

The
This bi-weekly publication is \$1.00
KASELEHLIE PRESS

PO Box 2222 Kolonia, Pohnpei, FM 96941 Phone 691-320-6547 kpress@mail.fm www.kpress.info

“Miracle Man” back home after nearly three months adrift at sea

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

August 5, 2010

Pohnpei, FSM—In early May, Murphy Simion geared up for a solitary fishing trip in the waters of Pohnpei. He got into his boat, moored near the PCR hotel and restaurant in Nahntehtlik, started up his engine and shortly after, vanished like a character from the television series, “Without a Trace.”

Local volunteers, the US Coast Guard, and FSM Marine Surveillance vessels searched for Simion through the month of May but

could find no trace of him in the massive Pacific Ocean.

Ultimately the search was called off. All hope was gone and his family, resigned to Murphy’s fate, held a funeral for him in Nett. His parents, his wife, his three children, and many relatives and friends were in attendance at the funeral

Since that time, no one except for Murphy knew that he was alive.

Murphy, on the other hand, was surely painfully aware of the fact and fighting to be sure that he stayed that way. He was

burning in the sun, eating an occasional fish or a bird and drinking rain water in order to survive, he later told the President of the FSM.

It was engine trouble that set him adrift but Murphy Simion is a miracle man. For just under three months he floated dead in the sea but he is still alive and now he is at home with his loved ones who are attending to his needs at the Pohnpei State Hospital. He is their father, their son, their spouse, their cousin. He is their Lazarus, brought back from the dead.

According to a press release by the FSM

Public Information Office (PIO) Simion arrived in Pohnpei on August 2.

The press release only noted when it was that FSM’s President Manny Mori received word that Simion had been found. It didn’t say how long Simion had already been in Palau before the President Mori received the phone call from the Pohnpei State Director of the Department of Public Safety, Lucas Carlos. Carlos told the President during that phone call that Simeon had been found on an atoll a few miles from Koror and was in the care of the Belau Na-

See “Simion” on page 9

\$22 million loan from China could provide 1291 new jobs in the FSM

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Federated States of Micronesia—The FSM Congress is currently in the process of holding public hearings regarding a proposed \$22 million concessionary loan from the People’s Republic of China. If Congress votes to accept the loan, the money would be used to revamp the main ports of the Federated States of Micronesia by adding fish processing plants and other facilities at all of the ports. Proponents of the plan say the loan would act to increase the FSM’s share in Pacific fisheries revenue and would provide nearly 1300 jobs for FSM people.

“The plan calls for approximately 50 foreign nationals who would be employed as management and as experts. 1291 of the jobs would go to Micronesians,” said James Movick, consultant for the FSM’s Department of Resources and Development (R&D).



A buyer at Katsuura, Japan fish market examines yellow fin tuna catch

Photo by Bill Jaynes

Movick says that the plants could provide employment opportunities for FSM citizens who are not already fully engaged in the work force, people who may have found it difficult to find employment in the past due to a shortage of jobs in the FSM. Employees

Terms of the proposed loan have not yet been set in stone but discussions have included a five year grace period before repayment must begin and the FSM would be charged a very low interest rate after that time on a 20 year term.

The Pacific Ocean covers 63.8 million square miles, more than a third of the world’s surface. However, much of that water is not productive for commercial fishing. Although the FSM’s exclusive economic zone (EEZ) covers only 909,000 square miles of the Pacific (1.4 percent) the FSM’s waters are some of the most productive fishing waters in the Pacific Ocean, second only to Kiribas.

See “PRC Loan” on page 7

In This Issue:

World War Two memorial established in Yap



See Page 2

Babauta makes first visit to FSM



See Page 8

What’s going on at the Micronesian Games?



See Back Page

U.S. Ambassador participates in WWII memorial dedication, discusses US-funded efforts in Yap

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On July 24-28, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Peter A. Prahar travelled to Yap State to participate in the dedication ceremony of the Ensign Joseph E. Cox Memorial, named in honor of a U.S. naval pilot whose F6F-5 Hellcat fighter plane was shot down over Yap on September 6, 1944. Members of the Cox family, including Joseph's brother, as well as members of the family of Ensign Howard Holding, who was killed in the same mission, were honored guests at the ceremony. Yap State Governor Sebastian Anefal and Lieutenant Governor Tony Tareg also took part in the well-attended event.

Spearheaded by U.S.-based Missing Air-Crew Project and History Flight Organization and with the support of the Yap State Visitor's Bureau and the Yap State Departments of Public Works and Public Safety, the memorial recognizes the over thirty-six American planes shot down in WWII near Yap State and the 110 American men who remain missing in action. In his remarks, Ambassador Prahar stated that: "These individuals and organizations have teamed up to ensure that at long last there is a proper, permanent memorial to Ensign Joseph E. Cox and all the other men who lost their lives near Yap during World War II, some of whose remains have not yet been recovered."

Ambassador Prahar also said "I can't think of any greater honor for an American Ambassador than to stand before the families of servicemen who have fallen in defense of freedom in order to recognize their service and to ensure that their sacrifice will not be forgotten." Speaking about those killed in Yap during WWII, the Ambassador said that "Those who knew these heroes personally carried with them throughout their lives the sacred memory of their beloved son, brother, husband, and father who gave his life so that others may live in peace and freedom.... I can also assure

you that their sacrifice and the sacrifice of the other servicemen who died here have not been forgotten by the people of Yap." He quoted the American author James Michener's Tales of the South Pacific: "They will live a long time... They had an American quality."

The Ambassador also recognized Mark Mathow, the brother of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Steven G. Bayow who was killed in action in Iraq in 2005, and Robert Finniginam, father of Specialist Eric Finniginam, who was killed in action in Afghanistan on May 1st of this year. Representing U.S. Navy Commander of the Marianas (COMNAVMARIANAS) Rear Admiral Paul Bushong, Military and Civilian Affairs Commander Bryce Gibb thanked FSM citizens who fight alongside U.S. citizens in the U.S. Armed Forces worldwide. Cdr. Gibb rendered the military honors and presented American flags to the Cox and Holding families.

In addition to his involvement in the memorial ceremony, Ambassador Prahar held meetings with numerous state government officials, private sector and environmental representatives. On Monday morning Ambassador Prahar called upon Governor Anefal and Lt. Governor Tareg to discuss utility issues and infrastructure projects in Yap State. The Ambassador then met with Yap State Legislative Speaker Charles Chieng and the Resources, Education and Development Committee Chairman Senator Ted Rutun to discuss utilities issues.

On Monday afternoon Ambassador Prahar conducted a follow-up visit of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) and College of Micronesia - Yap Campus construction sites. The two-story ECE facility was funded by a \$2.5 million Compact Infrastructure Grant. It will feature classrooms, office space, and conference and training rooms for students and staff. The \$1.9 million-dollar facility COM-Yap Student Services Center was also made possible through a Compact Infrastructure Grant. The Ambassador thanked the contractors

and workers for their efforts to complete these two projects on schedule with high quality workmanship.

In addition to his infrastructure site visits, Ambassador Prahar met with Yap Department of Resources and Development and Marine Resources Executive Director Mike

Gaan. The Ambassador also toured the Yap Farmer's Organization and conducted a site visit of the giant sea clam project.

To round out his consultations, Ambassador Prahar met with the Yap Civic Action Program (YapCAP) and the Yap Small Business Development Center

Yap State Governor Sebastian L. Anefal, Ambassador Peter A. Prahar, Commander Bryce Gibb, Mark Noah of History Flight Organization, Patrick and Cherie Ranfranz of Missing Air-Crew Project, and members of the families of Ensign Joseph E. Cox and Ensign Henry Holding standing before the Ensign Joseph E. Cox Hellcat Memorial.



Ellis Cox, brother of Ensign Joseph E. Cox, examines the memorial with an honor guard posted by the Yap State Department of Public Safety

The Kaselehlie Press
Your Newspaper for Today and Tomorrow

P.O. Box 2222 Pohnpei, FM 96941
ph:(691) 320-6547 fax: (691) 320-6571
email: kpress@mail.fm

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

KPress is looking for dedicated correspondents in Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and Kosrae. We will pay you for articles and collection of ads. Contact us at the numbers or email above.

I want to have a 26 issue subscription sent by First Class Mail to:

Pohnpei Address
Cost includes shipping \$35 for 26 issues

Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, or USA Address
Cost includes shipping \$50 for 26 issues

International Address
Cost includes shipping \$100 for 26 issues

RECIPIENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Congress passes stop gap budget bill to bailout the FSM Department of Education

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Palkir, Pohnpei, FSM—During the last regular session of the FSM Congress, Senator Joseph Urusemal, chairman of the Committee on Health and Education registered strong dissatisfaction with the actions of the Department of Education (DOE). His committee scheduled a budget and oversight meeting for the department but no one showed up. He said that after the meeting was rescheduled witnesses from the department did turn up but he said that they were unprepared to discuss the issues at hand including the fact that several DOE employees had not been paid since March.

Last week Speaker Figir called a special session of Congress specifically to deal with DOE's budget shortfall. The session was to have lasted for three days but was extended for an additional three days during which time DOE officials and

Senators worked out their differences and Congress passed a bill that will carry DOE at least until Congress' next session in September. Essentially, DOE was out of budget more than two months before the end of the 2010 fiscal year which ends on September 30, 2010.

Congress appropriated \$74,874 to resolve the crisis. \$43,000 will be used for overdue payroll for employees "improperly" laid off from the T-3 program, and continuing salaries for other DOE employees who otherwise would not have been paid for the rest of the fiscal year. That amount of money isn't enough to cover payroll needs for the entire remainder of the fiscal year. Congress will be meeting again for its regular session in September at which time they will revisit the matter.

\$31,874 will be used to cover final obligations for the T-3 programs including outstanding utilities bills owed to Pohnpei Utilities Corporation.

Chairman Urusemal said that he agreed with DOE representatives who said that to sanction a whole department because of the actions of one or two people who won't work within the rules and laws of this nation isn't fair to the people who are actually doing the work of the department. "It has been said that 'to err is human but to forgive is divine.' I thought of a new one 'To compromise is noble.'"

Both the Department of Education and Congress did compromise on the matter. DOE had asked for \$94,394. Congress and DOE settled on the \$74,000 figure in a last minute meeting before the second and final reading of the bill was passed. Chairman Urusemal offered an oral amendment to the bill to make those final changes.

Senator Peter Sitan offered a written amendment to the bill that removed the requirement that DOE reimburse the FSM once the Supplemental Education Grant for fiscal year 2006 becomes avail-

able. Senator Peter Christian said that Congress is constantly saddled with having to fix or correct problems of the administration that they didn't create and that Congress is also constantly blamed for those problems. "I accept responsibility for the problems we did create and am committed to correcting those problems but we never caused these problems," he said. "Maybe in the future we should be more direct about why the executive should not have that money but who does that hurt," he asked?

Of the ten or more spectators from the DOE in the gallery observing the proceedings Christian said, "Hopefully the spectators are here to congratulate Congress for doing something good rather than as a vote of 'no confidence in Congress.'"

Speaker Isaac Figir associated himself with Senator Christian's comments.



The local choice for Building Materials.

Customized Roofing

Cut to Any Length x 42" wide

Sale Price: \$ 2.⁹⁵ per ft.

Concrete Mixer \$ 2950.⁰⁰

Concrete Vibrator \$ 169.⁹⁹

Kerosene Stove \$ 34.⁹⁹

Water Heater \$ 179.⁹⁹

Thank you for shopping at Do-it-Best.

15% off...

- Paint
- Doors & Windows
- Ceramic & Vinyl Tile

10% off...

- Plywood
- Masonite White Board
- Chest Freezers & Refrigerators
- Rice Cookers

Don't forget our Super Saturday Sale 15% off all regular prices !!!

P.O. Box 2023
Pohnpei, FM

Tel: 691.320.7493
Fax: 691.320.7966



Kosrae on the World Environment Map

FSM Information Services

July 23, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei (UNDP, by Mari Moertvedt) "The project is very simple and easily replicable in other islands. It just needs a management who strongly believes in sustainable development," says Maria Stephens, who as the logistic coordinator in the Kosrae Recycling Project, was recently nominated for the "Energy Globe World Award" in Rwanda.

The recycling project in Kosrae, one of the four states in the Federated States of Micronesia, is collecting waste and selling it as valuable raw material. It is a win-win situation for the island and its population, as it is creating jobs and at the same time managing waste.

"We are proud to lead the recycling activity in Kosrae. It is giving us more strength to face the hundreds of daily problems we have in conducting the activity on the island," Stephens says. She coordinates the project together with the manager, Mark Stephens. They have been running the recycling activity in Kosrae since September 2007.

Maria and Mark Stephens participated in the Energy globe award in Rwanda (Africa) in June and they are enthusi-

astic about leading an environment activity which is acknowledged internationally. More than 800 environmental projects from 105 nations were submitted for the "Energy Globe Award".

"We had many congrats from the audience, the Rwanda Prime Minister, the Rwanda Minister of Environment, etc... Everybody was curious to know where Kosrae is!" said Stephens.

"Kosrae and the recycling activity" were selected as one of three nominees for the world award in the category Earth. The award was finally given to a reforestation project in Mauritius (Africa), but the nomination alone was an accomplishment for the recycling plant.

"It was a great experience. For a very small island like Kosrae and a small project as our recycling activity, to be nominated together with such great personalities and countries was a great honour," she adds.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), initiated parts of the Kosrae recycling project when funding the setup of the Materials Recycling Facility between March 2006 and November 2007. All the equipment was given to the people of Kosrae Island and the

recycling plant has been running successfully since the Stephens took over the management three years ago.

"UNDP is pleased to see the continuation of this project and that the people of Kosrae are at the forefront of ensuring that this project benefits not only the company but also the whole community. It is a good example of how a small project can have a great impact on the livelihoods of the communities and the preservation of the environment," UNDP Resident Representative at the Fiji Multi Country Office, Mr. Knut Ostby says.

The potential for these types of projects is great in small developing states, as importation of recycle material such as aluminium cans, glass and plastic products, lead batteries and scrap metal is very high.

"A feasibility study for a recycling project was conducted in the Marshall Islands and the other states of FSM (Chuuk, Pohnpei and Yap) and there is potential for setting up a similar recycling mechanism with existing local recycling partners. Other small island developing states like Nauru and Tuvalu may also benefit from such projects," Mr. Ostby adds.



the Village Travel

*Servicing the islands
and abroad since 1980!*

Providing your domestic
and international flight
arrangements.

For your flights, hotels &
car rentals, please call us at

Tel: (691) 320-2777

Fax (691) 320-5375

or email us at
villagetravel@mail.fm

P.O. Box 339
Kolonias Pohnpei,
FM 96941



Program Assistant, AusAID

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of Program Assistant for AusAID's Development Co-operation program undertaken at the Australian Embassy, Pohnpei.

The Program Assistant will support the Program Manager responsible for AusAID's Development Assistance Program in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau. He/she will be required to administer and implement development assistance projects including the AusAID regional scholarship program and the Small Grant Scheme. Other duties will include assisting with preparing reports on AusAID programs and projects and maintaining an up to date filing system.

The person that we are seeking will have experience in project administration and implementation, with good organisational and administrative skills. He/she will use initiative and be able to work with minimal supervision. High-quality communication and writing skills and sound computer skills are required. Relevant tertiary qualifications will be highly regarded.

Salary:

An attractive salary package commensurate with qualifications will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Application process:

Interested applicants need to submit a resume/CV and address the Selection Criteria. The Selection Criteria and Duty Statement may be obtained by contacting the Australian Embassy at janet.whitaker@dfat.gov.au or telephone Janet Whitaker on 320 5448

If mailing applications, they should be sent to:

Janet Whitaker
SAO
Australian Embassy
PO Box S
Kolonias, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia FM 96941

Please email your application addressing the Selection Criteria, together with your resume/CV, to both nic.notarpietro@ausaid.gov.au and janet.whitaker@dfat.gov.au.

Closing date for applications is 4.30pm on Monday 23 August 2010.

In Remembrance



The Family & Friends
will be holding a
Memorial Mass
on the occasion
of the One Year Anniversary
of the passing of the late

Kikuo L. Apis, Sr.
APRIL 20, 1939 - AUGUST 12, 2009

5:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 12, 2010
at Our Lady of Mercy Church,
Kolonias Town

5 Year Amended Compact Review is Under Way

FSM Information Services

July 30, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei - On July 23, 2010, the Compact Review Committee (the "CRC"), headed by Fabian Nimea, Director of the Office of SBOC, gave an informal presentation to President Mori, Vice President Alik, and all Cabinet members, regarding the status of the 5-Year Compact Review.

"The purpose of this review," explained Nimea, "is to assess what has and has not worked, and what is needed now, and in fifteen years to come, to meet the overarching goals of the amended Compact. It is to identify what mid-course adjustments can be made that will bring us onto the best path towards those goals."

The Compact Review focuses on four status indicators: FSM's general social, political and economic conditions; the use and effectiveness of US financial, program and technical assistance in FSM; FSM's economic policy reforms; and FSM's efforts to increase investments in the country, be it private investment or Compact and non-Compact Trust Funds investment.

To date, the CRC has produced a first draft of the FSM Compact Review Report and traveled to Washington D.C. recently to discuss Compact Review matters with Anthony Babauta, Assistant Secretary of the

US Department of the Interior, Nikolao Pula, Director of the US Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), and other key officials of the US Government.

The U.S. Compact Review team is led by Tom Bussanich, Director of OIA Division of Budget & Grant Management, and assisted by Wali Osman, OIA Economist, and other staff from the OIA Honolulu field office. The US Review Report, as mandated by U.S. P.L. 108-188 Section 104 (h), is to be submitted to the US Congress no later than the end of the calendar year following the first five years of the amended Compact. That Report must include the FSM Government's comments.

Nimea summarized, based on the CRC's findings, that to promote FSM's efforts for economic advancement and budgetary self-reliance, the country needs to focus on the following: the development in the areas of human resource, economic infrastructure and private sector; the institution of internal policy reforms to impose a new direction for the economy; improve funding of the Compact Trust Fund and fully adjust inflation to increase the purchasing power of each dollar of Compact grant funds received.

Regarding the overall FSM economy and private sector development, Samuel Brazys, SBOC Senior Economist, highlighted that the FSM GDP has been more or less stagnant for the past fifteen years. He explained

the stagnation is the result of economic "Dutch Disease." Dutch Disease is an economic situation caused when consumers receive and spend money from external sources, triggering local businesses to shift their efforts to retail and service industries, rather than production of "tradable" goods, such as manufactured, agricultural or aquaculture products. The danger being that once the external sources of money dry up, the purchase power of local citizens may no longer be able to afford supporting the retail industry and the private sector will crash.

Brazys stressed that to develop the private sector, the country needs to create a hospitable infrastructure environment with reliable means of transportation, communications and energy ("economic infrastructure"). Brazys stressed that of the \$260 million allocated to projects under the Amended Compact, 30% has gone to fund economic infrastructure, whereas 55% has gone to fund social infrastructure projects such as health and education. The CRC suggests working within both the Compact infrastructure sector grant, as well as with other financing options such as Asian Development Bank, World Bank, and foreign country donors to secure more funding for economic infrastructure projects.

Addressing Internal Policy Reforms would mean passing appropriate laws and regulations that support private sector development, such as expanding Intellectual Property Rights and Competition Policy. And as far the Compact Trust Fund is concerned, Brazys said economic data shows the Compact Trust Fund still needs annual contributions of \$12.5 million to avoid a risk of recession by 2024.

Israeli surgeons perform eye surgeries in Pohnpei

A team of five Eye Surgeons and specialists from the nation of Israel visited Pohnpei during the week of July 5, 2010. They performed free eye surgeries at the Pohnpei State Hospital during the week. The team is part of a humanitarian group know as the Eye from Zion. "We were disturbed at the number of eye surgeries we performed on people who were as young as 30 who had eye problems that could have been avoided," said Dr. Hovav Nuttman the team leader for the group.

The doctors said that lifestyle issues like excessive alcohol consumption and diets high in sugar leading to diabetes contributed to the majority of surgeries they performed in Pohnpei.



PicknBuy24.com

Japanese Vehicle Online Shop
We Export Genuine Japanese Vehicles

<p>SALE</p> <p>\$1,290</p> <p>Ref. 6313 PRICE: \$1,090 NISSAN CUBE 2001 1,300cc AT PETROL</p>	<p>Ref. 6667 PRICE: \$1,390 TOYOTA DUET 2000 1,000cc AT PETROL</p>	<p>SALE</p> <p>\$1,450</p> <p>Ref. 6365 PRICE: \$1,390 MAZDA DEMIO 2001 1,300cc AT PETROL</p>
<p>Ref. 6621 PRICE: \$1,300 NISSAN PRIMERA 1999 1,800cc AT PETROL</p>	<p>Ref. 6591 PRICE: \$1,590 MITSUBISHI CHARIOT GRANDIS 1998 2,400cc AT PETROL</p>	<p>Ref. 6521 PRICE: \$2,290 MITSUBISHI PAJERO IO 1998 1,800cc AT PETROL</p>
<p>SALE</p> <p>\$2,690</p> <p>Ref. 6440 PRICE: \$2,590 HONDA CR-V 1997 2,000cc AT PETROL</p>	<p>Ref. 6310 PRICE: \$2,650 DAIHATSU TERIOS 1997 1,300cc AT PETROL</p>	<p>Ref. 6644 PRICE: \$2,590 NISSAN ATLAS 1.5tons 1996 2,000cc MT PETROL</p>

Visit us!! www.picknbuy24.com Search

Contact with our English speaking Staff! FMK0811
Email: pboffer@picknbuy24.com
Tel: +81-3-5625-6222 Fax: +81-3-5625-6230
AGASTA CO., LTD. Address: 1-10-7 RYOGOKU, SUMIDA-KU TOKYO, JAPAN

Inmates baptized in Pohnpei

Christ for All Church

Eleven inmates of the Pohnpei Division of Correction and Rehabilitation were baptized at the Likakida Beach at 1:00 on the afternoon of July 26. Some of the inmates had been participating in a Bible study offered by Christ for All Church for more than two years. Each of the inmates who were baptized made their own personal decisions to accept the truths of a godly

life. The choice was purely theirs.

Pastor Yasuo I. Yamada, Pastor Benito Edmund and Sounpadak Lynn Yamada administered the baptism while four police officers guarded the inmates.

"They were told very clearly that by being baptized they were not being baptized into a church or a religious group but to God," Pastor Yamada said.



Presidents Come Together as One United Voice at 10th Micronesian Presidents' Summit



FSM Information Services

August 2, 2010

Koror, Palau - President Mori of the Federated State of Micronesia, President Jurelang Zedkaia of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and President Toribiong of the Republic of Palau, held their 10th Micronesian Presidents' Summit (MPS) in Palau on July 30, 2010, with representatives from Nauru, to discuss vital issues affecting the four nations and the Pacific Region as a whole. Toribiong welcomed the Presidents and expressed his hope that as a result of the MPS, the future will be more secure, peaceful and prosperous for the entire region.

"Our countries cannot take actions in isolation; if we do, we will only be halfway effective," said Mori in his opening remarks. "We need to work together diligently as a group to influence and resolve the urgent challenges which we face. Together we can build economies of scale, we can share information, we can provide for our countries. Multilateral cooperation can allow us to expand potential markets, grow our

exports and create new jobs. That is what our people deserve and I hope this summit will help generate a healthy debate to tackle these challenges."

"The size of our individual countries limits how we can be heard," agreed Dr. Kieren Keke, Nauru Foreign Minister, representing President Marcus Stephen of the Republic of Nauru. "Sub-regional groupings raises the profile of our individual voices; there is much to be gained from cooperating on a sub-regional basis," he said.

Toribiong concurred, and said "that even though we represent small island developing states in Micronesia, we represent a region which is geographically larger than the continental U.S., and working together we have a much better chance of success."

Specifically, the Presidents agreed that each of their countries would mobilize resources and take action to support the Pacific Island Health Officers Association's (PIHOA) resolution declaring a regional state of emergency that was adopted by the participants during the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit in late June.

The Presidents reaffirmed both the actions taken and the recommendations made by the Trade Ministers at the 3rd Micronesian Trade Committee (MTC) Meeting held in late June 2010, in Saipan, including the establishment of the MTC permanent Secretariat in Pohnpei, FSM. They also backed the MTC's decision to create

a Trade and Investment Office under the MTC Secretariat to assist Freely Associated States (FAS) to promote and market their products and services. In conjunction with this, the Presidents directed the MTC to further discuss Compact Trade issues with the US.

Regarding fisheries, the Presidents acknowledged the establishment of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) headquarters in Majuro, RMI, and noted numerous PNA initiatives, which they are eager to see implemented in the coming year. Closing off additional high seas areas in the region, mandatory employment requirements by PNA nationals on fishing vessels operating in PNA waters, PNA observer programs, refueling and unloading catches in PNA ports and joint marketing, are just some of the key planned initiatives. The Presidents also called on the PNA to set up measures which would better protect the whale shark population from becoming incidental purse seiner catch.

The Presidents discussed the medical crisis faced by FAS citizens residing in the US. They agreed to direct their respective Missions in Washington, D.C., to work together to address the issue and aim to ensure reinstatement of Medicaid eligibility for these citizens.

Climate Change adaption and mitigation was another major topic on the agenda. On the domestic front, the topic was tackled via the Green Energy Micronesia (GEM) initiative, originally introduced by RMI at the 11th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit and at the 9th Micronesia Presidents' Summit, both in July 2009. GEM

was fully endorsed by the MPS Presidents, with a launch scheduled to take place on the margins of the 41st Pacific Forum Leaders' Meeting in Vanuatu this month. GEM proposes that in the next 10 years, the Pacific Island Countries achieve: 20% improvement in energy efficiency by suppliers, meaning improved efficiency in areas such as transportation and electric power generation; 30% improvement in efficiency of energy use by end-users; and 20% electricity generation through renewable energy, most likely solar.

Jurelang Zedkaia stated that "with regard to the GEM Initiative, I am pleased to advise that arrangements are being finalized in Port Vila, including the invitations to all Forum members' delegations and the relevant development partners in the area of sustainable energy and related sectors."

Mori reiterated the crucial need for the Presidents to "sing the same song," and called upon them to refer to the MPS commitments in their speeches at the Pacific Forum Leaders' meeting in Vanuatu. "We need to come together as one united voice when we negotiate agreements with Pacific Rim partners for trade and development, and when we attend International conferences," counseled Mori.

In parting Mori took the opportunity to express his "sincere gratefulness to the people of Palau for being the caring hosts to the young students from FSM studying at the Palau Community College." The signing ceremony of the 10th MPS Communique took place on July 31, 2010, at 6:30PM, at the Sea Passion Hotel in Koror, Palau.

Congress confirms R&D Secretary and National Elections Director, among others

FSM Congress News

July 31, 2010

PALIKIR, POHNPEI - The Fourth Special Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia confirmed, among others, the nominations for the Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development and the National Elections Director.

Congress had extended the three-day session called by the President for four more days through Congressional Resolution (C.R.) 16-106 and adopted all the nomination resolutions placed on the day's order of business. On Saturday, Day Four, Congress adopted C.R. 16-107, confirming Marion Henry of Chuuk as the Secretary for the FSM Department of Resources and Development; and C.R. 16-108, confirming the nomination of Albert T. Welly of Kosrae as the National Elections Director.

Other nomination resolutions confirmed during Saturday session included:

C.R. 16-102, Redley Killion as Chuuk

State's representative to the FSM Petroleum Corporation Board of Directors;

C.R. 16-103, Ricky Carl as Pohnpei State's representative on the National Oceanic Resources Management Authority Board of Directors; and

C.R. 16-104, Alanso Cholymay as Chuuk State's representative on the National Oceanic Resources Management Authority Board of Directors.

Along with the nominations, Congress also adopted C.R. 16-105, for the Goods and Services agreement between the FSM Government and the Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Foundation of Japan. According to the pre-established rotation of goods and services, the State of Kosrae would be the recipient of the approved agreement.

Having given their blessings on all the resolutions placed on the day's calendar, Congress recessed to again reconvene on August 2, 2010 for Day Six of the Fourth Special Session of the 16th FSM Congress.

National Government Releases Chuuk CIP Funds to Moch Municipality

FSM Information Services

July 23, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei - On July 22, the National Department of Finance (the "Department of Finance"), as a result of a Presidential Order issued by President Mori back in January 2010, approved the wire transfer of \$37,481 to Moch Municipality in Chuuk. Moch is the first of 27 Chuuk municipalities who will be receiving funds directly from the National Government, as part of an attempt to ensure proper disbursement of the remaining balance of Compact I Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Funds owed to these municipalities.

As of this date, the National Government is holding \$2,442,215 in a savings account with the Bank of Hawaii, in CIP funds on behalf of certain Chuuk municipalities. At the close of the first Compact, the restriction regarding the use of these funds for capital improvements was lifted and the funds, once appropriately disbursed by the Department of Finance,

can be used by the municipalities for all purposes, including operating expenses.

Pursuant to the 1983 Compact Agreement, Section 211 provided that 40% of all annual compact grants shall be dedicated to CIP. In December 2003, Public Law 13-24, as amended by Public Law 13-51 in September 2004, recognized that the 40% requirement of Section 211 had been met by the FSM with respect to CIP funds and allowed for the balance of these funds to be transferred to the States and their municipalities; however, the balance of the Chuuk CIP fund was never transferred.

From a procedural perspective, once any of the 27 Chuuk municipalities presents to SBOC its government legislation seeking appropriation of their respective funds, SBOC can then issue an allotment for the municipality to the Department of Finance. In turn, the Department of Finance will directly transfer the funds to the municipality.

...PRC Loan

Continued from front page

It's not quite fair to say that the Federated States of Micronesia earned only one third of one percent of the \$5.2 billion fishing industry in the Pacific. The country charged \$20 million last year for fishing access fees. That earnings figure does not include income earned by Yap Seagull which has its own purse seiners and has a market of its own. It doesn't include port fees or land based support services such as lodging, meals, provisioning, mechanical servicing, or bunkering for fishing vessels that enter FSM ports. It doesn't include Gross Revenue or payroll taxes earned from ancillary services either.

The exact amount of income that is brought into the FSM from fisheries activities that take place in its EEZ is very difficult to pin down. Even so, there is at least one thing about which the people of the FSM agree. Not nearly enough fisheries income stays in the FSM.

"We need income generation for our people. We need onshore investment (in the FSM). We need to pump business into our ports and we need jobs," Movick exclaimed.

The loan, if it is ratified by Congress would be used to build plants within the FSM ports to facilitate transshipment and pre-processing of fish.

The operation of those plants would be

contracted out. Contracting out the operations would insulate the FSM government from operational risks, Movick said.

The decision to pursue a contractor to run the facilities was based on an underlying philosophy that government should not be in business.

"In the fishing industry, companies can have a really good year followed by two or three really bad years. This is a way for the FSM to provide employment for its people but also to separate the government from operational risk," Movick postulated.

A profit sharing arrangement with each of the FSM states is part of the arrangements that have been discussed with China.

R&D searched for fishing companies currently operating in the Pacific that already have the resources such as ships, market resources, transportation mechanisms and expertise. The department came to the conclusion that Luen Thai is currently the only truly viable choice currently operating in the North Pacific.

Movick said that since the company began business relations with the FSM in 1993, "There has not been one single incident where they have failed to do their work or to keep their agreements." He said that the corporation functions as, "good corporate citizens."

"We receive offers all the time from companies from other countries but when we get past the hype it's just a lot of talk,"

Movick said. "Luen Thai has already demonstrated that they can manage projects like these. The FSM needs more than just talk."

Though Luen Thai is a fishing company based in China, the loan that Congress will be considering is not at all dependent upon the selection of Luen Thai or any other Chinese fishing company.

Congress passed a resolution during its last regular session requesting President Mori to look into the feasibility of an exclusive fishing arrangement with one country. When asked if that resolution was in preparation for consideration of the concessionary loan, Movick shook his head. "No, if I'd known about it I might have asked the Chairman to postpone the introduction of that kind of resolution."

Movick said that either contractually or by legislation, the contractor who manages the fish processing facilities would be required to provide the same services for other fishing vessels that they provide for their own vessels and at the same price. The contractor would not have exclusive fishing rights to the FSM's EEZ. Fishing vessels arriving at port facilities would be handled on a first in first out basis.

"This is a way for the FSM to participate in more of the tuna profits other than just by issuing fishing permits," said Marion Henry, who was then the Acting Secretary for the Department of Resources and Development.

Since the time of the interview Congress confirmed him to be the FSM Secretary for R&D after President Manny Mori nominated him for the position.

Fishing companies operating in the FSM could choose the status quo in terms of their operations but Henry and Movick don't think they'll do that.

Fish processed in the FSM before shipment will save operators a significant amount of cash currently lost by transporting whole fish to other countries for processing. Movick and Henry said that the services that the FSM would offer if Congress accepts the loan would save fishing companies money in terms of labor costs as well and that money would stay in the FSM instead of going to other countries as is currently the case.

They said that leadership in Kosrae is keenly interested in the proposal. Waste generated by a plant there could be used for their crab farming program. They said that in Micronesia some of the fish processing by-product such as blood meat and other fish parts that are not commercially marketable are put to use as food by the people. There are many uses for fish by-product including use as animal feed and composting.

Movick said that cook loining plants would be able to process as much as 100 tons of fish per day. The first of the plants could open in Pohnpei by early 2012 if Congress agrees to the loan package.



Surf's Up!

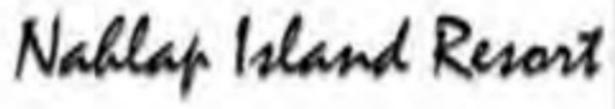
Pohnpei Surf Club Kids Camp at Nahlap is Back!!

Come join us for a day of fun in the surf and sun at Nahlap on Sunday, August 8th, 2010. All day of surf and water activities for kids from 12 to 80 years of age. Surf instruction, surfboards, stand-up paddle boards, jet ski and more will be provided!

Free Nahlap landing fee and boat taxi ride for kids under 18 years of age and for volunteer helpers.

The ocean, currents, reef and surfing can be hazardous. All participants must be excellent swimmers and understand the risks of surfing over shallow reefs. All participants under 18 years of age must have adult supervisor to join. All participants must sign a release form in advance to join. Volunteer helpers are welcome. For more information, please contact the Pohnpei Surf Club at 920-7343.

SPONSORED BY: Pohnpei Surf Club, Ace Hardware, FSM Telecom and Nahlap Island Resort



President Mori meets with assistant Secretary Anthony Babauta of Guam

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On July 26-31, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Anthony M. Babauta visited the FSM to review progress under the Amended Compact and to view various Compact-funded infrastructure projects. The six-day official visit included stops in Pohnpei and Chuuk States. This was Babauta's first visit to the FSM since being confirmed by the U.S. Senate in September 2009.

Assistant Secretary Babauta called on FSM President Emanuel Mori in Palikir on Monday, July 26. Also representing the FSM were Vice President Alik Alik, Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin Robert, Director of the Office of Statistics, Budget, Overseas Development Management & Compact Management (SBOC) Fabian Nimea, and Project Management Unit (PMU) Acting Program Manager Marcelino Actouka. Accompanying Babauta were U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Robert MacCallum, DOI Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) Director Nikolao Pula, Infrastructure Sector Grant Specialist Steve Savage, Senior Policy Advisor Kristen H. Oleyte, and Policy Advisor Rebecca Zepeda. In the introductory meeting, Babauta highlighted his Pacific Island roots as a valuable asset he will employ to foster US-FSM relations.

The Assistant Secretary and his delegation then met with FSM Congressional representatives, including Vice Speaker Frederico Primo of Pohnpei, Floor Leader Joe N. Suka of Chuuk, Senators Dohsis Halbert of Pohnpei, and Tiwiter Aritos of Chuuk.

President Mori hosted a reception on the evening of the 26th in honor of Assistant Secretary Babauta and his delegation. The President congratulated Mr. Babauta for being the first Micronesian to assume the important post of Assistant Secretary of the Department of Interior. The President also referred to the unique and special relationship that exists between the two sovereign nations. At the reception, President Mori and Assistant Secretary Babauta signed two grants earmarked to support the Micronesian Center for Sustainable Future and the Linemen Training Exercise for Yap State Utilities. The Micronesian Center for a Sustainable Future (MCSF), which received a \$494,000 OIA technical assistance grant award, is a regional inter-governmental organization whose board consists of the nine chief executives of the Insular Areas. President Mori presides as the Secretary General of the Center.

Local dignitaries in attendance at the reception included Governor of Pohnpei State John Ehsa and Vice-Speaker Bernie Martin of the Pohnpei State Legislature.

On July 27, the Assistant Secretary and his delegation called upon Pohnpei State Governor John Ehsa at the Governor's Office in Kolonia. Babauta then held a joint meeting with the FSM Representatives to the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO): Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Robert and Department of Finance Tax Reform Project Manager Evelyn Adolph. In preparation for the upcoming JEMCO meetings in Honolulu, the Assistant Secretary and his delegation discussed issues surrounding the Amended Compact, with a focus on Infrastructure Sector Grant funding.

In the afternoon, the Assistant Secretary traveled to the College of Micronesia National Campus (COM-FSM) in Palikir, where he was shown the campus by COM-FSM President Spensin James. The U.S. delegation then toured the Pohnpei State Public Hospital in Nett with Department of Health Services Director Dr. Elizabeth Keller.

On Wednesday, Babauta attended the Opening of the FSM Congress Special Session, where he was recognized by the national congress. The U.S. delegation then toured infrastructure projects being built with Amended Compact funding: Kolonia Elementary School, Nanpei Memorial School in Kitti, Pohnlangas High School in Madolehnmw, and a medical dispensary in Madolehnmw. The three schools are part of \$4.5 million in Compact Infrastructure Sector projects slated to be completed this August.

On July 29, Assistant Secretary Babauta and his delegation travelled with U.S. Ambassador Peter A. Prahar to Chuuk. The delegation first called upon Chuuk State Governor Wesley Simina at the Governor's Office in Weno. That evening, Governor Simina hosted a dinner in the Assistant Secretary's honor at the Truk Stop Hotel.

On Friday morning, the U.S. delegation visited schools and medical dispensaries on the islands of Chuuk Lagoon, including Tonowas, Etten, and Fefan. They were accompanied by FSM Senator Joe N. Suka, who represents these areas. In the afternoon, the Assistant Secretary met with Mr. Alan Burnham and the staff at the Chuuk Financial Control Commission (CFCC). Later that day Babauta received a briefing and tour of Chuuk State Hospital from Department of Health Service Director Julio Marar, as well as of the Chuuk Public Utility Corporation (CPUC) Power Plant by CPUC Acting CEO Larry Gouland.

The U.S. delegation rounded out the visit with a tour of the Amended Compact funded Weno Road Project. The 4.2 mile, twenty-five million dollar initiative includes construction of new water and sewer lines. Currently in Phase I, the project is set to be completed in 2012.



President Manny Mori and Assistant Secretary for the US Department of the Interior



Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa explains the Pohnpeian tradition of sakau to Chief of Staff Kasio Mida, Nick Bula, and Tony Babauta of the USDOI and President Manny Mori

Astronomical Tide Prediction August 9 - August 22, 2010

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	08/09		08/16		08/09		08/16	
	02:36AM	4.4	12:57AM	1.5	01:52AM	2.4	02:20AM	1.0
	09:26AM	0.3	06:24AM	2.7	09:47AM	-0.4	09:26AM	0.0
	03:19PM	3.0	12:25PM	1.2	03:39PM	0.6	05:50PM	1.6
	08:45PM	0.7	07:25PM	3.3	06:53PM	0.4		
Tuesday	08/10		08/17		08/10		08/17	
	03:14AM	4.6	02:16AM	1.8	02:25AM	2.4	09:18AM	-0.2
	09:55AM	0.2	06:34AM	2.2	10:04AM	-0.3	06:40PM	1.5
	03:49PM	3.3	12:32PM	1.4	03:43PM	0.7		
	09:27PM	0.6	08:42PM	3.1	07:44PM	0.3		
Wednesday	08/11		08/18		08/11		08/18	
	03:51AM	4.6	11:02AM	1.6	02:55AM	2.3	09:22AM	-0.3
	10:23AM	0.2	11:17PM	3.1	10:18AM	-0.2	11:45PM	1.6
	04:21PM	3.5			03:54PM	0.9		
	10:06PM	0.5			08:30PM	0.3		
Thursday	08/12		08/19		08/12		08/19	
	04:26AM	4.5	08:25AM	1.3	03:20AM	2.1	09:30AM	-0.4
	10:51AM	0.3			10:26AM	0.0		
	04:53PM	3.7			04:10PM	1.1		
	10:46PM	0.6			09:13PM	0.4		
Friday	08/13		08/20		08/13		08/20	
	04:59AM	4.2	12:47AM	3.4	03:38AM	1.8	12:29AM	1.7
	11:18AM	0.5	08:33AM	1.1	10:25AM	0.2	09:38AM	-0.3
	05:26PM	3.7	02:40PM	2.2	04:30PM	1.3		
	11:26PM	0.8	06:47PM	1.8	09:55PM	0.5		
Saturday	08/14		08/21		08/14		08/21	
	05:31AM	3.7	01:34AM	3.7	03:41AM	1.4	12:58AM	1.8
	11:43AM	0.7	08:47AM	0.9	10:11AM	0.2	09:40AM	-0.2
	06:00PM	3.7	02:46PM	2.5	04:52PM	1.5		
		07:37PM	1.6	10:38PM	0.7			
Sunday	08/15		08/22		08/15		08/22	
	12:08AM	1.1	02:08AM	3.9	03:20AM	1.1	01:22AM	1.9
	06:00AM	3.2	09:03AM	0.7	09:47AM	0.1	09:35AM	-0.1
	12:06PM	0.9	03:00PM	2.8	05:17PM	1.6	03:58PM	0.6
	06:38PM	3.5	08:12PM	1.4	11:27PM	0.9	06:21PM	0.5

Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency Members Agree on Priorities for Management and Control of Fishing

FSM Information Services

July 15, 2010

Madang, Papua New Guinea - The Sixth Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries (FFA) Committee Ministerial Meeting, which took place on July 7-8 in PNG, agreed on several strategic priorities for management and control of fishing. Australia, the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Niue, the Republic of Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, the Kingdom of Tonga and Tuvalu were represented at Ministerial level; FSM and three other members were represented by Senior Officials, at the meeting.

The Ministers discussed progress to create sustainable fisheries management and development. They approved an FFA/Secretariat of the Pacific Community report, "The Future of Pacific Island Fisheries," for presentation to the next Pacific Islands Forum meeting which outlines some of the key challenges faced by Pacific Island leaders as custodians of fisheries over the next few decades.

The meeting saw the adoption of the "Regional Moni-

...Simion

Continued from front page

tional Hospital in Palau.

The PIO release said that Simeon encountered long liners, purse seiners and merchant ships in the distance, but was not successful in getting their attention. It didn't say whether or not he had signaling equipment.

The release said that President Mori and his staff visited with Simion in the hospital in Palau. Before departing Mori "personally assisted Simeon with the financial means to purchase clothing, toiletries and 'hotel accommodation' in Palau."

The press office was careful to mention that Gerson Jackson, Consul General of the FSM in Guam, processed a Travel Certification Letter from the Consulate, addressed to Continental Airlines and the U.S. Immigration Services to authorize Simeon's entry into the U.S. territory(Guam) without a passport.

Simion was transported to the Pohnpei State Hospital after his arrival. During our three visits to the hospital after Simeon's arrival, family members told The Kaselehlie Press that he was too weak for an interview. From what we could see from the door of his private room they were not at all being over protective.

toring, Control and Surveillance Strategy," which outlines strategies and actions for regional cooperation to control illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the Pacific Islands. The Ministers also endorsed the implementation of the "Regional Economic Integration in Pacific Tuna Fisheries Program" as a tool to assist FFA members gain additional economic returns from their fishery resources.

Also on the agenda was the appointment of a nominee to fill the FFA Deputy Director vacancy. The Ministers appointed James Movick, FSM Fisheries Advisor, to the position. The vacancy was created when Su'a N.F. Tanielu was appointed from the position of

FFA Deputy Director to the position of FFA Director General. Movick's nomination was endorsed by President Mori prior to the Ministerial Meeting.

Bernard Thoulag, Managing Director of the FSM National Oceanic Resource Management Authority, arrived in PNG to attend the Ministerial Meeting, but became too ill to take part in the event; he passed away in PNG, on July 7, 2010. The Ministers noted the sad passing of their colleague, stating that Thoulag was one of the true statesmen in Pacific fisheries whose loss will be sorely felt. They all expressed their sincere condolences to Thoulag's family.

iLink

For more information, Call
Honiara Office Tel: 677-3263740
Chuuk Office Tel: 687-3353307
Pohnpei Office Tel: 680-333-2104
Koror Office Tel: 681-170-3104

connect with the world!

\$139.00

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Opera Mini
- Track Ball
- WiFi/EDGE/Bluetooth
- 2.0Mega Camera

Hurry while supplies last!

Q900
GSM Mobile Phone

- Dual Active Sims(850/900/1800/1900MHz)
- FM Radio
- 3.5mm High Quality Stereo Headset, True Enjoy
- TFT 2.4" QVGA Color Display
- Gravity Sensor
- Java

fsmtc

www.telecom.fm
Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation

"I was hitchhiking the other day and a hearse stopped. I said, "No thanks. I'm not going that far." Stephen Wright

U.S. Advisory Council On Historic Preservation holds training in Yap

*Embassy of the
United States of America Kolonia*

On July 26-27, the U.S. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) conducted a training course in Kolonia, Yap State. Hosted by the Yap Historic Preservation Office and held in conjunction with the National Park Service's Pacific Island Historic Preservation Annual Consultation Meeting, the two-day course provided an overview of the federal preservation program and introduced the purposes and principles of historic preservation reviews conducted under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which requires federal agencies to assess the effects of their projects on historic properties.

During the course, ACHP archaeologist Dr. Tom McCulloh and Historian and Preservation Planner Blythe Semmer emphasized issues relevant to the Pacific environment. U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Peter A. Prahar

thanked the Council and the participants in the course for their efforts to protect and preserve Yap's unique historical legacy.

The ACHP promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of the United States' historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. ACHP also administers the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The goal of the NHPA is to encourage federal agencies to act as responsible stewards of national resources when their actions affect historical properties. The ACHP is the only entity with the legal responsibility to encourage federal agencies to factor historic preservation into federal job projects.

Following the Yap program, the ACHP delegation traveled to Pohnpei on July 27-28 to meet Pohnpei State Historic Preservation staff.

Yap's anti-smoking bill passes into Yap State Law

*Yap Department of Youth and Social
Affairs*

Yap State Governor Sebastian Anefal wrote to Speaker Charles Chieng on July 9, 2010 and advised him that the veto overridden Bill No. 7-99 is now Yap State Law No. 7-75.

In his transmittal letter to the Speaker on Friday July 9, 2010, Governor Anefal said, "It is with the utmost pleasure to return to you the overridden veto of Bill No. 7-99 in the form of Yap State Law No. 7-75, pursuant to section 225 of Title I of the Yap State Code".

The Governor has stated that copies of the Yap State Law No. 7-75 have been disseminated to all concerned state authorities to keep them informed of the override on July 8, 2010 by the Legislature of his veto of bill No. 7-99 on June 30, 2010. He added that in the same vein, all concerned enforcement agencies, in respect to implementation of Yap State Law No. 7-75, are hereby directed to mobilize for full implementation of the law as of to date.

According to his veto message of bill No. 7-99 to the Legislature dated June 29, Governor Anefal explained that he has exercised his constitutional authority to veto Bill No. 7-99 in its entirety. As stated in Section of 402 of the bill, its purpose is to "ensure for non-smokers a consistent level of basic protections statewide from exposure to secondhand smoke".

The Governor said, "while I do agree completely with this objective, I believe the bill is laying down more restrictions than necessary to achieve it. For instances, it prohibits smoking in such privately-managed places as bars, restaurants, and common areas of multi-residential buildings among others. There are examples of business establishments that depend as much on the patronage of both smokers and non-smokers. Instead of banning smoking in these establishments out right, allowing them to designate smoking areas for their smoking patrons according well defined criteria that assure protection for non-smokers can achieve the

See "Anti-Smoking" on page 12

~ Computer Networks International ~

Computer Network Infrastructure Solutions

Computer Sales & Training

- IBM /SONY /TOSHIBA /APPLE-MAC Desktop and Laptop Systems
- Desktop Applications (Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint, FrontPage and many more....)
- Office Productivity Workshops
- Practical "How-To-Topics"
- Database, Access, SQL, ASP, Net
- File Conversions from MAC to IBM-Compatible, and vice versa
- Scanning Services
- Adobe Photoshop Designing
- Networking



Database Management, Consultancy & Training

- Land Database Reporting System
- Computerized Accounting, General Ledger
- Loan Management System - Credit Union Database
- Voters ID Database Analysis & Restoration
- Voters Registration Database Analysis & Restoration
- Advance Automated Spreadsheets for Payroll, Inventory, Budget Preparation and much more...
- Personnel and Labor Database Management

Website Design & Development

- Website Training and Consultancy
- Marketing Consulting - Hosting & Maintenance
- Programming: HTML Dynamics - Database Website
- Create, Publish & Update Your website

The best Data Recovery & Repair Technology in the FSM for your laptop and/or desktop

Technical services & Computer Parts

- **FREE** Checkup
- Repair, Upgrade & Data Recovery
- Remove viruses, spywares & other harmful software
- Safely clean and repair your Windows Registry
- Replace Laptop Parts: Video, LCD Unit, Battery, KB

Gigabit Ethernet & Wireless Networking

- Installation, Setup & Configuration
- Interactive Database Networking
- Security & Administration
- Protocol Settings & Security
- Wireless installation & Configuration

Registered with Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Areas of Expertise: Database, Networking, Website Development and Computer Training
Tel: (691) 320-2876/2685 - Fax: (691) 320-2831 E-mail: support@cnifsm.net



JG Store &

Located in the Ampulos Building close to 4TY Store
Phone # 320 - 6313

JG2 STORE

Located on Kaselehlie Street in Kolonia across from Amcres
Phone # 320 - 4666

Back 2 School Sale!!



For the
Guys!

Buy
1 Get
1 Free



Buy 1 Get 1 FREE



- Mobile Speakers
W/ USB
- MP3/4 Players
- Ipods
Much More!!
Come down and see
the wide selection



Cell Phone with
Portable speakers

Shoes -
Buy One Pair Get Another
at Half Price



Branded slipper
for men -
two pairs for only \$5!



For
the
Girls!



Girls Slippers -
Buy three pairs for only \$5!

Girls shorts - Buy one @ only \$20
and get 2 FREE!



Ladies Capris - Buy 1 Get 1
FREE

US Ambassador's remarks at Memorial Dedication Ceremony "Remember the Fallen"

By *Peter A. Prahar*
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of the United
States of America

July 27, 2010

Yap, Federated States of Micronesia - Honorable Governor Sebastian L. Anefal, Lieutenant Governor Anthony M. Tareg, Director Larry Raigetel, members of the families of Ensign Edward Cox and Ensign Howard Holding, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

I wish to especially thank the Missing Air-Crew Project, the History Flight Organization, the Yap Visitor's Bureau, the Yap Department of Public Works, and the Yap Department of Public Safety for making this memorial and this special day possible.

I'd also like to recognize the personal efforts of Tom Tamangmow, Don Evans, Mark Noah, and Patrick and Cherie Ranz Franz.

These individuals and organizations have teamed up to ensure that at long last there is a proper, permanent memorial to Ensign Joseph E. Cox and all the other men who lost their lives near Yap during World War II, some of whose remains have not yet been recovered.

I can't think of any greater honor for an American Ambassador than to stand before the families of servicemen who have fallen in defense of freedom in order to recognize their service and to ensure that their sacrifice will not be forgotten.

In 1947, the great American writer James Michener published *Tales of the South Pacific*, a collection of stories based on his experiences in the Pacific theater during World War II.

Michener concluded the preface to this collection of stories with a comment that I think applies to all American men and women who have gone to war: "They will live a long time, these men of the South Pacific. They had an American quality."

I of course didn't know Ensign Joseph Cox,

or Ensign Howard Holding, or Lieutenant Harry Brown, or any of the other thirty-two fighter pilots who took off from the carriers USS Enterprise, USS Franklin, and USS San Jacinto on the afternoon of September 6, 1944.

But I know Ensign Joseph Cox, Ensign Howard Holding, Lieutenant Harry Brown, and the other thirty-two fellow fighter pilots had an American quality.

I know they stepped forward from civilian life after the U.S. was attacked to defend their country and the freedom of others.

I know they volunteered for some of the most demanding training in the U.S. Armed Forces, which they successfully completed to earn their wings.

I know they routinely took off and landed on the decks of carriers at night and in all kinds of weather – perhaps the greatest challenges that an aviator can face, challenges that can be met only by the "best of the best."

I know they told their families and friends not to worry - they'd be home safe and sound after defeating the enemy and ending the war, but not a minute sooner.

I know that on September 6, 1944, 35 Hellcat pilots gathered in the ready rooms on their carriers to receive a briefing on that afternoon's mission.

I wasn't there, but I think I can tell you how it was.

The briefers described the route, the weather, the targets, the rendezvous and recovery points, and the expected Japanese defense. The airmen gathered in those briefing rooms completely understood the risks they would face on that day's mission over Yap, as in previous missions.

I'm sure none of them even hinted at having concerns or second thoughts and – being young American men – the probably even joked and kidded each other as they suited up and climbed into their aircraft.

I know they had confidence in their equipment, in their professional training, and in their fellow sailors and airmen.

Above all, I know these young men were certain that their cause was just and that the United States and its allies would prevail over the aggressor and occupier.

They were determined to do their part and see their duty through to the end.

Ensign Joseph Cox, Ensign Howard Holding, Lieutenant Harry Brown, and their fellow airmen did indeed have an American quality.

They were – all of them – heroes.

In the preface to *Tales of the South Pacific*, Michener wrote too that the soldiers, sailors, and airmen whose stories he told will "like their victories, [be] remembered as long as our generation lives. After that, like the men of the Confederacy, they will become strangers. Longer and longer shadows will obscure them, until their Guadalcanal sounds distant on the ear like Shiloh and Valley Forge."

Michener was of course correct: Memories do fade.

Those who knew these heroes personally carried with them throughout their lives the sacred memory of their beloved son, brother, husband, and father who gave his life so that others may live in peace and freedom.

They carried with them the sacred memory of one who missed out on so much that a full life has to offer.

But I think that the Cox and Holding family members here today will agree that Ensign Cox and Ensign Holding have not been forgotten.

Their loss has left a legacy of sadness and pride that endures in their families and will be passed on to future generations.

I can also assure you that their sacrifice and the sacrifice of the other servicemen who died here have not been forgotten by the people of Yap.

On March 1st of this year, I watched a troupe of village women singing of the violence and turbulence of those years, of the fear of the villagers as the Americans and Japanese fought over their heads, and

the gratitude they felt towards the Americans who eventually freed this island and brought peace.

Today, as you can see, the Federated States of Micronesia is a peaceful, democratic country closely allied with the United States.

In fact, today men and women from the Federated States of Micronesia serve honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces.

These individuals include President Mori's daughter, who is in the U.S. Air Force, and Vice President Alik's son, who is in the U.S. Army.

You can say that our citizens standing side by side to defend our two countries today is the lasting legacy of the terrible experience we shared 65 years ago.

So, too, those events of more than 65 years ago, and the decades-old, personal stories of those who fought and died in them, have a painfully relevant message for us today.

We think of the men and women fighting today in Afghanistan and Iraq defending not just America but the entire world against those who would use terror to impose their will upon others.

Many of them – including citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia – have been killed in this fight.

Two of them are buried here in Yap: Sergeant Steven Bayow, who was killed in action in Iraq in 2005, and Specialist Eric Finniginam, who was killed in action in Afghanistan on May First of this year.

We can imagine that 65 years from now their families will be feeling and remembering in the way we are now.

But I know our nations will remain eternally grateful for their service, their valor, and their sacrifice as we are for the service, valor, and sacrifice of those to whom we dedicate this memorial today.

Let us all "Remember the Fallen."

Thank you.

...Anti-smoking

Continued from page 10

purpose intended in that bill without discouraging or alienating a segment of their patrons. It is bad policy for the government to over regulate the private sector".

The Governor has stated that the same concern applies with respect to government buildings. There are government employees who smoke and the State does receive guests and dignitaries

who smoke. We can enact a law that allows for the designations of smoking areas in non-health related government buildings in accordance with strict and well-defined criteria that effectively protect non-smokers against second-hand smoke.

Governor Anefal said he understands that smokers in business establishments and government buildings can go outside and smoke at an unenclosed areas more than 50 feet away from the exists, entrances, windows, and air intakes to these places. But the point is that we

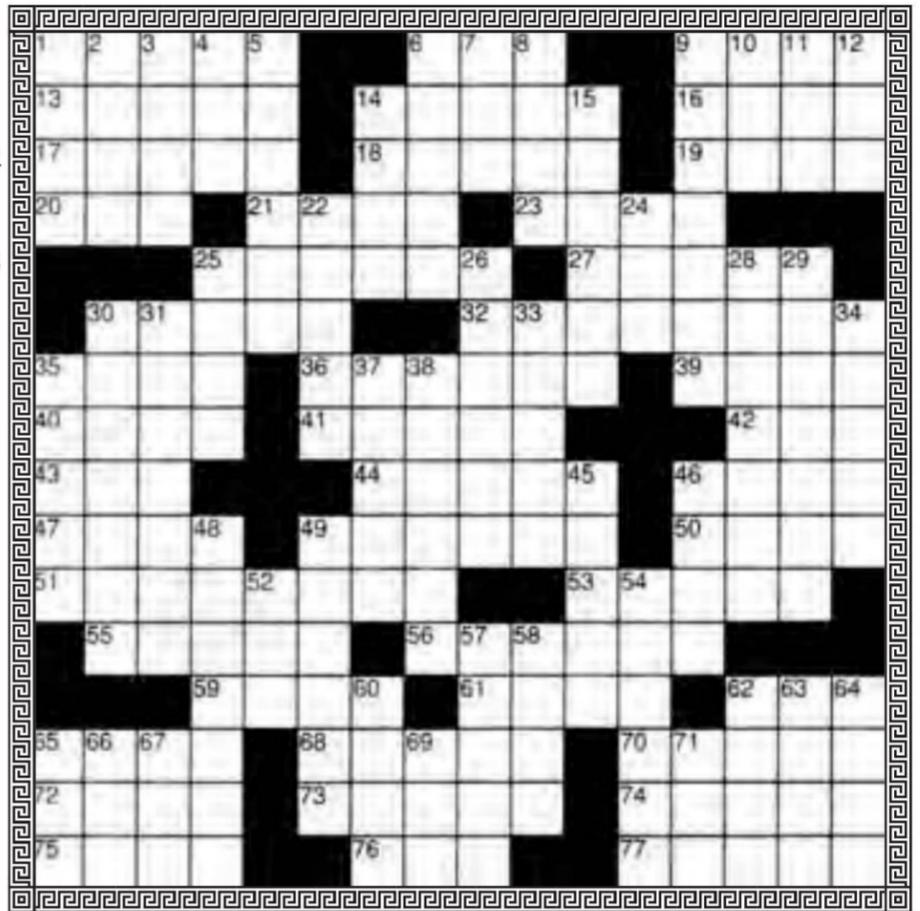
can still protect non-smokers against secondhand smoke without having to compel smokers into the inconveniences of having to leave buildings in order to smoke. Moreover, it would be unimaginable how the crew and passengers traveling on government-owned vessels, or cruise ships in Yap's territorial waters, could cope with the intent of this legislative measure when less than 50 feet in every direction is deep water. No doubt a larger segment of our population will be in trouble with the law if it is fully enforced, which in itself will be an added cost to the gov-

ernment.

In conclusion, the Governor said smoking is a bad habit that the State needs to continue discouraging. But it is a habit embedded by an addiction extremely hard to break from for most people, and rooted in customs and traditions of our people. That's why he would recommend a gradual process of discouragement by starting first with the designation of effective smoking areas, followed by rigorous public education, then stringent legislation of this nature.

C r o s s w o r d - *This Instant!*

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1. Destroy
6. Hubbub
9. What stars have
13. Precipice
14. It's out of control
16. The yoke's on them
17. A tale told by an
...
18. Pizzazz
19. Shred
20. Poker place
21. Atresemble, perhaps
23. Secure
25. Whipped-up dessert
27. Impressive acts
30. Amulet
32. Space stalker
35. Sideline Snidely
36. Scrapbook filler
39. Spouse
40. Trick
41. Gullible rustic
42. Vampire's fear
43. Elect
44. Cocoon creator
46. This instant!
47. Slimy something
49. Spring up?</p> | <p>50. Strokes
51. Love song
53. Dodge
55. It pours slowly
56. When to say grace
59. Mix
61. Drink order word
62. Kid's card game
65. Religious scholar
68. Grans
70. Ghost writer?
72. Impresses
73. Hagrid, for one
74. School report
75. Track event
76. Repair hair
77. Sign spotters</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1. Paper ____
2. Have at again
3. Reduce a sentence?
4. "Long" follower
5. Sky stalker
6. Bosun's howdys
7. Water blocker
8. Beg your</p> | <p>pardon!
9. Prepare
10. You might have one to grind
11. Shakespearean troupe members
12. Terminus
14. Machinery bits
15. Elevator passages
22. Squat
24. Charge
25. Like 11 Down
26. Buffet types
28. Lit
29. Put into a position
30. Square dancers
31. School class
33. Undo a riddle
34. Repair shop assignments
35. Hoppers
37. Punctured
38. Passed through final inspection
45. Circus site
46. Fight
48. Continue
49. Type of hole
52. Screwy place</p> |
|---|---|--|



- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>54. Kills a bill
57. Insipid
58. Where to bring worms
60. Surprise attack
62. Sage
63. Slightly cracked
64. You might catch them at</p> | <p>the beach
65. Orange spud
66. Have chits out
67. Gosh!
69. Not yea
71. Purpose</p> |
|--|---|

K P r e s s P u z z l e P l e a s u r e

Full House

You should have a BLAST solving this Full House, which contains 67 hidden words. If you DARE, challenge yourself and see how quickly you can complete it. When you're done, each letter will have been circled at least once.

ABOUT	ENEMY	LIST	RANT
APATHY	FIFTY	LOFTY	RASP
ARMED	FIRST	METEOR	ROOST
ARREST	GRADE	MIGHT	SAVE
ATOM	GREAT	MORAL	SEAL
AVOID	GREW	NARROW	SEVERAL
AWRY	HARM	NATION	SHOE
BEING	HEEL	NOME	TABS
BILL	ICICLE	OGRE	TAIL
BLAST	INSIST	OVEN	TILL
CLAM	ISLE	OVERT	TOIL
COCOA	JUMP	PALE	TOME
DARE	KNOW	PALLOR	VILE
DENTAL	L Aid	PEST	VINE
DENY	LEAD	PSALM	WINCE
DRONE	LEAVE	RAID	ZEBRA
ELECT	LINGER	RANGER	



Solutions in Next Issue Solutions in Next Issue Solutions in Next Issue

**K.P. Crazy
Korner**

**Me
Time:**

I didn't lose my mind, I
auctioned it at Quiz Night!

**Island
Inspiration:**

Englieh

101:

Eliminate and
eradicate redundancy

*Knowledge talks,
wisdom listens*

**What if there
were no rhetorical questions?**



Daffy Definition: Lawnmower - Coup degrass



Old is
not for
sissies

Papa Says:

**Mama
Says:**

Free
hugs
today!



ANOTHER CLASSIC
LIMERICK BROUGHT TO YOU BY
TRASHBUSTERS

To manage to keep up a brain,
It's no easy job, it is plain;
That's why a great many
Don't ever use any,
Thus avoiding the care and the strain.

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION
SERVICE IN KOLONIA, U, NETT, & SOKEHS

PLEASE HELP KEEP POHNPEI ISLAND
CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL

CALL ☎ 320-3868 or 320-5058

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

The Community Bulletin is a free message board exclusive to announcements. To post your announcements to The Kaselehlie Press:

P. O. Box 2222 phone to: (691) 320-6547
Pohnpei, FM 96941 email to: kpress@mail.fm

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- 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 Baha'i Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: - rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too!. Call: 320-2496

Medical College Approved for Chuuk

FSM Information Services

July 16, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei (NDOE) - On July 10, 2010, Education Secretary Casiano Shoniber endorsed the charter document for the creation of "The New Tokyo Medical College" (the "Medical College") in the FSM. The Medical College is set to be headquartered on Weno, Chuuk State, with extensions in all four FSM States. The first charter class will start on January 24, 2011, at the Pohnpei extension; negotiations regarding the Pohnpei campus location are currently under way.

tion, Ms. Gardenia Aisek, and Chuuk Governor Wesley Simina, to establish the Medical College's headquarters on Weno.

Tuition-waiver scholarships will be awarded to 25 students of the first class of 2011, 10 slots for Pohnpei students, and then 5 slots for each Yap, Chuuk and Kosrae. The Medical College is targeting an initial enrollment of approximately 45 students; students from Guam, CNMI and other neighboring Pacific Island States will be considered on the basis of space availability. The tuition for FSM Nationals will be \$3,500 per school year, and \$7,000 for non-FSM Nationals.

Last March 2010, Dr. Christian Hong of Hanseo University of South Korea worked with the National Department of Education (NDOE) staff, to complete an application securing a charter from the FSM Government, granting him the authority to establish a non-public school in the FSM. Hong also received the blessings of the new Director of Educa-

The Medical College will principally offer the degree of "Doctor in Medicine;" however, Hong emphasized that in the near future, the Medical College plans to offer MBAs, and BAs in Japanese Studies, as well as in Marine Biology. The teachers, for the most part, will be US citizens.

Partners Discuss Cancer Prevention Awareness Related to Food, Nutrition and Physical Activity

By Areline Joakim

On July 21, 2010, a one day cancer prevention meeting with 25 participants was held at Island Food Community of Pohnpei Training Center in the Botanical garden.

The purpose of the meeting was to focus on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Prevention of cancer. The meeting was facilitated by Island Food community of Pohnpei, FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs, Pohnpei State Department of Health Services, Pohnpei Comprehensive Cancer Coalition and other partners.

Dr. Lois Englberger, IFCP discussed the Food, Nutrition, Physical activity recommendations to prevent Cancer. She pointed out that the very first recommendation of the World Cancer Research Fund/American Institute of Cancer Research is to "be as lean as possible within the normal range of body weight".

Emihner Johnson gave the IFCP standard talk, and Areline Joakim presented the IFCP School visits.

Other important presenters were Dr. Ral-ly Jim, X-ner Luther, and Esuroi Yoma from Pohnpei Public Health.

Berno Hedson presented on breastfeeding promotion and pointed out that breastfeeding protects against breast cancer.

On behalf of the Kosrae Kolonia Christian Women Association, Shra Alik and Julia Skillinmade a presentation on tobacco control and how the Kolonia Kosrae Christian Women Association is working in this area, and Jeannette Kojane, Pacific Cancer Specialist from the University of Hawaii, shared about the Pacific CEED Legacy Project.

A cancer survivor Elizabeth Hadley shared her testimony that she stopped eating rice and asked to tell other cancer survivors that they can change their lives and become healthy.

A panel discussion led by Moses Pretrick and Dr. Johnny Hedson pointed out the health problems that come from drinking soft drinks and stressed the importance of introducing policy to help control soft drink consumption.

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei would like to thank all the participants that joined the meeting and especially Mona Tara for the local food lunches.

Special thanks are also given to Pacific CEED Project and Global Environment Facility Small Grant Program for funding and support.



Pohnpei Celebrates World Breastfeeding Week

By Dr. Lois Englberger

Every year around the world, World Breastfeeding Week, August 1-7, is celebrated in many countries to help promote breastfeeding. Breastfeeding provides so many benefits for the infant:- protection against respiratory infection, ear infection, childhood diabetes, and many other diseases, improved cognitive development and mental development, less risk to obesity and diabetes later on in life and decreased risk to tooth decay.

The breastfeeding mom benefits too, as she loses weight gained during pregnancy, and breastfeeding reduces the risk of a mom to breast, uterine and ovarian cancer, as well as benefiting child spacing.

Berno Hedson, the Pohnpei Breastfeeding Focal Point, based at Pohnpei State Department of Health, led the activities this year, with support by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei. The first breastfeeding promotion activity was that of a radio panel discussion led by Emihner Johnson, who interviewed Ms. Hedson on the benefits of breastfeeding, and comments by Dr. Lois Englberger. Warm thanks are expressed to V6AH radio,

including their staff member Dai Lorens.

As the main activity for the week, Ms. Hedson organized an 18-hour course on breastfeeding for new staff at the hospital and for others as a refresher. This was held August 3, 4, and 5.

Another activity this year was the re-printing and distribution of the Breast is Best stickers for placing on car bumpers for additional awareness of how BREAST IS BEST. There is really no substitute for breastmilk, breast is the best!!!

The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) leads activities for the World Breastfeeding Week and this year chose to focus on the 10 Steps to Successful Breastfeeding. This is also a major part of the 18-hour course taught by Ms. Hedson. More information can be obtained from www.waba.org.my and at www.worldbreastfeedingweek.org.

Thanks are given to support by the Pohnpei State Department of Health, Global Environmental Facility Small Grant Program, and US Forestry.



Kapinga Village learns about foods rich in Beta-Carotene to help avoid certain cancers

By Michelle Hanson

A one day workshop was held on June 21, 2010 in Kapinga Village, in Kolonia, Pohnpei, to learn about foods rich in beta-carotene, which are known to help prevent certain cancers. The workshop was coordinated by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP), and the training was given by Emihner Johnson, local food educator. As part of the training, Emihner gave participants the laminated beta-carotene food chart with pictures that portray how much beta-carotene is in different local foods versus how much is in rice. There is no beta-carotene in rice.

The IFCP stresses the importance of eating local foods rich in beta-carotene, such as orange and yellow flesh bananas and giant swamp taro, because they help protect against diabetes, heart disease, certain cancers, vitamin A deficiency, and anemia (weak blood).

In addition to the workshop, University of Arizona student Michelle Hanson administered a survey to local participants. The survey is part of an evaluation to determine if nutrition interventions held in Kapinga Village were successful. The interventions include

a charcoal oven workshop which took place in July, 2009, cooking classes provided by the COM-FSM Cooperative Extension Services in February, 2010, and a container gardening workshop which took place in July, 2009, and the follow up visits to homes, which took place over several months. Some residents of Kapinga Village were also given papaya and lemon grass seedlings in May, 2010.

Over thirty participants took part in the June 21 workshop and survey. After the workshop, house to house interviews were conducted to target the rest of the households that took part in the interventions. The interviews were done by Emihner, Michelle, Cassandra Cantero, Henrich Mateak, Edelinda Sproy, and Emelihda Amida. The results of the surveys and interviews will be analyzed by Michelle as part of her research for a Master's degree in Public Health at the University of Arizona. The results will be shared with all those interested in Pohnpei, as coordinated by the IFCP.

A special thanks to the community of Kapinga Village and their leaders, Henrich Mateak and Sosden Gamure and to the funding agencies Pacific CEED Legacy and US Forestry.

FSM faring well in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau

Debra Daniel of Pohnpei may have a hard time getting past metal detectors on her way home from the games

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

According to the official site of the 7th Micronesia Games, (www.sportingpulse.com/medal.cgi?mt=17&pID=2) at the end of three days of competition, on August 4, Pohnpei was fourth in the medals race with 23 medals. In terms of standings Pohnpei currently ranks third behind the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) and Palau for third place in the standings. The Marshall Islands had more medals than Pohnpei but they are currently ranked fourth in the standings.

The Micro Games conclude on the 10th of August. Chuuk was sixth with seven total medals. Yap was seventh with six medals earned. Kosrae had earned two medals for eighth place in the medals earnings.

CNMI had won the most medals at 51. They were followed by Palau with 49 medals. The Republic of the Marshall Islands earned 34. Guam had earned 14 medals while Kiribati had yet to win any medals.

CNMI was first in the gold medal race with 27. They were followed by Palau at 14 and Pohnpei with nine gold medals. Chuuk had earned two gold medals while Yap and Kosrae had not yet won any gold medals.

In the silver category, Palau was first with 17 silvers, followed by the Marshall Islands with 14, CNMI with 12 and Pohnpei with eight. Chuuk had earned three silvers which ranked them at sixth in the silver's race. Yap was seventh with two silver medals.

The top bronze medal winner is currently Palau with 18. The Marshall Islands

had earned 13. CNMI currently has 12. Pohnpei earned six for fourth place in the bronze category. Yap had four bronzes for sixth place. Chuuk and Kosrae each have earned two bronze medals and are tied for 7th place in that medals category.

Debra Daniel may not be able to get past the metal detectors when she returns through Guam. FSM athletes have performed on a stellar level after only three days of competition. Daniel has single-handedly scored six gold medals and six silver medals for events in which she has competed. That's more than half of the total medals currently earned by Pohnpei State competitors and nearly a third of all of the medals won by athletes from the Federated States of Micronesia in the events to date.

She won those medals in events that ranged in distance from 50 to 800 meters in races that took place during only two days of competition. It's obvious from the results that Ms. Daniel who competed in freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke, and butterfly events is an all around swimmer and a champion. She is certainly a darling of the FSM in the 7th Micronesian Games.

We're hoping that when she returns to Pohnpei from the games that she will consent to an interview with The Kaselehlie Press. (Yes, Ms. Daniel, we're calling you out!!)

FSM Medals earnings by each FSM State, taken from the official website of the games are as follows (the order in which the States are listed is based on total medals earned after three days of competition. Individual medals are listed in the order of the events through August 4):



Debra Daniel, gold medal winner bows during the playing of the FSM national anthem. Australia's Ambassador to the FSM, Palau, and the RMI Susan Cox (right) presented the medals. (Photo by Walden Weilbacher)

Pohnpei State

Men's 200 Meter Medley Relay—Dionisio Augustine II, Anderson Bonapart, Jasper Ponapart, and Justine Rodriguez—Bronze Medal—finishing time 2:06.54

Women's 100 Meter Back stroke—Debra Daniel—Gold Medal—finishing time 1:16.63

Women's 100 Meter Fly—DebraDaniel—Gold Medal—finishing time 1:14.19

Women's 200 Meter Free—Debra Daniel—Silver Medal—finishing time 2:26.97

The 7th Micronesian Games opens in Palau

FSM Information Services

Koror, Palau—The Opening Ceremony for the 7th Micronesian Games was held on Sunday August 1, 2010, at 5PM at the Palau Track and Field. The ceremony showcased a parade of athletes, delegations, and game officials with their flags from ten island na-



tions of Micronesia: the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Kiribati, Nauru and the host country Palau.

More than 1,000 competitors are participating in the games covering 14 sporting events. These cover the classic sports of athletics, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, swimming, triathlon, weightlifting, wrestling, table tennis and tennis; but also the more traditional sports of outrigger canoeing, spear-fishing and the "Micro All Around" which involves climbing coconut trees, husking coconuts, grating them and diving.

Women's 200 Meter IM—Debra Daniel—Gold Medal—finishing time 2:43.74

Men's 10000 Meter—Rendelius Germinaro—Silver Medal—38:30.67

Greco Roman Wrestling 60kg—Reedson Nakasone—Bronze Medal

Greco Roman Wrestling 84kg—Mike Ioanis—Bronze Medal

Men's 50 Meter Breaststroke—Dionisio Augustine II—Bronze Medal—finishing time 34.82

Men's Shot Put—Ron Etscheitt—Silver Medal—Distance 11.45 meters

Women's 100 Meter Free—Debra Daniel—Gold Medal—finishing time 1:06.65

Women's 400 Meter Free—Debra Daniel—Silver Medal—finishing time 5:14.01

Women's 50 Meter Backstroke—Debra Daniel—Silver Medal—5:14.01

Women's 50 Meter Breast stroke—Debra Daniel—Silver Medal—finishing time 40.55

Men's Discus Throw—Clayton Maluwelgiye—Gold Medal—distance 38.15 meters

Men's Micronesian All Around—Eugene Alfons—Gold Medal—111 points

Tennis Women's Team—Pohnpei Women's Tennis team—Bronze Medal

Women's 100 meter sprint—Mihter Wendolin—Bronze Medal—finishing time 13.51

Women's 200 meter Backstroke—Debra Daniel—Gold Medal—2:44.97

Women's 50 meter Butterfly—Debra Daniel—Silver Medal—finishing time 32.83

Women's 50 meter Freestyle—Debra Daniel—Silver Medal—finishing time 30.65

Women's 800 meter Freestyle—Debra Daniel—Gold Medal—10:59.36

Women's Long Jump—Mihter Wendolin—Gold Medal—4.55 meters

Chuuk State
Greco Roman wrestling 55kg—Curtis Graham—Bronze Medal

Greco Roman wrestling 60kg—Serino Matheus—Silver Medal

Greco Roman wrestling 74kg—Keitoni Graham—Gold Medal

Greco Roman wrestling 84kg—Uleysus Peter—Silver Medal

Greco Roman wrestling 96kg—John Fritz—Bronze Medal

Men's Triple Jump—Pernor Hartman—Silver Medal—11.99 meters

Men's 100 meter sprint—John Howard—Gold Medal—finishing time 11.04

Yap State
Greco Roman wrestling 55kg—Riley Hagsugulmal—Bronze Medal

Greco Roman wrestling 66kg—Rickson Luthog—Bronze Medal

Greco Roman wrestling 74kg—Joe Haflei—Bronze Medal

Greco Roman Wrestling 96 kg—Dukay Tairuweepiy—Silver Medal

Men's Shot Put—Daniel Ramngen—Bronze Medal—distance 10.94 meters

Men's Discus Throw—Edmand Faymau—Silver Medal—33.81

Kosrae State
Greco Roman Wrestling 120kg—Killin A. Kun—Bronze Medal

Tennis Men's Team—Kosrae Men's Tennis Team—Bronze Medal