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National Police Officers receive service medals



At 10:00, on the morning of October 30, National Police officers stood at attention for a review by then National Police Chief Takasy Reim and by April Skilling, the newly appointed Secretary for the FSM Department of Justice.

Many of the officers received medals for their years of service and for their performance as members of the FSM National Police force. Skilling personally presented the medals, and an effervescent smile to each of the officers who had earned them.

Think "Pink"!



Anyone travelling the main street of Kolonia, Pohnpei between Peilapalap and the Spanish Wall on the afternoon of Friday, October 26 could do nothing else but to "Think Pink". That was by design. The march from the Pohnpei State Government building to the Spanish Wall and back again was to raise awareness of breast cancer, a potentially deadly disease that affects both women and men, though it is more rarely found in men. The brightly colored shirts of the marchers and the signs they carried were to remind people to be checked for the disease. Participants handed out educational materials and heard speeches at the afternoon event.



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FSM comes face to face with its development partners



By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Palikir, Pohnpei—With the financial support of Australian AID, the FSM convened a Development Partners Forum in Palikir on November 7 and 8. The intent of the forum was to discuss ongoing initiatives, challenges, opportunities, and priority areas for FSM economic development under the theme “Looking to the Future”.

President Manny Mori led the FSM Delegation to the Forum which included State and National leaders from the Executive and Legislative branches of the five governments.

On the other side of the table was a host of international development partners: the Asian Development Bank, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Peoples’ Republic of China, the European Union, the Food Agricultural Organization, the Forum Fisheries Agency, Israel, the International Monetary Fund, Japan, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Pacific Development Bank, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Singapore, the United Nations Joint Presence, the United States of America, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization.

On a third side of the table were representatives of the FSM Private Sector and Civil Society Organizations.

Ihson Nahnken, Ihlen K. Joseph of Pohnpei, and former FSM Vice President Redley Killion were the co-chairs of the meeting.

In his keynote address, President Mori

defined the three main obstacles facing the nation that serve to hinder the nation’s development.

He listed the Compact Trust Fund as the first of three. The Compact Trust Fund is intended to replace the financial contributions of the United States to the FSM under the Compact of Free Association after those contributions “phase out” as scheduled in 2023. The performance of the trust fund has not been good since it was established, and the global financial crisis has not helped matters. President Mori said the Trust Fund needs an immediate injection of funds in order to meet its intended purposes by 2023.

As a second principal obstacle, President Mori listed the lack of sustainable economic growth driven by a strong private sector, in particular in the areas of agriculture, fisheries, tourism, and renewable energy.

He listed the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and the adverse effects on environment and food security as the third, amongst the obstacles to the FSM’s development.

The FSM gave an overview of FSM’s economic development since its inception and identified priority areas to spur the local economy including: enhancement of agricultural production, and increasing the production of value added agriculture products; maximizing the benefits of FSM’s fisheries resources, and further developing aquaculture; enhancing tourism products, and improving the quality of services; and enhancing the development, and expansion of

clean, renewable energy sources with a view to lessening FSM’s dependency on imported fossil fuels. The FSM also acknowledged that further improving the ‘business enabling environment’ would be critical to attract sound investment.

The FSM Health Department briefed the forum on FSM health priorities. The presentation said that the FSM needs a reorientation toward community health through the upgrading of current health infrastructure and human resources; preventing and controlling Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD’s); controlling and eliminating tuberculosis and leprosy; improving prevention of communicable diseases, community health mapping and distribution of skills; establishing a national diagnostic and treatment facility; enhancement of traditional medicine; and the support of COM-FSM nursing and public health programs.

The FSM Education Department provided a presentation on education services in the nation. Among many other things, it said that although substantial Compact grants are dedicated to education, challenges remain. The presentation said that the FSM had identified a number of priorities, including the improvement of quality learning and teaching, and the introduction of short and long term Degree Programs in new fields such as telecommunication.

The FSM told the Development Partners that the key priorities for the nation, in order to enhance environmental management and adaptation to climate change include: solid waste management, inshore marine ecosystems and coastal fisheries, environmental planning and impact assessment, improving environmental governance, mainstreaming climate change issues into sectoral planning processes, and financing for adaptation projects.

In another presentation the FSM told the Development Partners that the nation was in the process of developing its Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) Policy. The plan will establish the “underlying architecture” for how it will manage ODA. The policy will prioritize ‘aid effectiveness over volume’. It will align support with the FSM’s priorities. It will prioritize ‘outcomes rather than inputs’,

transparency in the decision-making process, enhanced coordination among Development Partners, as well as between national and state governments. It will also engender community ownership, including the involvement of non-state actors such as the ‘civil society’.

According to the Forum’s draft communiqué, development partners said that based on the experience of other countries, “the magnitude of the fiscal adjustment being faced by FSM is enormous, and that the right balance needs to be struck between the mix of expenditure and revenue measures.”

The partners noted that policy initiatives are being undertaken by National and State governments “to maintain macroeconomic stability with a view to achieving economic growth objectives, including the adoption of the ‘Long Term Fiscal Framework’, and the tax reform package.

“Development Partners recalled past and ongoing assistance programs to the FSM and shared the following observations:

- Human resources development is ‘key’ for nation and economic building, and FSM could learn from other countries’ experiences;
- Improving Development Partners’ coordination is crucial, including enhancing alignment between national and regional priorities, as well as improving coordination among FSM stakeholders;
- Security and safety for volunteers and staff providing technical assistance and capacity building to the FSM is crucial for the sustainability of the programs;
- The need for a ‘right balance’ between expenditure reductions and government revenue;
- The need to identify, capitalize on, and replicate successes; and
- The need for FSM to take ownership of development programs and support.”

The Development partners also stressed the need for transparency and accountability in managing and implementing ODA resources.

“The Forum recognized the importance of developing an action plan, to ensure the implementation of the priorities identified in the Development Framework,” the draft communiqué on the meetings concluded.

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Candidates for the First Television Producers Training Workshop Selected

Oceania Television

Six candidates from across Micronesia have been selected to attend the first Television Producers Training Workshop organized by Oceania Television Network (OTV). The workshop, which is made possible by funding from PACMAS, ABC International and AusAID, will train these six candidates on how to research, write, film and edit stories for inclusion in regional television broadcasts.

Two week long workshops will be held in Palau and Majuro. The courses will include hands on training and presentations from Pacific island veterans. Lecturers will include Giff Johnson and Moses Uludong about news reporting; Mike Fox on editing; Jeff Barabe and Jack Niedenthal discussing production; and two representatives from SPREP to speak on climate change in the media.

As part of the program each of the six trainees will receive a production package including a Laptop computer, video camera, tripod and sound equipment.

The goal of the workshop is to create producers across the region that can contribute stories and news segments to a regional television program. Due to a lack of qualified candidates from Chuuk and Kosrae, two candidates from

Palau and the Marshall Islands were selected, as well as one each from Yap and Pohnpei.

Kassi Berg, one of the founders of OTV said "this is an unprecedented opportunity for Micronesians to break into the television production business. We expect these young producers to be part of a growing base of contributors to our regional television programming. This is part of OTV's ongoing effort to train media and support the creative arts in the Pacific region."

Candidates will also be encouraged to join the North Pacific Media Federation, an NGO, that will establish journalistic guidelines and ethics for media producers across the region. The six candidates selected are:

John Zedkaia, Majuro, RMI
Fredrick Langmoir, Majuro RMI
Leo Pugnam, Yap, FSM
Darsy Augustine, Pohnpei, FSM
Rolynda Jonathan, Koror, Palau
Nikita Espangel, Koror, Palau

The six-day workshop is free to all others who would like to learn about video production but they must pre-qualify and reserve a space by emailing: news@oceaniatv.net

The workshop dates are:
Palau, November 12 to 17 at OTV Studios
Majuro, RMI December 3rd to the 8th, location TBD

Australian Lions Club members bring reading glasses to Pohnpei

Pohnpei Lions Club

November 7, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM—Alan and Bev Andrews, members of the Strathfieldsaye Lions Club in Australia, came to spend a week visiting Pohnpei. They brought with them 500 pairs of reading glasses to distribute to people in Pohnpei who need them. Through the assistance and coordination from the Pohnpei Lions Club, reading glasses were distributed in front of the College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus LRC on Monday, October 29th from 9 to 11 a.m. and at the COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus gym from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 30th.

Approximately 200 pairs of reading glasses were distributed during the two days. Many community members joined COM-FSM students, faculty members, and staff as recipients of the reading glasses.

Lions Club International is well-known for eye projects. Pohnpei Lions Club



will continue to distribute the remaining reading glasses at various locations in Pohnpei during the month of November and December of this year.

A request has also been sent to the Lions Club in Australia through Lions, Alan and Bev Andrews to send more reading glasses of higher strength to fill the local demand that the club has not been able to supply from this shipment. Pohnpei Lions Club will issue announcement to the community from time to time regarding future distribution of glasses.

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FSM State and National Leadership Conference to continue after Donor partners meeting

FSM Information Services

November 07, 2012

The Fifth State and National Leadership Conference (SNLC) is currently underway after it started yesterday at the College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus in Palikir, Pohnpei.

The conference opened with the election of Governor Johnson Elimo of Chuuk as the Chairman of the conference, taking after Governor Sebastian Anefal of Yap, the outgoing Chairman who managed the Fourth SNLC in February 2012.

With the Chairman in place, the conference observed a moment of silence in honor of Speaker Lyndon Abraham of Kosrae State who passed away at his home State on the first day of November, less than a week ago.

Governor John Ehsa welcomed his peers and other SNLC participants to his State of Pohnpei, punctuating his remarks as he often does with an invitation to thoroughly visit Pohnpei and enjoy the charms and wonders of islands.

In highlighting the purposes of the conference, President Manny Mori pointed to a decision of the previous SNLC where the Leaders agreed to hold a follow up conference prior to the meeting with

Development Partners. He spoke on the need to further discuss issues as well as to preview and finalize what the Nation will present to its Development Partners for their consideration and assistance, strengthening linkage and coordination between development need areas and assistance mode and delivery.

Using power-point presentations, the conference went into discussions on the energy sector facilitated separately by the FSM Petroleum Corporation (PetroCorp) and SoftBank of Japan.

In his presentation, Mr. Jared Morris, CEO of the PetroCorp, traced the progress and ventures of the PetroCorp as a corporation with explanations of its investments and projects as a business operation that has grown regionally since it started in 2008. He also highlighted the company's efforts in response to various mandates, including President Mori's latest State of the Nation Address, to control surges in fuel cost and explore clean alternative sources of energy to improve overall energy status for the Nation.

Through its representative, Mr. Raman Nandan, SoftBank, a Japanese-based telecommunication and internet mega business, expressed its interest in engaging in discussions with the FSM on ways to enhance and diversify sources of

energy with fossil fuels and practical renewable power generation sources such as solar power, wind mills, bio fuels, etc. SoftBank is a business super-power in telecommunication, Internet and now, renewable energy throughout the Asian region which has recently declared its acquisition of Sprint – a US telecommunication and mobile company.

After hearing from PetroCorp and SoftBank, the Leaders reorganized the line of agenda items, resulting in the Principal Leaders holding a separate lunch meeting at the President's Conference Room.

From the "small group" meeting, it was decided to allow each delegation time to meet internally in the latter part of the day, and that the Principal Leaders should continue their separate session the next day to further discuss "hot issues" and preview other presentations in anticipation of the upcoming Development Partners Forum on November 7 and 8.

Throughout this day, November 6, the Principals continued with the review of presentations that will matter most to the Development Partners Forum, deferring discussions of predominantly domestic issues to Friday, including a presentation by COM-FSM on the impact of new Pell Grant changes and pertinent issues.

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No. 2012-02

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Order Amending and Holding GCO 2012-01 in Abeyance for 90 days Allowing for Public Comment and Consideration of Any Public Comment Prior to the Promulgation and Enforcement of the Amendments to the Rules for Admission to Practice Before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in Article XI, Section 9 of the Constitution and Section 117 of Title 4 of the Judiciary Act of the FSM Code, the promulgation and enforcement of GCO 2012-01 is hereby amended and held in abeyance for a period of 90 days from the date of this order to allow public comment to be submitted and considered. The Supreme Court shall be required to immediately publish this order in a newspaper of general circulation and send a copy of it through the postal service to the last known address of every attorney licensed to practice before this Court. The period for public comment shall commence on the date of this order and shall be allowed for a period of 60 days. At the end of this period the comments shall be gathered and considered. If no further action is taken rescinding or amending GCO 2012-01 it shall become a rule of this Court 90 days after this order is signed.

The language of the proposed changes to the FSM Rules for Admission to Practice before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia is found below. All public comment shall be directed through written communication to the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir Pohnpei or at the following address:

FSM Supreme Court
PO Box J
Palikir Station
Pohnpei FM 96941

Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Admission to Practice Before the Supreme Court.

Section II(A) shall be amended by the addition of subsection 5. Subsection II(A) is amended to reflect the inclusion of a new subsection applicable only to FSM Citizens. The inclusion of additional language is underlined.

Section II(A) Experience or Education Requirement

Each non-citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia seeking the opportunity to take the FSM Written Examination must demonstrate compliance with standard 1 below. Applicants who are citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia may demonstrate compliance with any of the five following standards.

Section II(A)(5) State Court Judge

The applicant shall submit to the Court proof of appointment and confirmation as a judge of a State Court of the FSM and of current good standing in that position.

Section II(D) is amended to replace in its entirety the first paragraph of the rule.

Section II(D) The Written Examination

All applications for written examination or reexamination shall be filed, with supporting documents and a non-refundable application fee of twenty five (\$25.00) dollars, in the offices of the FSM Supreme Court in Pohnpei at least 60 days prior the date scheduled for the written examination. Upon showing of good cause the Court may permit filing of applications up to 21 days prior to the date of the written examination. After the 21-day deadline no further applications will be received or considered.

The Rules for admission have been amended to include a Section X.

Section X Updated Contact and Service of Process Information.

All persons authorized to practice before the FSM National Courts shall be required to provide the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir, Pohnpei, with an active mailing address and contact information annually, prior to December 01 each year. This information shall also identify two additional persons and their contact information, upon whom service of process may be rendered for the person authorized to practice before the FSM National Courts. Absent a showing of excusable neglect, persons who fail to comply with this rule shall be removed from the list of active members and shall no longer be authorized to practice before the FSM Supreme Court.

Martin G. Yinug
Chief Justice

Auditors find evidence of Pohnpei Government vehicle misuse

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

November 7, 2012—The Pohnpei State Office of the Public Auditor has confirmed in an audit released on October 30, what many people in Pohnpei have long suspected. Government vehicles are being used inappropriately for personal use by unauthorized personnel.

The audit covered the usage of vehicles belonging to the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. “There was no audit finding specific to the Pohnpei State Legislature or the Office of the Public Auditor,” it said.

But the audit did find evidence of misuse of vehicles in the Executive and Judiciary Branches.

“There is inadequacy and laxity in the observance and enforcement of the laws applicable to the use of government vehicles for the Executive and Judiciary Branches of the Pohnpei State Government,” auditors concluded.

“The above weakness led to inappropriate use of government vehicles (also non-compliance with the vehicle law) and if not corrected timely may result to uncontrollable misuse/abuse and/or additional costs to the government,” the audit said.

The use of government vehicles is governed by Pohnpei State Law No. 2L-90-89, as amended. In that law, only the vehicles assigned to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the Legislature, Chief Justice, and the Public Auditor are exempt from the requirements of the law.

“Among other things, the law prohibits any person to knowingly and willfully operate a government vehicle outside of government working hours without a written permit prominently displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle,” the audit explains. “The permit shall carry the signature of the Governor (Executive Branch), Speaker of the Legislature (Legislative Branch), Chief Justice (Judiciary Branch) or the Public Auditor (Office of the Public Auditor) or their designees. The permit shall also prescribe the items and places of permissible use, authorized operator(s), passengers, and duration of validity.

A person found to be in non-compliance with the provisions

of the law is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction will be fined not more the \$1000 or imprisoned not more than 60 days, or both.

Of the 187 Pohnpei State vehicles, auditors tested 51. On September 5, 2012 they found that nine cars were not at their designated parking locations after working hours. Later review showed that of the nine cars, only one vehicle had an approved written permit, and one of the vehicles was being repaired. The remaining seven vehicles simply had not been returned at the end of the working day.

On September 6, 2012, another inspection was conducted by the Governor’s Security Guard. On that evening three vehicles were missing from the central parking location at Peilapalap. They were supposed to have been returned by 5:00 p.m. By 7:30 that evening they were still not parked in the car pool.

The audit says that the effect of the finding “resulted to inappropriate use of government vehicles and may lead to additional costs of fuel, repairs, and maintenance for the government if not corrected timely.”

Thomas Pablo, Director of the Department of Treasury and Administration said in his official response that auditors should conduct a review of “blanket authorizations” assigned to various staff members for the use of government vehicles.

Auditors said that they did review the “blanket authorization” against the log book kept by the Governor’s Office and also compared it with the vehicle permit issued by the Governor. They concluded that the “blanket authorization” is not in compliance with the vehicle law.

Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez also provided a response to the audit. In it he quoted Article 10, Sections 9 and 10 of the Pohnpei Constitution which together establish the independence of the Judiciary and grant to the Supreme Court the authority to establish its own rules of conduct regarding its employees and rules governing its employees. “Such rules shall have the effect of law...”

He said that the Misuse of Property section of the Pohnpei code clearly does not govern those vehicles owned by the judiciary. In 1989 General Court Order 04-89 sets out a clear motor vehicle policy which includes the power of the Chief

Justice to assign custody of vehicles to any officer of the Court. The policy also sets out its own remedial procedures for misuse of judiciary vehicles.

The position of the Chief Justice is that the audit should not have included a review of the judiciary vehicles since they are not covered by the Chapter 16 of Title 61 of the Pohnpei Code.

“Let me inform you that it is not to say the Pohnpei Judiciary does not or will not acknowledge that there is a need to draft policies to respond to the audit or implement other corrective measures to ensure that the Pohnpei Judiciary is in line with the other branches,” Justice Rodriguez capitulated. “The Court is improving our own General Court Order to implement what is needed for compliance purposes.”

The audit said, “the letter did not provide [a] corrective action plan for the resolution of the deficiencies found in the Pohnpei Supreme Court’s control over its vehicles. As a result, all our findings pertaining to Pohnpei Supreme Court remain...we still encourage the Chief Justice to implement effective controls and monitoring measures to ensure that the vehicles under the custody of the Pohnpei Supreme Court are not subjected to misuse and abuse.”

Auditors used that same paragraph in each finding in response to the Chief Justice’s letter.

The second finding of the audit said that the Judiciary discontinued the use of vehicle logs and has not implemented a similar monitoring measure.

It said that not all Executive Branch departments are requiring the use of a vehicle log. Of its five departments, three have not fully implemented the policy issued by the Governor in Executive Order 03-08-11 which requires the use of vehicle logs for each Government vehicle.

Finding three said that State Law prohibits a person from knowingly and willingly operating a government vehicle without having obtained a Government Motor Vehicle Operator’s Identification Card, otherwise known as a “Government Driver’s License”. Their review uncovered the fact that some employees do not have a Government Driver’s License but they were allowed to operate government vehicles.

This “condition increases the risk of Government’s liability in case of accident made by vehicle operator without appropriate license,” the audit said.

The final finding in the audit has to do with resolution of prior year audit findings. The externally conducted Pohnpei State Government Single Audit reports for Fiscal Years 2009, 2010, and 2011 “disclosed a recurring prior year audit finding regarding the lack of documented procedures in place requiring fixed assets to undergo required maintenance.”

Auditors urged the State of Pohnpei “to strengthen internal control requiring that periodic reviews be performed and that asset maintenance activity be documented and monitored.”

In his response, Mr. Pablo argued that the finding was outside of the scope of the audit. He reminded the Pohnpei Auditors that the outside auditors found no questioned costs, and pointed out that just recently, his department had received a letter from the U.S. Department of the Interior saying that their efforts to resolve the finding are “sufficient”.

The Pohnpei State audit said that auditors are required to follow up on all outstanding significant findings from previous audits relating to their audit objectives. They did not have sufficient time to perform a follow up on the implementation of the management Corrective Action Plan. It said that auditors would consider the finding resolved if it does not reoccur in the Single Audit report for the Fiscal Year that ended on September 30, 2012.

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Academy for Culture & Education of Yap	P.O. Box 1034	Colonia Yap
Carmen T.C. Yanruw	P.O. Box 344	Colonia Yap
Segundo or Frances Marcia	13495 Bancroft Ave	San Leandro CA
Joseph Michael Seda	20542 Julliard Drive	Walnut CA
Sawuahfik Solar Utility Board	C/O Governor's Office	Kolonia Pohnpei
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Ehsa asks appeals court to quash injunctions and dismiss lawsuits

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

November 8, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM—A panel of three judges from the FSM will be hearing an appeal regarding the issuance of a preliminary injunction ordered by the Supreme Court that temporarily halted all actions mandated by Governor Ehsa's Executive Order regarding Pohnpei Utilities Corporation. The 15 page "notice of appeal" plus exhibits was filed on October 26.

The Governor's executive order suspended the employment of PUC General Manager Feliciano Perman pending an investigation. It removed former Board members Francisco Mendiola, and Wilbur Walter.

The injunction also temporarily halted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Energy International Global and PUC for power generation.

The issuance of the temporary injunction was covered in detail in the last issue of The Kaselehlie Press.

The arguments in the appeal are based on substantial points of law and on omissions by the trial court, including the fact that the court never heard a second motion to dismiss that Ehsa filed. The appeal says that the order for preliminary injunctions implied that the court had motions to dismiss when in fact it had only heard one.

The appeal also argues that Governor

Ehsa acted appropriately in the absence of a legally constituted PUC board during a time of crisis in Pohnpei. It argues that he acted when no one else could, and that he was backed by a legal mandate provided under the heading of the recently amended Pohnpei Code regarding PUC which calls for unprecedented action at a time of power crisis.

The appeal did not point to Pohnpei law to justify the actions of the Governor when he essentially assumed the function of the PUC Board of Directors but did say that he acted under the authority of the Constitution.

The appeal argues four main points regarding the proceedings of the court that led it to issue the temporary injunction:

1. The trial court's scheduling of proceedings was prejudicial to the defendant.
2. The trial court lack personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
3. The Order of the trial court denying the defendant's Motion to Dismiss is not supported by law.
4. The Order of the trial court is not supported by evidence.

Under the first point, the Governor's counsel argues that the court should first have heard the motions to dismiss, not just one of them as the appeal says was done. It says that on October 8, Ehsa filed a motion to dismiss and also a motion to accelerate hearing on the motion to dismiss. It contends that it is a standard practice of the Courts to set motions to dismiss before other matters, because if such a motion is granted, there is nothing further to hear. The Court did not

set hearing as moved.

The appeal says that on October 12, Ehsa received copies of court subpoenas directing witnesses of the Plaintiffs to appear at FSM Supreme Court at 10:00 a.m. on October 15. The subpoenas said that "at that time your testimony before a notary public or other officer authorized by law to administer oath will be taken."

Ehsa was off island and his counsel filed a motion for protective order on Ehsa's behalf.

The appeal contends that Ehsa's counsel showed up on October 15 for what he thought would be the taking of witness depositions. He discovered shortly before 10:00 a.m. that instead, the court was set to hear the plaintiffs' motions for preliminary injunctions.

It says that the defendant was left to guess what the court had ruled regarding his motion to dismiss and motion to accelerate to hearing since the court did not notify him of any decision regarding those motions. Plaintiffs' counsel stipulated to a hearing of Ehsa's motion to dismiss due to the fact that Pohnpei State had not been named as a defendant in the case which Pohnpei State law requires.

The Court briefly heard that motion and ruled not to dismiss as long as the plaintiffs added Pohnpei State as a defendant within a certain number of days.

The appeal contends that the way the Court proceeded on the matters before it was

prejudicial against the defendant, and that such treatment constituted denial of due process—a reversible error.

On its second point the appeal argues that in denying the motion to dismiss for plaintiffs' failure to name Pohnpei State as a defendant, and then by allowing plaintiffs time to add the State as a defendant, the Court lacked personal and subject matter jurisdiction to hear the motion for injunctions. It argues that Pohnpei State law absolutely requires the State to be named in any legal action against an employee of the State in his or her official capacity.

"Appellant Governor Ehsa contends that simply adding Pohnpei State as a party defendant does not mean that Defendant Governor Ehsa and Pohnpei State have the same interest in their defense. Pohnpei State may move to defend separately from Defendant Governor Ehsa if it finds that Defendant Governor Ehsa was not acting in State interest," the appeal says.

Ehsa argues that until the complaints are amended to add Pohnpei State as a defendant, the cases were not ready for the trial court to take into judicial jurisdiction and should not have been heard on October 15.

Under point three of the appeal, Governor Ehsa argued the specific points of Pohnpei State law that say specifically that the State must be named as a defendant when a Government employee is named as a defendant in his or her official capacity. It says that the Court erred in deciding otherwise and that the Court's decision is

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Dongwon Industries volunteer to support Pohnpei Boxing

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

November 1, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM— Jung-hee Yoo, who goes by the English name “Hugo” has decided to share his love of boxing with the young people of Pohnpei. Hugo Jung-hee learned to box in high school, and has volunteered to use some of his off hours from his job at Dongwon Industries to teach the sport in Pohnpei for the next eight months.



(Back Row) Tae-seon Park, a Dongwon fishing vessel captain, Mike Loyola, Jung-Hee (Hugo) Yoo, Cassidy Shoniber (Front Row) Jose Joab, Tony Ehsa, Randy Helgenberger

Jung-hee’s eight month commitment is admirable but he didn’t stop there. He talked to his boss at Dongwon Industries, Mr. Tae-seon Park, who submitted a funding request from the company’s home office. Dongwon Industries decided that the program was something they could support and provided nearly \$3,000 worth of boxing equipment: boxing gloves, heavy bags, jump ropes, headgear, mouthpieces, and more.

“For the last six months, since I am in Pohnpei, I have noticed that, after school hours, many young students hang out on the streets with nothing to do because of a lack of activities available,” Jung-hee wrote in a “summary prospectus” on the boxing program. “As a result, some of those kids could end up involved in alcohol, smoking, and drugs. However, through Boxing, I can give them an opportunity to keep a healthy mind, body, and the brilliant futures from confidence.”

Cassidy Shoniber of the FSM National Olympic Committee said that he learned his lesson from the visit of the “Tae Kwon Do Peace Corps”. He said that the group members came and did demonstrations of Tae Kwon Do in the community for several weeks, but when they left there was no one to carry on as an instructor. “This program will be different,” he claims.

A boxing committee has identified 20 people who will train under Jung-hee for the next eight months beginning on Monday evening, November 5. When that training is complete that group of “trained trainers” will take on Pohnpei young people between the ages of 13 and 15 as their students. That summer training is set to start in June. Later, training will be open to all ages and all genders.

“At first I thought about teaching the kids and students myself,” Yung-hee wrote, “however, I realized I cannot do this on my own. Therefore, I decided to train 20 people for eight months, who will then teach kids and students. This includes participations in boxing matches.”

The Pohnpei Boxing Club held its first meeting on September 21, 2012. They say that the goal of the Pohnpei Boxing Club is to promote

health and fitness.

Their promotional material says, “Fitness Through Boxing promotes just that, a better and more healthy lifestyle through boxing workouts that are guaranteed to work out your entire body instead of just one or two muscle groups at a time. By utilizing the studio’s boxing workouts, you’ll soon find yourself enjoying a better and healthier you. Fitness Through Boxing offers classes for all fitness levels no matter your age or sex. The Pohnpei Boxing Club is to positively affect special needs children through boxing and fitness classes that promote health and wellness, consistency through a set schedule of activities, following directions, adult and peer interaction and socialization, and positivity through affirmation and mantras.

Shoniber and the newly established Pohnpei Boxing Club have high hopes that boxing will become a competitive sport in the FSM.

Boxing is an Olympic sport and Shoniber hopes that out of this program at least a few Pohnpei athletes will arise and that one day the FSM will have a boxer who can compete at the Olympic level.

When we asked how the program would avoid the possibility that it might train some young people to be more effective street thugs, Shoniber paused for a moment. “I guess we really can’t control that,” he said. “But this is about discipline and health and self-improvement.” He spoke of mentoring relationships amongst the young people and their dedicated trainers. It didn’t take us long to understand that few young people would be willing to spend long, hard hours, sweating, and straining to learn boxing just so that they could become street thugs.

The Pohnpei Boxing Club’s goals are lofty. They talked about getting a real boxing ring, exhibition matches at the South Pacific Games, and training champions. For now they’re taking thing one step at a time with the help of Dongwon Industries and volunteer trainer Hugo Jung-hee.



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All shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the Board of CPUC

Applications may be made by post, addressed as follows:

Chief Executive Officer – ACFO Position
CPUC, PO Box 910, Weno, Chuuk State, FM 96942

Applications may also be sent by email – all documents should be combined in one single pdf file and sent to mwaite_cpuc@mail.fm with read request and Subject Line: CPUC ACFO Position [applicant name]

Applications close at 12 noon on Wednesday 28th November; Shortlisted applicants must be available for interview in Weno during the period 3rd to 20th December 2012.

TDIP donates a new computer to the Pohnpei library

Pohnpei Public Library

TIMPUYOG DAGITI ILOCANOS ITI POHNPEI (TDIP) donated a new computer to Pohnpei Public Library. The funds were raised during the organization's recently concluded fundraising held on September 22, 2012. The computer will be installed in the library office and will be used for cataloging and scanning documents.



L-R : Dr. Ana Lim-Board of Directors, Ms. Roan Turcio-Treasurer, Ms. Marvelee Dirige-Board of Directors, Mr. Rey Garcia-V. President, Mr. Ray Varas-President, Mrs. Penny Weilbacher-FPPL President, Lester Ezekias-Head Librarian, Mr. Doman Daoas-Auditor, Ms. Bernadette Hull-Secretary.

The Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library and staff would like to extend their sincere gratitude to TDIP and all the supporters.

Pohnpei Public Library gets a face lift and two tons of books



Pohnpei Public Library

On Friday, November 2, 2012, The Pohnpei Public Library hosted a painting party. Staff members, volunteers, and Board members gathered together to paint the library, both inside and out. A year after the renovation project, the staff decided that it was time to cover up graffiti, as well as water stains on the wall. They also painted the benches and the sandbox.

While painters were painting, Pohnpei Rotary Club Members brought two tons of donated books in boxes. School librarians and principals were invited to come and get books for their libraries. Peace Corps and WorldTeach volunteers also showed up to get books for their schools.

At the end of the day the staff, volunteers, and members brought in dishes of food for a big potluck party to thank the volunteers who helped that day, the Rotary club for their donation of books, and as a farewell for one of the Peace Corps who is leaving island.

The staff and the Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library would like to thank all the supporters of the Pohnpei Public Library.

Senator Neth meets with GovGuam on Pohnpei issues

In late October, Pohnpei's Senator Shelten Neth met with Raymond S. Tenorio, the Lt. Governor of Guam. Tenorio was in an acting capacity as Governor at the time of the visit.

A Pacific Daily News photo and caption on the meeting said that the two discussed "ways in which the Pohnpeian community on Guam can be better citizens and residents, especially as it relates to public education requirements."

Neth says that he asked the Acting Governor if it would be possible for "commonly standardized use forms" to also have Pohnpeian translations. He said that Tenorio approved the concept but that it would be incumbent upon the Pohnpei community to do the translations and to print the translated forms.

Senator Neth says that the two also discussed a request from Pohnpeian residents on Guam for "a piece of government property for use by the Pohnpeian community."



Office of the Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio

...Lawsuit

reversible on appeal.

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The appeal argues that if the court had in fact considered Ehsa's other motions, including his written motion to deny issuance of temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction, which was filed on October 1, 2012, it must have seen Exhibit Five, which was part of that motion. To be certain that the appellate court sees that exhibit Ehsa included similar documentation in his notice of appeal and labeled it Exhibit Two.

Each of the nine pages of Exhibit Two is dated August 16, 2012. The documents are copies of bill histories for nine separate PUC accounts. They appear to contradict the sworn testimony of PUC Board Member Wilbur Walter who testified that he had never had an outstanding account balance of more than three months at PUC. Though only one of the bill history reports actually lists Mr. Walter's name as the account holder, Ehsa's appeal says that the eight other accounts in Exhibit Two that list business names or locations are also in Walter's name.

The account balances of bill histories show a total of over \$18,000 that was owed to PUC as of August 16, 2012, the day after the court heard testimony on the preliminary injunction. Arrears of 90 days or longer listed for each of the nine PUC accounts in Exhibit Two range between \$60 and \$3,600, for a total of over \$11,000 of arrears as of August 16.

The appeal says that, according to its exhibit, the order of the trial court relating to Walter's utility accounts is not supported by evidence.

The exhibit re-argues that Governor Ehsa acted in regard to PUC with the authority provided to him by the Constitution under Article 9, Section 1 and Section 7.

Section 1, of Article 9 says, "The executive power of the Governor of Pohnpei is vested in the Governor who shall be elected by the qualified voters of Pohnpei." Section 7 says, "The Governor is responsible for the faithful execution of the provisions of this Constitution and of all laws of Pohnpei."

Finally, the appeal says that the Court erred when it reasoned that "... since a suit against a person in his or her official capacity is treated as a suit against the entity that employs the officer... Pohnpei is, in effect, already a party-defendant because its Governor was sued in his official capacity." The appeal claims that the Court's citation of a 2012 case in Chuuk State as precedent for its legal opinion was erroneous because Chuuk State may not have a similar law that requires the State to be named as a defendant whenever one of its officials is sued.

On the basis of reversible error and from the arguments in the appeal, Ehsa is asking the appellate court to quash the order granting preliminary injunction, and to dismiss the actions of the plaintiffs in 2012-026 and 2012-027.

Letter to the Editor

A Farewell and Tribute to my beloved students at the College of Micronesia, National Campus

My Dear Students:

As I write this "Farewell" letter to you, I can't help but remember your "roars" of laughter, wittiness, innocent, yet mature jokes, your beautiful faces, and smiles, and the twinkle in your eyes as you waited to see how I would react to certain classmates' joke—like Hedekai Charley and his joke about the power he has in his hands to "Pick and Choose" who he wants to marry when he becomes the Nahnmwarki of Madelonihmw (being in-line for that particular important role in the future), and how I have no choice but to obey his order, "So you better be gone when my time comes..." I quickly replied, "At that time, I will be a hundred years old. I don't think a young, handsome, and intelligent Nahnmwarki would want to marry a hundred years old wrinkly woman..."

Remember his "Informative" speech about the importance of women? Wait, how about the guys who were trying to convince the girls about how they can marry more than one wife...and everything will be just fine....and the reactions from the girls.... hahahaahaaa....too many good memories of you. You always lightened up my days. You made teaching, and learning enjoyable—the very medicine for "Motivation" and "Encouragement" both students and teachers need.

According to my educational philosophy, a teacher must have a good sense of humor and a good rapport with his/her students in order for learning to take place. The classroom environment must be pleasant, fun, and inviting for the good of both the students and the teachers. Teachers must motivate and encourage their students with both their words and actions as seen in how they treat their students. They must show respect, love, understanding, and compassion for their students. They must capture their hearts in order to win their minds and intellect. Throughout the twenty some years of my teaching profession, I have found this very educational philosophy to have worked with the hundreds of students. I have touched their lives, and they, in turn have touched mine even more.

My fellow beloved students, you are the "New spring time" of the Federated States of Micronesia. You are the "Dawn of a New Day" of our nation. You have the potential to be the best you can be. Because you are Micronesians, you inherited the "Never

defeated spirit" Micronesians possess. You have the aspirations our nation needs. I am inspired by your inner-strength, wisdom, talents, intellectual ability, work ethic, enthusiasm in learning and your educational goals, and your ability to turn the "Nights" into "Days" with your joyful spirit and wittiness.

As I close this chapter of my life with you in it, I wish to once again, encourage you in your educational and career goals. Remember, you can do it! You have the potential to become the best you can be. Please don't let anyone tell you differently.

As I wiped my own tears watching the tears streaming down your faces, as I embraced you, and heard you sobbing and begging me to stay and not to leave you, my dream to reach out to you was again, forever renewed! Good-bye my beloved students. I hadn't noticed how fond I had grown of you until I turned in my resignation letter.

Because I love you and my country deeply, I will see you again. Remember, you are in my prayers in whatever you do and wherever you are...It is just the beginning...Take care and God bless.

*With much love,
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K Press Perspective

‘Thieves’, ‘Stealers’...same, same

I HATE publishing late! I can't state it emphatically enough. I absolutely despise missing the newspaper's deadline. Having to play the "it's not my fault" card, bothers me even more than missing the deadline.

On the night of the deadline for submission of content to the newspaper, I worked until just a few hours before Pohnpei's birds began to sing hoping to ensure that the Kaselehlie Press would go to press on time. I was also working to ensure that I would be able to include coverage of the FSM Development Partners Forum in the newspaper as a BIG story, the conclusion of which was set to begin a couple of hours after the "birdies sang" and a full day after the deadline for submissions of items for the newspaper.

"Babe, I've got bad news," my wife told me as the first words of that day. "Someone stole our weed eater." We had only cut the lawn three times since we had bought the weed eater. It had been a hard investment for us to make. As it turns out, the thief had stolen more than the weed eater.

Besides the theft, that morning I was worried that the organizers, who had thought to include 'the media' in the invitation list for the forum, would think that I didn't care about the outcomes. I frantically managed to contact the person who invited me, told him about my situation, and asked him to send me the outcomes of the forum. He

promised. The promised document never came.

"Security and safety for volunteers and staff providing technical assistance and capacity building to the FSM is crucial for the sustainability of the programs," the draft version of the forum communiqué said. (I had managed to scrape up a draft version from another source two days after my deadline.) I found the comment ironic in light of my situation on the day they made that comment, as well as the the situations of several development partner staff members who have also been burglarized, or otherwise victimized while trying to assist in the FSM.

Feeling that it was my civic responsibility to report the burglary at our home, I called the Sokehs Police Department even though the burglary had occurred on the previous day. I was not expecting any recovery of the items that thieves stole.

Two extremely courteous and efficient officers came to my house, took my report, and scouted the property during their investigation. They found some of the stolen items hidden in the bushes next to the river at the rear of our home.

After they left, I admit, I didn't expect to hear from them any time soon, but an hour and a half later they pulled into my driveway, asked me to identify my weed eater they had

with them in the car, and asked if I wanted to press charges. I most certainly did.

According to my neighbors, those police officers arrested a suspect shortly afterward. I know that report was probably true because the officers came to our house on the following day asking us to identify other items the suspect told them he had stolen, items that we hadn't yet realized were missing. No doubt about it; the items were ours.

I didn't press charges against the person who broke into our home because I knew the person. I didn't know who police arrested then, and I still don't know. I pressed charges because to do otherwise would send a message that criminals can do anything they want to do with impunity. That's a dangerous message anywhere, and particularly in Pohnpei where thieves—"stealers", as many people in Pohnpei call them, get away with their crimes all too often.

Even if it's grammatically incorrect I like the term "stealers" better than the term "thieves". "Thieves" perform acts of theft. "Stealers" steal. It's the same crime, but "stealers" drills right down to the heart of the matter. I think that Webster ought to include "stealers" in the dictionary. I also think that the definition should include more than just those who break in and steal.

I think the definition should include people who don't pay their bills—who don't ever

intend to pay them and don't even try to do so.

What makes them different from the person who broke into my house a few days ago? A close friend of mine asked me that question a few days ago. He has a right to ask the question. He has extended nearly three quarters of a million dollars in credit to customers in the FSM who then walked away from their bills—people whose name he knows—people who begged for the credit to get what they wanted, and signed on the dotted line saying that they would pay—people who still hold their head up high in the community, and are "stealers".

What should be done about them? Who pays their bill? My friend does. He doesn't have another choice because he's not a "stealer".

I couldn't be happier with the performance of the Sokehs Police Department after the burglary at our home. The two officers who came to my house had no idea that I was the editor of The Kaselehlie Press. They didn't know that they could get some good press by helping me. For that reason they deserve all the good press I can throw their way. They did an outstanding job and I remain impressed.

So, how about the rest of the "stealers"? What will we do with them?

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Business Advisory Council holds first annual meeting

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KOLONIA, Pohnpei (October 26, 2012) - The first annual meeting of the reactivated Business Advisory Council (BAC) was held on October 23, 2012, at the Wall Mart Steak House & Bar in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

It was a gathering of busy people – business owners, managers, directors, supervisors, even CEO's and CFO's. They came by invitation of the College of Micronesia-FSM, whose message to them was clear: "We are here to listen to you."

The reactivation of the BAC is an initiative of the Business Administration Division of COM-FSM. The council's purpose is to promote a partnership between local businesses/employers and the college, in line with its goal to establish a services network for community, workforce, and economic development.

Regrets and Optimism

On behalf of COM-FSM, President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. apologized to the business community because, he thought, the college has let them down in the past. He said, "We lost our way, we lost our focus, we lost what was important...what our primary mission and goal was supposed to be. And that is

providing quality education for our students so that they can be meaningful participants in the political, social, and economic life of the FSM. And when we lost our way, we lost our connection with all of you."

President Daisy expressed optimism and hopes about the future of the college and that of the FSM as he looked around and noted the presence of very important people of various expertise and discipline, who came to the meeting despite their busy schedules. He said that as the college looks forward to the celebration of its 20th anniversary in 2013, he wanted to renew COM-FSM's commitment to collaboration and accountability to all, most especially to the students.

Professor Joseph Felix, Jr., chair of the Business Administration Division, welcomed everyone to the event. "We are here to listen to you. We are here to hear what you have to say. About our programs. About our curriculum. About our students and graduates. And most importantly, about how you think we can improve as a college in addressing the needs of the community... our community," he said.

Professor Rafael Pulmano then showed



real world.

Failure of some graduates to communicate well during job interviews, as well as their apparent lack of self-confidence and clear sense of purpose, were among the weaknesses observed by many employers. They asked the college to do something about it to help improve the graduates' chances of getting employed.

Successful Event

a short slide presentation explaining the role of the BAC and the programs offered by the division.

Inputs from the Business Sector

During the one-hour consultative forum that followed, business sector representatives took turns in offering suggestions, asking questions, seeking clarifications, expressing their observations and expectations about COM-FSM graduates, and volunteering the various resources and assistance available from their respective organizations that the college can tap into for the benefit of students. Among the examples cited were providing guest lecturers, on-the-job trainings, and internship opportunities, which the division plans to incorporate in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the advisory council members and the college.

Initial discussions focused on the need of most establishments for accounting graduates and local certified public accountants. Subsequent talks emphasized the importance of requiring students to do practical work before graduating. There were inquiries about the possibility of the college offering evening classes and introducing other programs such as those in the field of retail management and aviation, and suggestions about training students on the use of accounting software packages to better prepare them for work in the

The first annual meeting of the Business Advisory Council was deemed a success, with the following establishments participating and sharing their valuable time and expertise in the historic event: MiCare, FSM Coconut Development Authority, Etscheit's Enterprises, FSM Development Bank, FSMTC, JICA, CTSI Logistics, Tuna Commission, FSM Petroleum Corporation, Genesis Island Family Clinic & Pharmacy, Ray & Dors, United Airlines, Bank of FSM, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

At the closing of the meeting, President Daisy thanked all delegates for coming, and added that his door is always open to them. He invited them to visit and continue to be active participants in the advisory council, because the college will rely on their wisdom and support.

Also in attendance to lend their support were the Vice President for Instructional Affairs Mariana Ben Dereas and Dean of Academic Programs Karen Simion.

Representing the business and accounting students from the National Campus were officers of the Young Executives Society (YES!). At one point during the program, they were asked to introduce themselves and speak about their expectations about the college and their aspirations and plans for their future. Most of them said they want to become CPAs, while others want to have careers in business ownership and management.

COM-FSM faculty recipient of U.S. Embassy Scholarship

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (November 6, 2012) – Shirley Jano, a college faculty at Pohnpei Campus is the recipient of a scholarship to take an online course from the University of Oregon.

The scholarship, funded by the U.S. Embassy in the FSM, will enable Ms. Jano to take an online course in "English for Specific Purposes, Best Practices for Courses and Materials."

This online course will develop participants' skills in designing, implementing and evaluating English for Specific Purposes (ESP) courses based on best practices in the field.

The U.S. Embassy believes this program will enhance her ability to teach English in an ESL environment, and ultimately help the students and faculty at COM-FSM.

Ms. Jano was very excited when she received information about her selection. "I'm honored and excited for this opportunity to improve my teaching career," she commented.



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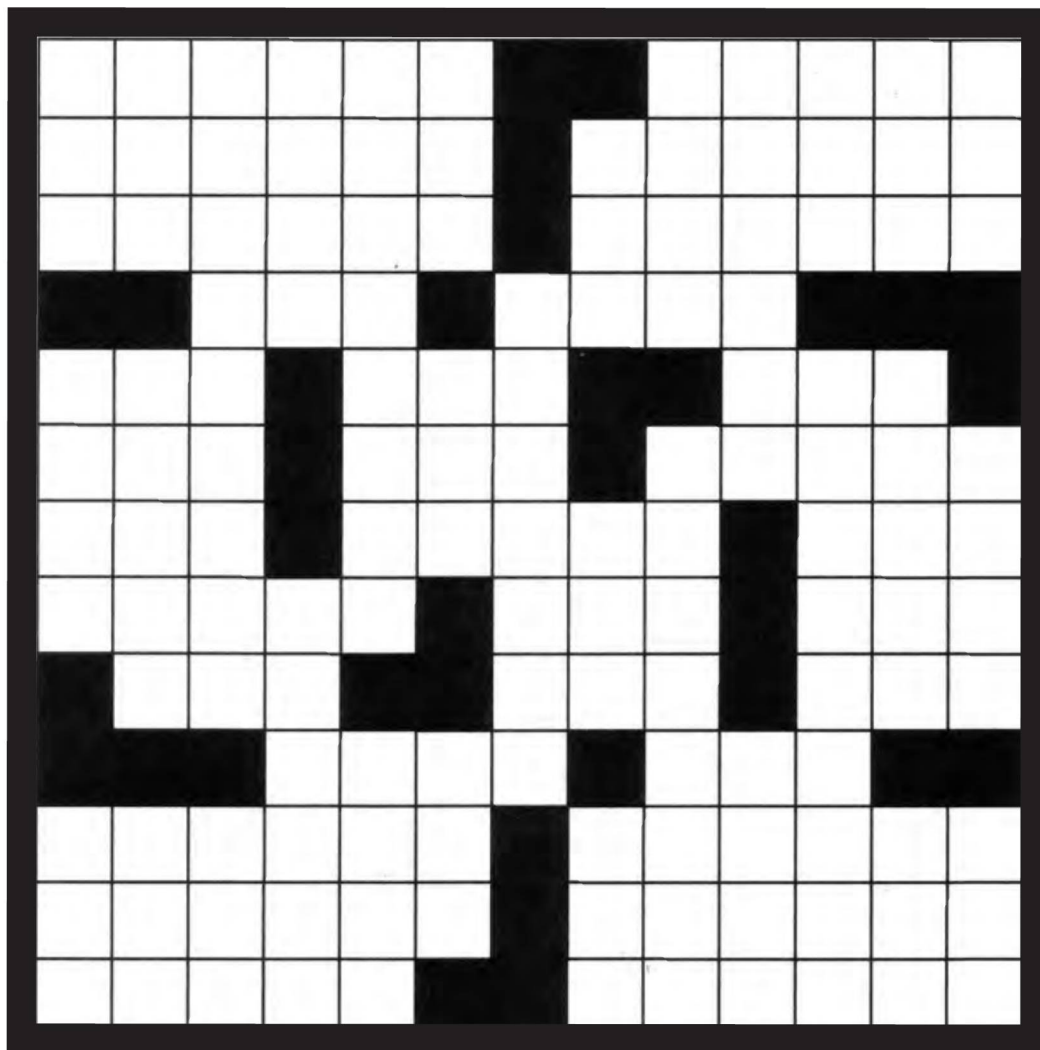
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Bees are one of the most useful insects. In addition to providing HONEY and BEESWAX, which is used to make CANDLES, they also fertilize flowers, fruits, and vegetables by spreading POLLEN from plant to plant.

H L A R V A S W A R M T Y B
C R E R O P S P H O N E Y B
E R E N F U M I N I N G R U
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C U C K O O N F A B M Q S D
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BEESWAX

CANDLES
CELLS
COLONY

CUCKOO (bees)
DRONE
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EYES
FLIGHT
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GRAINS
HONEY
INSECT
LARVA
LEGS
MASON (bees)
MINING (bees)
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... AND STARTS WITH "B"

This puzzle contains
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eight 5-letter words,
17 6-letter words,
and one 7-letter
word (for a total of
51) that all begin
with the letter "B"

YOUR WORD LIST

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I D N I H E B L C Y G R E L
G H A A V A B W A D D E A A
H P Z E N U U O A B L T C B
T R B D B A B B L E A C H B
W B A P P R E N N A B C B M
N L L U O Y E E B V N E A O
Z O E O O H F E V E A S I T
D W C N T T S T B R L T T T
S H D A B A P I D A O L E O
C G N A B B U B B B K L A B

Chuuk holds first Annual High School Academic Challenge Bowl



(Sitting) LEFT TO RIGHT- LOUIS PHILIPPE SOLTONES- 10th grade; DAWN MERDI BISALEN – 11th Grade; FREDDY ELIAS – 9th grade; Teacher/Coach Rebecca O’Hare, Standing – far Right 2nd Place CHS (Standing) LEFT TO RIGHT - TIARA WILLIANDER – 12th; SARAH HOPE SOS – 12th; MAJESTY HELICKIOS – 12th; Teacher/Coach Max Mosley, Standing – extreme Left

Chuuk Women’s Council

November 1, 2012

Weno, Chuuk—The first annual Chuuk State High School Academic Challenge Bowl is now history and it will be forever recorded that SDA Christian High School bested all the other Chuuk high schools in this event. Congratulations to SDA . . .

The Chuuk Women’s Council organized and sponsored this Academic Challenge Bowl that took place during the week of October 23 – 26, 2012, at the Truk Stop Hotel. All seven of Chuuk State’s public and private high schools were invited to participate, but only Chuuk High School, SDA Christian School, Berea Christian School, and Mizpah Christian School accepted the challenge.

Three separate venues were used at the Truk Stop Hotel during the three days of academic competition so the same questions could be asked of each competing team. Competition took place

on the patio of the Truk Stop, and in the Hard Wreck Conference and TV rooms with supporting spectators cheering on their favorite school and students.

Paul Hadik, former resident of Kosrae who now lives in Chuuk and works in education here, created more than 300 questions for this Challenge Bowl. Long time local expat residents Clark Graham and Bill Stinnett asked a total of 240 questions during the elimination and championship rounds that included topics from the FSM, Literature, Education, Time, Science, Food, Flags, Famous People, Chuuk, Abbreviations, Bible, Geography, Sports, Military, Animals, Games, Fishing, Biology, Mathematics, Calendar, Weather, Astronomy, Human Body, Vocabulary, Inventions, Explorers, Art, Politics, Music, Poetry, Pacific Islands, Law, Grammar, and Medicine.

After much brain exercise and bell ringing, the 3 member teams from SDA Christian School and Chuuk High School earned

the most points during the elimination rounds for correct answers and earned the right to challenge each other in the 60 question Championship Round.

These two teams were evenly matched, and consisted of Louis Soltones (10th grade), Dawn Bisalen (11th grade), and Freddy Elias (9th grade) from the SDA Christian School, and Tiara Williander (12th grade), Sarah Sos (12th grade), and Majesty Helickios (12th grade) from Chuuk High School. As with all competitions and challenges, everyone is a winner but someone or some team comes out on top, with a few more points than the other person or team. This event was no different.

When the question asker was out of questions, and the score keeper added up the point tally, SDA Christian School was declared the Champion of the 1st Annual Chuuk Women’s Council Chuuk State Academic Challenge Bowl.


Expressions of appreciation were extended to the Chuuk Women’s Council for taking the initiative

to continue their efforts to promote education in the State of Chuuk; to the Truk Stop Hotel for making comfortable venues available for this event; to Mr. Paul Hadik for his massive contribution to this effort; to Bill Stinnett & Clark Graham who participated as question askers, and to Ms Sunshine Ranik and Ms Carla Billy, both from the Chuuk Women’s Council, who donated their time to serve as score keepers.


Ms. Kiki Stinnett, President of the Chuuk Women’s Council, announced that this Academic Challenge Bowl has been in the works for quite awhile, and finding the right time to hold it had been a challenge. While the time frame might change next year, the Chuuk Women’s Council will make this an annual event and expressed their hopes that all the high schools in Chuuk will participate next year.

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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Kia's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-4015.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
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IFCP announces UH Scholarships opportunity for students from the Freely Associated States

By Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP)

Children's Healthy Living Program (CHL) for Remote Underserved Minority Populations in the Pacific Region from University of Hawai'i is looking for a few dedicated students, interested in studying childhood wellness, from one of the countries in the Freely Associated States (Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, Kosrae, Palau, Marshalls) for a full scholarship starting in 2013.

This is a great opportunity for students who would like to make a difference in the area of childhood wellness. Leading children into a healthy lifestyle will help them do much more in their future and help the nation to grow.

A number of educational options and schools are provided for students.

CHL-Approved Degree Programs

University of Alaska—Anchorage

- Associates degree in Rural Nutrition Services Interior—Aleutians Campus

University of Alaska—Fairbanks

- Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies (MA, MS, PhD)
- Master of Science (MS) in Natural Resources and Sustainability
- Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Natural Resources and Sustainability
- Master's degree in Natural Resource Management and Geography (MNRMG)
- Master of Public Health (MPH) Note: this is a distance education (online format) program

University of Guam

- Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Sciences (Public Health Track)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

University of Hawai'i Community Colleges

- Associate in Science (AS) in Exercise and Sports Science—Kapiolani Community College
- Nursing Pathway from Certified Nurse Aid (CAN) to Registered Nurse (RN) – Windward Community College

University of Hawai'i at Manoa

- Bachelor of Science (BS) in Food Science and Human Nutrition (Dietetics, Pre-professional, and Sports and Wellness Tracks available)

- Master of Science (MS) in Nutritional Sciences
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nutrition
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)
- Master of Science (MS) in Public Health
- Doctor Philosophy (PhD) in Epidemiology

Application deadline is December 1, 2012. Go to: www.chl-pacific.org/ and click on the "Training/Education" tab for more information, selection criteria, and an application form.

Please contact Dr. Jonathan Deenik (jdeenik@hawaii.edu) or Dr. Rally Jim (rjim@hawaii.edu with questions.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei would like to show

great appreciation to Mr. Paul Lake



Mrs. Emihner Johnson is presenting a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Paul Lake at his farewell party at U.S. Ambassador's residence.

By *Chizuru Seki (JICA)*
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) would like to express gratitude to Mr. Paul Lake, a former resource conservationist at Natural Resources and Conservation Services, USDA and a first chairman for piggery advisory council.

He has been helping IFCP with assistance in grant writing, providing agricultural technical assistance and supporting IFCP in general.

Mr. Lake has been such an integral part of IFCP. IFCP has benefitted immensely from his experience and expertise. IFCP wishes him all the best and may he succeed in all his forthcoming projects.

Special thanks are extended to Pohnpei State Government Subsidy, the US Embassy, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, Children's Healthy Living Program (University of Hawaii), Australian Embassy and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for their funding support.

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Pohnpei Tide Table

Unfortunately we are only able to provide listing for Pohnpei tides. If anyone knows where to find full FSM tide listings please contact Kpress@mail.fm

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
12	Mo	144am 3.5	207pm 4.7	736am 1.1	840pm 0.9	614am	603pm	410am	424pm
13	Tu	226am 3.5	242pm 4.9	809am 0.9	921pm 0.7	614am	603pm	509am	520pm
14	We	307am 3.4	318pm 5.1	843am 0.9	1002pm 0.6	614am	603pm	611am	620pm
15	Th	347am 3.3	355pm 5.1	917am 0.9	1045pm 0.7	614am	603pm	715am	723pm
16	Fr	427am 3.1	433pm 5.0	950am 1.1	1129pm 0.8	615am	603pm	819am	826pm
17	Sa	510am 2.9	513pm 4.7	1025am 1.3		615am	603pm	920am	928pm
18	Su	557am 2.7	555pm 4.3	1217am 1.0	1100am 1.6	615am	603pm	1017am	1027pm
19	Mo	659am 2.5	643pm 3.9	112am 1.3	1140am 1.9	616am	603pm	1110am	1122pm
20	Tu	839am 2.5	745pm 3.5	219am 1.5	1241pm 2.3	616am	603pm	1159am	
21	We	1055am 2.7	923pm 3.1	340am 1.6	316pm 2.5	616am	603pm	1244pm	1213am
22	Th	1204pm 3.1	1109pm 3.0	454am 1.6	550pm 2.3	617am	604pm	127pm	102am
23	Fr	1243pm 3.5		547am 1.6	701pm 2.0	617am	604pm	209pm	150am
24	Sa	1221am 2.9	114pm 3.8	625am 1.5	746pm 1.7	618am	604pm	251pm	236am
25	Su	110am 2.9	142pm 4.1	656am 1.4	821pm 1.4	618am	604pm	333pm	322am

Vice President Alik heads FSM delegation to the meetings of the International Monetary Fund-World Bank Group in Tokyo

FSM Information Services

October 25, 2012

FSM Embassy in Tokyo (October 15, 2012): Heading FSM delegation, Vice President Alik L. Alik arrived in Japan on October 9, 2012 to attend the 2012 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund-World Bank Group to be held on October 10-14, 2012 in Tokyo.

The IMF-World Bank Group annual meeting's program is designed to bring together financial leaders, policy makers and top thinkers to discuss economic and development challenges facing the world today. The interactive sessions have been organized with special emphasis on the global economy, jobs and competitiveness, the euro area, growth in Asia, global health, low-income issues, inclusive growth, and sovereign risk. More than 10,000 participants are expected to attend the meeting.

On the sidelines of the annual meetings, the Vice President held bilateral meetings with the Executive Director of IMF for Asia and Pacific and the Executive Director for the World Bank. During these meetings, Vice President took the opportunity to reiterate FSM's appreciation for the assistances and cooperation that both institutions have extended to the FSM over the years. He went further by seeking technical and financial assistance on projects including the fiber optic cable, tax reform, and climate change, and assured them that FSM will continue to collaborate with them at the regional and bilateral level.

Vice President also took the opportunity to brief them on the current situation in FSM and the upcoming Leadership Summit to be held back to back with the Donor Countries meeting in the early part of November this year, which both institutions are invited to take part.

Vice President's delegation is comprised of Acting Secretary of Finance, Rose Nakanaga (FSM Governor to IMF and World Bank), Secretary of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, Francis Itimai, International Finance Coordinator (Alternate Governor), Senny Phillip, and FSM Ambassador to Japan, John Fritz.

Thieves make off with building supplies for church camp

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

November 7, 2012

Mwand, Pohnpei—When members of Calvary Baptist Church took a three week break from the construction of their church Youth Camp on the island of Mwand they never expected that thieves would steal their construction supplies before they returned. But that is exactly what happened.

The Kaselehlie Press received a report today from William E. Joel who said that last month volunteers found that thieves had taken all of the lumber, the loose tin roofing material, and half of the roofing material on a 40 foot by 20 foot nahs they were building. They also took an eight foot ladder and 10 pounds of common nails. The total value of the construction supplies was nearly \$1700.

His report said that it took many months for members of the church to transport all of the building materials from Kolonia to Mwand Peidak in U. During the three weeks that volunteers took off from construction on the camp "the thieves came on their boats and stole all of the building materials.

The thieves stole:

- 23 pieces of corrugated tin roof
- 20 pieces of 2" x 4" x 16' lumber
- 7 pieces of 4" x 6" x 16' lumber
- 1 eight ft. ladder
- 10 pounds of common nails

The church is asking for anyone who knows the whereabouts of these new materials to contact the local police at 320-2221 or the Detective Section at 320-3774.

Pohnpei new weather service office is now open for business

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On October 26, the new Weather Service Office in Pohnpei was dedicated. The timing of the ribbon cutting and ceremony was coordinated with the daily 10 AM weather balloon release.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides weather, water and climate forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property throughout the Micronesian Islands.

Ambassador Rosen remarked that monitoring the weather is a job that continues 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no break for the staff of the weather station. She also commended Eden Skilling for his long time dedication to the weather service, noting that he has been on the job since 1967.

Vice-President Alik L. Alik also spoke. The Vice-President thanked the government and people of the United States, through Ambassador Rosen, for the significant project and stated that like other US funded facilities and infrastructure projects, this new building stands as a testimony of the unique partnership enjoyed between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia.

After the ceremony, everyone was invited to tour the new building followed by refreshments provided by the management and staff of the Weather Service Station.

In attendance from the national government were the Secretary of the Department of Justice Ms. April Skilling, and the Director of Office of Emergency and Environment Management Mr. Andrew Yatilman.



John Ehsa, Alik Alik, Doria Rosen, Jeff Ladouce, CDR Michael Thornton, Eden Skilling

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