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## FSM Olympian passes on a legacy of empowerment for FSM youth

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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**Federated States of Micronesia**—When Keitani Graham unexpectedly died in the dark hours of December 7 it was as if a gaping and bottomless sinkhole opened in the Federated States of Micronesia. Some could be tempted in moments of desperation to think that no other will ever be able to fill the hole. But Keitani would not have stood for that kind of desperation. If he was still here he'd still be doing what he always did—lifting the darkness by empowering others; training them to take his place.

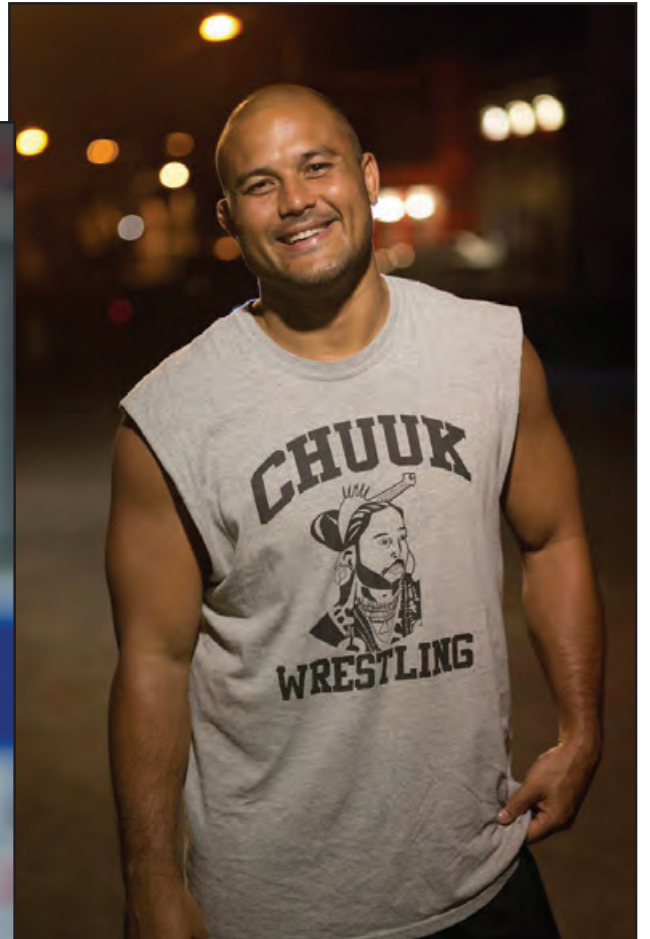
To be sure, in his short 32 years Keitani amassed a large list of intellectual and athletic achievements, but it was not just those achievements that caused people to view him as a hero even while he was alive. If he had simply accomplished great tasks it would have been admirable, but because he also reached out to others, and shared his life and skills with them he was not just admirable, he was heroic.

At a memorial service in Pohnpei on Monday, Jim Tobin Secretary General of the FSM National Olympic Committee shared a story he'd heard at Keitani's funeral in Chuuk. Before anyone knew that Keitani's life would end so suddenly one of the teachers at Xavier High School was talking about heroes.

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Photo by Larry Slater



## Pohnpei State rolls out its Strategic Development Plan

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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**Pohnpei, FSM**—"This (plan) is not just the first of its kind in Pohnpei, but in the world," said Lt. Governor Marcello Peterson during his remarks this morning at the presentation of Pohnpei's Strategic Development Plan, alternately known as the "World Park" plan.

Details on the inches-thick plan were non-existent at this morning's ceremony, attended by members of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of Pohnpei's government.

Governor Ehsa said that when he was elected for his first term he felt that he had a voter mandate to do something about Pohnpei's economy. He said that he adopted the "World Park" concept because he felt that he had no choice but to embark on "this difficult plan".

"I had no faith in this", he said, but as the process moved forward his feelings changed.

The presentation of the Pohnpei Strategic Development Plan is the culmination of nearly three years of hard work by Pohnpeians with consultation from Michigan State University.

"This is a Christmas present from us to ourselves," Governor John Ehsa exclaimed when he stood to give his remarks. He said that the development of the plan is the first time in history that Pohnpei State has had a document to guide the State forward sustainably into its economic future.

Speaker of the Pohnpei State Legislature, Peter Lohn said that the plan was long awaited. He said that the Legislature

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Speaker Peter Lohn, Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez, Governor John Ehsa, and Doctor Rufino Mauricio



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# Troops in Pacific play Santa in world's longest-running humanitarian mission

By **CHARLIE REED**  
*Stars and Stripes*

December 16, 2012

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam** — Playing Santa in a C-130 is tricky.

The sleigh can break down.

And the presents, if not delivered just right, either go to the sharks or go splat right in front of their intended recipients.

Those are the pitfalls that Air Force elves face during Operation Christmas Drop, an eight-day humanitarian mission over Micronesia and Palau. Crews with the 36th Airlift Squadron from Yokota Air Base in Japan deliver food, medicine, other essential supplies and a few toys from the back of the venerable cargo plane by parachute.

"Santa's got his problems, and we've got ours," said Col. David Gould, commander of the 374th Operations Group at Yokota, who piloted the first Christmas Drop sortie out of Andersen Air Force Base on Tuesday. The drop encountered more than its fair share of glitches.

Just as the crew was preparing to take off with a cabin full of reporters and the U.S. ambassador to Micronesia, the nearly 40-year-old C-130 broke down. The same mechanical hiccup had kept the crew at Yokota an extra day en route to Guam.

So they changed planes, unloaded and reloaded the boxes, and took off for Ulul, a speck of an island in the Pacific that was first on the list because of a recent food shortage at the local school, where about 250 students from even more remote islands attend class part of the year.

They nailed their target — a narrow patch of dirt marked by a tattered, red flag that stood out in the lush, dense coconut palms that cover most of the tiny atoll, about 150 miles northwest of Chuuk in Micronesia. It's home to about 650 people during the school year.

But the parachute failed. The 600-pound box essentially disintegrated on impact, leaving the

weary villagers with only a small crater.

The hulking plane circled the island a few more times so the crew could assess the snafu, but Gould quickly called off the rest of the mission, fearing the same parachute problems would afflict the two other drops on their list that day.

"Do we keep going when this happens? No," he said later. "We reassess and figure out what went wrong."

Hours later back at Andersen, the crew figured out that the bundle apparently was too heavy for the parachute.

The parachutes used for Christmas Drops are plucked from the military's "condemned" stockpile, which likely accounted for the rigging problem, Gould said.

Although the Defense Department considers the 61-year-old Operation Christmas Drop its longest-running humanitarian mission, the military contributes only the planes, fuel and aircrews. The rest comes from donations, mostly collected on Guam.

The military's participation is tied to the training it provides the C-130 crews. The drops not only require low-altitude flying but precision timing. Airlift crews typically have 10-30 seconds for most missions. The Christmas Drop mission gives them one to two seconds to execute the push.

"It's tough, no doubt about that," loadmaster Staff Sgt. Nick Alarcon said.

It's the Super Bowl of crew resource management as the pilots and navigators literally eye the target once they get close while coordinating with the loadmasters at the back of the plane.

Loadmasters typically pull a lever to release cargo. But during intense missions like Operation Christmas Drop, where 100 feet can mean the difference between success and failure, they must strap themselves into a harness attached to the inside of the plane and physically push out the bundles.

"The skill sets we're using in this humanitarian mission are exactly what we're doing



*1st Lt. Travis Wilkes, a C-130 pilot from the 36th Airlift Squadron out of Yokota Air Base, Japan, and co-pilot for the first mission of this year's Operation Christmas Drop, pauses for a moment after reaching the island of Ulul on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012. The eight-day mission brings C-130 crews from Yokota to deliver supplies to 55 remote islands of Micronesia and Palau.*

in Afghanistan," Gould said. "This is actually wonderful training for us."

The Operation Christmas Drop Organization raises the funds and collects the supplies — everything from fishing tackle and coolers to canned food and basic medical supplies.

This year, the group collected 37,000 pounds of goods, enough for about 55 islands.

"It's amazing to watch everything come together," said Air Force Capt. Mitchell Foy, president of the Christmas Drop Organization, which is not affiliated with the military. "The one thing you want to do is put everything you can into it."

Manny Hechanova agrees. He's the remote islanders' only link to the outside world.

As the acting associate director of the Telecommunications and Distance Education Operation at the University of Guam, Hechanova

communicates daily with most of the outlying islands of Micronesia and Palau, providing weather and news reports as well as relaying emergency messages and medical information on solar-powered radio equipment.

"The spirit of helping is infectious," Hechanova said.

So infectious that after the first failed drop, volunteers were able to collect another 600 pounds of goods for Ulul which were scheduled to be dropped Saturday afternoon.

"It's Christmas, and people don't forget that," Hechanova told Stars and Stripes on Friday. "Everybody rolls up their sleeves, drinks another cup of coffee and says 'Let's get this done.'"

All of the drops since Tuesday's initial failure have been successful, Hechanova said. That's making all of the surrogate Santas happy. "It's been a good Christmas."

## Micronesian Chambers of Commerce agree to form Council

*Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization*

In a historic gathering on Dec. 10 in Guam, representatives of Micronesian Chambers of Commerce signed a Memorandum of Understanding that recognizes their desire to form a Micronesian Council of Chambers of Commerce. The MOU was signed by representatives from Chambers of Commerce in Palau, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and the Marshall Islands, Guam, Saipan and Tinian. This is a cooperative arrangement with each other to promote networking among chambers of commerce, promote regional economic and business cooperation through the free

flow of business information and trade, and promote investment in the various island economies.

The gathering was made possible by the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization, in collaboration with the Palau Chamber of Commerce and the Guam Chamber of Commerce.

After the MOU signing, the meeting proceeded with the roundtable discussions looking at a variety of issues, including Power Generation, Transportation (shipping and aviation), the development of Tourism and the potential of a Micronesian Cruise Strategy, an update on the progress of the Military

Buildup in Guam and its impact on development in the region, Workforce Development and Private Sector Industry Development in Micronesia. Presenters among others included the Pacific Power Organization, Matson Navigation Co. and the Pacific Asia Travel Association.



The meeting at the Ramada Suites Guam will continue on Dec. 11.

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## 9th Annual Budweiser Catch 5 tournament

Pohnpei Fishing Club

The 9th Annual Budweiser Catch 5 tournament was held on December 1, a bright sunny day after several dodgy days of weather. Some fishermen thought they might have to dodge Typhoon Bopha, but by the time of the tournament, the typhoon was far enough away to give us clear skies.

Budweiser and Ambros Guam once again came through in a big way. The Club had a great tournament and a good many fish were caught. 15 boats competed.

While the weather may have scared a few boats away, the people who went out brought in some good catches.

The format this year was "Catch 5". Fishermen were challenged to catch Billfish, Wahoo, Skip Jack, "other" Tuna, and Mahi Mahi.

One boat caught all five species and was the big winner. Congratulations to Konrad Englberger on Bavaria, along with his crew that consisted of Ross Perkins and Chris Ryan.

The prize winners for most species are listed below:

1. *Bavaria* - \$400 Five species  
115.5 total weight
2. *John Marrington* - \$300 Four species,  
75.5 total weight
3. *Miss Yirwor* - \$150 Four species  
75.5 total weight

Pohnpei Fishing Club also gave out prizes for the two largest fish of any species caught. There was a special prize for Skip Jack.

The following are the individual winners:

### Yellow Fin and other tuna

1. *Jensin* - \$100  
67 pounds

2. *Patterson Lawrence and Alex Tretnoff*  
tied for second place - \$25 each  
33.5 pounds

### Billfish

1. *Konrad Englberger* - \$10  
45.5 pounds

### Mahi Mahi

1. *Ron Williams* - \$100  
19.5 pounds
2. *Ron Williams* - \$50  
18.0 pounds

### Skip Jack

1. *Patterson Lawrence* - \$200  
18.0 pounds
2. *Walden Weilbacher* - \$100  
13.0 pounds

### Wahoo

1. *Dean Moore* - \$100  
27.5 pounds
2. *Alex Tretnoff* - \$ 50.00  
25.5 pounds

### Special GT Prize

1. *Aminis David, Jr.* - \$100  
28.5 pounds

Congratulations to all the winners and everyone else who went fishing for a case of bud and t-shirts. A great time was had by all at the weigh-in.

We want to thank all the people who helped out including Bill, Bob, Noel, Praise, Paul and Uta.

We especially want to thank Kumer Panuelo for his dock and equipment. It makes the weigh in very easy and nice. A big thanks to Bud and Ambros & Co., Inc. for their great support. In an effort to support the community, the fishing club donated proceeds from the barbecue to the Pohnpei Public Library.



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## Storied canoe returns home to Micronesia 70 years later

### Habele Outer Island Education Fund

(Colonia, Yap) A two-foot long model canoe has returned to Yap, Micronesia, where it will be restored and preserved by a local group of carvers. Included in the group is the son of the man who first made the model for a special US Sailor seven decades ago.

The canoe has traveled thousands of miles on its journey home. It was carved as a gift for a US Navy sailor who served in the Pacific during World War Two. Chief Pharmacist's Mate Francis Wilson was one of a pair of sailors who helped to battle an outbreak of yaws, a crippling tropical infection, on the Atoll of Ulithi during the war. The other was physician and author Dr. Marshal Paul Wees.

According to 1950 article in the "Saturday Review," "Dr. Wees was sent by the U. S. Navy to cope with a terrible scourge of yaws with which the people of Ulithi were afflicted... With a minimum of medical supplies and no assistance but the aid of a pharmacist's mate, Dr. Wees accomplished his mission and eliminated yaws."

The islanders gave Pharmacists Mate Wilson the canoe along with other gifts of thanks and friendship when the two Navy men left Ulithi. The model is over two feet long and nearly a foot wide from the edge of its outrigger to the hull line. Wilson's son located the canoe among his deceased father's effects earlier this year and coordinated the donation through "Habele," a US-based nonprofit organization that supports students across Micronesia.

Habele reached out to long-time partner "Waa'gey," a local partner group in Yap that preserves and revives traditional island skills such as carving and weaving. Waa'gey has been crafting full size traditional canoes by pairing older master carvers with high school aged students. Among their volunteers is James Hapdei, the son of the man who first carved the canoe model for Wilson during the war. The group offered to make repairs to the slightly deteriorated model and display the canoe for islanders and tourists to enjoy.

The model is a faithful and detailed representation of the Caroline Island dugout sailing canoes that

are emblematic of Yap and appear on the Yap State flag. It is believed to be the oldest Outer Island style canoe model in all of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

"Waa'gey is receiving a valuable artifact from an interesting period in Ulithi's past, when model outrigger canoes were not just souvenirs for tourists but taught young people how to make real canoes," explains Anthropologist, Barbara Wavell, an expert on Caroline Island carvings and author of "The Arts and Crafts of Micronesia." "Model canoes were also used in traditional rituals or as toys for young boys."

The medical work of Francis Wilson and Dr.

Marshal Paul Wees were chronicled in the 1950 book "King Doctor of Ulithi." The text makes specific mention of the model. The canoe model is also nearly identical to one depicted in "The Ulithi Encyclopedia," a text authored by US Navy Lt. John Loudon Vollbrecht and other sailors in 1945.

"Holding this canoe feels like one has reached through time and touched the past," explained Larry Raigetel the founder and director of Waa'gey. "As modern day canoe builders, it gives us an incredible sense of motivation and participation in our past. We are so grateful to Luke Wilson and Habele for this donation, and this trust"



James Hapdei holds a model canoe in Yap, Micronesia. The model was a gift from his father to Francis Wilson, Chief Pharmacist's Mate, who helped treat a Yaws epidemic during World War Two.

## Laboratory careers competition

### winners

Lisa Barrow Kohler

National Laboratory Coordinator  
Emergency Preparedness Program

The winning students from each FSM state gathered in Pohnpei on December 6, chaperoned by the managers of their state health laboratories for the competition to decide who will represent FSM in the regional finals of the Lab Open Day Competition.

This year was the first year for such a competition. The aim of the competition was to encourage students to consider choosing medical laboratory science as a career. Students from all FSM High Schools and some College of Micronesia Campuses were invited to prepare speeches or posters with the theme; "Medical Laboratory Science: the vital key linking health history and diagnosis with a final confirmation".

Despite the somewhat cumbersome theme there was an enthusiastic response and many thoughtful entries. Lab Open Days and Competitions were held in the states and territories in the Western Pacific Region. Students were offered an opportunity to be shown around their state health laboratories and ask questions of lab techs about their choice of a career in medical laboratory science

The state finalists were:

Jonvan Kanto and Rosa Yesiki in Chuuk.  
Maxie Iehsi and Nelsin Mack in Pohnpei

Elisa Ittu and Van Damme Akwino in Kosrae and Dyanna Keiji and Sharlet Latul in Yap.

The FSM National Finalists were Dyanna Keiji from Yap High School for the speech competition and Nelsin Mack from Madolenihmw High School presented the winning poster. Both these students will travel to the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) annual meeting in Hawaii in January 2012 to compete in the regional finals.

The competition was sponsored by PIHOA and the US Association of Public Health Laboratories in collaboration with the Association of US Affiliated Pacific Island Laboratories.

Marcus Samo, Assistant Secretary for Health opened the meeting by stating that the nation is facing a critical shortages of not only qualified laboratory professionals, but many other health care professionals, including pharmacy, x-ray and health care informatics professionals. He was heartened that there were a number of students considering a career in a health field.

Wayne Mendiola from the FSM Department of Education provided information on the scholarships that were available to students considering a bachelor's degree in a health care.

The awards were presented by Mr Paulino Rosario, Acting Director of Pohnpei Health Services, who most people will know as a long time champion of Pohnpei State Hospital Laboratory.



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## ...World Park

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appropriated approximately \$200,000 for expenses surrounding it, and that they now eagerly await the official transmittal from the Governor along with any bills he may propose. "For now it remains a plan," he said.

Dr. Rufino Mauricio served as the chair person for the committee that developed the plan. He presented what he called the "World Park final outcome" to Governor Ehsa "with a great sense of pride and pleasure." He said that he feels the plan will assist Pohnpei State to protect its environment and traditions while at the same time helping to develop its economy.

Howard Rice described the process that led to the development of the plan as long and arduous. He said that the plan is a good plan that will cross link the various sectors of government together and will link development agendas to budget. "It is a durable, dependable, and carefully thought out plan for Pohnpei," he said. He concluded that the plan itself is not the end product but a start line.

All of the dignitaries at this morning's ceremony thanked the hundreds of Pohnpeians who participated in developing the plan, an also thanked Michigan State University who invested so much in order to help Pohnpei to develop. Richard Paulson and Gail Vander Stoep, who were both instrumental in the development of the plan were both on hand at this morning's ceremony.



*Associate Professors Gail A. Vander Stoep, and Richard Paulson, and Howard Rice*

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- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013.
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- The building, fixtures, equipment and appurtenant structures are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to their condition whatsoever.
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# China funded biogas plant opens in Paies, Kitti



Cutting the ribbon!

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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**Paies, Kitti, Pohnpei**—Government officials from Pohnpei, the National Government, and the People's Republic of China cut the ribbon to open a biogas project in Paies this morning. The project, built on the property of Barney Daniel will tap into piggeries waste in order to generate electricity.

Ambassador ZHANG Lianyun, of the People's Republic of China said that the Paies biogas project is the fourth pilot project in Pohnpei, and that the goal is to have built 20 of the small plants by the end of next year. China is

funding the projects.

Governor Ehsa said that biogas projects are the most important in Pohnpei. Many people in Pohnpei raise pigs for ceremonial purposes. Pigs are an important part of the culture but they bring with them problems including health problems from their waste products. Biogas power generation solves two problems, the Governor said. It not only solves a power shortage problem but it also eliminates pig waste in the process.

He said that 72 percent of admissions at the Pohnpei State Hospital are due to unclean water.

Adalino Lorens of the Agriculture section of the Department of Economic Affairs said that the Daniel family project is the fourth biogas project funded by China. The first was in Madolenihmw. Two more are near completion in Nett and Dolonier.

He said that an announcement asking for interested applicants was aired on V6AH, the State radio station. Families were selected from amongst the applicants based on several factors, including sufficient land space and location, and the number and size of pigs. Chosen families needed to own at least five pigs of 110 pounds or more. Applicants with piggeries near waterways were rejected for the program immediately.

Lorens said that the waste products from one pig, 110 pounds or bigger can supply the electricity needs of one person. The biogas project at the Barney home will be able to supply most if not all of the family's electrical needs.



Ambassador ZHANG Lianyun of the PRC

## OIA supports island-wide youth initiative

U.S. Department of the Interior

**Washington, D.C.** - Director for the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Nikolao Pula, announced a \$550,000 grant to the Close Up Foundation, a civic education non-profit organization. Funding provides continued support for civic education programs that work with students, teachers and administrators from American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Students and teachers participating in the Close Up Washington Program will spend a week with their peers from around the United States meeting with federal officials, engaging in public policy workshops and simulations, current issues debates and visiting the monuments and institutions of our nation's capital. The groups meet with their respective congressional and embassy representatives to discuss local impacts of federal policy. Teachers participate in a series of professional development seminars that provide training and materials to improve their civic education skills. Funding provides further support for Close Up education staff to travel to the islands to develop specialty training programs for island communities that teach students to identify, research, debate and develop public policy proposals that are later presented to local officials at a Youth Summit.

"Over the past 25 years, OIA has supported the Close Up Foundation for their invaluable role in developing civic education programs that provide our young islanders with a deeper understanding and appreciation of government and the role that each individual plays in our democratic system," said Pula.

"Close Up is unique in that it allows our young, future island leaders to engage and become active participants in meaningful dialogue that challenges the status quo while offering tangible solutions to very important public policy debates," added Pula.

The Close Up Foundation has been administering civic education programs in the Pacific Islands through funding provided by the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs for over twenty years.

### FSM Insurance Board GENERAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT No. 12-01 (October 15, 2012)

Section 301 of the FSM Insurance Act as codified under Title 37 FSMC stipulates that *no insurance business shall be carried on in the Federated States of Micronesia unless the person or company engaging in insurance business is either licensed or registered by the FSM Insurance Board.* Any person engaging in insurance business in the FSM contrary to the provisions and requirements of the Act will be subject to the applicable provisions of the Act.

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## Lt. Governor says State will buy more cans when there are more funds

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

December 13, 2012

**Pohnpei, FSM**—For the last two days aluminum cans have been at a premium in Pohnpei State. Vehicles of all varieties laden with aluminum cans made beelines to Pohnpei's recycling center in order to collect a five-cent-per-can redemption value while the State still had the money to pay. This morning the State funds for the recycling program were gone again.

On Monday morning, the program had just over \$55,000 in its coffers, enough to buy back over 1.1 million aluminum cans at five cents per can. Lt. Governor Marcello Peterson said that by the end of Tuesday all of the program's funds had been expended.

It doesn't mean that the recycling program is over. Lt. Governor Peterson said that the redemption program will begin again after the State has accumulated at least another \$50,000. That money will come from importers who are currently required to collect from their customers and pay to the State, a six-cent-per-can levy by the 15th of each month.

By the beginning of Monday's can redemption importers had paid nearly \$39,000 into the program since the fee went into effect in July. Pohnpei State Finance said that it collected approximately \$9000 for last month's sales.

Peterson could not say how much is collected for the program from importers on a monthly basis. The levy has not been assessed for a sufficient period of time for a monthly average to have been established. He said that the amount fluctuates each month based on the number of cans sold each month.

Peterson said that he gets a monthly report that lists

all of the payments made by importers, and that it appears that the importers are complying with the levy.

He has asked the Pohnpei Attorney General's office to draft an amendment to the recycling law that would, if it is passed, change the time at which the levy would be due. The proposed amendment would make the levy due when imported cans arrive on island instead of after they are sold. The levy would be part of the procedure for clearing imported containers for release.

Peterson said that he doesn't expect any backlash from business owners in opposition to the proposed amendments. He said that business owners should be supportive of the program because the money they collect and then pay into the program goes back to consumers who then spend that money in their stores. "Circulation—it's how an economy works," he said.

Money for future can buyouts will also come from the sale of cans the program collects. So far, Pohnpei has sold one container of crushed cans for which it received approximately \$15,000 from a recycling plant in Korea. The Lt. Governor said that the program currently has enough crushed cans to fill two containers, each worth approximately \$15,000. He said that the money from the sale of those cans comes to Pohnpei by wire transfer as soon as the containers arrive at a recycling plant in Korea. Shipping costs are not figured into those revenues.

There is another potential source of revenue that could move the program sustainably into the future.

Lt. Governor Peterson said that he was in Fiji a few weeks ago for the express purpose of validating a Pohnpei State request for a grant from the Asian Development Bank in the amount of \$300,000. He said that the ADB seems disposed toward awarding that grant but it is not finalized. If ADB does

award the grant, \$200,000 would be used for the continuation of the recycling program and to expand it to include plastic containers as well. The remaining \$100,000 would be used to hire consultants to help to "consolidate" Pohnpei's laws and regulations on solid waste management.

In April of this year, Governor Ehsa signed EPA's regulations. Those regulations governed the aluminum can recycling program, and also banned the use of plastic bags in Pohnpei's businesses. In June of this year, Governor Ehsa declared the implementation of the Pohnpei's recycling law at a grand opening ceremony of Japan funded renovations of the collection center in Kolonia.

After just a few days, it was apparent that the \$100,000 allotted for the program by the Pohnpei State Legislature would quickly be gone if the collection center opened on a daily basis. The State decided that the center would collect and redeem cans only Wednesdays and then only with previously scheduled appointments.

Even with those precautions the can buy back program was forced to close due to lack of funds only three weeks after it opened.

Lt. Governor Peterson said that in July, the program redeemed approximately \$50,000 worth of cans. In September, the collection center was open for a few more days during which it redeemed another \$50,000 worth of cans. The program bought \$55,000 worth of cans in the last two days.

Neither the six-cent-per-can levy nor the sale of collected cans to off island recyclers is yet able to fully fund the redemption of cans. They will not be able to do so until after every can still lying around the island that arrived before June is redeemed.



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# ...Keitani

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That teacher gave as an example, the U.S. Astronaut, Neil Armstrong. He asked the students if they could think of any heroes in the FSM. The room was quiet for a moment until one student raised his hand. "Keitani Graham is a hero," he said, and all of the students agreed.

Keitani would never have considered himself to be a hero. He was entirely too humble.

"He was a great mentor to younger Xavier students, even long after we all left the rolling hills of Mabuchi," Suzanne Lowe Gallen wrote. "Whenever I made jokes about him being in the Olympics he would laugh it off, and say something like, 'Anyone can do it. You just gotta put your mind to it.' Such humility," she concluded.

Facebook is certainly not the measure of a person, but the personal page Keitani left behind speaks volumes about him. His personal page has nearly 700 photos. Of those photos that he personally posted on the social network he appeared in only about 20 of them. When he did appear the pictures were of him holding up the arm of a young champion, or coaching young people. My personal favorites were the photos of him surrounded by children, who looked at him with a kind of awe. The vast majority of the photos that he posted were of community members participating in sporting, and other events in Chuuk; events that Keitani helped to organize.

Keitani valued people and he worked for their betterment.



In 1989, his father, Clark Graham founded the non-profit organization SHIP/HOOPS, and Keitani later became the executive director. The acronym stands for Society for Historic Investigation and Helping Ourselves: Outreach Programs in Sport.

"Together SHIP/HOOPS programs educate, inform, and empower, providing a bridge of support to youth and communities," the brochure for their substance and violence free organization says.

The Akoyikoyi School rose from the SHIP/HOOPS organization. "The Akoyikoyi School's motto is 'Awakening Opportunities' and is a natural progression to continue diversifying our services to better serve the children, youth, and communities in Chuuk", the brochure for the school says.

"Keitani was a good and decent person who excelled at school, in sports, and within this community," wrote Bill Stinnett. Though they

were not related, Keitani called Bill "Uncle", and Kiki Stinnett his, "Aunt".

"Everyone was proud of him for all the right reasons, and I know my own son grew up watching Keitani excel over everyone he competed with and against. I vividly remember standing with Willie (Stinnett's son) and watching Keitani run sprints in basketball practice, staying 10, 15, and 20 feet in front of everyone else in every sprint. What I remember most is that Willie noticed that Keitani was not competing against the other players but rather himself."

It wasn't Keitani's outstanding athletic achievements that caused Vidalino Raator of the "Chuuk Reform Movement" to generate a petition calling for FSM leaders to allocate money to build a greatly needed sports complex in Keitani's honor. It wasn't the fact that Keitani was an Olympian that has caused nearly 800 people to sign the petition. It was because Keitani was a true FSM hero of the giving kind.

Knowing that allocating funds for a sports

complex might be difficult right this moment, Raator suggested some additional ideas in the interim:

1. Dedicating the annual Interscholastic Track and Field day to Keitani Graham;
2. Establishing the last Friday in April each year as the Keitani Graham Drug-Free Day; and
3. Establishing a Keitani Graham Memorial Scholarship;

Raator also suggested that donations could be made to the SHIP/HOOPS organization in Keitani's name, and called for volunteers for the Akoyikoyi School he helped to found.

At a young age Keitani took, and passed the entrance exam for one of the Pacific region's best schools, Xavier High School. Before that time his father, Clark Graham home schooled him.

At Xavier Keitani excelled academically, and began to participate and to excel in organized sports including track and basketball.

He graduated several years early from Xavier, and then went to Hawaii's prestigious, Punahou High School, the same school that U.S. President Obama attended. Keitani graduated from that school as well before moving on to Holy Cross College where he played basketball.

A hamstring injury moved him to the sport of wrestling.

To say that Keitani was humble does not mean that he wasn't also a fierce athletic competitor. He showed the world that the descriptors, "fierce competitor" and "humble" are not mutually exclusive.

According to Keitani's Athletic Profile, sent to the Kaselehlie Press by Jim Tobin, his athletic achievements in the last few years were

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- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "January 17, 2013 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Ricky Jano at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Palikir, Pohnpei State on Thursday, January 17, 2013, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for the parcel.
- The winning bidder will be notified by a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all buildings, fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the land, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Development Bank" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given. The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the FSM.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The parcel and any improvements thereon are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: [noras@fsmdb.fm](mailto:noras@fsmdb.fm), website: [www.fsmdb.fm](http://www.fsmdb.fm)

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remarkable.

Beginning in 2008, Keitani competed as a wrestler all over the world. He competed in the 74 kilogram (162.8 pounds) weight division from 2008 until his competition at the London 2012 Olympic games when he competed in the 84 kg (184.8 pound) weight division.

During his first year of international competitions he wrestled in Canberra, Australia where he won

a silver medal in both Greco Roman and free style events. He also competed in two Beijing Olympic qualifying events in Rome, Italy and Novi Sad, Serbia. He applied for a Tripartite Commission invitation place, and was listed as number one but all the available places were given to China.

Keitani was forced to take the year off in 2009 after surgery to replace the ACL of one of his knees. He spent the rest of the year in physical therapy in order to rehabilitate his knee.

In 2010, after his recovery, he competed at the Oceania Continental Championships in Apia, Samoa where he again won silver medals in both Greco-Roman and Free Style wrestling. That summer, he won gold medals in both events at the Micronesian Games in Palau. After he competed in the FILA World Championships in Moscow, Russia, Keitani ranked 34th in the world.

That year he also received a London Olympic Games Athlete Training Scholarship which enabled him to train in Hawaii for the next two years.

After the 2011 FILA World Championship in Istanbul, Turkey Keitani was ranked at an astounding 14th place. He also competed in the Oceania Continental Championships in Samoa that year and won a gold medal in Greco-Roman wrestling.

In 2012 he again competed in the Oceania Continental Championships, this time in Sydney, Australia. He brought home a Silver Medal. He also competed in Olympic wrestling qualifiers in Australia, Morocco, Finland, and China but failed to qualify for the London Olympics.

Earlier in his career he told a local video interviewer who had asked about his efforts to qualify for the Olympics, "If I can get there I can retire happy."

He got his wish. Almost at the last moment the Tripartite Commission notified the FSM National Olympic Committee that Keitani had received an invitation to participate in the London 2012 Olympic Games and would be competing in the 84kg men's Greco-Roman Wrestling competition at 1:00 p.m.,

August 6.

As Jim Tobin said during Keitani's Memorial in Pohnpei, Keitani did not win the qualifying match against Charles Edward Betts of the United States but he wasn't pinned either. He was a tough competitor.

"He was one of the greatest athletes the FSM has ever had," Tobin said.

It might have been enough if this story had ended with just that statement, but a person who commented on the website petitioning lawmakers to allocate funds to build a sport complex in Keitani's honor will have the last word. "What Keitani Graham started is not just about wrestling. It's a wind of change for Micronesian youths. I believe our Micronesia can change for the better if our youth can reach their full potential."

Keitani Graham certainly believed that.



FSM Participants In London Olympics At Memorial Service In Pohnpei

## US Secretary of the Navy visits Chuuk

Photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Sam Shavers



Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus participates in a wreath laying ceremony honoring service members who lost their lives in combat operations. While in Chuuk, Mabus met with Emanuel Mori, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and other officials to discuss cooperation.

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# FSM globally ranks 143rd on the “2012 Index of Economic Freedom”

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

December 19, 2012

Federated States of Micronesia—The Wall Street Journal and The Heritage Foundation released its worldwide economic freedom rankings listing the Federated States of Micronesia at 143rd, just behind Haiti, and just before Russia. The report ranked the economic freedom of 179 countries. They ranked Hong Kong as having the world’s most economically free environment.

The report defines economic freedom as “a condition of being in which individuals can act with autonomy while in the pursuit of livelihood.” The report says that three fundamental principles of economic freedom underpin every measurement and policy idea in the Index of Economic Freedom: empowerment of the individual, non-discrimination, and open competition.

By those standards, the FSM earned a score of 50.7 out of 100 which the report classifies as being in the very bottom of the range of scores categorized as being “mostly unfree”. The score is just a few tenths of a point above the range of scores categorized as being “repressed” in terms of economic freedom.

“Micronesia’ spreads over a South Pacific archipelago of 607 islands,” the report says, and then goes on to describe the governmental organization of the Federated States of Micronesia. We could find no listing for the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Guam, or the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, all of which are Micronesian countries or trust territories.

The report’s summary for “Micronesia” says,

“Micronesia’s economic freedom score is 50.7, making its economy the 143rd freest in the 2012 Index. Its score has increased by 0.4 point since last year, with labor freedom and government spending registering minor improvements. Micronesia is ranked 31st out of 41 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and its overall score is lower than the world and regional averages.

“Poor governance and the lack of commitment to structural reform continue to hamper Micronesia’s economic development. The country performs very poorly in many components of the Index. Long-standing problems include poor public finance management and underdeveloped legal and regulatory frameworks. Weak enforcement of property rights and the fragile rule of law have driven many people into the informal sector.

“The inefficient public sector remains the largest source of employment. Monetary stability remains fragile. Faced with substantial uncertainty and instability, the private sector has been marginalized to a great extent in an economically stagnant environment. Open-market policies are not in place to spur dynamic growth of trade or investment,” the summary concluded.

The index ranked the FSM on ten economic freedoms under four broad categories.

Under “Rule of Law”, FSM ranked 97th on “Property rights”, and 103rd on “Freedom From Corruption”. The narrative that accompanies those ratings in the report says: “The rule of law remains uneven across the islands, and a well-functioning, consistent legal framework is not yet in place. Squatters, long-standing disputes over land ownership, and the absence of property records make the exercise or enforcement of property rights difficult. Commercial laws are

ineffective and inconsistently applied, and contracts are not secure. Despite laws prohibiting and punishing corrupt acts, corruption is widespread.”

Under the category of “Limited Government”, FSM ranked 10th on “Fiscal Freedom”, and 172nd, on “Government Spending”. The narrative that accompanies the Limited Government category says, “Tax laws are administered and enforced erratically. National taxes include a wages and salary tax (10 percent at the highest level); a 3 percent gross revenue tax on businesses with turnover that exceeds \$10,000 a year; and an excise tax. In the most recent year, overall tax revenue was estimated to be 11.5 percent of GDP. Public spending has been chronically high at levels equivalent to over 55 percent of total domestic output.”

Under the heading of “Regulatory Efficiency”, the FSM scored, 126th on “Business Freedom”, 20th on “Labor Freedom”, and 117th on “Monetary Freedom”. The accompany summary for “Regulatory Freedom” said, “Procedures for establishing and running a business are opaque. Regulations are not applied consistently. The inefficient and non-transparent regulatory framework continues to discourage emergence of entrepreneurial dynamism. Labor regulations are not enforced effectively, and there is no efficient country-wide labor market. A large share of the workforce is employed in the informal sector. Monetary stability has been weak.”

Interestingly, the United States was ranked at number 10 overall, was rated at 77.2 for its Monetary Freedom while the FSM was rated at 73.4. The FSM uses U.S. currency.

Under the heading of “Open Markets”, the FSM ranked 70th on “Trade Freedom”, 155th on

“Investment Freedom”, and 132nd on “Financial Freedom”. The narrative accompanying the category says, “The trade weighted average tariff rate is 4.5 percent, and numerous complex non-tariff barriers severely constrain the freedom to trade. The investment framework remains too underdeveloped to facilitate flows of capital and foreign investment. High credit costs and scarce access to financing continue to constrain the small private sector. Much of the population remains outside of the formal banking sector.”

The report was prepared by The Wall Street Journal and The Heritage Foundation.

The report describes The Wall Street Journal as being the world’s leading business publication. The Journal boasts 2 million subscribers and its franchise, which includes The Wall Street Journal Asia and The Wall Street Journal Europe has a global print audience of 3.5 million. The report says that it is the largest U.S. newspaper by total paid circulation.

The Heritage Foundation “is the nation’s most broadly supported public policy research institute, with more than 710,000 individual, foundation and corporate donors,” the report says. “Founded in 1973, Heritage develops public policy solutions that advance free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional values and a strong national defense.”

The Heritage Foundation says that its mission is “to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.”

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## Japanese training vessel Tenyo Maru calls on Pohnpei

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

December 8, 2012

**Pohnpei, FSM**—One of the National Fisheries University of Japan’s training vessels, the Tenyo Maru paid a port call to Pohnpei. The vessel arrived on December 7 and is scheduled to depart on December 12.

The ship was open for tours this afternoon. Visitors were treated to refreshments in the galley and could also take a tour of the training vessel.

The Tenyo Maru has been at sea in the Western North Pacific since November 13 and is nearing the end of its 42 day 6,000 nautical mile journey which will conclude on Christmas day.

50 students are onboard the Tenyo Maru. All of the students are in the advanced courses of the university. 29 of the students are from the Navigation and Fishing course, and 21 of them are studying Marine Engineering. The journey is a part of their training in these advanced courses.

All students have been receiving training in navigation, seamanship and engine handling. They have been carrying out oceanographic observations in the vicinity of Okino-Torishima, and have also been conducting research on long line tuna fishing in the Western Northern Pacific Ocean.

While in Pohnpei NFU students will have an opportunity to visit local fisheries research facilities. They also will have opportunity to meet with local people in order to promote “mutual friendly relations”.

The Tenyo Maru 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 62.60 meters.

The vessel also made a port call in Pohnpei last year.



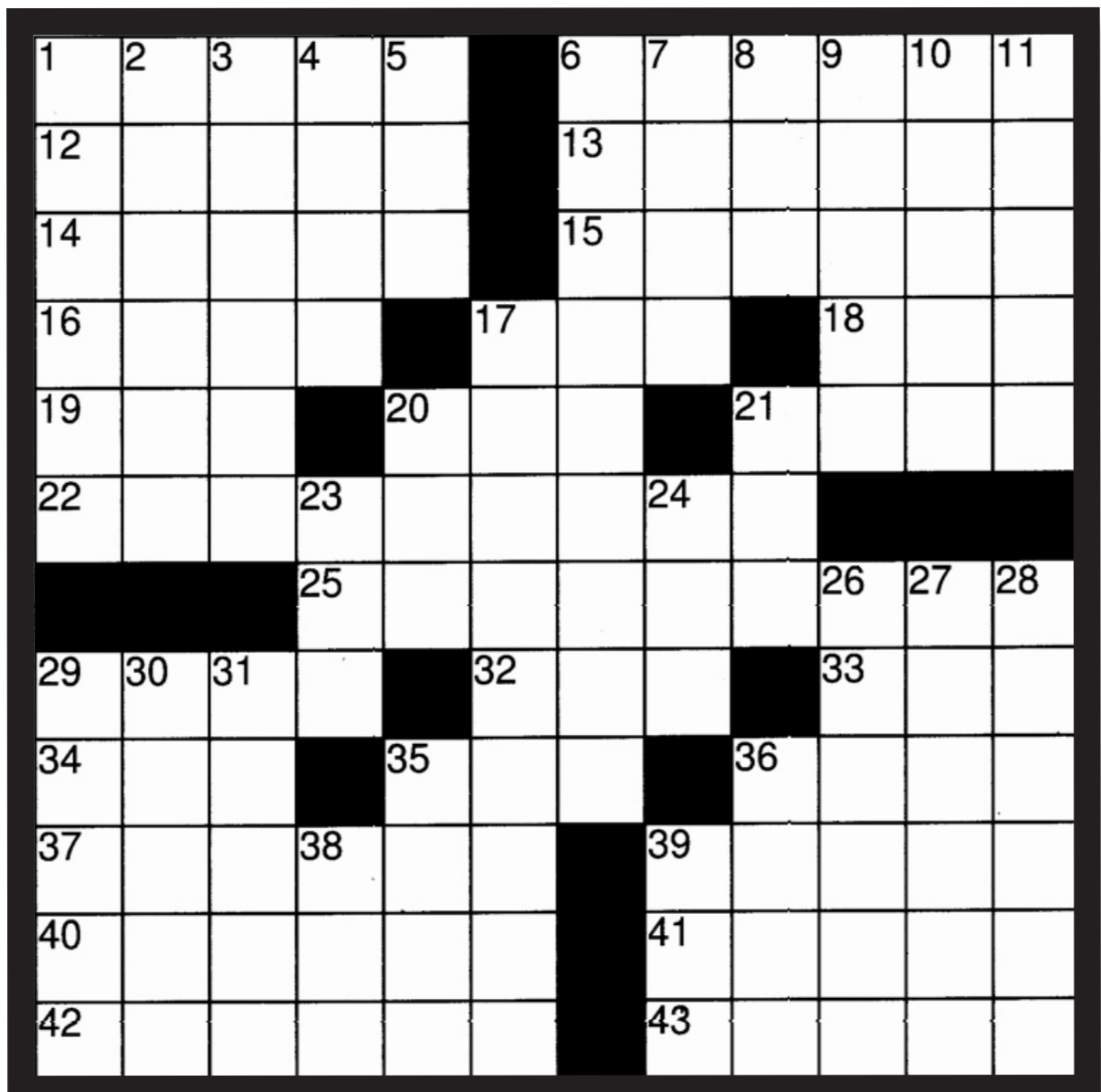
## Crossword - Round

### ACROSS

1. Like some vines
6. The \_\_\_ Game
12. Lunar lander
13. Got away from
14. Perk
15. Go around
16. Bush appointee of 2002
17. Busy one
18. Generation \_\_\_
19. Toothpaste form
20. Reading spot
21. Bombard
22. Local law
25. Change
29. Seek guidance
32. Dapper fellow
33. Cry about
34. Little boy
35. I will, shortly
36. Here or there
37. Broken apart
39. Played freeze tag
40. Maneuvers
41. More than good
42. Multitudes
43. Artificial

### DOWN

1. Unhands
2. Hard worker
3. Ancient
4. Mistake
5. Thus far
6. Flower type
7. Red ender
8. Overhang
9. Maxim
10. Cold spot to not lick
11. Capable
17. Like the good Spock
20. Trial test?
21. caress
23. Creepy me
24. Knows how
26. Van Gogh work
27. Beat at the buffet
28. Record player
29. Opulent
30. Totaled
31. Type of snake
35. About
36. Tab, for one
38. Big reference, for short
39. Gladys Knight associate



## Australia and New Zealand join forces to combat domestic violence in the Pacific

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the New Zealand Police have signed a unique agreement to work together to reduce domestic violence in the Pacific.

The two agencies will be working specifically in the Micronesian police services where a joint approach will ensure a better level of support in this part of the Pacific.

The AFP and the NZ Police will link together through the Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme (PPDVP). The PPDVP is a joint initiative of the New Zealand Aid Programme, NZ Police, and the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police. The programme aims to increase the capacity of Pacific police to work effectively against reported instances of domestic violence and to achieve this through partnerships with other agencies and the community.

“PPDVP Programme Manager Cam Ronald welcomed the agreement with the AFP.”

“The PPDVP has had a strong focus on the Polynesian countries and especially those near to New Zealand. We have also assisted other Pacific police services, including those in Micronesia, but at a reduced level of support.”

“Having the AFP come on board with their focus on the Micronesia police services ensures a standard approach across the Pacific to reduce the harm caused by domestic violence.”

The AFP have appointed an officer who will work with Micronesian police services which include the Republic of Palau, the four police forces in the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The Guam Police Department also supports these police services.

Work will include assisting in the setting up of specialised domestic violence units, training police staff and building partnerships with non-government organisations who support victims of domestic violence.

AFP Pacific Police Development programme coordinator, Superintendent Frank Clare said the agreement was a first for the two agencies.

“Working with the PPDVP which has established procedures and processes in place allows the AFP to meet our commitments in the region and to support the overall enhancement of police services in the northern Pacific.”

“This is the first such agreement between our Police Services and it demonstrates our common interests in working with the Pacific police and their communities.”

The agreement will come into effect on 1 January 2013 and is for four years.

The first deployment of the AFP and the PPDVP will occur in February, following familiarisation and training with PPDVP in New Zealand and with the Programmes regional partners in Fiji in January.

## Ambassador Chigiyal delivers FSM's National Statement at United Nations climate change talks

FSM Information Services

December 19, 2012

**Doha, Qatar Dec. 7, 2012** – On Thursday Ambassador Jane J. Chigiyal, FSM's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, addressed the Eighteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (commonly referred to as “COP18”). Ambassador Chigiyal led FSM's delegation this year and also acted as a member of the Bureau of the Conference, which is responsible for providing advice and guidance and organizing the sessions.

The ambassador's speech focused on the level and type of climate change mitigation that must occur before 2020, the year in which a new climate change protocol is expected to take effect. The terms of the new agreement and activities to be undertaken before then are being negotiated under the “Durban Platform”, which refers to the framework for the new set of negotiations that was established at the climate conference last year in Durban, South Africa. In Durban, the small island states agreed to begin negotiating a post-2020 protocol only if a work plan was also developed to address the “emissions gap”, which refers to the gap between the current level of global emissions and the level to which global emissions must be reduced to avoid the most dangerous impacts of climate change.

Echoing the position that was been put forth earlier by the Alliance of Small Island States, of which FSM is a member, Ambassador Chigiyal stated that in 2013 and 2014 the parties must undertake intensive work to identify the most cost-effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible. She then

pointed out that FSM has already identified one such cost-effective climate change solution in the form of prevention of production of super greenhouse gases hydrofluorocarbons, or HFCs, by using the Montreal Protocol, which is the most successful global environmental treaty.

Essentially, FSM's idea is to reduce the problem of emissions from HFCs, which are synthetic products used in refrigeration and air conditioning, by finding substitute refrigerants and thereby not producing so many HFCs in the first place. FSM proposed using the Montreal Protocol because it has experience in reducing other polluting chemicals in the refrigeration sector. After submitting a formal proposal under the Montreal Protocol in 2009, FSM made some breakthroughs this year. Most notably, world leaders at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in the summer agreed that work should begin on a global phase down of HFCs. Further support was also garnered at COP18, as reflected in statements made by the Holy See (the Vatican), Sweden, and other countries, which also proposed using the Montreal Protocol to accomplish climate change mitigation.

After explaining FSM's ideas, Ambassador Chigiyal concluded her speech by expressing hope that new and innovative approaches, including coordinating with other multilateral treaties like the Montreal Protocol, could help reignite the ambition and enthusiasm that has been missing from U.N. climate change talks in recent years. For further information about the conference or about FSM's proposal to the Montreal Protocol to regulate HFCs, please contact the Department of Foreign Affairs or the Office of Environment and Emergency Management at 320-2544 or 320-8815, respectively.

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## IFCP pandanus fair on Mwoakilloa atoll

*By Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP)*

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) held a two-day Pandanus Fair on Mwoakilloa Atoll, Pohnpei on December 7th and 8th, 2012.

At the Pandanus Fair on Mwoakilloa, food items made from Pandanus grown and harvested on the island as well as Pandanus handicraft made by Mwoakilloa women were exhibited. This fair along with Pandanus planting project focuses on promoting health, supporting food security, enhancing climate change resiliency, sustaining economic development and safeguarding the traditional knowledge on outer islands.

Just after IFCP staff and contest judges arrived on Mwoakilloa Atoll in the morning of December 7th, Pandanus Fair started. 15 women in Mwoakilloa, which was 88% of women on the island during the time of the Fair, entered Pandanus Handicraft contest and brought in 36 items in total.



*Pandanus Fair participants on Mwoakilloa Atoll*

Each item was judged based on its localness, creativity, steadiness, neatness, pattern uniqueness and durability.

On the second day, 21 Pandanus food items were brought in by women on the island. Judging criteria for food items were its healthiness, localness, preparation methods, appetizing/taste, food sanitation/safety, recipe and standard of recipe.

In the afternoon of December 8th, the contest results were announced and contestants received their prizes in cash and gift certificates. There

are a lot of positive comments from the ladies in Mwoakilloa who entered the contest. One of them said, "I'm so happy to see this fair being held on Mokil, making me realize that there are a lot of women on the island who is very creative when it comes to handicraft making."

The winning handicrafts, as agreed during the initial planning of this fair, would go to funding donors.

IFCP would like to thank the Mwoakilloa Municipal Government, Mwoakilloa community and the women on Mwoakilloa for



*Pandanus Handicraft were presented to Mr. Michael Kulesza, 1st Secretary and Consul, at Australian Embassy*

the collaborative support in making this fair possible.

Special appreciation is given to Australian Embassy, Direct Assistance Program (DAP) for funding this 1st ever Pandanus Fair on the island of Mwoakilloa.

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## New and improved Neauo Village water well in Chuuk

*Patterson K. Shed  
FSM IWRM Project*

On December 07, 2012, FSM Department of Resources and Development Secretary Marion Henry as the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Project National Focal Point delivered to the Chuuk State Leadership and Neauo Village community in Weno, Chuuk the completion of the improved Neauo Well project. Present at the launching event were Senator Roger Mori, Chuuk State Government Chief of Staff, Mr. Wilfred Robert, Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency Acting Director, Mr. Jason Poll, as the IWRM Project State Focal Point, Chuuk Women Council representative, Mrs. Christina Stinnett, Pacific Landscaping Engineering and Construction Company representatives, Village chiefs, landowners and multitude of Neauo villagers. Senator Roger Mori joined Secretary Henry to hand over the project on behalf of the National

Government to the Chuuk State Leadership in his delivery remarks. The project construction began in October 2012 with smooth and timely implementation by Pacific Landscaping Engineering and Construction Company.

This Neauo Well project significantly improved the sanitation and health conditions, thus contributing to the benefits of the wellbeing and livelihood for over 400 nearby residents who depend on this source of water for their daily water needs. The project directly contributes to the national vision "to provide access to safe and clean water to the people of FSM, now and in the future" signed by President Mori and State Governors on March 22, 2011. In this connection, the project hand over marked a fresh starting point to improve water quality and access for Neauo community and serves as a demonstration model. Prior to the support of the IWRM project, there was no decent facility at this well for women and children to wash and

bath privately; this project is a positive example of community-based efforts to minimize the vulnerability of women and young children and securing safe access to water. Several known drowning incidents had claimed lives of three children at this well in the past and with the improvement of the well, tragedy like this can be avoided.

The FSM IWRM project is part of the regional Global Environment Facility Pacific IWRM Project being operated by the Applied

Geoscience and Technology Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in 14 Pacific Island Countries. As the FSM IWRM National Focal Point, the FSM Department of Resources and Development works closely with key IWRM local partners including Pohnpei State Government, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Nett District Government, Chuuk State Government through Chuuk EPA, Chuuk Women's Council, and local community partners in both Chuuk and Pohnpei.



*Before project: community woman at Neauo village doing her daily laundry chores at the well. She has done this since she was a young lady in such conditions*



*After project: Secretary Marion Henry of FSM Department R&D handing over the project to Chuuk state leadership and Neauo Village. Village chiefs, landowners, Senator Roger Mori and Chuuk State Chief of staff Wilfred Robert and project implementing partners in attendance. Photo reflect improvement work done at this well.*

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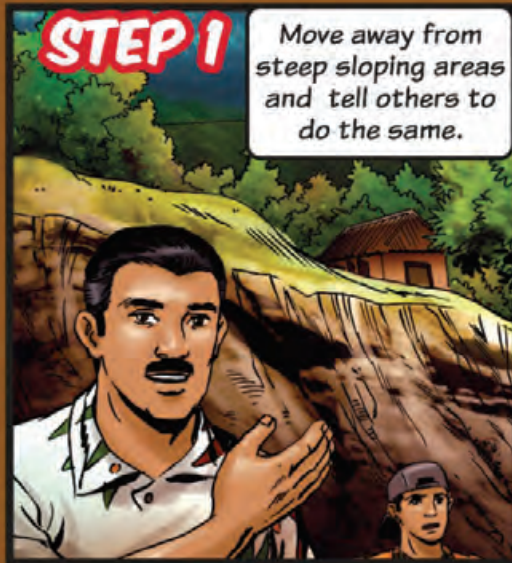
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