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Yap holds its Third Annual Canoe Festival

By *Arlynn Chugen*
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Yap held its Third Annual Canoe Festival on the 11th, 12th, 13rd of November at Colonia. The three-day event consisted of demonstrations and activities both in and out of the water. People from all age groups participated in these activities, which were enjoyed by spectators from on and off-island. Though it poured rain for one entire day and sprinkled almost during the entire three-day event, the weather did not seem to faze the spirit of the festival, especially the activities held in the bay.

According to Tim Bigelow, the chairman of the canoe festival committee, the committee had met for months to plan the festival. Though there were many challenges during the event, Bigelow also said that the races in the water were exciting and had a lot of spectators cheering.

“Personally, after all the headaches, troubles and issues we had to deal with, on Sunday night watching all the kids dancing to the Island Brothers and watching them really enjoying themselves, I knew it was all worth it,” said Bigelow in an email interview.

The festival started with youth events -trials and youth swimming contests - and warmed up to the opening ceremony which began with speeches. The Honorable Sebastian Anefal, Yap State governor, in his speech formally acknowledged the presence of honored guests. Governor Anefal also thanked the dignitaries for attending the third annual canoe festival.



Traditional canoe crossing the finish line during the long distance race

There were various demonstrations throughout the whole event. They included rope making, sail weaving, voyage chant, voyage food preparation, navigation, and canoe capsizing.

Additionally, the festival for the first time had a Learning Center which was a tent site where one could visit to see first hand how local crafts and activities were made; this included kite fishing and cooking local food.

The canoe festival, initiated by the Yap Traditional Navigation Society

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Meltdown in downtown Kolonia!

By *Bill Jaynes*
 The Kaselehlie Press

November 18, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—Meriz Caga, bookkeeper/accountant for Pacific Landscaping and Engineering Company (PLEC) will never forget the events of last Tuesday, November 15. That was the day that the engine of the pickup truck in which she was a passenger died in the west bound lane just before the Namiki store at about 11:30 in the morning and wouldn't restart.

Caga was alone in the passenger compartment when she saw the flames. “I thought that I might die and that maybe my

family might not be very happy,” she said in a short telephone interview this afternoon.

Crowds of spectators watched as the fire crew tried to get water onto the blazing vehicle. Many of the spectators were much too close for comfort and traffic through Kolonia Town was completely blocked.



Due to operator error hoses remained flaccid while the PLEC truck burned

When the truck's left front tire burned and blew out with a loud pop the spectators sucked a startled, collective breath and backed off just a tiny bit.

Meanwhile, firefighters wrestled with hoses which remained flat for far too long.

Caga said that she heard something like the sound of a spark before the engine died but didn't know what it was. She smelled a burning smell and told the driver that they should call

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GAO points out weaknesses in assessment of Compact migration FSM says that "inconclusiveness" of the report is one of its main concerns

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

November 23, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—The long awaited report by the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) on the impact of FAS migration to the U.S. and its territories was released last week. (<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d1264.pdf>) The report is appropriately entitled, "Compacts of Free Association: Improvements Needed to Assess and Address Growing Migration."

In the FSM response, James Naich, Charges d'Affaires, ad interim of the FSM Embassy to the United States said "We concur fully with the underlying assumption of the GAO study, and of those who commissioned it, that harcore 'numbers' or data are critical to gaining a fairly accurate picture of the FAS migrant population in the U.S." Any credible action taken should be "based on solid data.

"It is highly desirable to present a comprehensive picture of the situation, showing both the net costs of services extended to the FAS migrants on the one hand and, on the other, the wide range of the migrants' contributions to the communities where they reside," the response said.

But that is not what the FSM says that GAO report provides, "The inconclusiveness of the findings of the GAO report is thus one of our main concerns. Our reading is that, despite its hard work and due diligence, the GAO is simply not in a position to provide a comprehensive picture as to the overall cost..." Naich responded.

What does it provide?

The report describes compact migration to the United States; reviews approaches to the required enumerations of compact migrations; evaluates impact reporting from the affected jurisdictions; and reviews Interior grants related to compact migration.

GAO was charged by Congress to look into the costs of the Compacts of Free Association between the United States and the FSM, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Palau. Specifically GAO was looking into the cost of the Compacts on "affected jurisdictions" as defined under each of the Compacts. Early on in the Compact relationships those jurisdictions included Hawaii, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas islands and American Samoa. After the 2008 enumeration of FAS citizens living in affected jurisdictions showed that only an estimated 15 lived in American Samoa, it was eliminated from the jurisdictions defined as "affected jurisdictions."

The U.S. State of Arkansas is not defined as an "affected jurisdiction" of the compact but by request the GAO also provided information on the growing Marshallese population of northwest Arkansas and their impact.

The report was requested by an influential group of Congress representatives from both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

How many FAS citizens here and how many there?

"The 2008 population of the three FAS is equivalent to about 0.06% of the 2010 U.S. population of 308.7 million, and roughly that same as the 2010 population of Knoxville, Tennessee," the report said in a foot note.

The GAO report said that one of the many things that need correction is the method of enumerating FAS citizens living in U.S. jurisdictions but based on several enumerations of FAS citizens the GAO reported an estimated total of approximately 56,000 "compact migrants." GAO estimates that approximately 68 percent of "compact migrants" are from the FSM, 23 percent from the Marshall Islands, and nine percent from Palau. It says that an estimated 57.6 percent of all compact migrant live in affected jurisdictions: 32.5 percent in Guam, 21.4 percent in Hawaii, and 3.7 percent in the CNMI. Nine mainland states had estimated compact migrant populations of more than 1000. "According to these estimates, although the FSM produced the highest number of migrants, Marshallese predominated in Arizona, Arkansas, California, and Washington," the report said.

It provided charts of approximate populations of compact migrants in U.S. Territories and States.

GAO suggests that there are problems with enumeration methods

In a response to the draft of the audit, the FSM said that the enumeration also seems to include FAS green card holders,

migrants who arrived in the United States before the Compact arrangement. A footnote in the report said that according to a 2003 survey there were 3,909 pre-compact immigrants but that number is in addition to the estimate of 56,000.

Even the definition of the term "compact migrants" has not been equally applied in compact impact reporting. The GAO report says that the enabling legislation for the Amended Compacts of Free Association in 2003 defines "compact migrants" for enumerations purposes as "persons, those persons' children under the age of 18, who pursuant to the compacts are admitted to, or resident in, an affected jurisdiction as of the date of the most recently published enumeration."

A footnote on the report says that the U.S. Department of the Interior interprets that definition as including child of FAS migrants under the age of 18 who are born in the United States.

The U.S. Department of the Interior is required to conduct a census of FAS citizens every five years but the GAO report says that so far the methods used have been flawed in at least one way. Interior has not yet settled on a method for the 2013 census but the GAO says that the preliminary plans indicate that the methods toward which they are currently leaning would have limitations similar to previous methods.

Affected jurisdictions report huge compact impacts

The GAO report says that from 2004 through 2010, the affected jurisdictions' reports to Interior show more than \$1 billion in costs for services related to compact migrants. During that period, Guam's reported costs increased by nearly 111 percent, and Hawaii's costs increased by approximately 108 percent. Reflecting the decline in compact migrant population, CNMI's reported costs decreased by 53 percent.

Each of those affected jurisdiction received \$10 million in federal funds to offset compact related expenditures for a total of \$210 million far short of the \$1 billion they said that they spent as a result of compact immigration.

The affected jurisdictions' impact reports, numerous studies, federal and state officials, and officials from affected jurisdictions have identified several other factors, in addition to growing migrant populations that contribute to the cost of providing public services to compact migrants.

"Compact migrant school children generally lag academically owing to 1)

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U.S. Army Pacific General makes familiarization visit to the FSM “The best way to know a place is to go there; to be ‘on the ground’”

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

November 27, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—Lieutenant General Wiercinski has been to several island nations in the Pacific but his two day visit that ended this morning was his first visit to the FSM.

“You can’t cookie cutter the Pacific. Every place is different and you can’t really know a place just by reading about it. The best way to know a place is to go there; to be ‘on the ground,’” he said at the airport before his departure this morning.

Lt. General Wiercinski commands U.S. Army operations “from Hollywood to Bollywood;” from the West Coast of the United States to India and the Subcontinent. He is the Commanding General of USARPAC, the U.S. Army Pacific Headquarters in Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Peter Prahar, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM said that when he heard that the General was making a trip to Australia he invited him to stop over in Pohnpei. Ambassador Prahar said that the General jumped at the opportunity and had his staff include the visit on his itinerary.

and Secretary State Clinton have said that the Asia and Pacific region is an area of vital importance in the world. “We’re here to stay,” General Wiercinski said in reference to a U.S. presence in the region.

General Wiercinski said that it is important for him to understand the Pacific region for many reasons. “We (the Army) will be involved in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in the region. This is the Pacific and it’s not a matter of if we will be involved, it’s a matter of when.”

He said that the most important reason is engagement with the sovereign governments in the region.

The purpose for the General’s trip to Australia and his reason for the stopover in the FSM is for engagement, relationship building, and understanding. He recently visited New Zealand for the same reason.

“The more you work with people the better you understand each other,” the personable leader said.

He said that while in the FSM he had productive conversations with President Manny Mori and also with Vice President Alik Alik.


Alik’s son, a Sergeant in the U.S. Army serves under General Wiercinski and is in the process of preparing for deployment in Afghanistan. Sergeant Alik’s deployment will be for 12 months. Like the General, Alik is part of the U.S. Army’s Airborne forces.




At the Pohnpei International Airport General Wiercinski views photos of FSM soldiers who have died while on active duty

U.S. leaders including President Obama


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KINISOU CHAPUR!



KALAHNGAN!



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Founder Frank Lyon mapping the Trust Territories in 1975...

Mahalo!

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...for the privilege of “Improving Island Life” since 1961...

Mr. Kasio E. Mida, Sr. appointed Senior Headquarters Executive of MRA

Micronesia Registration Advisors, Inc.

"We are delighted and proud to announce that Mr. Kasio E. Mida, Sr., former Chief of Staff to FSM President Mori, has joined Micronesia Registration Advisors, Inc. as our Senior Headquarters Executive, effective December 1, 2011" according to Mr. Steven K. Baker, Chairman and CEO of MRA. "He will also be our chief protocol officer for MRA in dealing with the FSM Embassy in Japan as well as with other diplomats that might be interested in Micronesia's captive insurance and major corporation investment programs."

Mr. Mida began his career in 1968 as Political Affairs Adviser in the Truk (Chuuk) District Administration, and later as Administrative Officer with the Interim Congress of the FSM, after 7 years of service on Saipan with the former Trust Territory Government. From 1979 Mida served in the Cabinet of the new FSM Government as Personnel Officer for President Nakayama.

In 1986 Mida became the FSM Consul General for Hawaii where he served for 18 years, before being appointed FSM Ambassador to Japan in 2004. From the Tokyo Chancery, Ambassador

Mida also served as FSM's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and the

Republic of Korea. A graduate of Xavier High School in Chuuk and Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Mida is married to the former Ginger Porter of Pohnpei, who is now Postmaster General of the FSM.

Mark J. Heath, MRA's Director and CFO, said "Ambassador Mida was an early leader in promoting Japanese investment into the FSM as well as the FSM's new captive insurance domicile, so he is quite familiar with the government's programs and efforts to generate income taxes and revenue in this manner for the FSM. It is also a big plus for MRA that he already knows the MRA team in both Japan and the FSM."

Mr. Mida said "While I was FSM's Ambassador to Japan, I met with many businessmen that were interested in FSM's new captive insurance program. I am pleased to continue to develop those relationships in my new role at MRA. Now that increasing levels of revenue are being generated for the FSM, I am especially pleased to be joining the team to help ensure that the government has additional resources to address the many needs of our new nation."

MRA's headquarters are in VB Center, Nett, next to the US Embassy.

Dengue Fever outbreak in Yap

Yap State

Department of Health Services

A Dengue Fever outbreak is happening now in Yap State. The 1st case was identified on September 1, 2011. As of November 15, 2011, there have been:

- 313 total cases
- 285 cases on Yap Island
- 27 cases on Ulithi Atoll
- 1 case on Fais
- 70 admissions to Yap State Hospital
- 2 deaths - These are still being investigated as possible dengue and have not been confirmed

The symptoms of dengue are high fever, body ache, joint pain, and sometimes pain behind the eyes, diarrhea and vomiting. As of this announcement, any outpatient testing and treatment for suspected dengue cases is free. Anyone with these symptoms is encouraged to seek medical attention as early as possible.

Dengue fever is transmitted by mosquitoes, especially the types of

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

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

Therefore, the Department of Health Services is urgently asking everyone to clean up around their homes to prevent the spread of dengue fever infections. How we live our life daily determines our health status. Therefore, the Department is kindly asking for the support of every Yap State resident to clean up around their homes.

If you'd like more information about this topic, please call 350-2114 and ask to speak to Ms. Cindy Yow.

NEW RATES AT FSM TELECOM

New rates went into effect on November 1, 2011. The rates below will remain in effect until October 1, 2012.

*PSTN Residential.....	\$10 per month
PSTN Business.....	\$20 per month
Calling 411 from Landline.....	\$0.15 per call
Calling 411 from Mobile.....	\$0.15 per minute
Local Cell Calls Voice.....	\$0.15 per minute
Cell SMS (Text).....	\$0.06 per message

*Caller ID Service is now part of the basic landline (PSTN) service.

By October 2012, all the Value Added Services (VAS) features (call waiting, call forwarding, speed dialing, etc) will be available to customers free as part of the basic service.

Customers can block their landline phones from calling 411 for a service connection fee of \$6.00 and monthly charge of \$2.00 for 411 block. Cell block charges are separate.

Should there be any questions or comments regarding this public announcement, please do not hesitate to contact any of your local FSMTC offices. Thank you.



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Ribbon cut on Extreme Makeover – Library edition

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

November 16, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—Gray clouds hung over the crowd gathered this morning on the grounds of the Pohnpei Public Library for a ribbon cutting ceremony of the newly renovated building. The rain held off throughout the ceremony. When it did come, after the food was gone and the celebratory crowd had left, something amazing happened inside the library.

Not one drop of water landed on a single book, bookshelf, computer, or into a bucket meticulously placed by a staff member; not a single drop.

Thanks to a renovation of the building during a Construction Civic Action Detail (CCAD) of the U.S. Navy under the command of Lieutenant Wesley, it will likely be a long while before rain falls inside the Pohnpei Public Library again. Over the last three months, the CCAD team completely renovated the library inside and out including the removal of the old leaky tin roof and construction of a brand new roof.

The building was first completed over 24 years ago. Labor for its construction was supplied by the U.S. Civic Action Team which served in Pohnpei for many years

“I am very proud to be able to say that the recent work of the Construction Civic Action Detail on this and other projects throughout Pohnpei demonstrates beyond doubt, the commitment of the people of the United States to making real improvements in the lives of the people of the FSM, who are our partners and our friends—both in this region of the world and globally,” said United States Ambassador Peter Prahar during his remarks at the ceremony.

Library staff members are still frantically stocking the bookshelves. Though the ribbon cutting was held this morning, according to library staff members it won't actually open until approximately November 24 if they finish restocking the shelves by that time.

The ribbon cutting was timed to coincide with the visit of Rear Admiral Paul J. Bushong who is in charge of U.S. Naval operations in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the FSM, and Palau. Admiral Bushong was in Pohnpei for the Joint Committee Meeting between the FSM and the United States.

Lieutenant Wesley Howard served as the master of ceremonies for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Revered FSM founding father Reverend Bethwel Henry gave the invocation.

Governor John Ehsa welcomed the visiting dignitaries to the celebration

Secretary Lorin Robert spoke on behalf of the FSM government.

Rear Admiral Paul J. Bushong spoke on behalf of the United States Navy.

Penny Weilbacher, chair person of the Pohnpei Public Library Board and one of the library's founders also spoke to the gathered crowd before Deacon Augustine Damarlane gave the benediction.

Mrs. Amy Prahar, wife of U.S. Ambassador Peter Prahar; First Lady Julinida Ehsa, and Mrs. Penny Weilbacher cut the ribbon with assistance by elementary school students from Ohmine, Kolonia, Calvary Christian Academy, Seventh Day Adventist School, and Our Lady of Mercy School. The library serves approximately 300 students each school day.

Ambassador Prahar challenged FSM leaders to consider the model of the successful operation of the Pohnpei Public library which was and remains to be a community, grass roots effort. “I can state with confidence that Pohnpei's ongoing education and health crises have deep, deep roots in the community; and it is only with a deep, deep community commitment to realize effective, lasting, sustainable change for the better that they will be successfully addressed.”

He offered three pieces of advice to the

school children in the crowd. “First, a great student reads, and this library offers plenty of reading material. Read, read, read—read like your life depends on it, because in fact it does,” he said.

“Second, a great student uses the Internet smartly. In between sending messages to your friends, take a look at some very valuable Facebook pages,” and offered the U.S. Embassy Facebook page as just one example.

“Third and finally, a great student understands that he or she has to become personally engaged in learning in order to become a great student. I urge every one of you to become an expert on something—anything.”

The library closed its doors after the ceremony and continued to prepare for the actual opening of the library which is set for November 24, 2011.

Deadline

Businesses: Only one more issue remaining for Christmas Advertising. Submissions of articles, advertisements, community service items and other items for the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press is:

Dec. 7, 2011



Just a small portion of the crowd gathered at the Pohnpei Library ribbon cutting ceremony



Penny Weilbacher, Amy Prahar, and First Lady Julinida Ehsa, cut the ribbon with help from students from several Pohnpei elementary schools



FSM Secretary for Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert accepts a plaque from U.S. Ambassador Peter Prahar. Secretary Robert then presented the plaque to Governor John Ehsa

FSM Hosts the 2011 Joint Committee Meeting with the United States of America

FSM Information Services

November 18, 2011

Palikir, POHNPEI – On November 17th, the Federated States of Micronesia hosted the annual Joint Committee Meeting with the United States of America, commonly referred to as the “JCM”, with the theme Title III: Partnership for Community Development. The meeting was held at the Pohnpei State Hospital Conference Room in Nett with high-level attendants from both Governments. Facilitating the meeting was Mr. James Naich, Charge d’ Affairs, of the FSM Embassy in Washington D.C.

The genesis of the JCM process is provided under Title III provision of the Compact of Free-Association Treaty, as amended, and serves as consultative mechanism whereby high-level officials from both Governments gather, on an annual basis, to discuss common issues of mutual importance to both countries, under the purview of security and defense, and related engagements.

Aside from an overview presentation of US’s current military engagements and activities held in the FSM, the meeting discussed issues relating to the recently held Pacific Partnership Mission held in the FSM last July, the US Civic Construction Action Detail program or CCAD, which has sponsored the rehabilitation of the Pohnpei State Hospital’s Mental and Substance Abuse Center, educational infrastructures at Ohmine and PIC Schools, and the renovation of the Pohnpei State Public Library. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the projects was held on November 16th, prior to the commencement of the JCM.

The meeting also covered discussions on the current operations of the FSM Transnational Crime Unit or TCU, recent enlistment of FSM Citizens in the US Armed Forces, which included efforts to restore ASVAB Testing in Chuuk State, and updates on the ongoing Military Build-Up in Guam. On her first time to attend the JCM process, presentation of engagements of the United States Coast Guard in the FSM by Captain Casey White highlighted the critical need to develop an operational procedure to guide search and rescue operations in the FSM.

Discussions also included issues of Boating Safety and ongoing efforts for legislation, as well as the Shipriders Agreement, and updates on a proposal from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF), all of which complements FSM’s continuing efforts to provide better surveillance of its vast maritime Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

The upcoming project to renovate the roofing system of the Pohnpei State Hospital by the US Corp of Civil Engineers under the Humanitarian Assistance – FSM (HA-FSM) program was also discussed with much anticipation for final completion.

The US ended its items of discussion with a presentation of the update on the upcoming annual Operation Christmas Drop, which is planned for December 12th to 19th. The JCM noted the significance of this year’s operation which will mark the 60th anniversary of the Operation Christmas Drop; thus, further maintaining its impressive record as the longest drop mission in the history of the United States military.

Two new agenda items were presented by the FSM, which included Air & Sea Vessel Entry Consultations and, at the request of the US, a briefing by the FSM on WWII Oil Leaks in Chuuk State. The JCM formally concluded with both governments’ endorsement of the 2011 JCM Action Items for the 2012 JCM to be hosted by the US.

His Excellency Peter Prahar, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM, headed the US delegation with prominent military representatives namely Rear Admiral Paul Bushong, Commander of the Joint Region Marianas and U.S. Defense Representative to the FSM, Colonel Doug Sevier, of the US Air Force out of USPACOM in Hawaii, Captain Casey White, Commander of the US Coast Guard Sector in Guam.

The Honorable Lorin S. Robert, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the FSM, headed the FSM delegation, along with other cabinet members, namely the Honorable Francis Itimai, Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure, the Honorable Dr. Rufino Mauricio, Secretary of the Department of Education, the Honorable Evelyn Adolph, Director of the Office of SBOC, the Honorable Andrew Yatilman, Director of the Office EEM, and the Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Samson Pretrick. Representatives from the States included the Honorable Governor Lyndon Jackson of Kosrae State, the Honorable Lieutenant Churchill Edwards of Pohnpei State, and Mr. Ruotpong Pongliyab, Director of Youth & Civic Affairs of Yap State.

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Pursuant to the orders of the FSM Supreme Court entered on May 13, 2011 and June 8, 2011, public notice is hereby given that the parcels described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel no. 045-E-30, situated in Lohd-powe section, Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an approximate area of 7,608 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on June 2, 2005 and registered as Document No. 20533 at the Registrar, Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure and as further described in cadastral plat no. 045-E-04.

Parcel no. 106-A-02, situated in Lukunot section, Sokehs Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an approximate area of 12,562 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on August 24, 1995 and registered as Document No. 14476 at the Registrar, Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure and as further described in cadastral plat no. 106-A-00.

- Bids may be submitted for one or both of the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “December 8, 2011 Land Auction” by personal delivery to Mr Ricky Jano at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Palikir, Pohnpei on Thursday, December 8, 2011 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011.
- The winning bidder shall be conveyed title through a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all improvements on the land, if any, 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.

FSM Development Bank gives public notice that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel no. 009-F-12, land known as “Thilinebut”, situated in Keng Village, Weloy Municipality, Yap State, with an approximate area of 614 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on August 31, 2011 and registered as Document no. 5614 at the Registrar, Yap State Land Resources and as further described in cadastral plat no. 009-F-00.

- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “December 8, 2011 Land Auction” by personal delivery to Ms Katherine Gisog at the FSM Development Bank Yap branch office, Colonia, Yap on Thursday, December 8, 2011 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011.
- The winning bidder shall be conveyed title through a deed of conveyance transferring title to the parcel, including all improvements on the land, if any, 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.

- There is no minimum bid amount for any of the parcels.
- 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 each parcel.
- The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the Federated States of Micronesia.
- 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 parcels and any improvements thereon, are offered for sale “as-is” with no guarantees or warranties as to their condition whatsoever.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, website: www.fsmdb.fm

Japan once again donates to Kolonia

The Embassy of Japan to the FSM

Kolonia Town Government was once again a recipient of the Government of Japan Grassroots Grant aid project in two separate grants. One in the amount of \$106,382 for the "Primary Health Community Health & Sanitation" that introduces garbage packer vehicles and spare parts and a dump truck. The second one in the amount of \$54,234 for "the Project for Kolonia Town Recycling Center Renovation" is to support the renovation of the recycling center building and the construction of a road to create a more convenient and efficient management of the recycling center.

Both projects are aimed to deal with the waste problems which are inevitable for the city to escape as it further strives to develop. In Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki's remarks he

stated "...along with the development of a country, it is necessary to also discover a way to manage garbage issues in order for the people to live in a clean and safe environment." Ambassador Suzuki further conveyed his pleasure at launching these projects for Kolonia Town so other towns and states can also follow their example.

Representing the Kolonia Town Government, Mayor Marcelo Peterson also presented remarks expressing his Government's gratitude for receiving these grants and that Kolonia Town is



"indebted" to the Government of Japan for such enormous assistances.

Present at the ceremony were officials from the Pohnpei State Legislature, Senator Marvin Yamaguchi and Senator Fernando Scaliem, Mayor Marcelo Peterson and his staff, and representing the Government of Japan was Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki, JICA Representative Mr. Kiyofumi Yoshida, Mr. Kazuya Nishimura, JOCV, and staff of the Embassy of Japan. The ceremony was held at the Kolonia Town Hall on November 22, 2011.

...Army General

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"I told the Vice President that his son will be fine and we'll see him in a year."

General Wiercinski removed his beret and had a face to face conversation with Hillario Bermanis, Jr. known affectionately as "H.B." H.B. lost an arm and both of his legs while serving in the U.S. Army in 2002.

"It's important that you keep in touch with your buddies from the Army. They want to know how you're doing. The relationship with your Army buddies is special," the General told H.B.

He shouted out a list of Bermanis' buddies to his Aide de Camp, Captain Chad J. Chapman and promised Bermanis that he would contact them. The list of names included "H.B.'s" former commanding officer and several other soldiers with whom he served.

He and his wife separately promised to visit H.B. when he goes to Tripler Medical Center for a medical checkup. The General's wife sealed her promise with a kiss on the cheek. The General settled for a firm and friendly hand shake.

Before he left, the General solemnly viewed the tribute to FSM soldiers at the airport's arrival lounge. "It's great that the government did this," he said of the pictures at the airport of FSM soldiers



Hillario Bermanis talks with General Wiercinski

who have died while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"I was at the bed side of Sergeant Jerome Firtamag two days before he died and I attended his memorial service." Sergeant Firtamag died in February of this year. He had served in Afghanistan.

"I have had the honor of serving alongside Micronesians for many years," the General said. "I feel like I know all of these people. It's just so great that the government is honoring them this way."

It was the General's first visit to the FSM but he promised it won't be his last. Before he and his entourage climbed into vehicles on their way to the U.S. Military jet that would take them to Australia the General promised to see those of who remained "next time."



Hillario Bermanis, Jr. with U.S. Ambassador Peter Prahar, General Wiercinski, and Hillario Bermanis, Senior at the Pohnpei International Airport

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poor-quality school in the FAS; 2) limited language skills and experience with a school environment; and 3) difficulties in involving parents in their children's education, due to language barriers."

For health care costs inadequate health care systems in the FAS can lead to the prevalence of health issues such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, Hansen's disease (leprosy), and sexually transmitted diseases. The GAO report says that FAS citizens have high rates of those medical problems. The inadequate health care systems in the FAS can lead some FAS citizens to migrate in order to gain access to the U.S. health care system.

The 2003 Surveys of Micronesian Migrants in the CNMI, Guam, and Hawaii estimated that compact migrants' per capita incomes were less than \$5,700 and had poverty rates above 43 percent. The low income "may lead many migrants to rely on public health services," the report said.

GAO said that Census's 2003 survey of compact migrants in the affected jurisdictions found that most migrated for employment or to accompany migrating relatives. "Employment was the most

common reason for migration in Guam and CNMI, followed by accompanying relatives. In Hawaii, slightly more migrants identified accompanying relatives than employment as their reason for migration. In Guam and CMI, less than one percent of migrants cited medical reasons for migration; in Hawaii, 10 percent cited medical reasons," the report said.

"Like many other migrant populations, compact migrants often face challenges related to homelessness, reliance on public housing, and crowded living conditions," it continued.

A footnote to the above discussion in the report says "When noting these concerns affecting compact migrants, various officials noted that the concerns are similar to those faced by other newly arriving populations."

Compact migrants have limited eligibility for federal programs

"In the 1986 compacts' enabling legislation, Congress stated that it was not its intent to cause any adverse consequences for United States territories and commonwealths and the state of Hawaii. Congress further declared that it would act sympathetically and expeditiously to redress any adverse consequences and authorized compensation for these areas that might experience increased demands on their educational and social services by compact migrants from the Marshall Islands and the FSM," the GAO report said.

Despite that fact compact migrants have limited eligibility for a number of federal programs, particularly Medicaid. The report said that factor was a key contributor to the cost of compact migration borne by the affected jurisdictions.

Inconsistent reporting standards are not likely correct; they could be overstated or understated

GAO auditors identified a number of weaknesses in affected jurisdictions' reporting of compact impacts to Interior from 2004 through 2010. They named several:

- **Definition of compact migrants.** Some local government agencies in the affected jurisdictions did not define "compact migrants" according to the criteria set out in the enabling legislation.
- **Federal funding.** Two of the three affected jurisdictions' public school systems and health agencies did not account for federal funding that reimbursed the systems for expenditures related to compact migrants.
- **Revenue.** Multiple local government agencies that receive revenues, such as user fees, associated with services provided to compact migrants did not consider them in their compact impact reports, thus overstating reported costs.
- **Capital costs.** Agencies understate migrant costs by omitting costs for capital expenditures such as providing additional classrooms to accommodate an increase in students or additional health care facilities due to increased compact migration. Many local government agencies did not include those costs.
- **Per person costs.** A number of local government agencies used an average per-person service cost for the jurisdiction rather than specific costs associated with providing services to compact migrants. In some cases—for example, the provision of health services—the service cost for each compact migrant could be determined. However, a number of agencies apply a range of approaches, such as using the simple average cost (for example, cost per student) or factoring in higher costs if additional or more costly services are used.
- **Discretionary costs.** Some compact impact costs local government agencies reported were for benefits or services provided at the discretion of the affected jurisdiction.
- **Data reliability.** One local government agency used data on compact migrants that were later found to be in error which caused it to overstate its costs.
- **Documentation reliability.** A number of local government agencies did not disclose their methodology, including any assumptions, definitions, and other key elements, for developing impact costs making it difficult to evaluate reported costs.
- **Comprehensiveness.** For those years when the affected jurisdictions

submitted impact reports to Interior, not all local government agencies included all compact impact costs for those years. The scope of reporting between the affected jurisdictions differed.

The GAO report said that while Interior established guidelines for compact impact reporting those guidelines "do not adequately address certain concepts key to reliable estimates of impact costs." Further many officials including Interior officials in the affected jurisdictions were not aware of the 1994 guidelines and had not used them.

Limited reporting to U.S. Congress on compact impacts by the U.S. Department of the Interior

It says that Interior's reporting of compact impacts to Congress has been limited. "The amended compacts' enabling legislation requires Interior, if it receives compact impact comment from the Governor of an affected jurisdiction by February 1, to submit a report with specific required elements on compact impact to Congress no later than May 1 of that year. As of August 2011, Interior had submitted one required report to Congress in 2010 but had not submitted any reports in 2004 through 2009, although at least one affected jurisdiction had reported compact impacts to Interior in each of those years.

Anyone's guess as to how much compact migrants contribute to their local economies

There has only been limited data gathered on compact migrant participation in local economies. "Compact migrant participate in locals economies through their participation in the labor force, payment of taxes, consumption of local goods and services, and receipt of remittances. Previous compact migrant surveys estimated compact migrants' participation in the labor force, but existing data on other compact migrant contributions such as tax revenues, local consumption, or remittances are not available or sufficiently reliable to quantify their effects," the report said.

The GAO report spent several pages discussing what types of contributions compact migrants may have had on the economies of their adopted homes but most of that content was speculation. The long and short of the story is that no one seems to truly know how much compact migrants are contributing to their local economies. The FSM pointed that fact out in their response to the draft of the report.

Sector grants may have mitigated higher compact impact expenses

"Sector grants awarded in fiscal years 2004 through 2010 may have helped mitigate compact impact by supporting the health and education sectors and, in some instances, directly targeted issues related to compact impact in the affected

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Pohnpei Public Library open and ready for patrons

Amber Ham
Pohnpei Public Library

Kolonia, Pohnpei, November 22, 2011 — The Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library located across from the Nihco store announce that the library officially opens November 24, 2011 at 8am for services in their newly renovated building.

After being closed for several months while undergoing internal and external updates, the library is now open and available for the public. The library has acquired new furniture and computers to make accessing the Internet more readily available. More importantly, the open area is perfect for large groups of youth and adults to acquaint themselves with the wide variety of books, journals, periodicals, and other texts to connect themselves with the outside world. The Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library are ecstatic about their newly renovated building and invite the public to come and see the benefits of having a library.

The library is open Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm and Saturday from 10am-2pm. During December the library will be closed on the following days: December 24th- 26th.

*"Whenever a man has cast a
longing eye on offices, a rottenness
begins in his conduct."*

Thomas Jefferson, third US president,
architect and author (1743-1826)

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jurisdictions," the report said.

The sector grants that both the FSM and RMI receive may have indirectly helped to reduce compact impact by benefitting education and health system in the two countries between 2004 and 2010, the two largest areas of expenditure by U.S. affected jurisdictions.

The joint management committees for FSM and RMI that decide on sector grant fund did not directly or formally address the needs of compact migrants or their impact on U.S. states and territories. In 2011 the committees formally placed compact impact on their annual meeting agendas. As of September 2011 they had not allocated 2012 sector grant funding to directly address issues that concern the compact migrants or the affected jurisdictions of the U.S.

GAO action recommendations for Interior

The GAO made four action recommendations for the Secretary of the Interior:

- In order to select the most appropriate approach for its next enumeration of compact migrants, fully consider the strengths and limitations of its preliminary approach for 2013, weighing the cost of the approach with the need for data that will be fair as well as useful to the affected jurisdictions.
- In order to strengthen its ability to collect, evaluate, and transmit reliable information to Congress, disseminate guidelines to the affected jurisdictions that adequately address concepts essential to producing reliable impact estimates, and call for the affected jurisdictions to apply these guidelines when developing compact impact reports.
- In order to promote the most effective use of compact impact grants, work with the affected jurisdictions to evaluate the current use of grant funds and consider alternative uses of these grants to reduce compact impact.
- In order to help mitigate compact impact and better assist FSM and Marshall Islands citizens who migrate to the United States, work with the U.S.-FSM and U.S.-Marshall Islands joint management committees to consider uses of sector grants that would address the concerns of FSM and Marshall Islands migrants and the affected jurisdictions.

GAO's summary of FSM response to draft report

The FSM's response to the draft report was issued by the Deputy Chief of Mission of the FSM Embassy to the United States and was four pages long. The GAO report summarized that response as follows:

"The government of the FSM commented

that weaknesses we identified in affected jurisdictions' impact cost reporting, combined with the lack of information on the positive contributions of compact migrants, leaves the net impact unknown. The FSM asked that the service of its citizens in the U.S. armed forces be recognized in our report. In response, we obtained information on the number of FAS-born persons on active duty in the armed forces and have included it in the report. Further, the FSM expressed concern that disagreements regarding the compact migrant enumerations will continue and requested that parties involved in the 2013 enumeration reach an agreement on the best approach."

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Pohnpei Women Advisory Council (PWAC) congratulates the following scholarship recipients for school year 2011-2012:

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2. Pernes Samuel – University of Guam
3. Lashauna Wilson – University of Hawaii
4. Desiree Yamase – Chaminade University
5. Nicole Yamase – Chaminade University
6. Yolanda Joab – World Youth Alliance Internship

PWAC also wishes to announce that applications for its annual scholarship will be disseminated in early Spring 2012. To request for one, write to Mrs. Judy Mauricio, Chairperson, PWAC Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 3118, Kolonia Pohnpei FSM 96941.



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT EO 2011-003-A

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(YTNS), has been inviting guests from off-island to attend this momentous event. This year's event was no exception.

According to Scarlet Single, who works at YTNS and who was very much involved with the planning of the festival, many people from outside had been invited to attend the festival. Honored guests who attended the festival include Paramount Chief Ibedul, Yutaka M. Gibbons, Chief Rekisiuang, Adolf Ngrairakelau, Chief Ngirmeriil, Dale Pasqual, and staff member Darius Ellis - all from the Republic of Palau.

In attendance from the state of Pohnpei was Mr. Hideo Takahashi, a Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) senior volunteer, the FSM Tourism Advisor for the FSM Department of Resource and Development in the Tourism Unit in Pohnpei.

Frank Cruz, the president of the Traditions About Seafaring Island Organization (TASI) in Guam, also attended the canoe festival. According to Single,



Young boys getting their traditional canoe into the water

Cruz has friendly ties with YTNS and Yap itself.

According to Single, there were initially five events planned for the festival - traditional paddling, international paddling, wrestling, swimming, and youth events. While wrestling did not take place, the other four events took place with very enthusiastic participants.



Canoe with sail down

Abel Tamagpong from Tomil Municipality and a participant in the international canoe paddling said he was glad to have been a part of his team. He said the international canoe paddling was very tiresome but the

feeling of accomplishment in the end was very worth it.

One of the biggest highlights of the event was the magic show which garnered a huge audience. According to Bigelow, the magician had flown in to Yap to scuba dive but was generous enough to hold a magic show as part of the festival. The huge crowd was simply in awe at all the tricks the magician could do.

"I think this year's canoe festival was better than in the last two years," says Tresita P. Falan, a high school student who enjoyed attending the festival. When asked why she thought this year was better, Falan responded that there were more activities including the Japanese dance and the magic show.

The youth events - swimming contests, bamboo raft race, kayak race, and totang race - were also an important part of the whole event. It gave a chance for the youth to participate and win prizes.

According to Paul Lane, one of the founders of YTNS, one reason YTNS first started the annual canoe festival was to get the youth involved with canoe traditions. Indeed, one of the goals is to "re-instill pride and Yapese culture and heritage in youth". Though not all youths participate, Lane hopes to increase the involvement of youth in canoe traditions, including participation in the canoe festival itself.

The next canoe festival is set for next year; the exact date is yet to be determined.



Magician pulling long stringed-paper from his mouth



Magician (left) and Tim Bigelow after the show

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Applications should be addressed to the Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Private Mail Bag, Suva and can be sent electronically to jobs@forumsec.org.fj. Applications should be received by close of business on **Friday 23 December, 2011**.

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages both men and women to apply.

FSM States SAMH staff get training in mental health

Press Release

Seven mental health staff from the States Substance Abuse & Mental Health programs joined a three months mental health intensive training in Pohnpei provided by a Psychiatrist, Dr. Anna Stout from the United Kingdom. Dr. Stout is a volunteer Psychiatrist assigned by the World Health Organization to provide the training in the FSM. The states representatives are Jacinta Lippwe from Chuuk State, Tulpe Timothy, Kosrae State, Judy Tiningted, Yap State and Delpihn Abraham, Ken Albert and Stencer Donre from Pohnpei State.

The World Health Organization with the collaboration of the Department of Health & Social Affairs under the leadership of Secretary, Vita A. Skilling made the arrangement to have the training to improve the mental health services in the FSM. The WHO established a Pacific Islands Mental Health Network (PIMHnet) in 2007, as a means of responding to the challenges of mental health care in the pacific.

FSM SAMH Program Administrator, Kerio D. Walliby, identified that staff development is one the priorities in mental health field needs to be improved for better services.

The mental health workers will be trained to develop their skills and knowledge and sustain a high quality mental health service to the people of FSM. The training consists of regular workshops which address the recognition of, and treatment of major mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, raising awareness of the needs of the mentally ill, suicide prevention, tackling substance abuse, tackling stigma, and helping to support families and communities who care for the mentally ill. After the completion of the training in January, the trainees will go back to provide the training to the other SAMH staff including Doctors and Nurses.

A monitoring on the implementation of the plan by the trainees will be conducted by the FSM Substance Abuse & Mental Health Program.

Yap ready to shut down hundreds of utilities accounts

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

YSPSC released the announcement last week regarding utilities shutdowns in the State.

The announcement said that the shut-off list for this month includes 8 government accounts, 54 commercial accounts, and 323 residential accounts.

Delinquent accounts must be paid by Tuesday, December 06, 2011 no later than 1130 AM. Disconnections of unpaid accounts will commence on that same day at 1:00 PM.

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Legislative conference 2011 concludes with defined action plan

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PALIKIR, POHNPEI. November 21, 2011 - The 2011 Micronesian Legislative Conference (MLC) concluded its three day deliberations on 16 November 2011, with a collective resolve in each of the five legislative bodies to address the issues of Human Trafficking, Compact Impact and National Tax Reform.

As the uniting entity for the Federated States of Micronesia five legislative bodies, the MLC 2011 adopted the following resolutions to express their collective position on issues to be acted upon by each of the five legislative bodies. Those resolutions called for action on the issues of: Human Trafficking, Compact Impact and the National Tax Reform.

On the issue of Human Trafficking: the 2011 MLC, through MLC Resolution No. 11-2, accepts the obligation of the signatory legislatures to properly address the issue of human trafficking and to consider adopting a legal regime suitable to their respective jurisdictions.

With regards to Compact-Impact: the 2011 MLC, through MLCR No. 11-3, express support for the President's Task Force on Compact-Impact regarding a proposed survey of FSM citizens living in the United States and an enhanced education pertaining to living abroad for FSM citizens.

On the issue of FSM Tax Reform: the 2011 MLC, through MLCR No. 11-4, urges the signatory legislatures to act on the FSM Tax Reform Plan either positively or negatively and prior to April of 2012, to bring the years long tax reform initiative to a final conclusion.

Another resolution of note is MLCR 11-

11, on the issue of Information and Communication Technology which calls for the legislative bodies to identify and eliminate structural and bureaucratic barriers to the further expansion of information and communication technology services.

The remaining MLC Resolutions included expressions of gratitude and appreciation by the five legislative bodies for the United Nations Development Program and the United Nations Population Fund for their financial and technical support and to the various organizations and guest presenters of the 2011 MLC.

MLCR 11-1, expressing gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Charmaine Rodriguez of UNDP;
MLCR 11-5, expressing gratitude and appreciation to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA);
MLCR 11-6, expressing gratitude and appreciation to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP);
MLCR 11-7, expressing gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Ashley Carl and the International Organization for Migration (IOM);
MLCR 11-8, expressing gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Geoffrey Hays of UNFPA;
MLCR 11-9, expressing gratitude and appreciation to Mr. James Naich, FSM Embassy in Washington; and
MLCR 11-10, expressing gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Amena V. Yauvoli and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

The Micronesian Legislative Conference also adopted a Communiqué to reiterate the discussions and decisions of the 2011 MLC and the agreed roadmap to be taken back for action by each of the five legislative bodies.

From November 14 – 16, at the invitation of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, representatives of the state legislative were in Palikir to participate in the 2011 Micronesian Legislative Conference.

The MLC was established to strengthen the rapport between the legislative branches of the five governments, and at the same time provide a platform for the legislative bodies to discuss and define solutions for issues of mutual concerns.

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Operation Kurukuru 2011, a coordinated maritime surveillance operation in which the countries of the Pacific region cooperated to detect, deter and eliminate activities such as illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing and other transnational crimes which may have connections with fishing such as smuggling and people trafficking, was hosted by the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) during the period 7 to 14 November 2011.

Operation Kurukuru 2011 was the single largest monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) operation ever conducted in the region and resulted in the sighting of over 400 vessels, the boarding of 80 vessels and the apprehension of eight vessels, five of which have been escorted to port for further investigation. A further four vessels have been flagged for potentially conducting IUU fishing activity through analysis of their activities as monitored on vessel monitoring systems (VMSs). Appropriate follow-up investigations by Pacific Island enforcement agencies are being initiated for these cases. Several other vessels were issued citations and fines for fisheries infringements. Eight surveillance aircraft were involved in the operation and they collectively flew a total of over 150 hours covering approximately 350 000 square kilometres of ocean.

The area of operation for Kurukuru 2011 was widespread, covering an area of roughly 30 million square kilometres – including the exclusive economic zones (EEZs) of Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. The MCS operation involved fisheries and enforcement staff from all of the FFA Pacific Island countries working together with their Quadrilateral Defence counterparts from Australia, France, New Zealand and the U.S. over the period of the operation.

Surveillance and enforcement was conducted by individual countries within their respective EEZs and on adjacent high seas using 12 Pacific class patrol boats (one each from Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, and two from Federated States of Micronesia), one New Zealand vessel, one U.S. Navy and one U.S. Coast Guard vessel, and four French patrol boats. These efforts were supported by aerial surveillance provided by eight maritime patrol aircraft (one Dash-8 aircraft supplied by Australia, three P-3 Orion aircraft supplied by Australia, New Zealand and the U.S., two Gardian and one Casa aircraft supplied by France and a Hercules C-130 aircraft from the U.S. Coast Guard). In addition, the U.S. Coast Guard patrol vessel embarked an enforcement officer from the Cook Islands and conducted part of its patrol within the Cook Islands EEZ exercising the bilateral ship-rider agreement signed between these two countries.

See "Illegal Fishing" on page 23

Rotary Quiz Night raises scholarship funds

Rotary Club of Pohnpei

The annual Rotary Club of Pohnpei Quiz Night fundraiser was held on November 5, 2011, at PCR Restaurant. The fundraiser was a terrific success. 26 teams competed. The editor of this fine paper has already provided an op ed piece about the night, so this report is a shadow of what has already been printed.

Continental Airlines and the Bank of Guam were major sponsors for this event and many local businesses provided prizes as well. Continental Airlines donated two tickets to anywhere Continental Micronesia flies, that were then auctioned off. The Bank of Guam provided the Grand Prize of six crisp \$100 bills that were awarded to the winning team consisting of Bob Spegal, Ira Shiflett, Amy Delyla Ulm, Dennis Gearhart, Sam Upritchard and Ecki Upritchard. This team did excellent in answering most of the difficult and irrelevant questions asked on the night.

The Rotary Club is a local civic organization made up of local business and government people and affiliated with Rotary International. The Rotary Club seeks to help the community, and has many public service projects including setting up a scholarship fund, assisting with safe drinking water projects, and supporting local sporting and civic groups. This fund raiser is the largest one of the year for the Club. Through the generous support of our sponsors who made significant donations, and the assistance of all of the players who attended, the Rotary Club raised over \$8,800.00. This fundraising will go to support our scholarship fund and our other projects. For school year 2009-2010 the Rotary Club has provided \$12,000.00 in scholarships to local students for college education. With the success of this year's fundraiser we can continue to award scholarships at this level.

The quiz night itself is set up so that tables of six persons answer trivia questions over the course of the night. This year there were 26 tables competing and the competition was hard fought. Additionally, we had auctions, raffles and other giveaways.

We wish to heartily thank Continental Airlines, Inc. and Bank of Guam along with our other sponsors WCPFC Tuna Commission, the Ramp & Mida Law Firm, Alison MacConnell, Dateline Exports, Ace Hardware, FSM Telecommunications Corp., Nukuoro Black Pearls, The Village Hotel and Restaurant, Napa Auto Parts, Do It Best Hardware, Ace Office Supplies, Palm Terrace, Etscheit Enterprises, Pohnpei Surf Club, College of Micronesia-FSM, Moylans Insurance, DJ Store, Pohnpei Computer Consulting, Perfumes & Things, Kwik Stop, Visual Impact, Bank of the FSM, FSM Development Bank, Pohnpei Waste Management, the FSM National Olympic Committee, the U.S. Embassy, the Australian Embassy, Movieland, Pohnpei LP Gas, En's Seven Star Store, Neime's and Coco Marina, Amcres Gas Station, Village Travel, Pohnpei Movie Theater, Genesis Hospital and Pharmacy, Nihco, Shimbro's Distributing, Micronesian Registration Associates, International Organization for Migration, Sunset Car Rental, Deloitte & Touche, the Rusty Anchor, Western Union, Scooby's Wholesale, Pohnpei Plumbing, Joy Restaurant, Sea Breeze Hotel, Senny's Enterprises, PCR Restaurant for the venue, the Kaselehlie Press for the publicity, and Bill Jaynes for the musical interlude.

It was an entertaining night for everyone, and we hope all that attended had a good time. The support for the Rotary Club was phenomenal. For those who didn't make it this year, the next quiz night will be in November, 2012.



One crisp hundred dollar bill for each member of the winning table!



Top bidders for airline tickets with Continental Airlines Staff Members

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Continental's Art Day speaks to the crowd while Steve Finnen takes a momentary break



KPress Editor "gets the Led out"

Pacific Island Leaders Meet with Obama, Clinton

"I am a Pacific Islander too," President says

East West Center

HONOLULU (Nov. 18, 2011) - Heads of State and special envoys from eleven Pacific island nations met with President Obama, Secretary of State Clinton and other top U.S. and international officials in a special series of meetings organized by the East-West Center in parallel with the recently completed APEC leaders' week in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Tonga were represented. The Honorable Peter O'Neil, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, was selected as the delegation's Chairman, with Niue's Premier, Hon. Toke Talagi, serving as Vice Chairman.

The island leaders and envoys held a

brief meeting with Obama, at which he remarked that he too is a Pacific islander, having been born and raised in Hawai'i. The leaders discussed climate change issues, already a pressing threat for many low-lying island states.

At an earlier, more extensive 'whole of government' meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Senator Daniel Inouye, Pacific forces Commander Adm. Robert Willard and a 'who's who' of federal agency officials, discussions focused on such issues as fisheries and natural resource management in the region, climate-change threats and access to climate adaptation funding, disaster management, and the region's growing health crisis from non-communicable diseases such as diabetes.

The delegation also attended speeches by Obama, Clinton, Chinese



leaders of the APEC economies and top U.S. and Hawai'i officials, including Sen. Daniel Inouye, Gov. Neil Abercrombie and Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle.

President Hu Jintao and Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang. Their meeting with Sang at the East-West Center marked a historic first time that a Vietnamese head of state had met with Pacific island leaders. In addition, the delegation attended the APEC CEO Summit and met with top executives of such companies as Visa and Johnson & Johnson.

At a special regional security briefing with top officers at Pacific Fleet led by Admiral Patrick Walsh, topics included disaster assistance, terrorism, piracy, and protection of exclusive maritime economic zones. The security briefing was followed by a private visit to the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor.

In addition, the leaders and envoys attended several receptions with

In presentations and discussions with scholars and experts at the East-West Center, the delegation explored such issues such as possible undersea mining of rare earth discoveries in the Pacific, climate change adaptation and disaster preparedness, China's expanding activities in Oceania, and regional health threats.

The delegates also spoke at length with master navigator Nainoa Thompson and other practitioners of traditional canoe voyaging from the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

The special meeting of meeting of sovereign Pacific island states was organized by the East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program, which also serves as the secretariat for the broader Pacific Island Conference of Leaders.

...Fire

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the company's mechanic to find out what they should do.

As she made the call, the driver said he would go to Namiki Store to buy some donuts and then got out of the car leaving Caga behind.

Flames did not immediately appear as Caga talked first with the mechanic and then with her boss, Eduardo (Eddy) Demalada. It was while she was talking to her boss that the flames appeared. "I was really shaking because I was sitting inside the car," she said with a tremulous voice as if she was still there.

Demalada told her to call the fire department. "I couldn't remember the number and I didn't have enough load (minutes) on my phone," she said.

Pohnpei has no 911 emergency telephone service though the other three FSM States do. The published number for the Pohnpei Fire Department is 320-2223.

"I was shaking so bad I couldn't remember anything," she exclaimed.

Demalada told her to get out of the car and run. Caga said that when he told her the car might explode she ran away as fast as she could. She didn't know who called the fire department but they showed up quickly.

Unfortunately, the actions after they arrived weren't quite so quick. The truck pulled up and police blocked

traffic. Hoses were laid and connected to the tanker truck and the hose operators stood and waited, and waited, and then waited some more for the hoses to plump up with water so that they could put the fire out.

Most spectators thought that the fledgling fire department had once again come to the scene of a fire with no water in the tanker truck but that wasn't the case. The truck was completely full of water and ready to go but according to Rick Herman, operator error in the sequence of steps required to start the pump meant that none of it could be delivered.

Herman, a former Fire Chief from Colorado, has been consulting with the Pohnpei Department of Public Safety to train paramedics and, less so, a fire crew.

Herman was one of the hose operators on the scene that day. Several times he

abandoned his station at the hose end and went to the fire truck to help the operator all the while shaking his head as he made the journey across the street.

Apparently, once the starting sequence is performed out of order that's it.

"More training is needed," he said that afternoon by phone.

The Department of Public Safety received a donation from Mahi International of several thousand feet of used fire hose but Herman confirmed that none of it had been tested before it was loaded onto the fire truck.

The donation had come with the caveat that it should be tested for leaks. Sure enough, at least one of the hoses had a pretty severe leak and had to be abandoned.

Firefighters ultimately plugged into a hydrant across the street from Amcres Gas Station. The hoses they used for the hook up had no leaks. Once the hoses were charged, Herman and another firefighter were able to extinguish the blaze to dead cold.

Herman said that several hundred feet of the hoses have now been pressure tested. The hose now loaded on the fire truck is leak free.

He said that most vehicles within the last several decades have fail safe mechanisms that keep engine fires from spreading to the fuel tank. He said that it's rare for vehicles to explode despite the Hollywood movie portrayal of car fires.

"I'm very thankful God protect me and is still with me," Caga said. "My boss told me that God would not leave me."



Consultant Rick Herman mans the fully charged hose

UNICEF study provides new insight into how poverty affects children

Children in East Asia & Pacific region face multiple deprivations

UNICEF

Bangkok, 22 November – A new UNICEF study analysing child poverty in East Asia and the Pacific emphasizes

that poverty affects children in vastly different ways than adults. As a result, policy makers need to look beyond family income indicators to gain a more complete picture of poverty and

the deprivations children face.

The study entitled “Child Poverty in East Asia and the Pacific: Deprivations and Disparities” noted that family poverty often affects children most directly through their access to shelter, food, water, sanitation, education, health and information. When a child is deprived of one or more of these essential services, their experience of poverty deepens.

Analysing the situation of children living in seven East Asia and Pacific countries with a child population over 93 million, the report found over 30 million suffered from at least one form of severe deprivation, such as the inability to go to school, or access basic health care, safe drinking water, a sanitary toilet or adequate nutrition – and more than 13 million suffered from two or more forms of severe deprivation.

“The study demonstrates that income gains, including in middle income countries in the region, have not necessarily translated into gains for all children,” said Mahesh Patel, UNICEF Regional Advisor for Social Policy. “Any national equity and disparity reduction policy must start with child poverty reduction at its centre.”

The report reviews child poverty

studies carried out in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vanuatu and Viet Nam from 2007 to 2010.

“The thorough analysis presented in these national studies will help countries target programmes and policies to better reach the most vulnerable in society and to use resources most efficiently,” said Anupama Rao Singh, UNICEF Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific.

The seven Asia-Pacific countries were among 53 worldwide that participated in UNICEF’s Global Study on Child Poverty and Disparity, which draws attention to the daily deprivations suffered by children and their negative impact on national development.

In Lao PDR, for example, while 38 per cent of children are assessed as income poor, as many as 75 per cent are assessed as living in poverty based on this broader – and increasingly recognized – measure of child poverty.

In Viet Nam, children from ethnic minority groups are 11 times more likely to suffer from multiple severe deprivations than children from ethnic majority groups – a pattern found in many other countries.

In Vanuatu, nearly one in five children suffers from severe health deprivation.

United Nations Human Rights joins 16 days of Activism against Gender Violence in the Pacific

United Nations

In order to mark International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 November) and 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence (25 November – 10 December), women’s organisations, human rights groups and various actors around the world are joining up and organising a number of events and activities. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence is an international annual campaign originating from the first Women’s Global Leadership Institute in 1991.

Matilda Bogner, Regional Representative of OHCHR’s Pacific Office, said:

“Linking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the 16 Days of Activism with International Human Rights Day (10 December) brings home a global, clear and strong message – gender based violence is a human rights violation. Gender based violence, including sexual violence, domestic violence, sorcery-related killings, and femicide (the killing of women because they are women) are among the most pressing human rights issues in the Pacific. In this context, it is of the utmost importance to build and support home grown human rights organisations and activities to prevent future violations by holding the perpetrators of violence against women accountable. Such work can save and protect lives.”

During the 16 Days of Activism, the United Nations (UN) Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Regional Office for the Pacific is organising events that support Women’s Human Rights Defender Networks. These networks of individuals and organisations defending human rights have been, or are being, set up to help protect each other and to advocate for reforms in legislation, policies and practice. Events are being organised in Honiara, Solomon Islands, in November and in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea in December, with participants drawn from a wide range of non-governmental organisations and human rights groups.

The Honiara based seminar will be a forum for various actors and human rights defenders to discuss strategies on human rights protection, state accountability and strengthen coordination work among civil society organisations and networks.

“The seminar will look at how to promote stronger action and accountability of the Government in relation to gender based violation. It will also examine how human rights defenders, who often work under dangerous conditions, can be better protected,” Ms Bogner said.

The December event in Papua New Guinea will facilitate women leaders from the seven provinces of the Highlands to come together in Goroka, Eastern Highlands. “They will meet to strategise how to work together to address pressing issues such as sorcery-related accusations and killings of women and gender based violence in armed tribal conflict. The need to strengthen the Government’s response to these issues through the justice and police systems will also be discussed,” Ms Bogner said.

Ms Bogner also used this opportunity to congratulate recent recipients of the UNDP Pacific Centre Strengthening Capacities for Peace and Development Regional Project small grants. She further noted that a number of recipients are in fact members of existing Women’s Human Rights Defender Networks in Papua New Guinea and are also involved in the 16 Days of Activism campaign. “I’d like to commend the Simbu Human Rights Advocates, Voice for Change, Hako Women’s Collective, Leitana Nehan, and the North Bougainville Women’s Federation for their activities and successful bids for the grants. OHCHR in the Pacific looks forward to continuing to work alongside these groups to advance human rights,” she said.

The 16 Days Campaign has been used as an organising strategy by individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women. OHCHR in the Pacific joins the campaign to: raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels; strengthen national work around violence against women; establish a clear link between local and international work to end violence against women; provide a forum in which organisers can develop and share new and effective strategies; demonstrate the solidarity of women around the world organising to eliminate violence against women; and create tools to pressure governments to implement promises made to eliminate violence against women.

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YSPSC proposes new utility rate

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

The Yap State Public Service Corporation has issued a statement regarding its proposal to restructure its electric tariffs in order to slightly increase the cost of service that it has been providing to the people in Yap Proper and the Neighboring Islands. The proposed tariffs are as follows;

Yap Proper	Current Rate/KWH	Proposed Rate/KWH
Residential ALL KWH USAGE 0 to 50 KWH	\$0.353	\$0.3712
51 to 250 KWH		\$0.4242
- 250 KWH		\$0.4507
Commercial ALL KWH USAGE 0 to 1,000 KWH	\$0.423	\$0.4507
- 250 KWH		\$0.530
Government	\$0.772	\$0.7683

Monthly Service Charge:

Residential	\$2.50/month	\$2.50/month
Commercial & Government	\$5.00/month	\$5.00/month
Streetlights: Private	\$8.00/unit/month	\$8.00/unit month
Government	\$12.50/unit/month	\$12.50/unit month

Ulithi and Woleai	Current Rate/KWH	Proposed Rate/KWH
Residential	\$0.46	\$1.0949
Commercial	\$0.539	\$1.1948
Government	\$1.610	\$1.6275

Monthly Service Charge:

Residential	\$2.50/month	\$2.50/month
Commercial & Government	\$5.00/month	\$5.00/month
Streetlights: (Same as Yap Proper)		

Mogmog	Current Rate/KWH	Proposed Rate/KWH
Residential	\$0.46	\$1.0949
Commercial	\$0.539	\$1.1948
Government	\$1.610	\$1.6275

As a result, YSPSC is soliciting comments from the public on the proposed rate restructuring. You can email written comments to:

Chairman, Board of Directors
Yap State Public Service Corporation
P.O. Box 667
Colonia, Yap State FM 96943

Or you can drop them off in person at the YSPSC Main Office, or fax them to fax number 350-4518, or email to virginiahernandez@yspsc.fm to the attention of the Chairman, Board of Directors, Yap State Public Service Corporation.

In addition, YSPSC will also hold public hearings on the proposed rate restructuring at the following tentative time and venues;

Yap Island Proper	Small Business Development Center Conference Room December 27, 2011 – 10:00 AM
Falalop, Ulithi	Falalop Ulithi Community Center December 27, 2011 – 10:00 AM
Falalop, Woleai	Falalop Woleai Elementary School December 27, 2011 – 10:00 AM

Members of the public are invited to attend these important hearings in their respective areas.

OIA releases FY2010 economic reviews for FSM and Marshall Islands

U.S. Department of the Interior

Washington, DC – The Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) has released Fiscal Year 2010 Economic Reviews for the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). Since 2006, OIA has provided funding to support the annual development of these reviews, which are prepared by the Graduate School USA’s Pacific Islands Training Initiative, in conjunction with the governments of both countries.

“Garnering a better understanding of the economies of the Pacific, especially freely-associated states like the FSM and RMI, which receive annual Compact funding from the United States, is critically important,” said Assistant Secretary Tony Babauta. “With only eleven years of financial assistance remaining under the current terms of the FSM and RMI Compacts of Free

Association, it remains imperative for the leaders of both countries to be able to make informed decisions and track progress towards economic advancement and budgetary self-reliance—the stated goals of the Compacts.”

The FSM and RMI FY2010 Economic Reviews include updates to indicators such as GDP, GDP per capita, employment, inflation, external debt ratios, consolidated revenues and expenditures and outmigration estimates. In addition, the FY2010 Reviews also include a preliminary medium-term economic framework, which provides a three-year economic forecast for both countries.

Copies of the FY2010 Economic Reviews, Economic Summaries, and Statistical Appendices in both Adobe Acrobat and Microsoft Excel formats, are available online at <http://econ.pitiviti.org>.

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Coordinator, Non-Communicable Diseases through Primary Health Care (Palikir, Pohnpei)

The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as Coordinator, Non-Communicable Diseases through Primary Health Care. The successful applicant will be assigned to the WHO Country Liaison Office for Northern Micronesia. In collaboration with the Nutrition & Physical Activity unit of the Division of Pacific Technical Support (DPS), the Coordinator will provide technical and administrative support for activities towards addressing the Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) crisis through building healthy communities and populations in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Job description:

- To assist and provide technical support to MOH on implementation of primary health care and in particular the Package of Essential NCD (PEN) Services to be piloted in the designated primary care setting
- To assist and provide technical support to countries in PICs on implementation of NCD regional initiatives (FCTC; Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health; alcohol harm reduction strategy; marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children) through the National Nutrition and/or NCD Plans
- To assist and provide technical assistance in implementing prioritised Healthy Islands initiatives in particular through the healthy settings (Health Promoting Schools, Health Promoting Workplace, Health Promoting Churches and Communities) approach.
- To assist and provide technical assistance in implementing the WHO country budget on nutrition and NCD
- To act as WHO focal person to collaborate with SPC and MOH on implementation of other 2-1-22 Pacific NCD program activities
- To perform other related duties as assigned by the supervisors.

Subject to the agreement of both parties, these terms of reference may be modified from time to time, as required in the interest of the project/activity.

The signatory will primarily work under the direction of and will report to the Country Liaison Officer and technically to the Technical Officer – Nutrition and Physical Activity of DPS.

Educational and experience requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in health-related field preferred. Post-graduate public health qualification would be ideal.
- Experience in non-communicable disease control and/or primary health care is an advantage.
- Experience with international agencies, particularly with the World Health Organization, is an advantage.
- Good knowledge of spoken and written English. Knowledge of one or more of the local languages is an advantage.

Details of the proposed position:

- Salary for this position will be US\$18000-23000 per annum (paid monthly), based on qualifications; subject to local taxes.
- Duration of position: one year, **with potential to renew (subject to good performance and continued funding)**
- The person will be provided office space and necessary office equipment in the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs.

Timing of Appointment:

This position will remain open until filled. A qualified individual is sought to begin immediately.

Applicants interested in interviewing for this position should submit a cover letter and resume/CV in person, by mail, fax or email to the following address:

Dr. Boris Pavlin
PO BOX PS70, Department of Health and Social Affairs
Mogethin Building, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941
Email: pavlinb@wpro.who.int Fax: 320-5263

Special election approaches and not a word from the candidates

In the last issue of The Kaselehlie Press there was a typo on the date of the runoff election for the position of Governor and Lt. Governor. The correct date is Tuesday, December 6.

Since the last issue several people called my office and asked for The Kaselehlie Press to sponsor a debate amongst the candidates before the runoff election. It was an excellent idea but there was no time to implement it. Fueled by Governor John Ehsa's enthusiasm to be interviewed for this issue of The Kaselehlie Press I spent several hours developing a short list of questions that I could ask each candidate for a long article in this issue of The Kaselehlie Press.

When I reached former Governor Johnny P. David by phone he said that he doesn't like to participate in events like that. "I'd rather not say anything and just leave it up to the voters to decide." He also said that he has no cell phone and no email address.

Just the same I delivered the list of prepared questions to one of his businesses in case he changed his mind. Apparently he was pretty firm about his answer and I didn't hear from him again.

I wrote to Governor Ehsa's email address after we delivered the same questions to his office and followed that delivery up with an email trying to set a time for the interview. I never heard from him after our last

conversation and no interview was arranged..

The list of questions for the candidates for Lt. Governor was only slightly different from the ones I had developed for the gubernatorial candidates.

I spoke with Marcelo Peterson's secretary who gave me the email address and then followed up with her to be sure it had been received. It had and she further printed it and placed it in the middle of his desk. I never heard from Mayor Peterson either.

I tried every way I could imagine to find a way to invite Kiomy Albert-Kilmede to participate in an interview but could find no way at all to contact her by phone or otherwise. I resorted to sending messages through the grapevine and through relatives. One of her relatives told me that the Lt. Governor candidate would contact me on the afternoon of three days ago. I still haven't heard from her and she never got a copy of the questions.

Just to be clear here, the runoff election is **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6.**

The people will decide then and I'm sorry The Kaselehlie Press couldn't help to get the views of the candidates out to you to consider as you make your important decisions. We can't force people to speak.

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K Press Perspective

Over and done with? Really? If you ignore it, it goes away?

Enough is enough! I've had it with waiting! I've done it before. I've waited for law enforcement officials to do what they KNOW is right so that justice can be served but the end result has been that nothing whatsoever was done.

The person who dragged my wife into the bushes, strangled her and attempted to rape her in the tall grass across the street from what is now Club Kintaro on the night of April 9, 2002 was never brought to justice. He had recently been released from prison for murder. His term was extended for prison breaks from the complex which has barbed wire angled in a way that makes it difficult to get in but easy to get out. He did time for other attempted rapes, and multiple assaults while he was on his little "furloughs."

They had him in their grips that night but they let the multiple-felon go. Because of some convoluted twist of legal logic, by the time the sun was hot in the sky he was no longer in custody. Shock of all shocks, he didn't show up for his arraignment which was set for April 23. Meanwhile, five days after he was released from custody he severely beat a man in front of the 4TY store.

As best I know he's never entered a "guilty" or "not guilty" plea for the crimes he's accused of committing against my wife. I have no idea whether or not he showed for the arraignment on the 4TY assault. I do know that the statute of limitations for the crime against my wife is well expired and it's over and done with as far as criminal prosecution goes.

Yeah, that's old news. As I said, it's over and done with but is it really?

No it's not over and done with! Yes, that situation is as dead as my wife could have been that night had the attacker had his way, but the problem of "no hurry" law enforcement is still an issue throughout the FSM. It seems to me that the modus operandi is to put things off until they go away. Ultimately that is what tends to happen; they just go away.

The Compliance Investigation Division of the Office of the National Public Auditor refers cases to the FSM Department of Justice for possible criminal prosecution, where many of them sit until the statute of limitations is well expired.

The Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency is charged with enforcing environmental laws but apparently there is no urgency there. Many pig pens are still hosed or otherwise rinsed into water sheds, and toilets are still situated less than 50 feet from the water line all over Pohnpei, despite the law. Meanwhile, EPA lists some Pohnpei tourist sites as being essentially biologically toxic or at least

hazardous.

Along those lines, long time resident Mary Berman has had an ongoing battle with law enforcement officials regarding the dredge site in front of her husband's property in Awak. The resulting "causeway" from the long ago dredging is the square shaped causeway that can be seen in the distance from the driveway of the Village hotel.

For over two years Berman has copied the newspaper on what surely must be every email message she has sent to every public official about the problem of noise from what she says is an "illegally operated" business on the dredge site.

More recently her emails have talked about an outhouse that has been installed at the water's edge, the contents of which are likely washed out into the lagoon.

She says that she has received no law enforcement help from the Pohnpei State Police about the noise and the public alcohol consumption that happens on the causeway. She further says that Pohnpei's Environmental Protection Agency has not enforced the laws regarding the unsanitary, environmentally unsound, and clearly illegal outhouse located on the shore of that causeway either. She says that EPA also has not enforced a court order that required the removal of the causeway.

There are hundreds of emails from Mary Berman, Esquire on just those two subjects stored in the inbox of The Kaselehlie Press.

On some other occasions justice is surprisingly swift but incomplete according to the "victim."

On September 8, Pohnpei's Nickontro W. Johnny ruled in a criminal case that the defendant in the case was not guilty of assault and battery against former Pohnpei resident Dr. Amy Eisenberg. "...the Court finds that the claimant (Eisenberg) in this case was actually the aggressor," Johnny's court ruling said.

In that matter Eisenberg still insists that justice has not been served. From off island she launched a public campaign on the MicSem Forum and on other Internet platforms with all manner of libeling accusations against the person she still calls her attacker, the attorney who represented the defendant who was cleared, and the entire criminal justice system of Pohnpei.

Almost since her arrival, Eisenberg has accused her former supervisor at the College of Micronesia - FSM of all manner of wrong doing. The occasion of our first meeting was when she and her partner John Amato stopped by the office to tell me about how bad things were in her new job, at her workspace, and precisely who

was at fault. It was evident that they wanted me to write a story about it.

She filed complaints about her supervisor with the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and with the College itself. That supervisor has been officially cleared of Eisenberg's accusations which ranged from mismanagement of the College of Micronesia (COM) program he runs, to discriminatory practices and nearly anything else that one could imagine.

USDA said in an email that they had completed their investigation and had made a few suggestions. It said that the department considered the matter to be closed. They asked Eisenberg to stop sending them copies of emails regarding other matters that did not relate to the Department of Agriculture.

Those other matters are what lead me to believe that in the case of Dr. Amy Eisenberg justice has been served but that it is an incomplete justice. She has charged a particular Pohnpei police officer with violating her human rights. She and her partner assert that the female police officer, a detective, took Eisenberg into custody, confiscated her U.S. Passport, told her she couldn't leave the island, and forcefully demanded that she drop the charges against the person who ultimately was cleared of assault and battery. In exchange the police would drop charges against her. Eisenberg has asserted that there were no charges against her at the time. As far as I can determine that seems to be true.

Eisenberg's accusation was turned over to the Pohnpei Police Commission for action. She probably is right in assuming that her complaint against the officer has not been handled in a timely manner.

For approximately two weeks, I, along with a host of copied recipients as varied as a representative of the USDA, and the FSM Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert received copies of an email written to Pohnpei State Attorney General Scott Garvey demanding answers about the

charges she filed against the officer who detained her. I never saw any answers to her questions and I feel quite certain that Eisenberg would have sent me copies of any responses with which she didn't agree.

As best I know that Police Commission report is still not out. So now, not only does Dr. Eisenberg understandably think that justice has not been served in that matter, there is a cloud of suspicion hanging over the accused officer as well as an attorney who Eisenberg says put the officer up to the task that she says violated her rights. That cloud will never be lifted until the investigation is completed and the report issued. If disciplinary action is needed, so be it. "Justice delayed is justice denied." I understand that concept completely.

So now here, at the absolute limit of your willingness to continue reading this editorial I have come to the subject that brought this topic to mind in the first place, Major Theresa Price.

Readers may remember that Major Theresa Price accused the Chuuk Department of Public Safety (CDPS) of beating her severely while she was in custody in mid March of this year. Wesley Simina, who was Governor at the time, suspended Jimmy Emilio with pay pending an investigation. Emilio was the Director of Public Safety at the time. Simina reinstated Emilio a week later with instructions not to interfere with the ongoing investigation.

CDPS claimed that Major Price was drunk and combative when she was arrested and that police officers used only the force necessary to detain the Major. They said that her remaining injuries were self inflicted.

I am in possession of the hospital report issued by the hospital on March 18, 2010. The report said that Major Price was highly agitated and sometimes even hysterical but the report made NO mention of the presence of alcohol in her system. Instead the medical report says that she suffered

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Kaping Ong Soun Usuhs Kan – November 15, 2011

Ihoang oh KeipwenipahnKupwur en Enihlap. Keipwenipahnkupwur en Ereko en Pohnpei U. Sakaradahwahupahnkupwur en Isoko en Pohnpei U. Waunekilikendko, Nahnalekko, Nahnenieiko. WauhnekiOloiso oh Serihsohkankan. WauhnekiSoumas en Kousapwakan, Poalioandalakan. Waunekikauhn en PalienMwohmwohdisokan. WauhnekiKaun en Government en FSM, Pohnpei Government, Local Government kan. Wauhnekiohl, lih, melikeilap, me pwulopwul oh tohn Pohnpei unsoak.

I pil moan wiaaitungol congratulations de rahnmwahu en paiamwahuong candidate kan me kamehleh en usuhs pahndoke; Candidate Johnny David oh John Ehsa ongshehr en Koapina; oh KiomyGilmeteoh Marcello Peterson ongKoariau en Koapina.

Ai tungolrahnwahuongsounusuhs en Pohnpei unsoak, ahpwmehlelkumwaihkoarosme utungiehdanusuhs en November 8, 2011. Sapwelimamwaihakupwur en utuhtsansalniuennempenusuhs kan me sansalongie nan kopwahnusuhs kan nan Pohnpei oh likin Pohnpei me koasoaramwahuiehla nan pwungenkiht candidate kan. Patehngkoasoaramwahu wet, I patowanpwekadakopwahnusuhs koaiwasa me I patowanalehdusuhs koaieutohto; iei me iangahkiDoarapap oh PohndiennanWein Nett; AwakPah oh Nan Awak nan Weisohn U; Lohdpah nan WeinMadolenihmw, oh Rehntu, Oloapoal, Koapine, Nan Mangil; OanipeihnPah; Delewa, Pwudoioh Paies nan WeinKitti. Sohtesoangenmahsen me kak en kadoke de kaitaraitungolkapingkalahnganongkupwuren utuht me sansalongienanusuhs wet. I tungolenkikahpwal en lelpahnehuehukupwurepweihnwiani war aitungolkaping.

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Kalahngan lap dokekoaros me iangiekamehleleirehkan me wiakaweihd pen aitungol campaign nan usuhs wet.

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Sapwelimataihlpwukoah en usuhs en ropsapwelimen Pohnpei Kepina oh Keriau en Kepinasaikinteimwisekla. Sehrpwukat me kesempwalongmouhr en mehn Pohnpei met oh niansoukohkohdo.

Pwehkisapwelimamwaihakupwur en utuht ah sansalongie, e wiaaitungolpwukoahienpatowankaweihdkitaih en kolkolpene nan iraihr en ansou en usuhsapahl wet oh paiaudauhdkipeneihns me kitaihlahnutung me pahnkakadehdehongkitaih me kaweihd pen doadoahk me pahnkohdopahniangaudauhdkihdairehkan me kesempwalongkitaih oh pahniakamwahu pen mehn Pohnpei met oh niansoukohkohdo.

Ni ataihlahnehupene oh kolkolpene, candidate kanpahnwauhnekinkitaih oh pahnkak en alehdasapwelimataihlkaweihd oh e pahnmiewahnsapwelimataihlusuhs.

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Kalahngan en kupwuramwaih.

Ngehi Herman Semes

Opinion Editorial

Stopping Violence Against Women

In early November, Australia and the United States co-hosted a policy dialogue with Pacific nations to devise ways to stop violence against women in the Pacific. It's an endeavour that sits sharply in my mind, having returned from a visit to Vanuatu only last month.

In Vanuatu, I was privileged to see the work of the AusAID-funded Vanuatu Women's Centre (VWC) to combat violence against women in that country.

Travelling with members of the VWC to the remote northern province of Torba, I met a local chief, Greg, who had walked for eight hours from his village in West Vanua Lava just to tell us his story. Disturbed by the high levels of violent attacks against women on his island, five years earlier Greg had become one of the local Women's Centre's male advocates working to combat violence against women. His dedication to the role was measured not only in each mile he walked through

Torba's jungle to chronicle his work but in the daily challenge of protecting the women in his community from vicious, often permanently disabling attacks.

I had the honour of being appointed by the Government to be Australia's first Global Ambassador for Women and Girls in September this year, tasked with international advocacy to advance the position of women and girls across the globe but especially in the Asia-Pacific region.

My role as Global Ambassador was created by the Government and announced jointly by Prime Minister Gillard, the Foreign Minister, Mr Rudd, and the Minister for Employment Participation and Childcare and the Status of Women, Ms Ellis. A global scourge requires a global response. It's a cause to which the Government is deeply committed.

Globally, one in three women will

experience violence at the hands of men in their lifetime. In the Pacific this is as high as two in three – two-thirds of the female population experiencing violence from husband, partner, family or friend in their lifetime.

Violence against women is a fundamental development issue. Gender inequity, and the violence that attends it, must be tackled head on for developing nations to reach their full potential. As long as violence against women continues, women, their children, their families, whole communities and whole nations are at risk of entrenched poverty and suffering. By stopping violence, and empowering women, we bring untold flow-on benefits to nations, developed and developing alike.

That's why Australia recently committed \$96.4 million over four years to combat violence against women. This includes \$25 million to expand efforts to end violence against women in Papua New Guinea and across the Pacific. In the Pacific, we are funding empowerment projects

and contributing to the promising work already being done by Pacific communities themselves.

We are funding research to create a baseline for understanding the problem in the Pacific. Recognising the specific and universal aspects of this phenomena, we are supporting programs to improve women's access to the justice system, strengthen the justice system so male perpetrators can be brought to justice, provide assistance for survivors, educate women, and educate men – changing consciousness about gender-based violence so we can bring about lasting change, relational change. We are pleased to be working with partners like UN Women and neighbouring governments and non-government organisations on this important issue.

Critical are male advocacy training programs - like the one that has seen Greg in Torba become such a committed advocate for the rights of women and girls

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from "Post-traumatic stress response probably secondary to severe mauling/ beating incident."

All of that was over eight months ago.

Chuuk State Attorney General Joses Gallen has maintained for several months now that charges will be filed against the officers allegedly involved in the crime when their investigation into the matter is completed. I have waited for those charges to be filed and have written to Mr. Gallen once every few weeks to check on the status, the idea being that when the charges are filed the matter would be in the news again and I could add details that I didn't have when I wrote the first story about the horrific incident in Chuuk; an incident that still has not been resolved in any way shape or form.

But that doesn't seem to be set to happen any time soon and I am not alone in tiring of the waiting game.

Mr. Gallen says that he is waiting for the current Director of CDPS to complete their investigation and to file a report. Apparently CDPS is investigating itself and Mr. Gallen is waiting for that to happen. Two weeks ago Gallen gave me the email address of the current director of CDPS and I wrote to him asking when he expects to file a report with the AG. He never responded to my email.

Meanwhile, "witnesses" seem en masse to have changed their stories from the ones they initially told and the incident seems to be slipping deeper and deeper into the "who cares" zone.

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in his community. Men being trained to understand what violence against women is, how they can stop it, through modifying their own behaviour and the behaviour of other men.

By educating men in this way we will achieve real change for the future. As Australia's Foreign Minister, Mr Rudd, said to the APEC Summit on Women and the Economy in September, "Gender based violence is not just a challenge for women, it is a challenge for men. The core problem is this, my gender, the male gender is responsible. Until we deal with this, in many of the developing countries of our part of the world, we will not be able to embrace full economic opportunities for women. That is a core truth."

White Ribbon Day on 25 November, is a call to action for all men to stand up against violence against women across the world. Mr Rudd is a White Ribbon Ambassador and has 'taken the oath' never to commit, excuse, or remain silent about violence against women. In San Francisco he called

At least two people have deeply personal reasons to care but their stories are not being resolved due to what appears to be the kind of inaction that seems to be strategic in its intent. "Ignore it and it will go away."

Jimmy Emilio, if he didn't do what Major Price accused him and several of his officers of doing should want to see the situation resolved in a court of law. If I was innocent I would be pushing hard to have my case heard so that I could be exonerated.

Major Prices HAS been pushing to have the case heard but nothing seems to have happened.

I have seen the photos of many of the injuries she sustained that day and was absolutely horrified. If I'd done that to myself I would be hiding in shame but if someone else did it to me I'd be pushing just as hard as she has done in order to have justice served.

Everyone in Chuuk State should be clamoring for resolution to this case because it is their images that have been sullied.

This is not at all over and done with and justice has NOT been served for the accused or for the accuser. It's ALL too common and it's time to stop acting like this isn't the modus operandi for State law enforcement officials whenever things are a bit embarrassing or inconvenient.

As far as I am concerned it will never be over and done with until the gavel comes down at the end of a trial of the accused.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

on male leaders across the region to do the same.

In only a few short months as Australia's Global Ambassador for Women and Girls, I have witnessed the changes that can occur if violence prevention programs work: women and girls free of violence, taking up their rightful equal place as productive members of society.

I greatly value the opportunity to work with our partner countries in the Pacific to learn how we can best assist to stop violence against women for good, and to learn from your experiences, to fight violence against women and girls in Australian society.

Every woman has a right to live a life free of violence. I join Mr Rudd in calling on men to take a stand on White Ribbon Day, for the women in your lives, and for women all over the world, sharing the path of Greg and other male advocates in Vanuatu, across the difficult terrain of this complex issue.

Penny Williams
Australia's Global Ambassador for Women and Girls

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat - Suva, Fiji



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The appointment will carry a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The starting salary for the position is approximately SDR47,299. According to the exchange rate used in 1 October 2011, this was equivalent to around FJD132,900. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free. Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package containing the job description and remuneration details, which are available at www.forumsec.org

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Micronesia “go local” traditional agroforestry presented at the 91st National Convention, SAF in Hawaii

By Emihner Johnson, Acting Executive Director, Island Food Community of Pohnpei

The Society of American Foresters 91st National Convention with its International Year of Forests announced early this year submissions of abstract for presentation. Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) submitted an abstract titled: Micronesian Go Local Traditional Agroforestry Food Crops for Health improvements, and was approved and accepted for oral presentation during the SAF 91st National Convention, November 2nd -6th, 2011. Two hundred seventy nine (279) Forest abstracts were accepted for oral presentations featuring Forest Ecology, Agroforestry, Forest Management and Operations, Urban Ecosystems, Silviculture, Forest Policy, Biosecurity, Business Forest Enterprise, Certification of Ecosystems Services, Recreational Management, and etc.

On November 4, 2011 at Hawaii Convention Center, the Acting Executive Director of IFCP Ms. Emihner Johnson

presented the Micronesia Go Local Traditional Agroforestry Food Crops for health improvements to audience of over 30 participants in the Agroforestry Conference Room, focusing on Micronesian traditional agroforestry with its CHEEF benefits which has been Micronesians way of living in which we grew up in. This healthy food system has been neglected by the young generation of Micronesia. IFCP's Go Local Campaign is trying to revive this traditional agroforestry. Our Micronesian Agroforestry was very small scale which was primarily focusing on subsistence while other US agroforestry presentations were focusing on large scale.

IFCP would like to give special thanks to US Forester Kathleen Friday for her continuous support and assistance in finding the funding support for the travel of IFCP Acting Executive Director to present the Micronesia Go Local Agroforestry at the SAF Convention. Special acknowledgement also goes to Mr. Andy Mason of US Forest Service and SPC healthy life style for financial support on this presentation at the SAF 2011.



November 4, afternoon Agroforestry Session presenters: L- R: Marjorie Falanruw, USDA Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry, Emihner Johnson, IFCP, Mark Drew- Socioeconomic analysis of Small Scale Island Development of Agroforestry, Kathleen Friday- US Forest Service

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The operation was hosted and coordinated by the Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Agency at the Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre (RFSC) located at the FFA Secretariat in Honiara, Solomon Islands. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community helped facilitate the operation through its EU-funded DevFish (Development of Tuna Fisheries in the Pacific ACP Countries) project. The RFSC was staffed by watch-keepers from Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, U.S. and Vanuatu with observers from Australia, France, Marshall Islands, Vanuatu and the Pacific Trans-national Crime Coordination Centre. All countries had access to analyse the FFA web-based VMS regional surveillance map which provided a real-time snapshot of licensed fishing vessel positions and activities occurring throughout the region along with planned surveillance flights and patrol plans. Through the use of these tools, watch-keepers from individual countries were able to

network with other MCS specialists and make informed decisions for scheduling, planning and directing the movements of their patrol boats to locations where aerial surveillance flights, using updated surveillance maps provided by the RFSC, had identified suspicious activities or vessels.

Significant outcomes of Kurukuru 2011 include:

- First-ever coordinated regional surveillance operation to have had active participation from all 17 Pacific Island members of the FFA and all four Quadrilateral Defence countries;
- The exercise of two Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreements – between Federated States of Micronesia and Palau and between Cook Islands and Samoa, resulting in cooperative surveillance operations occurring within neighbouring country EEZs;
- A Solomon Islands patrol boat boarding and apprehending three foreign fishing

Go local on the week of world diabetes day

By Chizuru Seki (JICA)
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Monday, November 14, 2011 was World Diabetes Day. Week of November 14, Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) visited three communities (Lukop and Pohnlangas, Madolenihmw on Monday, November 14th and Wone, Kitti on Wednesday, November 16th) to spread the word about health problems in FSM along with representatives from diabetes, cancer and tobacco programs in Pohnpei Public Health. 75 people in total participated in these workshops.

In FSM, one in three adults is suffering from diabetes. The possible reasons for this health crisis are a change in diet and lack of exercise. Nowadays, people in FSM eat less and less locally grown food and more and more unhealthy imported food.

As quoted by the FSM President Mori at World Food Day 2009, “Pohnpei, although blessed with fertile soil and an abundance of local farm produce, still imports \$17 million worth of food items each year... over 95% are processed foods.” His closing words were: “Let’s go local!”

While local food contains lots of nutrition, unhealthy imported processed food is usually less in nutrition and high in additives such as fat, sugar and salt.

IFCP explained nutritional contents

of local food and its CHEEF (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security) benefits focusing on its health benefit.

Local food is rich in nutrient. Those yellow-orange-fleshed local food is especially high in beta-carotene, provitamin A. Vitamin A is very important for normal growth and development, immune system function, and vision. Local food is also high in other vitamins, minerals and fiber. With all these necessary nutrients, local food helps us to fight against diabetes, heart disease, certain cancers, vitamin A deficiency and anemia.

During the IFCP presentation, community members expressed their concern toward the heavy dependence on unhealthy imported food in Pohnpei communities. Community members requested to approach law makers to make it mandatory that each household consumes local food to a certain degree or have control over the import of unhealthy processed food. They also suggested focusing more on school and parents awareness. Since children are use to the taste of unhealthy imported food, it is important to educate people who can take control over the children’s food intake.

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



Participants in Wone, Kitti on Wednesday, November 16, 2011

- vessels, returning them all to port;
- A French patrol boat boarding foreign fishing vessels in the high seas under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission High Seas Boarding and Inspection scheme for investigative purposes;
- A Tuvalu patrol boat boarding, apprehending and fining a foreign fishing vessel;
- A Federated States of Micronesia patrol boat boarding and issuing citations to three foreign fishing vessels for numerous infractions; and
- Combined aerial and surface surveillance identifying several vessels apparently not complying with their FFA registration and license conditions and are the subject of further investigation.

The combined success of the MCS efforts

by the FFA member countries and their Quadrilateral Defence partners should not necessarily be measured by the number of fishing vessels apprehended. The reduction in the number of vessels conducting IUU fishing activities is only one measure of the success of this operation.

Operation Kurukuru is an activity that is coordinated and executed to meet identified strategic objectives outlined within the Regional MCS Strategy endorsed by Forum leaders in 2010. It also meets the broader objectives of sustainable fisheries development and management in the Pacific region. This annual operation, held across all FFA member countries is the culmination of the annual operational cycle and complements other operations held in sub-regions of the FFA membership earlier in the year.

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- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nutrition
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)
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