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Medical inventory practices endanger the lives of Chuukese people

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Chuuk, FSM - Over the impossibly blue green waters of the lagoon edged in glistening white sand, bent and proud coconut palms lean toward the crystal clear blue sky. It's the kind of postcard imagery that vast hordes of cubicle dwellers and factory laborers throughout the world can only dream about. But there is another more fundamental beauty about Chuuk that has nothing to do with its magnificent scenery or its fishing, its snorkeling or its scuba diving. It's a human beauty that radiates

from the 67,000 plus Chuukese people who call the tropical FSM State their home. But that particular beauty could be in mortal danger according to a report released on February 10 of this year.

The report released by the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor says that there are serious deficiencies in the Chuuk State Department of Health Services' procurement and inventory management system. Inefficiencies in procurement and inventory control management of medical supplies resulted in potentially significant waste and inappropriate expenditures of money; money that could have been used far better to protect the health of Chuukese people.

More devastating than the mere waste of money, auditors drew an implied conclusion that the lack of proper oversight and inventory control of medical supplies in Chuuk has resulted in the loss of life. Even medical dispensaries within a three hour open boat ride of Weno, the capital island of Chuuk, lacked basic medications. The likelihood that a Chuuk dispensary might have necessary basic medications for residents who need them, often times in a hurry, decreased, according to the report, with the distance of the dispensary from Weno.

Some of those dispensaries are on islands

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Some FSM deportees cause law enforcement problems at home Kosrae introduces a bill to require registration of deportees convicted of criminal acts in foreign jurisdictions

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM - Each year, hundreds of FSM citizens emigrate to the United States or to Guam. They are free to do so under the Compact of Free Association with the United States. Some leave to pursue higher education opportunities. Others leave for

health treatments that are not yet available in this developing nation. Still others leave because they cannot find suitable employment in the FSM. FSM citizens leave for a variety of reasons and some adapt and do well in their new home. Others have a more difficult time adjusting and find themselves at odds with the law. Sometimes FSM citizens are deported from the United States

and returned to the FSM. Only some of those deportees cause problems after they arrive home.

As of February 24, 2010, 309 FSM citizens had been deported to the FSM according to FSM Department of Immigration Services

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The Legacy of Chief Justice Andon L. Amaraich

by Associate Justice Dennis K. Yamase
Supreme Court of the FSM

February 4, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM - The Honorable Andon L. Amaraich, long time Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) passed away in the early morning hours of Wednesday, January 27, 2010 Pohnpei time. He was with his wife Mrs. Pwerech Amaraich, other family members, the Director of Court Administration, Kapilly Capelle, and others, when he peacefully passed away that morning at Straub Hospital in Hawai'i. Our Chief Justice was 77 years old.

Our Associate Justices and staff of the FSM Supreme Court in each of the states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap are very saddened and mourning the loss of our leader of over 15 years. I'm sure the judges and staff of the state, municipal, and local courts are sharing similar feelings. We, at the FSM Supreme Court, all miss him. While it is true he is physically gone, I still feel his presence here at the courthouse in Palikir and his way of doing things, his priorities for our court and the Nation, and his powerful legacy shall continue to strongly influence all of us as we strive to continue to do the business of the court in his absence.

It has been pointed out repeatedly that Chief Justice Amaraich will not only be missed as the head of the FSM national government

judicial branch, but also as a founding father of the Nation. In the history of a nation, a man like him comes along only very rarely. He was born in Ta, Mortlock Islands, Chuuk on August 24, 1932. He had limited formal schooling and education, yet worked his way up to the highest echelons of the national government. This culminated in his becoming Chief Justice.

In his early years in the 1950's to early 1960's, he served as a teacher, Assistant Clerk of Courts for the Truk (now Chuuk) District Court, Chief Public Defender, and Assistant District Administrator under the Trust Territory (TT) Government. In subsequent years in the 1960's to around 1974, he also held various elected offices in the Truk District Congress, he represented Truk in the Council of Micronesia under the TT Government, and from 1965 to 1974 he held a seat in the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia.

He served as Chairman of the Commission on the Future Political Status and Transition from 1976 to 1987. Later he was appointed as the chief negotiator on the Compact of Free Association with the United States (US) government. In this capacity, he helped forge the blueprint for the Compact of Free Association and most importantly helped to assure the independence and sovereignty of the FSM. He also served as legal staff to the 1975 Micronesian Constitutional Convention. In this capacity, he helped draft what

ultimately evolved to become our Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

In 1979, after the establishment of the FSM Constitutional Government, Chief Justice Amaraich was appointed to be the first Secretary of the FSM Department of External Affairs, a position he held for more than a decade under the first president of the FSM Tosiwo Nakayama and second president John Haglelgam. During these years he defined the structure and role of the Department of External Affairs and played an instrumental part in obtaining diplomatic relations with other nations in the Pacific and the world. While Secretary, the FSM established embassies and missions in Tokyo, Suva, Washington D.C., Guam, and Honolulu.

In 1990, President Haglelgam nominated Andon Amaraich as an Associate Justice for the FSM Supreme Court. In then Associate Justice Amaraich's remarks upon his swearing-in, he emphasized unity in purpose, determination, action, and national policy as a crucial element in "our nation-building efforts and in the reassertion of our sovereignty and independence". He also recognized the importance of custom and tradition in resolving disputes and he urged that, "our people and those practicing law in our islands to make more and better use of the peaceful customary ways of resolving differences and put more emphasis on reconciliation of disputes instead of on liti-

gation." He further recognized the need for our national and state judiciaries to work cooperatively together. He served as Associate Justice from March, 1992 to January, 1995, when he was appointed as Chief Justice.

On January 27, 1995, President Bailey Olter swore-in then Associate Justice Amaraich as Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court. In remarks he made that day, President Olter stated, "Being the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court might be seen as the 'loneliest job in the country.' But the independence of the judiciary must be safeguarded and protected in order for justice to prevail. Judges must be independent, and not subject to the influence of others in order to make certain that the rights guaranteed our citizens by the Constitution and laws of the Federated States of Micronesia are protected and upheld."

Under his leadership, our Chief Justice kept the FSM Supreme Court on the straight and narrow path, and thus assured that the separate, co-equal judicial branch of government tasked with the duty to interpret the law provided a strong foundation for the young Nation. This was no easy task, as a court on any small Pacific-island nation is always subject to sustained threats to its judicial independence and the rule of law. Such threats come from conflicts of interests, external and internal pressures, governance issues, and from many other sources. The judiciary must remain constantly vigilant

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Young Mapusi woman killed by hit and run driver in Dolonier

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM - A woman in her mid 20's was struck and killed by a speeding hit and run vehicle in the early morning hours of Sunday, February 21, 2010 on the street outside of the Kintaro Bar. Police quickly arrested a suspect in the matter likely on the basis of an eyewitness report of the license tag number.

Witnesses say that the victim, Norita Phillip of Mapusi had been in the Kintaro bar in Dolonier, Pohnpei earlier in the eve-

ning. Kim Kintaro, owner of the bar, a popular spot for karaoke and billiards said that she didn't really know her; not enough to know her name. She said that she was very rarely a customer but did occasionally visit other patrons in the bar.

Kintaro said that one of her employees went to the trash bin before the bar closed and was an eyewitness to the Phillip's death. One week later that employee was still so shaken by what she witnessed that she refused to talk about the matter at all. "This has really made me sick. I'm taking local medicine because it really scared

me," she said.

A late night patron of the bar said that the incident must have occurred at about 2:40 in the morning. He had clocked out from his job at 2:32 and stopped on the way home at the Kintaro Bar. His late night job is not far away and he said that he had barely sat down when the commotion started.

"She wasn't moving at all," he said. "Police wouldn't really let us get close but I heard them yelling, 'Norita, Norita, Norita, can you hear me Norita.'" Police

blocked off the exit from the bar until the young woman had been removed to the hospital.

When the detectives division of the Pohnpei State Police did not return our calls after three days we went to the Police Department and were politely told that protocol required that Police Chief Joe Roby give authorization for the release of any information on the matter. Chief Roby was not on hand to provide that authorization and the Police would not release any information at all on the crime.

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...Deportees

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records. Contrary to popularly stated opinion, not all FSM deportees are returned to the FSM because of serious law breaking. Under the Compact an FSM citizen can be deported if he or she has no means of gainful employment. There is some fear that the State of Hawaii may begin to choose that method of dealing with indigent FSM citizens in their state more often than they have done in the past.

Some deportees were deported because of excessive traffic violations or family offenses. Some committed immigration violations. The reason for some deportations was not listed on the FSM Immigration report at all.

The overwhelming reason given by the US Department of Immigration and Naturalization Services for deportation of FSM citizens was for one or more felony convictions. Listed crimes included larceny (theft), burglary, fraud, embezzlement, possession of weapons or drugs, assault, rape, kidnapping, sexual conduct with a minor, crimes involving moral turpitude, child abuse, manslaughter, and several convictions for homicide.

It has often been said that US prisons are not institutions for effective rehabilitation but instead tend to serve as training grounds for criminals. Hardened criminals arriving back home in the FSM from the U.S. are coming from a place where law enforcement is tight and returning to a place where it seems that criminal activity is harder to detect and where punishment for crime is often much less harsh than it would have been in the U.S.

Chuuk's Attorney General, Joses Gallen confirmed that 47 year old Sarafin Kintaro of Uman is in the custody of Chuuk State. He is accused of raping and severely beating a five year old girl. The unimaginable incident occurred on February 4, 2010 at approximately 4:00 p.m. in Motonon, Nantaku, Weno. Kintaro was recently deported back to the FSM after serving a lengthy prison sentence for kidnapping and criminal sexual conduct with a minor.

Three Chuukese deportees, in 2009 made the first ever armed bank robbery attempt in the Federated States of Micronesia. Their attempt failed and they were quickly arrested as they tried to escape by boat.

Pohnpei, Yap and Kosrae law enforcement officials said that those states are not experiencing crime problems that are unique to deportees. Chuuk's Attorney General did

not respond to that particular question and their police department officials were impossible to reach by telephone.

The Kaselehlie Press received several reports from residents of Kosrae who said that within recent months, criminal activity in the state has been on the rise after the arrival of some new deportees. Some have said that expatriates seem to have been specifically targeted by criminals.

One WorldTeach volunteer chose to leave Kosrae for reasons that may have included several break-ins that occurred in the home where she was living.

Scott Kaltenbaugh, WorldTeach coordinator in Kosrae quelled rumors regarding the program in Kosrae. "WorldTeach is not currently considering pulling out of Kosrae though we are readdressing our security practices in light of the recent events," he said.

Kosrae's Attorney General J.D. Lee and Kosrae Chief of Police Edmond Salik prepared a response to our emailed questions on the matter of FSM deportees. The response, written by the AG said, "I don't think that there has been a 'spike' in criminal activity in Kosrae that is directly linked to deportees. An unfortunate consequence of the economic hardships suffered over

the last couple of years is an increase in the number of reported thefts, burglaries and disturbances. Of these, I have only been able to confirm the involvement of two deportees."

Lee said that Kosrae has had a large number of expatriates arrive through programs such as WorldTeach. The expats are "known and visible and they have 'stuff' without the social buffers or protections that local families have," she wrote. She confirmed that a group of expats living in close proximity to each other were recently burglarized.

"Anyone with 'stuff' is a target, regardless of nationality," Lee wrote. "Store owners, businessmen and those considered well-off are all targets and they are hit as often as expats."

Pohnpei's State Police Chief Joe Roby said that at an FSM law enforcement conference held in April of last year he expressed his concern that communication from the United States government to law enforcement officers in the FSM had previously been scant regarding arrivals of deportees.

National Police Chief Pius Chotailug said that the practice had been that the US Gov-

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Kosrae products at the 44th Tokyo Supermarket Show

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Tokyo, Japan-The Kosrae Export Council (KEC) represented various Kosraean Products Feb 8th through the 10th at the Tokyo Supermarket Trade show. KEC was formed in 2008 with direct support by the Kosrae Department of Resources & Economic Affairs (DREA). KEC is comprised of private sector representatives joining in unity to help the state improve export performance, with an eye toward helping farmers and the state with new income opportunities. Most of the funding support given to KEC is through US Compact Private Sector Grant filtered through DREA. This is a public-private sector partnership arrangement that is fully supported both by Director Steven George of DREA and Kosrae State Governor Robert Weilbacher.

In Tokyo, over 80,000 visitors over the three day period visited the show providing much needed exposure to the island products represented. Tourism opportunities and information about Kosrae and Micronesia was also presented. "Anytime we go off island we are representing all of Kosrae and the FSM as a whole. To market our goods, due to our unique situation, we must market the 'story' or uniqueness of the nation and the states. Co-Branding and working with various agencies to promote the overall economy can only aide every business and the nation as a whole so it was an honor to represent not one product but all of Kosrae and the FSM" said Mr. Brian Rogers Chairman of Kosrae Export Council. The delegation included Mr. Rogers, Mr. Witson Phillip Vice Chairman of KEC, and Mrs. Hilla Rogers.

The Kosraean items on display and available for sample were the various Banana / Taro / Breadfruit chips so popular in Kosrae as well as the much heralded Taro Flour and Lelu Water. Promotions for other exportable items such as Mangrove Crabs were also discussed in great detail on the show floor. The KEC shared a

booth provided by the Pacific Island Center with firms from Tonga, Samoa and Kiribati with the most interest in the Kosrae Products being clearly evident.

"We have met buyers who are interested in our products and are now discussing their needs in terms of product volumes and pricing" Phillip said. Phillip has been actively campaigning for a private operation to lead the private sector in Kosrae not only as Vice Chairman of KEC but also as Chairman of the Kosrae Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Phillip further stated that having three people present was a great aide as Mr. & Mrs. Rogers helped lead the way and worked hard at promoting Kosrae as evidenced by the report from the Pacific Islands Centre regarding their participation: "For the past several years, PIC has participated in various trade shows and exhibitions and looking back on them we think that Mr. Rogers and his members were among the best exhibitors ever as far as their enthusiasm to challenge and penetrate into such a difficult Japanese Market" said Mr. Kahichiro Shoma Director of Pacific Islands Centre in Tokyo. Considering the number of trade shows and the number of Pacific Island Forum Members, it was a tremendous compliment for the KEC.

A statement from the Kosrae Export Council said, "FSM people have repeatedly heard that Micronesia can not export items; however we disagree and feel that is a defeatist opinion. If we rely on one large industry, if we do not push / support / advertise our tourism, if we rely on remittances and foreign aid only, then we will never gain solid footing or economic independence. There must be a few cottage industries that we can tap into and establish to create small but much needed cash flow on the islands. It is the reliance on Foreign Aid and Governmental employment that is halting Private Sector Development, and there is a big need for further support of Private Sector Operations and Operators. The governing bodies say that the Private Sector must lead any economic turn



around; however no one seems to want to put the money and support behind those words. We must look at small scale industries we can do, and support our local products and reduce our needs on imported goods.

"The Kosrae Export Council Exhibition would like to whole heartedly acknowledge the sponsorship and support for the attendance to this event to the Pacific Islands Centre, Department of Resources and Economic Affairs, Kosrae State Government Administration, Congressman Claude Phillip for his unwavering support in making sure this trip was a success as well as private sector donations of products and even funding some of the airfare and costs to attend this show. This trip could not have been possible without many sides coming together and working for a common goal and we hope that continued multi party efforts in future events will be possible considering the positive outcomes that were achieved.

Already there is some positive recent news for KEC as they identified many restraints, negatives and restrictions for Kosrae Products for export. One of those was poor packaging and design. It is a great pleasure that KEC can now officially thank the Australia Government for providing some assistance in this weakness through the AusAID funded Small Grant Scheme. We hope that other interested funders will also help us to build our small scale export economy in order to provide local revenues, and improve the local quality of life for all Kosraens by our cooperative efforts.

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Witson Phillip, Fiji's Ambassador to Japan His Excellency Isikeli Mataitoga, Ms. Chiaki Takano (PIC Trade Officer), Mrs. Hilla Rogers, and Brian Rogers

Bridge design and construction alleged to have caused drowning death

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

Enpein, Kitti, FSM - Standing on the Peilik bridge in Enpein Powe, Kitti during the current El Nino caused dry season it is difficult to imagine that on April 29, 2009, Maylani Gilmete Moya was swept into a rain swollen Kitti river while trying to cross the bridge. She drowned on that day and left four young children without a mother.

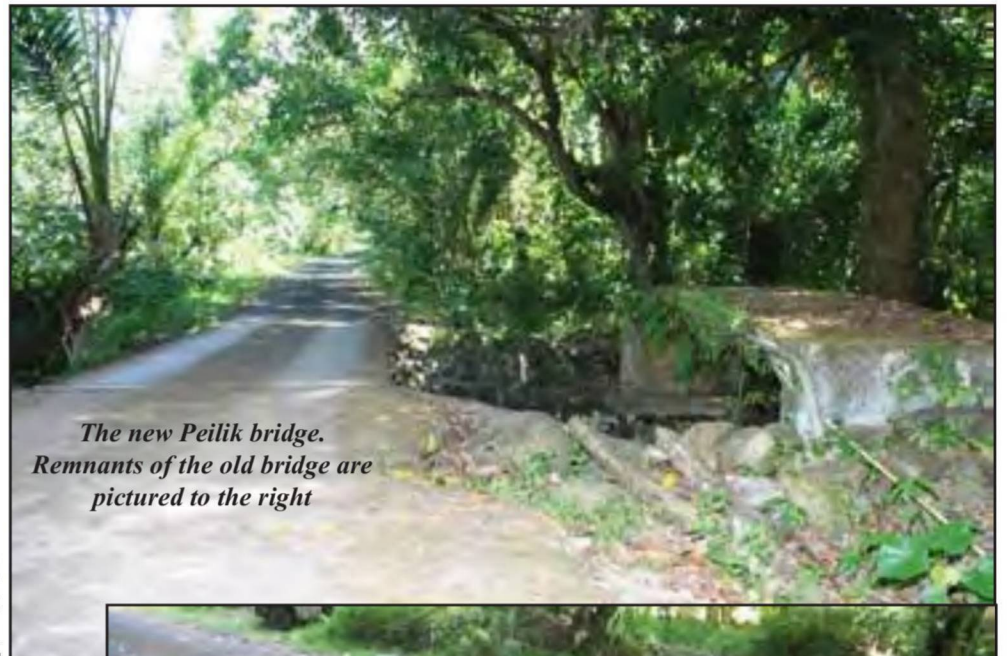
Counselor Tony David filed suit in Pohnpei State Supreme Court late last year on behalf of Eisenhower Moya. The suit was filed against Henry Tiongeo of Pohnpei State Transportation and Infrastructure.

Moya said in his court filing that the Department of T&I built a dangerous and faulty bridge. While the bridge it was designed to replace was raised above the level of flooding the river overflows the new bridge when it rains causing hardships to school children who must cross the bridge in order to get to school.

The filing says that the new bridge has no railings that could prevent people from being washed away during floods. It said that the lack of railings meant that Maylani Moya had nothing to hold on to and that factor along with the height of the bridge led directly to Moya's death.

The suit implores the Department of T&I to fix the problems of the bridge before a child is washed away by flash flooding. While the old bridge was 7 feet six inches wide the new bridge is two feet narrower. Further, the foundation of the new bridge has narrowed the river which funnels flood waters into a narrower channel causing the water to run at a faster pace.

Eisenhower Moya is asking the court to award damages of \$100,000 for the support of Maxon, Amelia, Melonnie, and Anrie Mert Moya.



The new Peilik bridge. Remnants of the old bridge are pictured to the right



Photos by Nigel Jaynes

Debris caught beneath the new Peilik Bridge

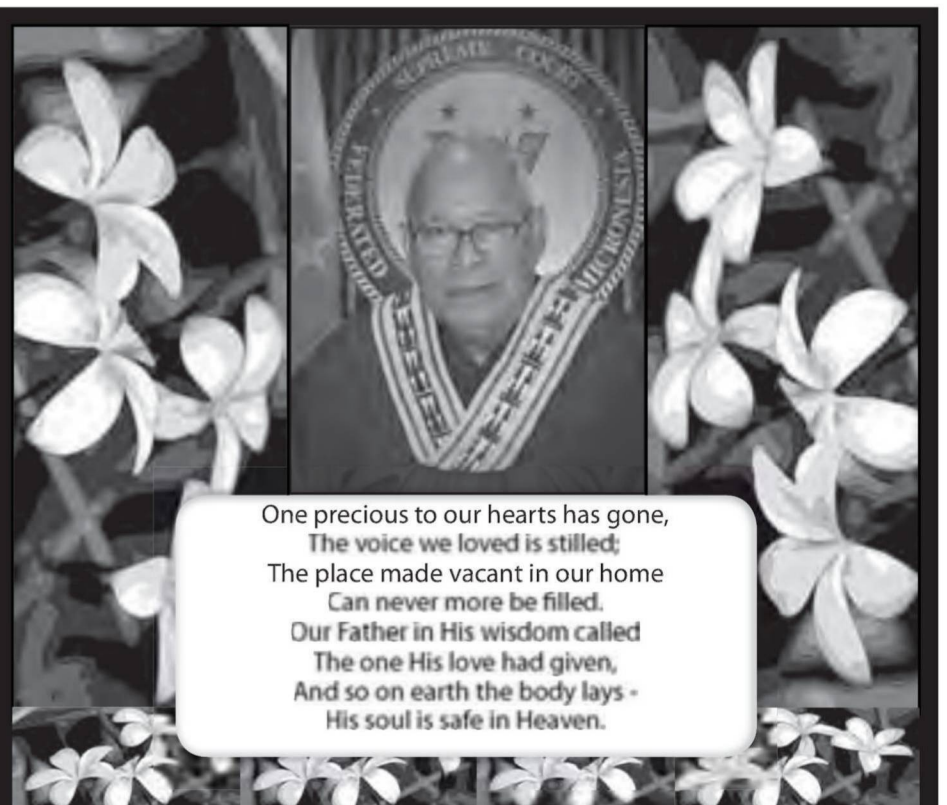
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We, the family of the late Andon L. Amaraich wish to extend our utmost appreciation and gratitude to the Leaders & People of the FSM, Neighboring Islands and other foreign countries for the tremendous support that you extended to us and in sharing with us the heartache and sorrow at the passing of our father, Papa Andon.

We are at a loss for words to express our deepest & heartfelt gratitude for the loving support that you showed. We can never repay you in our lifetime, but we pray and remain confident that the Lord, our God, in His abundant riches, may repay you for what you gave away unselfishly. Kilisou Chapur, Kalahngan en Kupuhromwail, Kulo na ma Lulap, Kammagar & Thank You Very Much.

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VDSL-4096	4096 kbps	4096 kbps	\$5,096.00
VDSL-5120	5120 kbps	5120 kbps	\$6,370.00
VDSL-6144	6144 kbps	6144 kbps	\$7,644.00
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VDSL-8192	8192 kbps	8192 kbps	\$10,192.00
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Basic 384	384 kbps	\$3,640.00	\$955.00
Basic 512	512 kbps	\$6,310.00	\$1,273.00
Basic 768	768 kbps	new	\$1,910.00
Basic 1024	1024 kbps	\$12,330.00	\$2,548.00
Basic 1280	1280 kbps	new	\$3,183.00
Basic 1536	1536 kbps	\$18,350.00	\$3,819.00

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NAME	Transmit/Receive	Existing MRC	Proposed MRC
Domestic 128	128 kbps	\$3,760.00	\$1,219.00
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...Deportees (2)

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ernment notified the Department of Foreign Affairs who then notified the Governors of the states where a deported individual was scheduled to arrive. His office was also notified.

But word of a deportee's pending arrival in an FSM state rarely reached local law enforcement officers in those states.

Yap's Attorney General, Victor Nabeyan said that he receives information regarding arriving deportees from the FSM Department of Justice. According to their records there have been 25 citizens of Yap deported back to their home state.

Carl-Heinz Jason Wemhoener-Cuite, Economic/Consular Officer for the US Embassy to the FSM said that communication methods regarding deported FSM citizens have changed within the last six months. State law enforcement officers are now included in the information loop when deportees are scheduled to arrive in their states. "We decided that more (information) is better," he said.

Both Pohnpei's Chief of Police Joe Roby and Yap's Attorney General Victor Nabeyan indicated that even with the information provided there is not much done by law enforcement officers with the information received. When asked if police knew where deportees were living on the island Roby said that they assumed they would be living with family. "We can tell by their last names," he said. He said that there is no process of physical verification that the

deportee scheduled to arrive actually did arrive instead of getting off the plane in another state.

Kosrae's J.D. Lee said much the same. Police assume that arriving deportees will be living with family.

Nabeyan said that Yap is a small community and everyone knows about the deportees and what they are doing.

The FSM immigration report shows that a large number of criminal deportees were convicted of sexual offenses. None of the states has a registry for sexual offenders; not even for police use. The list shows that of 309 deportees returned to the FSM, only 11 were female.

The Kosrae Legislature recently introduced legislation for consideration with the idea of changing the way that Kosrae handles deportees arriving in their state. John McKenzie, Kosrae Legislative counsel said that when he was drafting the bill at the request of the legislature he thought very carefully about the civil rights of deportees. He said that he considered problems such as double jeopardy while putting together the wording for the bill.

The purpose and findings section of the bill says, "The Kosrae Legislature finds that persons who have committed criminal offenses in foreign jurisdictions have been deported to Kosrae from those foreign jurisdictions as a result of a conviction for the criminal offense, or as part of an agreed resolution of criminal charges pending in that jurisdiction. Further the Legislature finds that currently, these convicted criminals are arriving on Kosrae and are not subject to the same level of supervision

that they would have been subject to in the foreign jurisdiction of their conviction had they not been deported. The Legislature also finds that in order to protect the safety and peace of the people of Kosrae it is necessary to require that convicted criminals who have been deported to Kosrae from foreign jurisdictions register with the Kosrae State Police immediately upon arrival in Kosrae. The Legislature also finds that, their having shown a propensity for criminal behavior in places outside of Kosrae, it is of vital necessity for the State of Kosrae to supervise returned deportees and to require continuing good behavior from those deportees."

McKenzie said that the bill is still very young and has not seen any committee action or hearings as of yet.

As far as we were able to determine from communications with officials in all of the states, Kosrae is the only state in the FSM that is considering legislation of this kind.

To summarize, if the bill passes, a deportee who has been deported as a result of a conviction for a criminal offense, or as an agreed resolution to pending criminal charges will be required to register with the Kosrae Police Department within 72 hours of their arrival. Kosrae State Police department would be required to meet the deportee at the airport to inform the deportee about the requirement.

The Chief of Police would be required to submit a report to the Attorney General within seven days of registration outlining the facts of the foreign criminal case; the sentence served by the deportee; any probation or parole conditions that may have been imposed on the deportee by a foreign

court and any recommendations for supervision conditions.

Within seven days of receiving the report the AG would be required to file a petition with the Kosrae State Court requesting any necessary supervision conditions for the deportee.

A deportee who fails to register within 72 hours would earn a mandatory jail sentence of not less than five days.

If a deportee has been deported from a foreign jurisdiction prior to the imposition and/or completion of any terms of probation, the Kosrae State Court may impose its own conditions of probation in substitution for the incomplete probation term. Breach of any of the terms of probation imposed by the Kosrae State Court would be a Category 3 felony.

A deportee who commits a felony in the State of Kosrae within two years of deportation shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to a mandatory prison sentence of not less than one year. If a deportee commits a misdemeanor within the same time frame they will be sentenced to a mandatory prison sentence of not less than five days.

The law, if it is passed, would be retroactive to include all Kosrae deportees who arrived within two years previous to the date that the bill becomes a law. They would be required to register with the Kosrae State Police as well.

According the FSM Immigration report, only 14 deportees have been returned to Kosrae as of February 24, 2010.

**Federated States of Micronesia
Department of Education
Special Education Program**

**Public Announcement
March 1, 2010**

The FSM Department of Education announces that an application for funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is being submitted for Fiscal Year 2010. The FSM receives funding under IDEA to provide special education and related service programs for eligible children with disabilities and their families.

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The FSM Department of Education announces that a 60-day public review period and a 30-day public comment period will be available to allow the public an opportunity to review the application and to makes comments. The dates for the 60 day public review will be from March 1, 2010 – April 30, 2010. The 30 day public comment period will be from April 1, 2010 – April 30, 2010.

Copies of the Part B Application FFY 2010 are available at each State Department of Education. A copy of the application is also available at the FSM Special Education Website: <http://fsmsted.org/dashboard/>

Please submit any comments concerning the application to:

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Rugby

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM - Eight members of the Musashino City Rugby Football Union came to Pohnpei to share the sport of Rugby in the FSM. On Friday evening, February 19 the team members shared rugby balls with representatives from Pohnpei Island Central School, Xavier High School from Chuuk, and the Division of Youth Services in Yap.

Afterwards the players squared off against an imposing and hastily assembled team of players who live in Pohnpei for a rousing exhibition rugby match. Rugby is a rough and tumble contact sport. Possibly to avoid any diplomatic incidents or injuries to the visiting players the match began as a game of touch rugby with players wearing flags. A "tackle" was indicated when an opposing player was able to remove the flag of a ball carrier.

The match was played on a field less than half the size of a regulation Rugby field. It quickly became obvious that the FSM team had faster hands and they quickly ran away with the game giving them a big lead. Soon the flags were abandoned and while the game was still a game of touch rugby, which was a bit disconcerting to watch and probably difficult for the huge men that made up the FSM rugby team to get used to. Some of the "touches" started to get just a bit rough before the short game was over.

No one seemed to know what the final score was but it was clear that the FSM dominated the visiting team from Japan who also seemed to have a difficult time with the idea of touch rugby and didn't seem to know what to do with such a small field. The estimated final score was approximately 35 to 25 at last count, more like a National Football League score rather than rugby.

The game was all in good fun and the teams shook hands and went their separate ways until the following day.

At 9:00 the following morning the Musashino City rugby team along with some of the FSM team members gave a rugby clinic for an estimated 80 young people.

The event was primarily coordinated by the FSM-Japan Friendship Society whose President is Senator Roger S. Mori and Vice President is Mr. Takuro Akinaga.



Photos by Bill Jaynes



... Chuuk Medical

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that are quite far away from Weno indeed. Over 13,000 Chuukese live on the outer islands where travel to Weno can take up to two days by ship. Nearly 14,000 Chuukese live in Weno, while over 40,000 of the States' residents live on islands situated within the Chuuk lagoon. The historic Chuuk lagoon is approximately 40 miles in diameter.

Auditors who reviewed medical supply management procedures reviewed fiscal years 2006 through 2008. They chose to visit the dispensaries in Moch, Oneop, Ta, Lekinoch, Satowan, and Kuttu. They additionally scoured records at Chuuk DHS and inspected the warehouse where medical supplies are stored; the warehouse from which Chuuk's 78 outer island dispensaries are supplied medical supplies to preserve Chuuk's most vital resource—it's people.

The World Health Organization established a list of medicines it said were essential. The organization defined essential medicines as "those drugs that satisfy the health care needs of the majority of the population...they should be available at all times in adequate amounts and in appropriate dosage forms, at a price the community can afford." The WHO knew that since medical needs differ from country to country and island to island and encouraged countries to prepare their own lists of essential medications taking into consideration local priorities and conditions. Chuuk State adopted its own "Dispensary Essential List of Medicines," which included 33 different medicines that they said should be in good supply at each dispensary.

The Moch dispensary did not have 24 of Chuuk's self declared essential medicines. Oneop, and Ta dispensaries were missing 19. Lekinoch had 15 of the essentials but were missing 18. Satowan lacked 16 and Kuttu 15.

Auditors also discovered a problem with expired medications. The power of medications weakens over time and the purpose of the expiration date is to let people know when the medicine is assumed to have lost its power. "Treating a patient with expired medications is the same as not treating a patient," the inspection report said.

A January 2009 count of medications at the Hospital Warehouse revealed that 15% of the medicines in their sample count were expired, some by as much as three years. The inspection revealed that approximately 27% of the medicines at the dispensaries they inspected were also expired.

ONPA interviewed 12 health assistants responsible for the six dispensaries they

inspected in Chuuk. Though the health assistants are not in any way qualified to assess the cause of death of a patient, assistants on several of the islands reported their feeling that the lack of needed medications and supplies may have contributed to the unnecessary death of patients.

The assistants also reported that patients suffering from diabetes, leprosy, diarrhea, pink eye, the flu or acute respiratory symptoms such as asthma have all gone untreated because "routine medications" were unavailable.

The ONPA audit was designed to answer three basic questions regarding medical supply inventories and procurements procedures in Chuuk:

- 1) Has DHS ensured that essential medications and supplies are readily available at outer island dispensaries?
- 2) Are procurement functions performed efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with regulations?
- 3) Do inventory management practices ensure medications and medical supplies are safeguarded against theft, waste, or abuse?

ONPA determined that the answer was that Chuuk DHS did not perform at a satisfactory level on any of those basic underlying questions.

During the period in question there was no procurement plan to ensure that essential medications were available where and when they were needed during the course of a normal day much less in the event of a large scale emergency medical situation. Medical supplies were often purchased on an emergency basis after they were needed rather than before. This was no sophisticated, "just in time" inventory scheme. There was no scheme; no regimen for determining how much of anything there was in the DHS warehouse; who took what, when they took it and how much of it they took. There was no consistent system to document what medicines or medical supplies were delivered to which dispensaries or to the hospital or even, for that matter any system that could tell inventory managers what medical supplies and medicines were on hand in the warehouse.

Some Chuuk dispensaries said that it often took more than six months between their radioed request for medical supply replenishment and the delivery of those supplies. Based on scant documentation, 44 of Chuuk's 83 total dispensaries received no delivery of medical supplies during the entire year of 2008. 25 of them had only one delivery during the year. Eight had two deliveries. Three had three deliveries. Two had four deliveries and one dispensary had five deliveries during the entire year.

Beyond the lack of management of inventory the report noted issues of possible contamination and damage of the supplies that the DHS Central Warehouse did have.

A photo taken at the warehouse showed rodent droppings and chewing damage caused by rodents. Another photo showed an empty soda can that had been used as an ashtray and ashes scattered on top of a box containing gauze bandages. Medicines were stacked haphazardly on shelves. Many of them were still in the boxes on the floor. The shelf labels that were used bore little relationship to the medicine on the shelf. The majority of shelves had no labels.

The auditor also displayed a photo of boxes that had been used as trash containers. Further research into the matter revealed that these boxes contained good medicine that had not yet been arranged on a shelf.

But medical supply inventory was not the only thing that the auditors investigated. Chuuk DHS operations are fully funded by the Compact Health Sector grant provided by the United States Department of Interior under the Compact of Free Association between the U.S. and the FSM. The DHS operates with an annual procurement budget of more than \$3 million.

The auditor noted that other Chuuk Government Agencies and departments had been "borrowing" fuel from the Hospital and Management Division and that fuel expenditures at the hospital had increased by 75% between FY 2007 and 2008. Fuel was provided to the Governor's office, Public Safety, the radio station, Department of Transportation, the Supreme Court and other departments with an understanding that the hospital would be reimbursed. They never were. Auditors determined in interviews that there was no plan, nor had there ever been to reimburse the Hospital for "borrowed" fuel. The report noted several other fuel purchase problems in the audit.

Auditors noted over \$2 million worth of medications and supplies or equipment that were purchased under conditions where it appeared that there might be a conflict of interest. Key decision makers at DHS were related directly to key employees or owners of businesses that supplied medications or other medical supplies.

Some out of state purchases were facilitated by partial pre-payment for services but no merchandise was ever received for those pre-paid services with the exception of \$6084 worth of merchandise that was received while the audit was being conducted from a supplier who had been paid \$295,000 three years earlier. At the close of the audit that was all of the merchandise that DHS had received after paying over \$700,000 in pre-payments. Apparently no one at DHS knew that no merchandise had been received.

The auditor cited an instance where two of three required quotations appeared to have been falsified by DHS. Not only were the quote formats inconsistent when compared to other quotes that had previously been submitted by the vendors whose names were on the falsified reports, the dates were manually erased and altered.

Essentially, although ONPA didn't specifically say so, DHS appeared to have falsified the quotes so that a supplier with family connections would get the order.

Simple quotes are allowed for DHS supply needs amounting to less than \$100,000. Above \$100,000 a more formalized sealed bid process must be followed. DHS did not require sealed bids and the supplier got the order to supply \$255,839 worth of medical supplies.

The auditors mentioned two specific findings where, apparently to avoid the more formalized sealed bid process, DHS spread the total amount of a supply award into separate purchase orders all issued to the same supplier.

In one of the cited examples the PO's amounted to \$212,517. Four PO's were issued to the same supplier for that purchase. Three of those PO's shared the same date.

The other cited example was for a total of \$128,447 rewarded to another supplier. The three PO's to cover that purchase were all issued to the same supplier all dated the same day.

The other common factor in the auditor's two examples regarding split purchases was that both examples appeared to violate conflict of interest regulations.

There were several other examples mentioned by the auditor that demonstrated questionable procurement practices that likely cost DHS more money than it might have cost them had proper and fair procurement procedures been followed.

The Chuuk DHS response to the audit was submitted by Bosco Buliche, Procurement Office In-Charge for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Supplies. His response was dated two days before the audit report was released. On the issue of conflict of interest in purchasing decisions he said "None of the assumed individual/vendors cited in the audit findings has any direct involvement on decision making in the procurement process."

The auditor never referred in the inspection report to a supplier by name or to the person or persons at DHS or the Chuuk State government who may or not have decided for a supplier because of family relationship.

Buliche said that DHS has taken measures to improve the medical supply procurement situation at DHS. He listed ten specific ways that the procurement process has begun to be improved in Chuuk. He said that an Inventory Specialist will be hired and should be on board in a couple of months.

The 61 page audit can be viewed in its entirety as a PDF file at www.fsmopa.fm. Hard copies can be viewed at the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor in Palikir, Pohnpei.

Four accusations against Neth unfounded, auditors say Three warrant further investigation by Criminal Investigation Division

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Kitti, Pohnpei, FSM - The Isokohnedi En Wein Kitti (the Kitti Council), in 2009 accused Senator Dion Neth of dirty dealings surrounding his bid for re-election to a seat as FSM Congress representative for Pohnpei Election District #2. The council accusations led the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor to conduct a review of seven separate allegations against the Senator centered on the matter of post-legislative involvement in the awarding of projects to gain voter support in the election held in March 2009.

The FSM Supreme Court determined that type of activity is illegal and other FSM Senators have been convicted for crimes similar to those the Kitti Council accused Senator Neth of committing.

An ONPA inspection into those allegations was released on February 10, 2010. Auditors determined that four of the Kitti Council allegations against Senator Neth had no merit. It also determined that three of the allegations warrant further investigation by the ONPA Criminal Investigation Division.

The Kitti Council said in their March 17, 2009 letter to the ONPA that "coral and PVC pipes were given [by the Senator] to individuals, households and churches by the Senator as gifts in exchange for votes."

The auditors concluded after interviews with recipients, contractors, staff of the ED #2 office and site visits that the Senator "more probably than not" distributed those

types of items to constituents. The Kitti Council accusation warrants further investigation by CID.

The Kitti Council said that public funds for projects located in ED #2 were used for purposes of campaign travel to Guam in the month of January 2009.

The ONPA interviewed "the traveler" and three members of the Kitti Council.

Senator Neth wrote a letter to ONPA in which he said that the travel was paid for with One Pass miles from the Senator's own One Pass Account at Continental Airlines. As of February 10, 2010, the date the audit report was issued, Senator Neth had not provided the authorization that the ONPA had requested that would allow them to verify his claim. As such they said "the inspection process of this allegation was not completed." They concluded as a result that the allegation warrants further investigation by CID.

The Kitti Council also accused Senator Neth of suspending

the Wone Elementary School Project prior to its completion hours after the election because the Senator was upset at the low number of votes he received in the area. They said that as a result of his disappointment at election results in the area he relocated equipment from Wone to Nan Mand.

Senator Neth received 46 votes in the Wone area. His opponent received 277.

The auditors interviewed the contractor for the Wone Elementary School project who said that he received a phone call at his office after the election from the Senator and was told to "pull out" from the road capping project. He told the auditors that the Senator wanted him to relocate his equipment to Wenik to complete a road around the Nan Mand area and another in Salapwuk.

Edwig Miguel, Principal of Wone Elementary School told the Kaselehlie Press on February 25, 2010 that the road still had not been completed. He said that the only reason the road is currently passable at all is because a school van got stuck on the road after heavy rains and residents in the area came to the rescue using buckets to hand carry sand and gravel in order to fill the most treacherous pot holes.

ONPA concluded that the Kitti Council accusation warrants further investigation by CID.

Senator Neth vehemently denies all of the allegations of the Kitti Council.

The ONPA audit report on the matter quoted an excerpt from the Senator's June

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...Neth Accused

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1, 2009 letter. "I take this opportunity to touch base with you [Public Auditor] regarding the letter addressed to your office dated March 17, 2009 from the 6th Kitti Municipal Council (Isokohnedi). It has taken me this long to decide whether to respond or not, for I don't want to bring myself down to the level of these arrogant, ignorant, and selfish individuals. However, the letter contained defamatory information, which infuses negative thoughts to many, especially my constituents. Few of them have already questioned my integrity as a public servant. Furthermore, the letter has already tainted my character as a person and representative of Election District No. 2, Pohnpei State, to the FSM Congress. I feel that I must unearth the truthfulness of such accusations brought against me so that people of Pohnpei, especially my constituents should know the truth."

The ONPA did dispense with four of the Kitti Town allegations.

They said that a mini truck (flatbed) purchased in 2005 or 2006 with public funds designated for Kitti Municipal Government had never been delivered.

ONPA determined that the staff of Election District Number Two had purchased three flat bed trucks, two in fiscal year 2005 and one in fiscal year 2006. The Project Control Documents did not specify which of

the two municipalities comprising ED #2 would have the legal title to those vehicles. ONPA did not see a basis for the allegation since control and use of the flat bed trucks were decided by the staff of the ED #2 office, as is normal procedure.

The Kitti Council accusation that no line item in any appropriation law existed for the purchase of a 30 horsepower outboard engine was also found to be untrue. The ONPA found the existing line item in the law that appropriated funds to purchase an outboard engine for the Kitti Police in the amount of \$3000. The appropriation law was passed in June of 2008 and the engine was purchased in December of that year. There was no impropriety or illegality in that transaction.

The council also said that public funds were allotted to selected churches to refurbish synagogues under the disguise of civic centers.

The auditor noted that two different civic centers were located adjacent to churches, one in Rohng Kitti and the other in Nan Mand. The expenditure documents showed that public funds were used for the repair of the Rohn Kitti civic center. Both were located on private properties.

The auditor determined that funds for civic centers did not refurbish the adjacent churches and dismissed the Kitti Council allegation.

The final Kitti council accusation was that funding for a Kitti Fish Market may have been used for other purposes.

...Amaraiich

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against these threats and the FSM Supreme Court did so under Chief Justice Amaraich's leadership.

Importantly Chief Justice Amaraich was also instrumental in training many leaders throughout the Nation. He was a mentor, counselor, and teacher in many things, and had helped many current FSM and state leaders, especially when he was Secretary of the Department of External Affairs and head of our court. He helped develop and begin the Certificate in Trial Counselor's program under the College of Micronesia – FSM that has graduated many FSM citizens and led to their becoming licensed to practice before the courts in the FSM. He was

The auditor determined that although the funds were appropriated under Public Law 15-30, FSM President Mori declared an emergency on December 2008 and the funding law was repealed. The ONPA also dismissed that allegation.

At press time Senator Neth, who chairs the Congress Committee on Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure was in Yap for committee hearings along with the Committee on Resources and Development. A Congress staff member provided an email address of a staff member traveling with the Senator. We sent two emails to that staff member on two separate days offering Senator Neth through his staff attorney, an opportunity to provide further comments on the ONPA report and allegations beyond what was excerpted in the audit report but received no reply before press time.

also serving leadership roles in the Pacific Judicial Council and the Pacific Judicial Development Program, which involved the training of judges and court staffs not only in the FSM, but throughout the Pacific region. He had a commitment for training and knew that this would be the way to assure the sustained success of self-government in the FSM.

Chief Justice Amaraich was an innately intelligent, hard working, and gifted visionary whose foresight and work forged the path of self-government, helped create the FSM's current democratic form of government which ultimately led to the birth of the Nation, and most importantly assured the independence and sovereignty of its people in perpetuity.

The above were perhaps his most important legacies, the people of the FSM should recognize them, and be grateful for these immense contributions from a great leader. Our court and the Nation will all sorely miss him.

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Two Pohnpei teachers selected as “Teachers of the Year”

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM - The Pohnpei Department of Education has, for the first time in its history selected two teachers as their “Teachers of the Year.” The teachers were selected from amongst recommendations made from all 31 of Pohnpei’s public schools. Both of the teachers currently teach at Sapwalap Elementary School.

The Teacher of the Year, Anson Abraham taught eighth grade last year and this year is teaching first graders at Sapwalap Elementary School. He has an Associate of Arts and a third year degree in Elementary Education.

First runner up Carter Elias has an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from the College of Micronesia, FSM and currently teaches a seventh grade class at Sapwalap Elementary School. Elias is currently studying for a third

year degree in Elementary Education.

Both of the teachers were presented with brand new laptops for their achievements.

Chief of Pohnpei’s Division of Primary Education, Pete Saimon Panuelo Leon said that the Teacher of the Year award is a new initiative by the Department of Education to help provide an added incentive for teachers to do their very best in the classroom.

He said that each school principal was called upon to nominate teachers from their schools. Student testing outcomes for each school were figured into the selection process along with teacher performance and attendance.

Principal of Sapwalap Elementary School Peter Albert submitted the applications Anson and Elias.

Leon said that the Teacher of the Year program will continue into the future.



Anson Abraham,
Peter Albert, and
Carter Elias

Vice President Alik Alik Visits FSM Students in Vanuatu

By **Bill Stinnett**

An FSM Delegation recently travelled to Port Vila, Vanuatu, to participate in “The Pacific Conference on the Human Face of the Global Economic Crisis” held February 10 – 12, 2010.

The Honorable Alik Alik, Vice President of the FSM, was the Head of Delegation which included Mrs Shra Alik, Coordinator, Department of Health & Social Affairs, Samson Pretrick, FSM Ambassador to Fiji, Dr. Vita Skilling, Secretary, Department of Health & Social Affairs, Ms. Salome Martin, Kosrae Women Association Representative, Simpson Abraham, SD Planner, Office of Environment & Emergency Management, William Stinnett, President, FSM Chamber of Commerce, and Okean Ehmes, Country Development Manager.

Despite the busy conference schedule and attending responsibilities, Vice President Alik found time to organize a dinner at a local restaurant in Port Vila for the 3 FSM students attending law school in Vanuatu

and their families. Other students will be travelling to Vanuatu but at the time of this visit, these 3 students were the only ones attending school in Vanuatu.

All the Conference delegates attended and it was a wonderful opportunity for the three students to enjoy a nice meal but more importantly, catch up with events back home. It was also an opportunity for the students to inform the Vice President about the law program in Vanuatu and how they were doing in school.

There are two students from Kosrae and one student from Chuuk. Attending from Kosrae are Jeffrey S. Tiftas, a 3rd year student accompanied by his wife Tulpe J. Tilfas, daughter Mauriney, and two sons, Russell and Alexmadison, and Casey J. Freddy, a 1st year student without family present.

The lone Chuukese student is Ken Uehara, a 2nd year student, accompanied by his wife Yumi Mori and son Sibon Ken.



Vice President
Alik (second from
left) greets FSM
law students

Editorial

Economics and Law

25 MILES PER HOUR

By **Martin Mix**
The Kaselehlie Press

State Law says that the fastest we can drive a car is twenty five miles an hour. 25 MPH is 40 KPH. This is a good law for Pohnpei. Our roads are not wide. There are no sidewalks outside Kolonia. Adults and children walk on our roads, especially children who have to walk to school on the roads and who often play on the roads.

Many cars go a lot faster than 25. Many of these cars are taxis. This is not surprising. The owner of the car wants the taxi to go fast so the car will make more money. The driver wants it to go fast so he can make more money. The passengers want to go

fast so they can get where they are going faster.

The people who walk on the road do not need the cars to be going faster and several people are killed by reckless drivers every year.

If we want to make our roads safe for people who are walking then we need to drive safely. A very important part of driving safely is not driving more than 25 MPH.

One way to get drivers to drive safely might be to report drivers who do not drive safely. A system is needed that the public will use to report dangerous driving.

We suggest:

1. All taxis should be identified with large number signs on the front, back and sides.
2. When a report is received by the police the owner of the car should be contacted by telephone immediately to allow the owner to contact the driver.
3. If the owner is contacted and the report is not disputed within 24 hours then the report should be passed to the AG’s Office.
4. If a driver is reported twice within any six month period and the reports are confirmed then the driver’s commercial license should be suspended for six months.

Since taxi licenses are issued by the mu-

nicipal governments there is no easy way to make the taxi owners tell their drivers not to drive faster than 25.

The reason that taxis go fast is to make more money. I do not agree with them going faster than 25 but I can understand why they do it.

Why do many of the rest of us also drive faster than 25 miles per hour? Why can’t we allow enough time to get where we are going so we do not need to drive faster than 25? If we are five minutes late what terrible thing will happen to us? We run our lives on kilok en Pohnpei. Nothing has to be done right on time. I wish we could run our cars the same way.

Crossword - Let it Rip

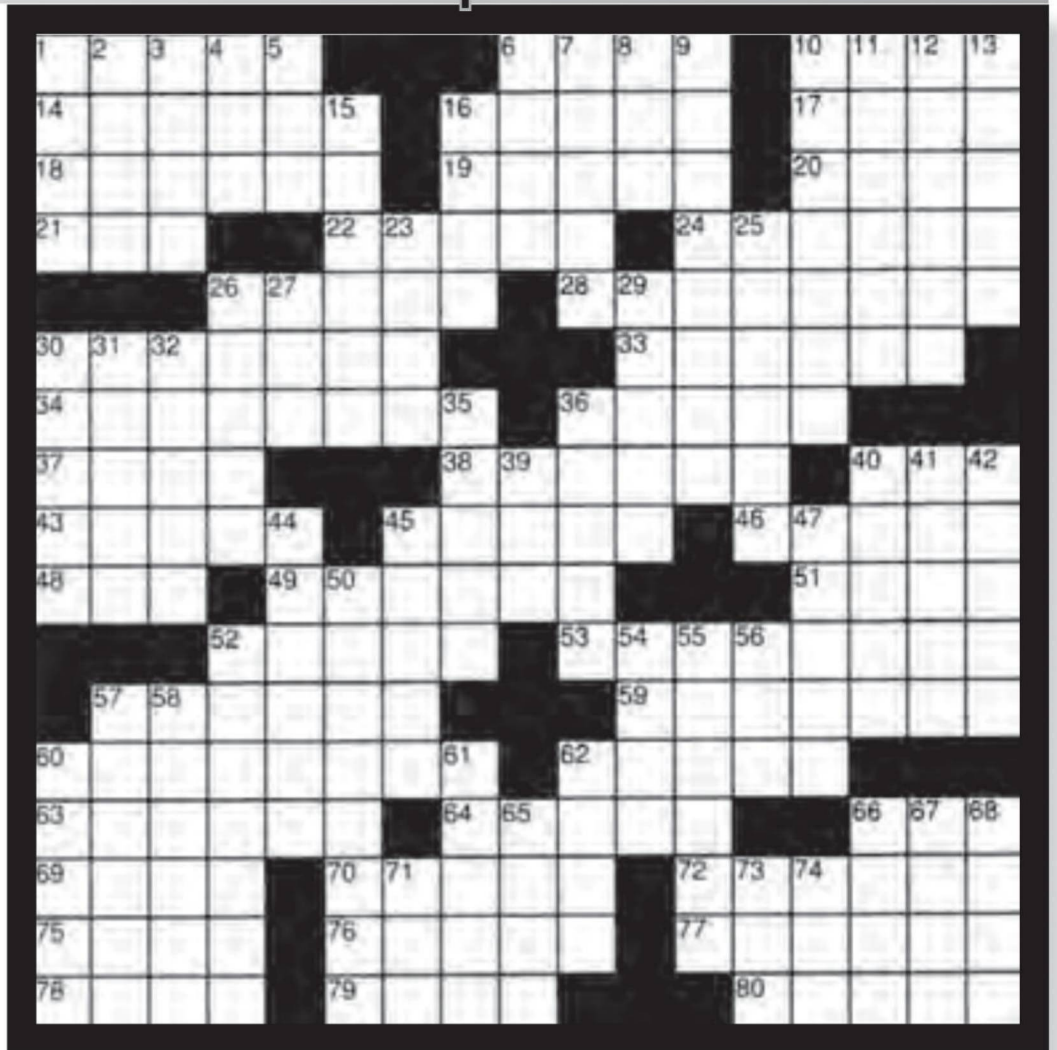
ACROSS

- 1. Kind of campaign
- 6. Obsessed one
- 10. Middle ___
- 14. Qantas critters
- 16. Get away from
- 17. Zola portrayer
- 18. Let 'er rip!
- 19. Odin or Thor
- 20. Kerplunk
- 21. Common title starter
- 22. Paint the town red
- 24. Tuck and others
- 26. Burger for the grill
- 28. Start of a Linus poster
- 30. Like some nights
- 33. They take your car
- 34. Tile alternative
- 36. Ten-speeds
- 37. Granola bits
- 38. Deli device
- 40. Skedaddled
- 43. Best of ___
- 45. Take in
- 46. Tea treat
- 48. Gloomy
- 49. Clicker
- 51. Massive
- 52. Write-ups of hits
- 53. Talked to a secretary
- 57. Intensify
- 59. Clouseau portrayer
- 60. They go nowhere
- 62. Talent
- 63. Take in
- 64. Leaves out
- 66. Chem. or Bio.
- 69. Clinton opponent
- 70. Ill-suited
- 72. Time manager?
- 75. List entry
- 76. Wane
- 77. Moolah

- 78. Monster home?
- 79. Final
- 80. Hangs open

DOWN

- 1. Revue segment
- 2. Wool eater
- 3. Lessen
- 4. Food preposition
- 5. Item for a maid
- 6. Liniment ingredient
- 7. Tosses
- 8. Want ___
- 9. Study one
- 10. Realms
- 11. Coffee style
- 12. "Yeah, right" sounds
- 13. Under the influence
- 15. Bombing run
- 16. Green emotion
- 23. Famous last words
- 25. Those in charge
- 26. What's written on this page
- 27. Every
- 29. Sheriff's verb
- 30. Ones like Oscar Madison
- 31. Regal regalia
- 32. Went to pot?
- 35. Windows predecessor
- 36. It walks like a man
- 39. Raffle drawing
- 40. Path
- 41. It may require management
- 42. Special ___
- 44. Long curtains
- 45. Alter
- 47. Driveway drawer
- 50. Final
- 52. Cashes in
- 54. It ___ fair!
- 55. Came to an end



- 56. Kindness, for short
- 57. Signify
- 58. They're better than birdies
- 60. Offed
- 61. Places to relax
- 62. ___ a check
- 65. Ball catcher
- 66. Phase
- 67. Arrive
- 68. Pupil's place
- 71. Bird watchers, for short?
- 73. Man's best friend
- 74. Mad About You role

going underground

The words in this puzzle are all things that can be found underground. If you dig deeply, you will strike GOLD and unearth the

43 words buried in the puzzle.

Y T N Y M A C W M D G O L D
 D E G A R O T S F O S S I L
 F R G W A E U K P L L E W P
 C M A L M B S H E L T E R K
 A I S I W R E M O Z I H R O
 V T N A E R A N R G U O L P
 E E Y R E B A L U S D T S P
 N S I T G C A B L E N O R I
 M E A R L R T S S E O O K P
 R W W O E I A F E T C R S E
 M E V N N V O V A M R T K I
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| ANT | MAGMA | SHELTER |
| BASEMENT | MINE | SILVER |
| BUG | MINERAL | SOIL |
| CABLE | MOLE | STORAGE |
| CAVE | OIL | STREAM |
| CELLAR | ORE | SUBWAY |
| COAL | PIPE | TANKS |
| CONDUIT | POTATO | TERMITE |
| FOSSIL | RAILWAY | TUNNEL |
| GAS | RHIZOME | VOLCANO |
| GOLD | RIVER | WATER |
| GOPHER | ROOT | WELL |
| GRAVEL | SEWER | WIRE |
| INSECT | SHAFT | WORM |
| IRON | | |

Sekere, Lewetik, Salapwuk, and NMS elementary schools learn about "GO LOCAL"

By: *Areline Joakim*
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

At the beginning of 2010, The Island Food Community of Pohnpei started a Go Local program with twelve Elementary Schools in Pohnpei. The first visit was held at Sekere on January 25th with twenty seven participants (class 6), followed by Lewetik on January 27th with 35 participants (class 3-8), Salapwuk on February 1st with 58 participants (class 1-8) and February 3rd at NMS Elementary School with 53 participants (class 6).

The visits will continue through all the selected schools and will end in April 2010. As a part of this program students learn about the "Go Local" message and the CHEEF benefits of local foods: Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei also explains that the yellow and orange flesh varieties like Karat and Utin Iap have the most health benefits, but even the white colored bananas contain at least some carotenoids. Remember that rice contains none at all.

For each school visit, samples of two ba-

nana varieties were taken for students to taste and enjoy and in one visit five different varieties were taken including Karat, Taiwang, Akadah, Utin Menihle and Karat en Iap, a valuable yellow-fleshed varieties that is very rare.

Students also learn the Let's Go Local and the CHEEF songs. In all of these four schools everyone was so excited to learn the songs and to sing them together inside their classroom.

The students were so happy to receive the Be Happy and Eat Banana pencils. Remember that banana makes you happy because they contain tryptophan, which turns into serotonin, a mood enhancer.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei would like to give a big thanks to the Department of Education, principals from the schools and also the teachers for letting us doing our presentation on local foods. Thanks are also given to the Global Environment Facility Small Grant Program and US Forestry for funding support.



Salapwuk Elementary school students show the Island Food Community of Pohnpei three main posters

NMS Elementary students show that they are really interested



Above: The Sekere Elementary 6th graders learn about the rare varieties of banana

Right: The sixth graders from Lewetik Elementary School show some of the rare bananas and local food posters in Pohnpei



Astronomical Tide Prediction March 3 - March 16, 2010

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Wednesday	03/03		03/10		03/03		03/10	
	04:44AM	4.1	03:43AM	2.2	03:48AM	1.7	12:44PM	1.6
	10:50AM	0.5	06:08AM	2.1	09:45AM	0.4	09:16PM	-0.1
	04:54PM	3.9	01:04PM	3.2	03:24PM	1.4		
	11:00PM	0.5	08:31PM	1.1	09:28PM	0.2		
Thursday	03/04		03/11		03/04		03/11	
	05:14AM	4.0	02:44AM	2.4	04:07AM	1.8	01:04PM	1.8
	11:26AM	0.7	07:15AM	1.9	10:23AM	0.5	09:12PM	0.0
	05:20PM	3.4	01:39PM	3.5	03:16PM	1.1		
Friday	03/05		03/12		03/05		03/12	
	05:45AM	3.9	02:40AM	2.7	04:27AM	1.9	03:56AM	0.9
	12:03PM	1.1	07:48AM	1.6	10:58AM	0.7	06:38AM	0.8
	05:42PM	3.0	02:05PM	3.7	02:49PM	0.9	01:23PM	1.9
Saturday	03/06		03/13		03/06		03/13	
	06:17AM	3.6	02:47AM	3.0	04:48AM	1.9	03:08AM	1.0
	12:45PM	1.5	08:15AM	1.3	11:34AM	0.8	07:09AM	0.7
	05:52PM	2.5	02:28PM	3.9	01:58PM	0.9	01:42PM	1.9
Sunday	03/07		03/14		03/07		03/14	
	06:54AM	3.3	03:00AM	3.3	05:10AM	1.8	01:44AM	1.1
	01:51PM	1.9	08:41AM	1.1	08:59PM	-0.2	07:38AM	0.5
	05:22PM	2.1	02:51PM	4.0			02:01PM	1.9
Monday	03/08		03/15		03/08		03/15	
	07:53AM	3.0	03:16AM	3.6	05:34AM	1.6	02:38AM	1.3
	09:54PM	1.5	09:07AM	0.9	09:06PM	-0.3	08:07AM	0.4
			03:14PM	4.1			02:21PM	1.9
Tuesday	03/09		03/16		03/09		03/16	
	11:51AM	2.9	03:35AM	3.8	06:05AM	1.4	02:45AM	1.5
	08:40PM	1.3	09:33AM	0.8	08:43AM	1.3	08:38AM	0.4
			03:37PM	4.0	12:19PM	1.5	02:42PM	1.8
		09:47PM	0.6	09:13PM	-0.2	08:48PM	0.2	

Pohnpei's soccer team fights hard to win first game

By **Paul Watson**

Pohnpei State had to dig deep to secure victory in their first fixture for nine years but they triumphed 2-1 against a powerful Island All-Star side.

After the success of last year's Pohnpei Premier League, a State Team was formed with the goal of a trip to Guam at the end of July.

This was to be a real test for Paul Watson's side as the All-Stars had some of the island's most respected and revered footballers, including Fijian powerhouse Tui, tricky striker Edwin Sione and SDA aces Matthew Barbosa and Ryan Billington.

Wearing their new uniforms, Pohnpei struggled to master the bumpy pitch in the opening minutes and they fell behind when Premier League top scorer Matthew Barbosa fired home.

But months of practice started to pay off as the men in blue passed the ball around neatly, creating several half-chances with Joseph Welson blasting inches over the bar and Marvin Jack nearly releasing Ryan Johnson with a delicate through ball.

When Pohnpei did get their breakthrough it was courtesy of young striking star Joseph Welson. He latched on to a Dilshan Senarathgoda pass and made no mistake in finding the net for 1-1.

The Pohnpei defence was now playing with

authority. Denson Fairfield was magnificent in the air, Tom Mawi outmuscled any attacker while the experienced Robert Paul impressed in his new left-back role and Rocky Henly showed the excellent command of the game that earned him the Pohnpei Premier League Best Defender Award.

Nick Santiago, arguably Pohnpei State's most exciting rising star, thriving in the defensive midfield position and Micah Selikar fought hard on the wing. Growing in confidence, Pohnpei started to control the pace and play attractive two-touch passing football, but they found it hard to pick holes in the opposition defence.

At half-time, Charles Welson replaced Andrew Falcam in goal and Roger Nakasuna came on for Robert Paul.

And 10 minutes into the second period, Pohnpei went in front as Joseph Welson scored his second goal of the game – a cool finish to beat the onrushing goalkeeper.

Young talent Rodrigo Matamba substituted the excellent Marvin Jack and Island Warriors captain and Premier League Player of the Tournament Bob Paul came on for Ryan Johnson, whose limitless energy had caused constant trouble for the All-Stars defence.

Bob and Rodrigo were both sent into space by captain Dilshan, but after bursting clear with a turn of pace both could only find the goalkeeper with their crosses.

Neither side could find the net again as the

light faded and Pohnpei had its first win in an official game.

Pohnpei Soccer would like to thank Albert Carlot for expertly refereeing the game, Micronesia Seminar for filming and Visual Impact for providing a camera for pictures.

Pohnpei State 2-1 Island All-Stars

Barbosa 4 (All Stars) J Welson 25, 55 (Pohnpei State)

Pohnpei State Team: Andrew Falcam (Charles Welson 45); Rocky Henly, Tom Mawi, Denson Fairfield, Robert Paul (Roger Nakasuna 45); Nick Santiago, Dilshan Senarathgoda, Micah Selikar, Marvin Jack (Rodrigo Matamba 60); Joseph Welson, Ryan Johnson (Bob Paul 60)

Referee: Albert Carlot

Bonnice MANN Consulting Fishing Tournament

By **Steve Finnen**

On February 6, 2010, the weather outside was pleasant, but it was a bit bumpy on the seas. Still there were plenty of fish to catch. Bonnice MANN Consulting sponsored a big fish fishing tournament. The tournament had been postponed a week due to hazardous seas, but on February 6, 15 boats went out to try their luck. There would have been even more, but several boats had to pull out after registering. Bonnice MANN put up \$1,500.00 in prize money and provided a barbecue.

First prize was \$700.00 and the biggest fish was a 121.5 pound marlin caught by Mary Tretnoff on Boat. Club president Andy Musrasrik on Ms. Pakin came in second with a 46 pound yellowfin and he received \$350.00. Prizes were given for the top five biggest fish. Third place and \$200.00 went to Chris Kind, on Nahlap-NIR for a

31 pound wahoo. Fourth place and \$150.00 went to Konrad Englberger on Bavaria for a 29.5 pound wahoo. Fifth place and \$100.00 went to Maria Spegal on the Pohnlik Special for a 28 pound barracuda.

All of the fishermen then swapped fish stories at the barbecue afterwards. The Pohnpei Fishing Club wishes to thank Bonnice MANN Consulting for the wonderful support and to thank everyone who helped make this tournament a success.

4th Annual Truk Stop Hotel Staff Pool Tournament

By **Bill Stinnett**

The Truk Stop Hotel holds an annual pool tournament in its Hard Wreck Café & Bar for the staff of various departments which include maintenance, restaurant, kitchen, housekeeping, dive center, gift shop, front desk, and ownership. This year the staff pool tournament was held over a 3 day period - February 21st through the 24th.

An initial elimination round was conducted with each team playing all the other teams and when the chalk dust settled, the ownership team of Bill Stinnett and daughter Corky, stood alone in the winners bracket with 6 wins against 1 loss..

The team of Nenci Sam, housekeeping supervisor, and Augustine Jacky, our Head Chef, had 5 wins and 2 losses as did the team of Bert Valdez, heavy equipment mechanic from the Philippines, and Kere Conrad, from the kitchen. These two teams had to play one game to see who would go on to play ownership in the championship round.

Bert & Kerri won the game and the stage was set for the championship game between maintenance and ownership. The

balls were racked, cues chalked, and the first game was underway. The team of Bert & Kere seemed to be heading for the win but at the last minute, Bill made two shots that ended the game in the favour of ownership.

The first game loss seemed to take the steam out of the maintenance player's and when the eight ball dropped into a

corner pocket of the 2nd game, it was Corky holding the cue with a big, winning smile on her face.

Ownership is now the 4 time champions of the Truk Stop Hotel Staff Pool Tournament. Winners got I-Phones and the runners up got \$50.00 each.



Corky Stinnett, Bill Stinnett, Kerri Conrad, Bert Valdez

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