicles and the renovation of the recycling center of Kolonia town.

"Of course Japan actually needs to spare a significant amount of our budget for the time



Ambassador Suzuki

being for restoration and reconstruction of the disaster-affected areas, but we will utilize our limited resources to realize the best performance in quality to contribute to the development of foreign countries including the FSM.

"Next year, the Government of Japan will hold the 6th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM6) at Okinawa Prefecture to strengthen partnerships between Japan and the Pacific region. PALM is a crucial forum for Japan to discuss with Pacific Island Countries about the common agenda and future cooperation for the Pacific region.

"Finally, through the last earthquake and tsunami, we learned that a disaster would possibly hit us beyond our expected scale. We learned that it is very important not to underestimate the future scale of disaster and prepare as much as we can so that we could address any situation. The Pacific region including the FSM also has a possibility to face several types of disaster such as sea level rise, tsunami, typhoon and so on. We learned a lot of know-how in coping with disaster and should share them with the Pacific countries to mitigate damages from possible future disaster. The Government of Japan will make PALM 6 as a great opportunity to share our know-how for disaster management with the Pacific islands countries.

"Recently the FSM has faced a disaster which is the outbreak of dengue fever in the state of Yap and more than 400 people are suspected to be infected by the disease. An epidemic is also one of serious disasters related to human security. Now our JICA senior volunteer has joined the multiple efforts at the state to block the further spread of Dengue Fever working together with FSM officials, USCDC, AUSAID and WHO staff. Furthermore, the Government of Japan is planning to provide mosquito nets for residents of the Yap State through JICA which will effectively protect people from

mosquitoes. We hope that our support will contribute to the rapid containment and conclusion of this outbreak in Yap.

"As one of tackling disaster management in the FSM, we will invite a state official of Kosrae for young leaders program in Japan to discuss the disaster management. Kosrae has been suffering from shore erosion caused by sea level rise. I would like to introduce an invitee for the program, he is Mr. Blair P. Charley, Coordinator for Geographical Information Systems of Kosrae .

"Japan and the Federated States of Micronesia are both Island countries in the Pacific Ocean, Japan, having a valuable asset of historical and special bond, will continue to work closely with the FSM for supporting socio-economic development in the FSM.

"It is my fervent wish that I can contribute to further deepen our relationship as true friend of the FSM."

The Ambassador proposed a toast after which a magnificent dinner provided by the Embassy was served.



Japanese Barbecue



Mrs Suzuki

Panuelo takes home top prize at the Budweiser "Catch 5" fishing tournament

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

November 26, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—21 boats registered for the Catch 5 Tournament of the Pohnpei Fishing Club held on November 26, 2011 and sponsored by Ambros/Shimbros and Budweiser.

The top prize of \$300 went to Kumer Panuelo who came in with four qualifying species of fish for a total of 74.5 pounds. Walden Weilbacher took the second prize of \$200. He also came in with four different species of fish for a total of 66 pounds. Peter Luzam won the third place prize of \$100. His four species of fish weighed in at a total of 55 pounds.



60 pound Yellow Fin Tuna caught by Jula Porter

First and second place prizes of \$100 and \$50 were also awarded for the heaviest of each species of fish. Apparently no one came in this time with the elusive marlin.

Jula Porter's 60.5 pound yellow fin won her the first place prize of \$100. Alex Tretnoff's Yellow fin weighed a bit less at 56 pounds.

Alex Tretnoff landed a 35 pound Wahoo for first place, followed by Konrad Englberger whose Wahoo weighed 32 pounds

Scott Campbell brought in a large 22 pound Mahi Mahi for first place. Walden Weilbacher's Mahi Mahi was a still respectable 14.5 pounds.

Janet Franklin brought in the largest skipjack tuna at 10.5 pounds. Pedrus Edward's fish was just behind at 10 pounds.

Prizes were awarded for other species of fish as well. Each of those winners received a Budweiser chair and a case of Budweiser beer.

Eddie Abraham came in with a nice, prize winning 16 pound Giant Trevally. Patterson Lawrence tied with Kumer Panuelo. Each brought in

1.5 pound Rainbow Runners. Sam Tafaou brought in the smelly 16 pound Barracuda and is probably still washing his hands.

Janet Franklin won the award for Lady Angler for which she also received a chair and one case of Budweiser beer.

Each fisher person and all of the volunteer helpers received a Budweiser T-Shirt. Each registered boat received a case of Budweiser beer and other promotional Budweiser items like coolers, towels, and caps.

The Pohnpei Fishing Club would like to thank the great folks at Shimbros/Ambros for making the tournament happen and to Budweiser for the sponsorship. A lot of Bud went to a good cause that night.



Kumer Panuelo the winner of the 5 species tournament

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designed specifically to meet the needs of FSM law enforcement. The only portion of the Academy that was eliminated from the course was fire arms training. Carl said that ammunition is very difficult to come by in the FSM and that there was none available for fire arms training. He said that they replaced that course material with material regarding proper emergency vehicle use. "It was a logical replacement," he said. "Officers rarely if ever use firearms but they use emergency vehicles all the time."

Speakers at the graduation ceremony included Australia's Ambassador Martin Quinn, Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa, Pacific Policing Development Program representative, Mr. Barry Turner, and Pohnpei's Police Chief Joe Roby who is also the Chairman for the FSM Chiefs of Police in the FSM. The Master of Ceremonies was consultant and trainer Rick Herman.

"I want to suggest to you, your training has merely just begun," he told the recruits in his speech. "The skill of applying your knowledge is training in itself. Policing is a lifelong learning experience. Every day of your career, you will face new challenges. The real skill is contained in learning from these experiences."

Changing gears to another topic the Chief continued, "This now leads me into my vision in the future of policing in FSM. I see the future of police service delivery- moving more towards the style of policing back in the 1800s. As strange as it may seem,

The Catch Five Tournament was the last tournament for the year. The next event will be the annual banquet in January.

future policing approaches will be based on history.

"We will need to work much - much more closely with the community. We will not continue to assume that we as police officers are the only ones who are responsible for solving community law issues. We will need to listen to and work with the community."

"We will put an emphasis on proactive policing. Our approach will focus on prevention - prevention of crimes. Reacting to crimes which have already occurred is not truly serving our communities.

"Within the FSM, I see the unity which currently exists, growing much more. We will find ways to work more cooperatively. We will find ways to share our knowledge, skills and experience. While still protecting sovereignty of each state agency, we will find ways to work within a framework of support.

"As police officers, you have been granted an opportunity to serve your communities. You will hold a very special position in your communities. We, in policing, exist to uphold justice. We do not exist to abuse that privilege.

"Policing, more than most professions, demands the exercise of personal integrity and professional ethics. If there is only one thing I can share with you and which you will remember for the rest of your lives, I want that one thing to be that each day you go to work, remember and remain committed to the idea that policing is an honorable profession. We serve our communities, we make our communities safe, we do not abuse our authority and we remain committed to being ethical in the performance of our duties.

"You owe it to your communities, you owe it to the institution of policing, you owe it to your family and friends, but most important - you owe it to yourselves."

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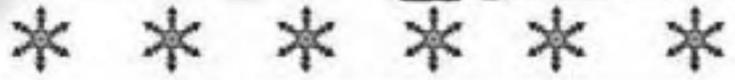
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President Mori holds public forum with FSM citizens in Honolulu

FSM Information Services

November 25, 2011

(Honolulu, Hawaii: November 14) President Manny Mori held a public forum with FSM citizens in Honolulu to further discuss issues directly relating to the Compact of Free Association between the FSM and the United States which seems to have attracted controversial attention from some members of US Congress, concern citizens, and some leaders from certain jurisdictions of the United States.

Approximately 200 FSM citizens residing in Honolulu took advantage of the opportunity to dialogue with the President on issues concerning eligibility to medical and social services, employment and education.

In addressing the citizens, President Mori spoke of the special relationship between the United States and the FSM as being warm, strong and fundamentally complex and beneficial to both countries.

Several times at the meeting, the President strongly urged FSM citizens in the State of Hawaii to behave as responsible "guests" by following regulations and showing respect to

the culture of the place.

President Mori also informed the people that the FSM Government has solicited the service of two professional researchers to conduct a study in the next four months to provide a better understanding on the net impact of FSM citizens at affected US jurisdictions and asked that people be truthful and serious if selected in the study. In particular, the study should show FSM citizens' contributions to their place of residence.

Other questions were raised regarding events and activities at home, including the FSM Congressional Resolution calling for the President to work on terminating the Compact by 2018.

In responding to questions relating to the resolution, the President said that the resolution is an expression of current frustrations over the problematic implementation of the Compact but expressed strong doubt that Congress would adopt the resolution. Moreover, the President stressed that leaders would not work toward terminating the Compact at any point in the future without the expressed will of the people. Although it is clear he will no longer be the President by 2018, President Mori revealed that he prefers strengthening

processes and working out differences that create dissatisfaction over the compact rather than working on terminating it in the manner called for by the resolution.

The President as well as Foreign Affairs Secretary, Mr. Lorin Robert also alluded to the defense aspect of the Compact which allows for FSM citizens to serve in the US Armed Forces and gives the US exclusive defense role in the FSM, among others. This arrangement is understood as the door way that allows for FSM citizens to part take in regional defense operations and other endeavors for global peace and security which are dear not only to the United States but also to our own country and other peace-loving countries.

Immigration issues were highlighted as some people worry that entry into places in the U.S. such as the State of Hawaii and Guam would be taken away from FSM citizens in response to compact impact. It was pointed out that provisions of the compact between FSM and the U.S. would remain in effect until the compact itself is changed or terminated by both parties.

The President said the FSM is taking proactive ways in addressing compact impact in the

affected U.S. jurisdiction, thus the needed study. He said appropriate compensation should be rendered the affected places where warranted to move forward in the right manner.

President Mori also said the FSM has been working on strengthening implementation of the compact at home and strive to further improve its social and economic performance to achieve growth in the medium to long term. This way, some of the FSM citizens abroad could consider returning home as a reasonable option. Without this, out migration would continue without control.

Those who spoke out at the forum expressed their gratitude for such meeting, including Deacon Timothy Tolenoa of Kosrae, Ms. Joleen Marmar from Yap, Mr. Taka Alfons from Pohnpei, and Mrs. Presenta Sablan Shirai who represented the Chuukese.

Along with Secretary Robert, Chief of Staff Kasio Mida and Charge d'Affairs to Washington D.C., Mr. James Naich, accompanied the President to the forum with logistical assistance and planning from Acting Counsel General to Honolulu, Mr. Henry Shrew and his staff.

Department of health issues update on dengue outbreak

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

December 1, 2011

Yap, FSM—The Department of Health has issued an update on the Dengue outbreak following the signing of an Emergency Declaration in the State of Yap by Governor Sebastian Anefal on Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

The statement by the Department of Health Services regarding the Dengue outbreak has indicated that a Dengue Fever outbreak is

happening now in Yap State. The 1st case was identified on September 1, 2011. as of November 29, 2011, there have been:

*578 total cases

- 517 cases on Yap Island
- 55 cases on Ulithi Atoll
- 2 cases on Fais Island
- 2 cases on Eauripik Island, and
- 2 cases on Woleai Atoll
- Total of 61 cases from the Outer Islands
- 127 total admissions to Yap State Hospital, 11 are currently in the ward
- 2 deaths, (Lab results for the 2 patients who died have been confirmed positive for Dengue Fever Type II)

The symptoms of dengue are high fever, body ache, joint pain, and sometimes pain behind the eyes, diarrhea and vomiting.

communities.

Employees of the Government will be granted administrative leave on that day so they could clean around their homes and assist with the general clean-up within their communities. All public schools within the State, Yap Proper and the Neighboring Islands will also be closed on that day so teachers and students could assist with the cleaning.

The Task Force Committee is recommending that private schools be closed so students could join in the clean-up effort on D-Day, December 9, 2011. The Governor approved in his decree, issued on Dec.5th, that all schools, public and private, in the State of Yap will also be closed on Friday so that students and staff can assist in the clean-up efforts.

The D-Day Dengue Emergency Task Force has released its final statement on the planned activities for D-Day for people to see and

As of this statement for public awareness, any outpatients testing and treatment for suspected dengue cases is free. Anyone with these symptoms is encouraged to seek medical attention as early as possible.

The Department of Health Services is receiving a limited supply of mosquito nets and repellants at this time. This mosquito nets and repellants will be distributed or given to patients who are febrile or know to be suffering from the Dengue Fever Symptoms. Dengue fever patients who are running a fever presents a high risk of passing on the fever virus. Therefore, in order to prevent the transmission of this virus from person to person, the patients must be protected from being bitten by mosquitoes.

Although Mosquito repellants and nets are available, the Department of Health kindly encourage everyone to continue cleaning around their homes to

understand how the general clean-up should be done.

It has been indicated in the action plan that the government will no longer assist with trash pick up the same way it has assisted the communities during the first war against mosquitoes in 2007. Therefore, each community will be responsible for the disposal of their own trash.

In its instruction briefing, the Task Force had emphasized on the need for the rest of the people of the State to understand that eggs laid by the mosquitoes that carry the dengue virus can stay alive for up to six months even if they get dried. The mosquitoes lay their eggs on things that hold water around the house. The eggs could wait for the next rain, and once wet will hatch into mosquito larvae. The larvae, which are sometimes referred to as wigglers would stay in

eliminate the mosquito breeding sites. Clean up is still the most important Dengue fever preventive measure to take.

Dengue fever is transmitted by mosquitoes, especially the types of mosquitoes that breed around houses in small water containers, including cans, cups, tires, and other vessels that catch water. The best way of preventing dengue is by:

- Eliminating breeding sites around houses. Cleaning up around your house can prevent infections
- Avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes by wearing long trousers and long sleeves, using insect repellant and insect coils. This is especially important in the early morning and around sunset when this type of mosquito likes to bite – but do not forget that they can bite at any time during the day.

The Department of Health Services is urgently asking everyone to clean up around their homes to prevent the spread of dengue fever infections. How we live our life daily determines our health status.

Yap state to wage war against mosquitoes

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

December 6, 2011

Yap, FSM—A Task Force to deal with the situation of the dengue outbreak in the State has been created following the Emergency Declaration by Governor Sebastian Anefal on November 23, 2011. The Committee has recently completed the Action Plan in which it has been tasked by the government to develop in order to address the situation to keep Yap Dengue-Free.

As a result, Yap State will go into its second war with the mosquitoes that have been spreading the dengue virus around Yap Proper and the Neighboring Islands. Friday December 9, 2011 has been designated and approved by the Governor as the D-Day in which the people of the entire State will clean up to eliminate and reduce all the breeding sites for mosquitoes around their homes and within their villages and

the water and could take about 2 weeks to grow into mosquitoes that spreads the dengue virus.

It is important for people to clean on a weekly basis so all objects holding water are emptied before the mosquitoes could have a chance to lay their eggs in them.

In addition, the Task Force Committee is requesting all business establishments on island including youth clubs, religious organizations and other associations to stand with the Yap community to help reduce the number of mosquitoes by assisting the cleaning efforts on D-Day.

Christmas For Kids



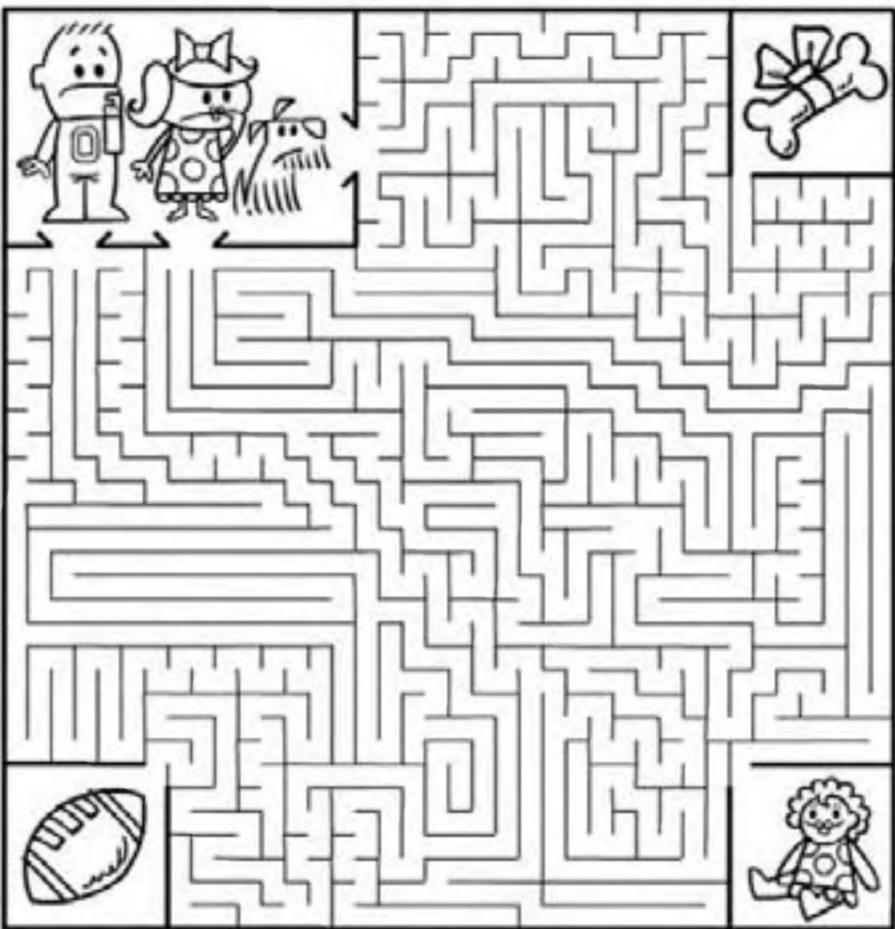
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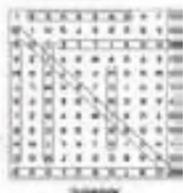
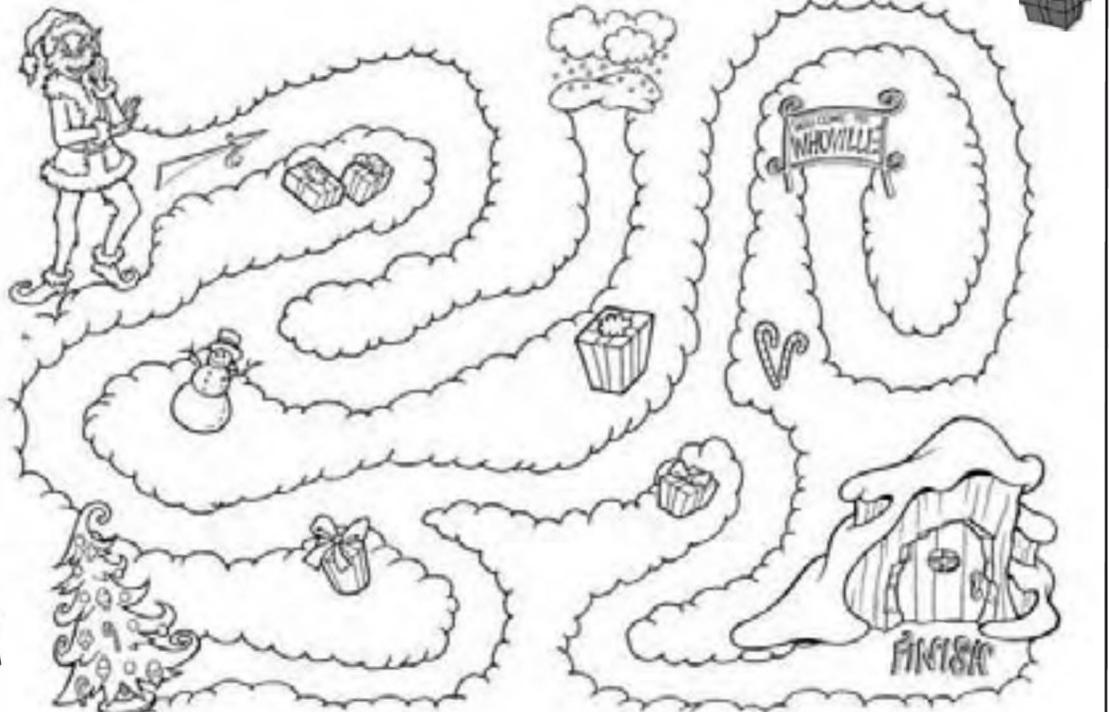
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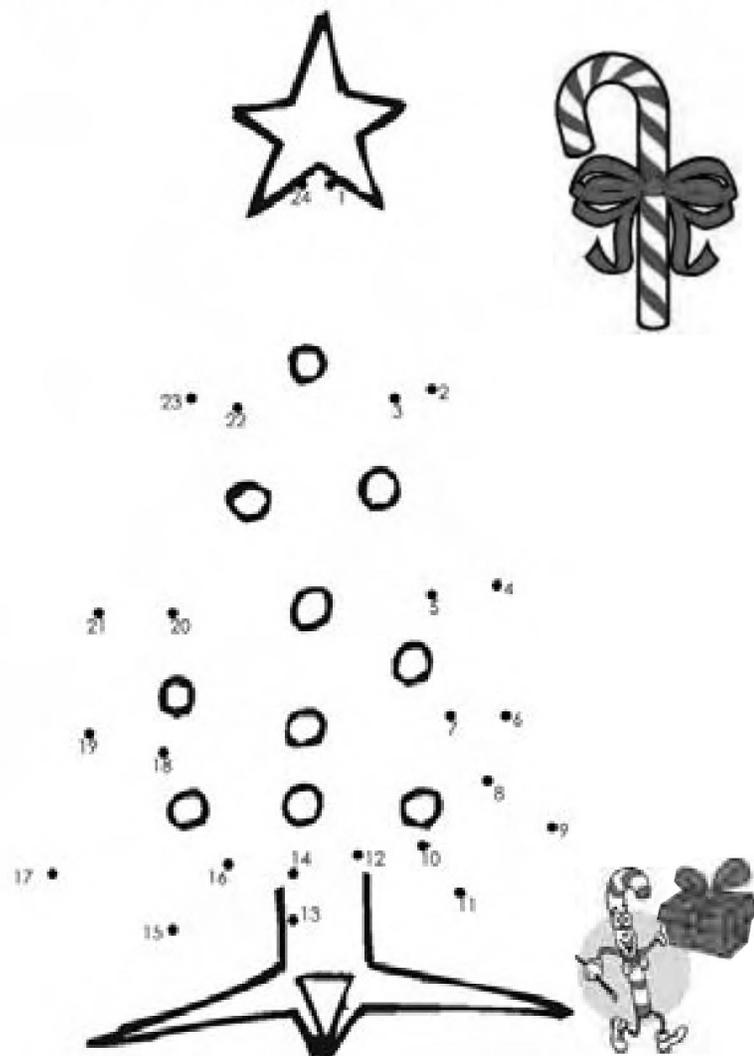
Christmas

For Kids

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Santa Claus Does Not Forget

Bertie was a very good boy. He was kind, thoughtful, obedient, truthful, and nice to his little sister. Unfortunately Bertie had one big fault. He had a very annoying habit of forgetting!

It was strange how often he forgot. He forgot to do things his mother asked him.

"Did you remember to brush your teeth, Bertie?"

"Oh, sorry, I forgot!"

"Did you remember to make your bed, Bertie?"

"Oh sorry, I forgot!"

"Did you remember to write to Auntie Sue to say thank you for the present?"

"Oh sorry, I forgot!"

He forgot to do things his father asked him to do, too.

"Did you remember to help your mother with the washing up this morning, Bertie?"

"Oh sorry, I forgot!"

He forgot to take his boots to football practise. He forgot to give his Grandma a very important message from his mother. He forgot to take a gift to his best friend's birthday party. And he even forgot to do his homework.

"Oh sorry, I forgot!"

His father and mother were very patient, but no matter what they did, Bertie forgot all the things he wanted to forget and only remembered the things he wanted to remember. After a while his parents decided that something must be done to help their little boy remember to do the things they asked him to do.

Christmas was near, and Bertie remembered to write out a list of things which he would like Santa Claus was to bring him.

"Santa Claus may forget some of those things," said his mother.

"He won't," replied Bertie. "I've written them very clearly, and there isn't too much on my list, and I've been very good this year. I'd like a new remote control car, and some chocolate, and a DVD or two, and a ball, and maybe a football shirt. I think Santa can manage that!"

Christmas morning came, and Bertie and his little sister were up at the crack of dawn to see what was in their stockings. The little girl's stocking was bulging, and she kept squealing with delight as she put her hand in and pulled out all the goodies. Bertie was very quiet. His mother kept away from him as long as she could, for she knew what Santa Claus had done.

Finally she heard him coming with slow steps into her room. Sadly he opened the door and came towards her. He held in his hand a very long list: in fact, it seemed to be much longer than the one he had sent Santa. He put it in his mother's hand, while tears of disappointment fell from his eyes.

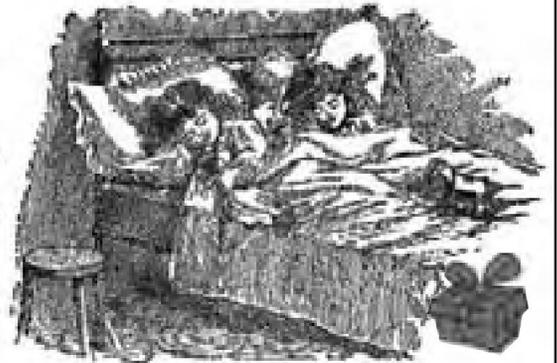
"Look what Santa Claus left for me. He might have left me one tiny present, don't you think?"

Bertie's mother looked at the list. It was a list of all things that Bertie had forgotten to do over the last six months. At the end of the list was written, in big bold letters,

"OH SORRY, I FORGOT!"

Bertie wept for an hour. Then his mother reminded him that they were all going to Grandma's house for lunch. Grandma always had a pretty tree and she would have a present for Bertie.

When Bertie arrived at his Grandma's house he gave her a big hug and told her that he wasn't going to forget things anymore. And guess what he found underneath Grandma's tree? A stocking full of presents, just for him. Santa Claus hadn't forgotten him after all, and, from that day onwards, Bertie didn't forget either.



World Park planning conference

Pohnpei State

During the 3rd FSM Economic Summit in May 2004, a wide range of sectoral and cross-sectoral policies and strategies were developed, which formed the basis for the FSM Strategic Development Plan (SDP). The SDP was endorsed in principle by all FSM Governments. It was agreed and understood at the conclusion of the Summit that the FSM States would use the FSM SDP to guide the formulation of their own Strategic Development Plan (SDP) consistent with their own developmental aspirations.

In May 2010, Pohnpei State Leadership held an Economic Planning Conference, which was attended by representatives from the Executive, Legislative, Judiciary, Environmental Groups, NGOs and people from the private sector. The leadership, at the conclusion of the Conference, endorsed tourism development based on the World Park sustainable development concept as the leading economic activity for the State of Pohnpei and directed the Governor to prepare the Pohnpei World Park Master Plan for review and final consideration of leadership. The Governor appointed a World Park Pre Planning Task Force in September of 2010 and this Task Force authored the comprehensive World Park Planning Proposal, a document that has guided the 18 month planning process forward.

The World Park Planning concept is a sustainable development initiative that has, as its primary objective, the declaration and development of our State, both land and water, based on the living park model where people go about their daily lives within an area that we the people of Pohnpei have decided to thoughtfully and carefully plan, develop and manage based on respect for the land, the water and the environment. At the core of this plan, is our strong desire to balance the planning and development of our State

between a stable economy and our fragile cultural values, environment and biodiversity.

Consistent with the Pohnpei leadership directive, Governor John Ehsa convened the fifth and final World Park Planning Conference from November 15 – 18, 2011, in Kolonia, Pohnpei. The conference was chaired by Mr. Valerio Hallens, Administrator of Pohnpei Economic Affairs Office and attended by members of the World Park Planning Committee and related key stakeholders from both government and the private sector. The delegates to the Conference worked together in preparation the first draft of the Pohnpei World Park Master Plan. The preparation steps for this important conference have been in development over the last 16 months. Governor Ehsa has been very clear in his directive to planners stating that, “We must break the historical pattern of rushed planning. I have seen too many three to five day conferences that have not yielded any tangible results because the critical work of planning was condensed into such a short period of time that nothing durable could be carried forward to tangible benefit to our people.” The World Park approach is based on Pohnpeian’s directing the creation of a plan through a thoughtful and deliberative process. Pohnpeians have taken ownership and responsibility for conducting research and making all decisions in the authorship of the Pohnpei World Park Plan. More than 120 public awareness meetings have been conducted around the island over the last 16 months. Opinion, ideas, concerns and comments from citizens who attended these meetings are being reflected in the authorship of the Pohnpei World Park Plan. Fifteen thousand World Park informational brochures and four thousand support bumper stickers have also been distributed to the public at meetings. Hundreds of volunteers have worked to bring the World Park planning process



to the stage of a soon to be published plan. This is precedent setting within Pohnpei State and the FSM in that Pohnpeians are developing the plan for their future. The Pohnpei World Park Plan will incorporate the desired/required development of all sectors, including agriculture, fisheries, human resources, private and public sectors, infrastructure, environment, etc. to support a viable and sustainable tourism industry for the State of Pohnpei. Advisors from the Michigan State University (MSU) traveled to Pohnpei and with our Pohnpei World Park Coordinator provided consultative support assistance and services during the Conference.

In his short opening remarks delivered on the first day of the Conference, Governor Ehsa “thanked and welcomed all participants to the World Park Planning Conference and thanked the many citizens who have volunteered so much time to development of the World park concept”. He indicated that “the main focus of the Conference is to give the four main sector Committee members opportunity to examine, refine and link the Committee economic sector prioritization matrices developed over the past six months and

then to work together to collaboratively cross link programs and projects across sectors to create efficiencies, better coordination between agencies and in the final result better outcomes for our citizens.” This work is the core of the World Park concept and globally accepted sustainable development best practices. He further indicated that “the Conference will give other key stakeholders who are invited to hear, review and provide input to the sector Committee work in prioritizing and cross linking between sectors thus enabling the final authorship of the Pohnpei State World Park Master Plan.”

A Pohnpei Economic Summit will be convened in early 2012 to give the Pohnpei Leadership and related key stakeholders opportunity to review and hopefully adopt the final World Park Master Plan document. “Once adopted the World Park Plan will be Pohnpei’s Strategic Development Plan and used to guide the developmental aspirations of the people of the State of Pohnpei going forward into the future to what I refer to as “Our preferred future, a future of opportunity” Governor Ehsa concluded.

Palau’s 100,000th visitor to get VIP treatment

Island Times

December 2, 2011

KOROR, Palau – Tonight, local officials led by President Toribiong will welcome the 100,000th visitor to Palau.

In an inquiry at the Palau International Airport, a Continental flight from Guam will arrive at around 8:40 p.m.

Palau Visitors Authority yesterday said that the 100,000th visitor will be ushered from the plane to the VIP Lounge where he/she will be greeted by President Toribiong, Diplomatic Corps, Olbil Era Kelulau members, ministers and PVA Board of Directors.

A welcome reception will be held at the airport’s main lobby. Prizes from the tourism partners will be awarded to the special visitor.

This is the first time for Palau to reach a total of 100,000 visitors with still four weeks left before year 2011 ends.

PVA monthly statistics showed that the number of visitors to Palau is consistently increasing this year as compared to the previous year.

In 2010, monthly total arrivals are as follows: 6,909 in January; 8,630 in February; 7,463 in March; 5,233 in April; 5,568 in May; 4,610 in June; 10,008 in July; 9,078 in August; 7,203 in September; 6,833 in October; 6,096 in November; and 7,962 in December.

This year, monthly statistics are as follows: 9,308 in January; 8,905 in February; 7,515 in March; 7,979 in April; 7,240 in May; 7,489 in June; 11,091 in July; 12,335 in August; 10,327 in September; and 8,286 in October (so far, the available statistics is as of October).

Schools, charities team up for robotics project

Habele Outer Island Education Fund

December 6th, 2011

Yap, FSM—Yap State's two private high schools have announced an innovative new program to serve students with an interest in math and computers.

The schools, Yap SDA and Yap Catholic, are each establishing robotics teams for their pupils. These student teams, with support from teachers and other school staffers, will design, build and operate basic robots. The long-term goal is for each school to create a robot capable of completing a basic obstacle course at a public demonstration.

Both teams have been equipped with classroom robotics kits from Vex Robotics, an American firm that creates the components for elementary and high school level robots. The Habele Outer Island Education Fund donated the kits along with teacher guides and the equipment required for using desktop computers to program the robots.

Another charity, the Yap-based "Wagey" is providing the schools with on-the-ground support as they assemble the kits and organize their teams. Wagey will work as a link between the two schools on Yap and robotics teams at high schools in the United States who've offered to provide technical advice and problem solving.

"This project robot is really interesting," said Kalahao Fillmed, a student at the SDA School who plans to participate in the project. "It's gonna be fun!"

Habele purchased the kits in late October and they reached Yap in mid-November.

The donation marks a significant expansion for Habele. The group is better known in Micronesia for its annual K-12 tuition scholarships, a program to help low-income families send their children to non-public schools. Habele was founded by former Peace Corps Volunteers and has been providing scholarships and donating materials to public schools and libraries since 2006.

African Anger at European Calls for 'New Mandate'

Civil society groups attack 'Durban Mandate' proposal as a 'great escape'
DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA - Today - Civil society leaders from across Africa, with support from global movements, launched a letter to climate negotiators that warns that focusing on launching a new mandate at the Durban talks risks backtracking on promises to the poor and the planet.

The letter calls on developed countries to urgently scale up the ambition of their emission reduction targets and reminds negotiators that current emission reduction pledges will lead us to a world that is 5°C warmer. For Africa, this means 7 or 8°C of warming and unimaginable human suffering.

Michele Maynard from the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) said:

"Following what some delegates say you would think that the purpose of these negotiations was a 'new roadmap' - that's just not true. Of central and agreed importance is the need to negotiate deep emission cuts as a part of a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol. Coming up with

new 'mandates' and 'roadmaps' is a distraction from that very necessary action. It's also a breach of faith, in 2007 all countries agreed to do this."

"A climate agreement that does what is necessary to protect Africa is like cooking a good recipe. It needs just enough emission cuts and a dollop of finance and technology for responding to climate impacts. We've got the recipe from the Bali Action Plan, we've got all the ingredients, even started cutting up some of the vegetables, but now some people want to cook something else. That's a recipe for doing-nothing and delay."

"This letter is a clarion call to negotiators - you either see the science and recognize its urgency; or you don't. You either hear what the world's poorest people are saying and care; or you don't. Any outcome which locks in the current proposed emission cuts or puts off talking about how to bring those cuts into line with the science is utterly unacceptable."

The letter, signed by movements representing hundreds of organisations

across Africa and the world, includes the following quotations:

"Agreeing to a new mandate that replaces the Kyoto Protocol would mean action is effectively delayed for five to ten years. A new treaty will take several years to negotiate with several more years needed for ratification. Further, there is no assurance that countries that have repudiated the existing legal architecture, like the United States, will agree to or ratify a new agreement, nor that such agreement will not be a weak and ineffective "pledge and review" system."

"While many developed countries seek to end the Kyoto Protocol, they simultaneously attempt to retain and expand their favored elements of the Kyoto Protocol, like the CDM, in a new agreement and shift their responsibilities onto developing countries. Without legally binding emission reductions under the Kyoto Protocol, developed countries must not be allowed to have access to the carbon markets."

FSM Office of SBOC Submits FY2011 4th Quarter Reports to the Office of Insular Affairs

FSM Information Services

November 30, 2011

The FSM Office of Statistics, Budget & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management (S.B.O.C.) has officially submitted all received quarterly performance reports for Fiscal Year 2011 to the Office of Insular Affairs. Out of more than 112 projects in six Sectors, including the priority Health and Education Sectors, 96.43% of performance reports have been collected, reviewed and submitted to OIA.

Under the terms of the Fiscal Procedures Agreement in the Amended Compact, the FSM is required to submit all Compact-funded program performance reports to the United States

Government within thirty days after the end of each quarter. While the FY2011 4th Quarter Reports are approximately one month overdue, SBOC staff have indicated that an unofficial submission to OIA was made within the deadline. The delay in the official 4th Quarter report submission was primarily due to limited staff available to review and compile reports, as well as delayed responses from program recipients requesting for verification of reported data outputs. Another issue of concern was that numerous reports that were submitted to SBOC were not, as they should be, cumulative of the entire fiscal year.

In a communication to the President, the Director of SBOC, Ms. Evelyn Adolph, stated the following: "We have come a long way since the early days of the Amended Compact when reports were not being submitted and more recently,

when various programs were submitting their own formatted versions of reports. Today, I am happy to inform you that over 96% of Compact-funded projects are not only being reported, but that the reporting formats are fairly similar across all five FSM Governments." The communication went on to explain that uniformly formatted reports are a vast improvement in management of the Compact and will add significant reliability to reports, allow them to be more readable and provide a higher level of professionalism and consistency. It was further noted that with these improvements, "Our limited Compact Management staff are now in a better position to devote more of their attention to management and monitoring of activities under the Sector Grants to ensure the achievement of performance goals."

Yap showcased as a cruise ship destination

*Yap Department of Youth
and Social Affairs*

November 29, 2011

Yap, FSM — Yap Visitors Bureau participated as a Micronesia Cruise Association Exhibitor at the Cruise Shipping Asia Exhibition/Conference that was held November 16-18, 2011 in Singapore. This is the first time this type of show was held in Singapore so that the main focus would be on the emerging Asia Pacific cruise market.

Cruise companies were represented from adventure voyages to the larger cruise ships and were thus able to gather as an industry to see what products and tours are available in the Asia Pacific region.

The Micronesia Cruise Association (MCA) was formed last year to promote Micronesia as a cruise destination. The general manager of YVB is on the Board of Directors for MCA. The MCA booth showcased Micronesia as a

region and a Micronesia Port Directory was created to consolidate the port and destination information of all the jurisdictions of the region.

This conference was Yap Visitors Bureau's initial effort to showcase Yap State as a possible cruise destination. Luxury Yachts and some cruise ships are beginning to schedule stops in Yap and YVB management and staff plans on meeting with the various concerned departments to insure these

vessels have a friendly welcome and that procedures are timely and smooth. The cruise industry people network constantly and share their experiences, and reports of good experiences in Yap will attract many more vessels of all sizes to our State.

For more information on Yap cruise ship development please e-mail Laura Koonce at lkoonce@yapstate.gov.org or call the YVB office at 950-2298.

Opinion Editorial

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

DECEMBER 10, 2011

Picture a woman. She might live anywhere in the world. She could be part of any socio-economic group, of any ethnicity, of any religion. On a typical day this woman starts her day before the sun rises. She works for 8-12 hours in a store or on a farm or at a factory or in someone's home for a small wage, but her children and elderly relatives depend on her income for survival. When she comes home, she asks her children what they learned that day at school and what they want to be when they grow up. She spends hours bent over a small stove or fireplace preparing meals for an extended family. In many parts of the world, she also grows the food that feeds everyone at her table.

Now picture what happens when that woman is unable to do any of these things because she has experienced gender-based violence. The cost of her medical care further strains her family's tight budget. If she can no longer work or care for her children due to physical or psychological injury, her children drop out of school and take jobs to support their family. The local shopkeepers she did business with lose a customer, and their incomes also go down. Chances are you recognize this woman. One in three women around the world experience some form of gender-based violence; one in five will experience rape or attempted rape. It may come early in life when a mother is forced to end a pregnancy because the child is female, or when families refuse to educate girl children, or when boys receive two helpings at the dinner table before girls are allowed anything to eat. Later it may take the form of child marriage, domestic violence, or sexual exploitation.

In whatever form it takes, gender-based violence is an intolerable violation of human dignity. No one can quantify the personal pain and anguish of any form of abuse. But medical bills and legal costs, lost wages and lower productivity, health costs including an increased risk of HIV - these are things on which we can put a price. And when we do, we see - in dollars and cents - how much violence against women and girls truly costs everyone in a society.

In Uganda, for example, almost 13 percent of women reported time lost from crucial household work because of violence from an intimate partner. Some of these women lost as many as 11 paid working days each year. More than two-thirds of households

surveyed in Bangladesh reported that domestic violence caused an average loss of \$5 a month - nearly 5 percent of many women's incomes. These costs are exacerbated in households where a woman is the chief or sole earner, and they are likely underestimated.

The damage is also passed on to the rest of the community through increased expenses for judicial action, health care, and security services. No country or region of the world is immune to these costs. In the United States, a 2003 Centers for Disease Control study estimated that the cost of violence by an intimate partner alone exceeds \$5.8 billion annually - nearly \$4.1 billion spent on direct medical and health care services, and almost \$1.8 billion in productivity losses.

Violence against women and girls is also an issue of International human rights and national security. The consequences of widespread violence extend beyond the immediate injury or economic loss. There are often severe and lasting health outcomes such as sexually transmitted infections, and the social and psychological damage of gender-based violence affects survivors, their children, families, and entire communities.

But where violence and abuse keep women out of the workforce and drag down communities for generations, fostering women's economic participation grows national GDPs and personal incomes. One study estimated that lowering barriers to women's economic participation in emerging economies could raise per capita incomes as much as 14 percent. Larger incomes mean more money to feed families, send children to school, and support local merchants and producers, igniting a virtuous circle of economic growth.

Each year, on the days between November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and December 10, International Human Rights Day, we undertake 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. During this time, we commit ourselves to speaking out about violence against women and girls and improving the protection and participation of women worldwide. We need everyone's involvement - boys and men, faith and community leaders, youth, and people at all levels of society are critical to solving such a widespread pandemic of violence.

Abuse can happen in a family's home, on fields of armed conflict where rape is used as a weapon of war, or wherever girls are diminished and devalued simply because they are girls. It is unacceptable in any form. Countries simply cannot progress when half their populations are marginalized, mistreated, or subjected to discrimination.

This year, let us use the 16 Days to renew once again our commitment to end the abuse that traps so many women and girls around the world. Let us call out the culture of impunity that perpetuates this cycle of violence. And let us work together, in partnership, to make all forms of violence a thing of the past.

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Letter to the Editor

An open letter to Governor Ehsa

Dear Governor Ehsa,

An illegal bar business is operating on the waterfront in front of our house. The business has no alcohol license, but people bring coolers full of beer and bottles of hard liquor and spend all weekend drinking it publicly. They scream and blast loud electronic noise at our house all weekend.

The business has an illegal toilet. It's illegal because it is located only five (5) feet from the water. The law requires it to be located at least 50 feet away from the water. As a result, the water, where these women brought their children to swim, is full of potentially deadly bacteria, including bacteria which can cause meningitis, entero-colitis, encephalitis, staph infections, e-coli diseases, sore throats, diarrhea.

Last weekend, for example, several women, with several dozen children, spent Friday night to Sunday night. The women had a cooler full of beer, and a huge electronic noise making device with large speakers, and they spent the whole weekend blasting electronic noise at our house while they lay there drunk.

This pattern of drunkenness and noise has continued nearly non-stop for 41 months now. The people who run this illegal business do not own the land they are using---the land is an abandoned state causeway.

The people who run this business also ran power lines illegally out onto the causeway. The power lines are illegal because they are not installed according to the law. They are dangerous to everyone who uses the site. Bare Romex wires dangle from bushes everywhere at the site.

We are legal landowners in this place. I filled in land on the shoreline, which these people are trespassing over when they go to the illegal bar site.

We pay taxes. The illegal business does not pay tax.

When we call the police, they do not do anything about the noise, the drinking, the illegal toilet, the trespassing, or the illegal electrical lines. The municipal police do not even work on weekends, and we cannot get them to do anything either.

Can you, as Governor of Pohnpei, do anything to help??

Sincerely,

Kadalino Damarlane
Mary Berman

(delivered personally to Governor's Office Dec. 8, 2011)

K Press Perspective

Women need not apply?

Sometimes I wish I was a woman or at least that I could have been one for long enough to know what their lives are really like; what issues they face; but then that would take a life time. I know I'm going to catch hell for putting that statement into print. So be it.

What I mean is that before we humans even start to consider factors like race, geographic location, family upbringing, traditions, culture, and any number of the hundreds of other things we could consider, half the world's population knows nothing about what it must be like for the other half. Try though he might, a man will never be able to fully understand what it must be like to be a woman, and vice versa.

Let me call the above paragraph what it is; a disclaimer. I've always been told that disclaimers weaken what might otherwise be a strong argument but in 49 years of living I have found that disclaimers can also save lives, usually my own. So let me just establish the fact, and quickly, that I am not a woman. There is no way that I could ever fully understand a woman's experiences and I'm fully aware of that. This is just a sincere effort to try.

I am also aware that to compound matters I know very little of what FSM women have experienced or what gender specific roadblocks to professional or personal success they may have encountered in their lives just because their "x" paired with another "x" rather than with a "y" in the structure of their chromosomes. It is part of what has kept me from writing this particular opinion piece for so very long.

I'm saying all this because of the very likely possibility that I will unwittingly write something so foreign to the views and experiences of female readers, something so completely wrong as to engender (if you'll pardon the tiny little pun) a torch and pitchfork wielding mob reaction. In the event that happens I would ask you to kindly consider the facts that I mean you no harm whatsoever and that I am the furthest thing from what some women's activists in the U.S. once referred to as a male chauvinist pig. Please do feel free to enlighten me with a letter to the editor.

I decided to sit down and write this particular K-Press Perspective right now because the timing will never be better to do so. As I am parked at my desk willing the words to flow from my brain and onto paper it is December 5, 2011. Tomorrow is December 6, 2011 and the runoff election that will decide who will hopefully do more than just sit in the chairs of the Governor and Lt. Governor will be in full swing by the time I get to the office. I'm anxious to hear what the results will be and I hope beyond all reasonable hope that those results will be based on qualifications and nothing else. In terms of timing, nothing that I say in this opinion piece will be read by a single other person in the world

until well after the election is done and the ballots are counted. Also the likelihood is much smaller because of timing, that anything I say here will be construed as applying to Kiomy Albert-Kilmede.

Jane Chigiyal has already presented her credentials as the FSM'S Ambassador to the United Nations in New York City. Evelyn Adolph is firmly ensconced as the leader of SBOC (Office of Statistics, Budget & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance, & Compact Management; no wonder we all call it SBOC.) Several women have already been elected to the Pohnpei State Legislature. As I said, the timing will never be better to write this article. It's now or never.

While I'm not a "male chauvinistic pig" I am also not one of those "enlightened males" who thinks for whatever reason that "the best man for the job is a woman." I'm one of those "enlightened males" who thinks that the best person for the job is the most qualified and suitable of all of the applicants—period, paragraph.

Any other criteria where gender related equipment is not required for a job is utter balderdash; nonsense!

If Kilmede wins the special election and I find out about it in time for this issue of The Kaselehlie Press my headline will not likely have anything to do with the fact that she would then be the first woman elected to the executive branch of the Pohnpei State Government. Likely the Pacific Islands Report, which always, always changes my headlines before republishing my stories on the internet, will mention that fact in their revised headline if there is a story relating to an Albert-Kilmede win but I have my reasons why I will not likely be doing so.

In my twisted way of thinking, for media to continue to trumpet as the most significant fact in their headlines that "so and so is the first woman ever to occupy the position of _____," and you fill in the blank, is, a reinforcement of the idea that a woman in a leadership role is some kind of anomaly.

This disregards wholesale the fact that capable women have been in leadership roles from time immemorial. From Cleopatra to Australia's Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, capable women have been in leadership roles. The last two U.S. Secretaries of State have been women, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Condoleeza Rice. Margaret Thatcher was the Prime Minister of Britain. On and on it goes. The U.S. has had several notable state governors who were women, most of whom did not base their foreign policy understanding when they ran for national office on the fact that they could see Russia from their back yard.

In 1969 Golda Meir was elected as the

fourth Prime Minister of Israel. I was seven years old at the time. I don't remember the headlines that said that she was the first woman to be elected as Israel's Prime Minister but I saw some of them online today. Those headlines came out when members of the women's liberation movement were burning their bras in the streets as part of their protests of masculine subjugation. (I completely get the masculine subjugation bit but the bra burning thing always seemed like a protest against gravity more than anything else and I expect I'll get a letter or two about that opinion. Here's the email address, ladies: kpress@mail.fm)

There are a number of reasons I am ambivalent about my own thinking that putting femaleness up front is demeaning to women.

A very reasonable converse argument could be made that loudly announcing the femaleness of a woman of accomplishment serves to help make that woman a role model for girls who are deciding what their own role in life could be; girls who are examining their horizons.

As I have said, I am not a woman but something always sticks deep in my craw when I hear men congratulating themselves and patting themselves on the back because they broke the traditional mold by appointing a woman to a position of power and influence. How must it feel to a woman who has studied and worked hard to get where she is, to have her accomplishments and successes diminished to the simple fact that she is a female? I don't know. Maybe I'm wrong about that.

Affirmative action programs such as were introduced by FSM's Speaker Isaac Figir more than a year ago would seem necessary where a population is in a minority and due to that fact are subjugated by the majority to a diminished role in society but women are not a world minority. HOWEVER, women's opportunities have not been equal to those of men. If women's opportunities were equal, 50% of the world's leaders would be women but that is certainly not the case.

Speaker Figir introduced a bill to add four seats to the FSM Congress that would be reserved specifically for women. It was and is well intentioned. The Papua New Guinea Parliament recently passed by an overwhelming majority that could end with parliamentary seats set aside for women. Samoa has announced plans to do the same thing; and that's all good isn't it?

Perhaps affirmative action is necessary in order for women to assume leadership roles but how demeaning is that? Affirmative action plans have always seemed to be artificial constructs designed to eliminate the biases of the majority, the end result of which is that people who would otherwise be unqualified end up in positions that are over their heads; or worse yet, the abilities of extremely qualified people are discounted because they got the position

through an affirmative action plan that was only required because of inequities that existed in the first place. (That's email address: kpress@mail.fm)

To me affirmative action plans artificially fix the end result without ever addressing the factors that cause the problem of inequitable opportunities in the first place.

In the case of women's opportunities one of those factors is male gender role thinking. Witness the contested social ban against women drivers in Saudi Arabia. I saw an article on the Internet today that said that a report by Saudi Arabia's highest religious council, the Majlis al-Ifta al-Aala, "has warned women drivers would lead to a surge in sex, pornography, homosexuality and divorce." WHAT? REALLY?

Of course, that is Saudi Arabia and the example is extreme but in the FSM men have their own biases in regard to the jobs that women should or should not do and the roles they should play. It is still true that some men in the FSM would not vote for a woman or promote a woman to a supervisory role no matter how capable she is.

Another factor is female gender role thinking. This mindset seems to be changing but not quickly. Some women

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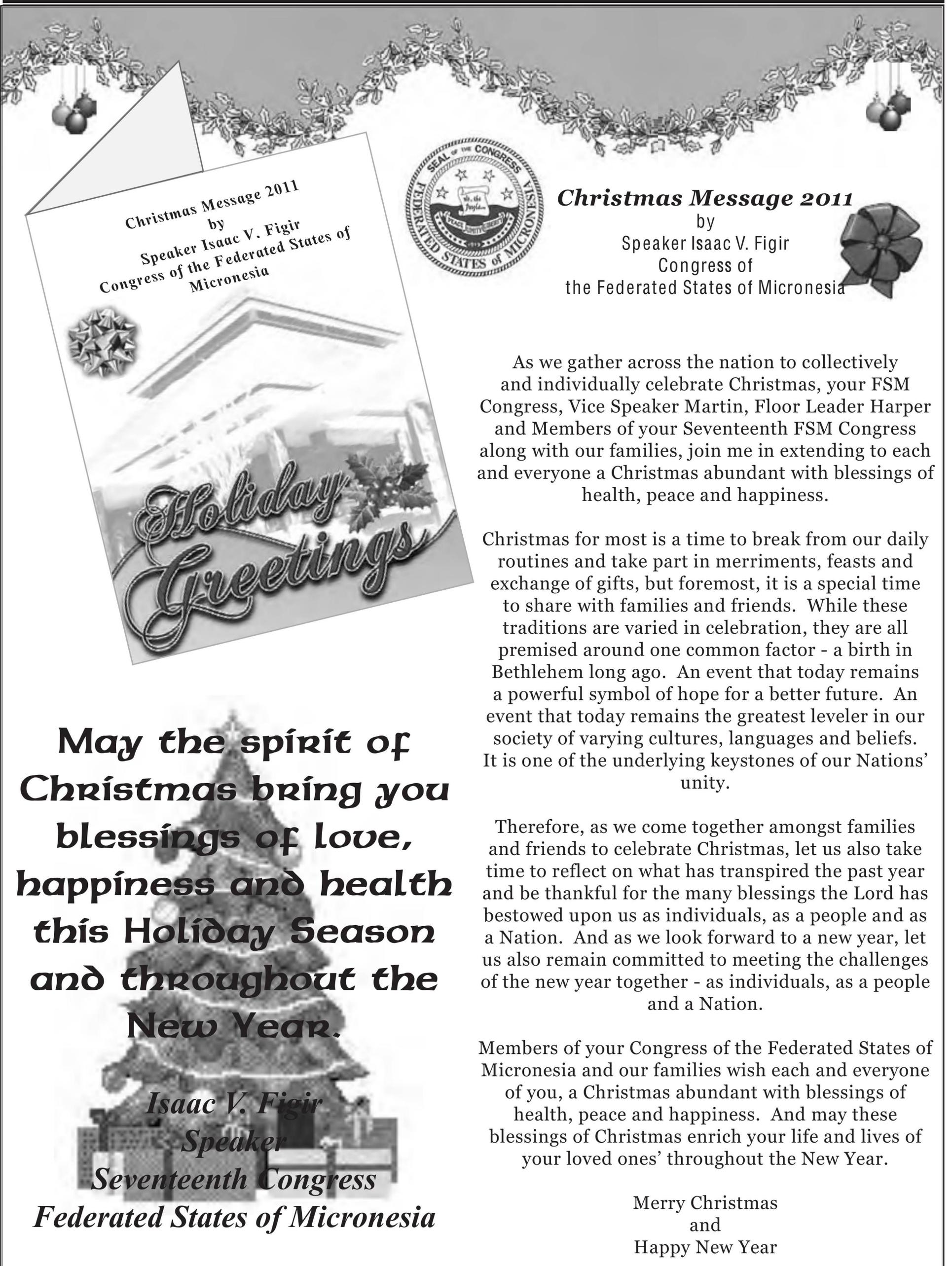
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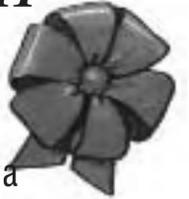


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As we gather across the nation to collectively and individually celebrate Christmas, your FSM Congress, Vice Speaker Martin, Floor Leader Harper and Members of your Seventeenth FSM Congress along with our families, join me in extending to each and everyone a Christmas abundant with blessings of health, peace and happiness.

Christmas for most is a time to break from our daily routines and take part in merriments, feasts and exchange of gifts, but foremost, it is a special time to share with families and friends. While these traditions are varied in celebration, they are all premised around 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 families and friends to celebrate Christmas, let us also take time to reflect on what has transpired the past year and be thankful for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us as individuals, as a people and as a Nation. And as we look forward to a new year, let us also remain committed to meeting the challenges of the new year together - as individuals, as a people and a Nation.

Members of your Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and our families wish each and everyone of you, a Christmas abundant with blessings of health, peace and happiness. And may these blessings of Christmas enrich your life and lives of your loved ones' throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

**May the spirit of
Christmas bring you
blessings of love,
happiness and health
this Holiday Season
and throughout the
New Year.**

Isaac V. Figir
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Opinion Editorial

A neglected part of tourism

I write to your paper from the perspective of a long distance cruiser onboard a sailing yacht from Canada who has arrived on Pohnpei's shores for a visit of just over a month.

My wife and I have spent almost a year since leaving Canada sailing across the Pacific with anticipation of our arrival in Micronesia. Our first stop was Kosrae, a lovely laid back, friendly and welcoming locale. After 3 weeks we departed for Pohnpei looking forward to a larger metropolis for resupplying our small sailing vessel.

Our arrival in Pohnpei was difficult having included a severe squall on entering Pohnpei pass which limited visibility to near zero and a subsequent grounding on coral due to poor visibility and poor navigational aids.

We next contacted the Port Authority, as required, and were directed to the commercial docks. We protested that the commercial docks were not suitable for small boats such as ours and suggested that perhaps we could anchor.

This suggestion was turned down and we were forced to tie up to a concrete wall with boats of all types roaring by under full power resulting in large wakes pushing us up against the wall. Once tied up and cleared by agriculture and customs we were asked to move to another

location until immigration was available. This was another concrete wall but also a very tight squeeze in between two large fish boats.

Both these moorings resulted in considerable damage being inflicted on our boat which not only cost us in time and effort but also in considerable expense. But worst of all it gave us a very bad feeling of what we were going to experience in Kolonia.

It wasn't long before yet another problem arose and that was getting into the yacht anchorage. With no-one around with the knowledge on the right route to follow, and no map provided by the authorities and with no navigational aids we once again went seriously aground

and incurred yet more damage which we cannot repair until we can haul out of the water (for which Pohnpei has very limited facilities).

Finally arriving at the yacht anchorage we were perplexed as to where and how we were to tie up our dinghy securely and safely, obtain water and dispose of garbage. We finally figured out all these things but it's our hope that some enterprising businessman will provide easier access than what is now available for visiting yachts as I'm sure neither the state nor the port authority has the desire to provide these.

On our departure my understanding is that we are to pay \$65 to the Port Authority for services rendered. My question is: "What services are we paying for?" Our experience is unsuitable commercial wharf for docking; a

lack of navigational aids and severely limited small boat services.

From my perspective it appears that foreign sailing vessels are a neglected part of the tourist economy. Sailors are connected internationally, communicate constantly with people planning and organizing their voyaging to include places that are welcoming. In a part of the world where tourism plays an important part in the economy, where the local people are amazingly open and where water sports are prime attractors I ask the powers that be to not neglect this important part of tourism so that we too can pass on positive comments to other sailors.

Tony Gibb
Onboard Sage - Yacht in transit

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give themselves short shrift because of their gender. They have spent their whole lives being fed all of the various messages about what women should or should not do and some of them believe them even if they say that they do not.

I've talked to several very capable educated FSM women in an effort to encourage them to enter the political arena because they are already movers and shakers in their communities and because they possess amazing intellect, not amazing because they are women but because they're just smart and wise. Several of those women have told me that FSM voters, including female voters are not ready for women in political leadership roles.

The recent general election in Pohnpei seems to indicate otherwise and I can only hope that it will serve as a motivation for intelligent women to stretch out and attempt to become involved in leadership roles not because they are women but because they are capable.

Voters during the Pohnpei election selected Senators for 23 seats in the legislature and two seats in the Executive Branch. Only five of the 62 candidates who ran for the 25 available seats were women. 60 percent of the women who ran, won the seats for which they ran. Albert-Kilmede was EXTREMELY close to winning the seat with a majority of the votes by just over one percent of the votes, an excellent showing for any candidate. If she wins the runoff election it will mean that 80 percent of the women who ran for seats won.

For men the percentage was 38 and a half percent; lower if Marcelo Peterson does not win the Lt. Governor seat in the runoff election.

On the other hand, women who come to the table with claims that it is women's turn to lead and very little else to offer undermine the progress that truly capable women have

made. We all have seen that happen at one time or another and its sort of sad to watch when it does.

I'm no more saying that all women are qualified for positions of leadership than I am saying that all men are qualified for positions of leadership. That's simply not true. However, I do think that there are many more women qualified for leadership than are bringing their capabilities to the public for consideration.

To throw the question of age as a qualifying factor for leadership into this conversation

at this point would be to muddy the waters of this monologue but there are many people who are young, whether male or female who have enormous capabilities who are also discounted simply by virtue of the fact that they have not yet hit their 50's. That's silly too!

There is much work to be done to ensure equal opportunity for all and I say it's high time to get down to it.

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CHEEF benefits became a story book

By Chizuru Seki (JICA)

Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) collaborated with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Volunteer at Early Childhood Education (ECE) and created a story book featuring CHEEF benefits of local food called Kesempwal pen Pein Sakatail.

Each letter of CHEEF benefits explains the reasons why IFCP continues promoting local food. C stands for Culture. H stands for Health. The first E is for Environment and the second E is Economy. And F represents Food Security. By going local (planting, growing, maintaining, harvesting, cooking and eating local food), we can keep our culture, good health, clean atmosphere, better financial system and enough food for us and our descendants.

The story begins with people on the island living "local." One day, a ship with lots of imported food arrives on the island. Islanders are charmed by the new and different food items, and stop "going local," except a boy who questions upon the

lifestyle without "local." A boy finds neglected local food crying in the field and starts taking care of them again. Other islanders do not understand why he is "going local." However, soon or later, the obvious changes are seen. The book compares how going local and depending on imported food affects culture, health, environment, economy and food security. Those islanders who rely on imported food have forgotten the culture of their own. Their environment has been damaged. Money has gone outside the country. And when a ship

stops coming to the island, they start fighting for food. Those islanders realize how important to "go local." They come back to the boy who keeps "going local" and relearn how to "go local" from the boy. At the end, all of them live happy and healthy life by "going local."

This story book is presented to 34 Pohnpei ECE teachers in the workshop at ECE main office on November 21 (Monday) and 22 (Tuesday) by Ms. Mio Hayashida (Early Childhood Education JICA volunteer). IFCP staff also presented its

standard talk in the workshop focusing on CHEEF benefits.

The story book will be given final adjustments by Ms. Hayashida and distributed to each ECE in Pohnpei as educational material. IFCP will also use the story book in their school visits.

IFCP would like to thank Pohnpei ECE and JICA for their partnership. Acknowledgements are made to the US Forestry Services and Australian AusAID Small Grants Scheme, and SPC Healthy Lifestyle for funding support.



A story book, *Kesempwal pen Pein Sakatail*, features CHEEF benefits of local food

Who is "Going Local" during the Christmas holidays?

By *Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP)*

The Christmas holidays are coming soon. During this time of the year, many people are planning to have Christmas gatherings and activities.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) is encouraging people to "go local" during the Christmas holidays. Prepare local food and/or use, for example, local coconut leave dishes for your family, school and community events.

Local food contains lots of vitamins, minerals and fiber which protect you against diabetes, heart disease, certain cancers, vitamin A deficiencies and anemia.



ECE teachers attended the Local Food Workshop on November 22, 2011

If you are planning to "go local" partially or fully in your Christmas gatherings or activities for your families, schools, and communities, please give IFCP a call at (320)3259.

IFCP will go to your events and take a photo of your group "going local." A photo and a story of your family, school, or community event may appear in the future Kaselehlie Press.

The Christmas holiday gatherings and activities are great event to enjoy "going local" with your families and friends.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei would like to wish people in Federated States of Micronesia a Merry Christmas. Be happy, be healthy and Let's Go Local!



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