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Japanese Festival held at OLMCHS Gym in Pohnpei



By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

October 17, 2015
Pohnpei, FSM—Hundreds of people crowded the Our Lady of Mercy High School gymnasium to participate in the Japan Festival that capped off Japan Week.

As a result of the Japanese occupation in the FSM, many of the people of Pohnpei have roots in Japan. For them the event was a matter of reconnecting with their heritage but for most, it was just a matter of good fun.

The Japanese Embassy sponsored and hosted the event in the gymnasium that the people of Japan donated to the people of Pohnpei.

In addition to the stage performances including some from local groups, there were several booths manned by Japanese Embassy staff members and volunteers.

In one booth participants could get their name written in Japanese calligraphy. In another they

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Pohnpei impeachment process moot after Governor resigns

Peterson takes the reins in the waning hours and nominates Lt. Governor

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

October 16, 2015
Pohnpei, FSM—John Ehsa has resigned as Governor of the State of Pohnpei. Acting Governor Marcelo Peterson became

the Governor of Pohnpei as of two AM October 10, according to Pohnpei's Attorney General Judah Johnny.

Ehsa's resignation effectively put an end to the impeachment proceedings against him.

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Miju Mulsan attorney follows through on \$50 million plus civil action against four defendants

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

October 23, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—Just as he threatened to do, on October 19, Joseph Phillip filed a civil action at the FSM Supreme Court with claims in excess of \$50 million against Marcelo Peterson, Judah Johnny, Joseph Saimon, and Pohnpei State on behalf of Phillip’s client Miju Mulsan. The defendants have 20 days to respond to the claims that Phillip made against them in their official and personal capacities.

The civil action does not acknowledge that Marcelo Peterson is the Governor of Pohnpei State after John Ehsa resigned as Governor on October 9. It says that he is the Lt. Governor now the Acting Governor of Pohnpei State.

The suit claims that the defendants acted in concert to harm his client Miju Mulsan when Pohnpei Attorney General Judah Johnny issued a letter in September of this year rescinding any lease agreement the government had with Miju Mulsan based on allegations of fraud.

Johnny’s letter was attached as an exhibit to the civil action. In it he wrote that since Miju Mulsan did not have a foreign investment permit (FIP) when it submitted a bid for the Pohnpei Port Authority dock operation that is currently operated by Luen Thai, the company committed fraud. The

letter also claimed that the bidder still has no foreign investment permit. It also said that Miju Mulsan withdrew its \$100,000 security deposit.

Phillip claims that the defendants knew or should have known that a foreign entity does not require a foreign investment permit in order to make a bid. His documents claim that Miju Mulsan does now have an FIP. He called the action of nullifying the lease on the basis of a fraud that he said does not exist is a reckless breach of the lease agreement. He asks for \$50 million in damages for loss of business income and profits.

Phillip alleges collusion and conspiracy because he alleges that the defendants conspired to direct Johnny to file a Notice to Withdraw in civil action 2013-001. He claims that they should have known that the filing was improper “because the issue of the validity or plaintiff’s lease is not an issue” in that case. He claimed that the defendants’ actions have harmed his client’s business reputation and amounts to tortious interference with contractual relationship. He claims his client should be awarded \$50 million.

The suit claims that Governor Peterson had no authority to rehire Johnny and Saimon after former Governor Ehsa had fired them. Beyond that, his claim is based on the allegation that the defendants acted in their personal and professional capacities to cancel the Lease that is still a matter of court hearings at the FSM Supreme Court. He asks for \$100,000 in punitive damages for damaging Miju Mulsan’s business reputation.

He asks the court for \$400,000 from each defendant for intentionally acting in bad faith by cancelling the lease.

Senior Journalists from the Pacific Islands participate in APIC sponsored Japan tour

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

October 20, 2015

Tokyo, Japan—At the invitation of Japan’s Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), five senior journalists from the Pacific Islands began a tour of Japan today with a briefing in Tokyo at the Foreign Press Center. The tour ends on October 27 with a reception hosted by APIC.

The five invited journalists are Samisoni Pareti of Islands Business in Fiji, Giff Johnson of the Marshall Islands Journal in the Marshall Islands, Titi Gabi of LOOP PNG in Papua New Guinea, Linny Folau of Matangi Tonga in Tonga, and Bill Jaynes of The Kaselehlie Press in Pohnpei. Floyd Takeuchi, formally of Pacific Magazine served as coordinator for the journalists.

APIC is specifically involved in supporting development projects in the Pacific Island Region; supporting development cooperation in the Caribbean Region; organizing lecture meetings regarding global issues; organizing social meetings regarding international cooperation;

and training young generations interested in international cooperation.

Japan’s former Ambassador to the FSM, Shoji Sato is the Executive Director of APIC.

On their first day in Japan the journalists were briefed on the history and function of the Foreign Press Center of Japan by the organization’s President, Kiyotaka Akasaka. They had a lunch briefing on Japan-Pacific Relations with representatives of Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs including a recap of a Pacific wide tourism meeting that took place in Tokyo on Sunday, October 18. FSM Secretary for Resources and Development Marion Henry represented the FSM at that one day meeting. Journalists also received a briefing from representatives of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. The presentations were by Toyama Takashi the Director of the Pacific and Southeast Asia Division and Ono Masayoshi a country officer from that department.

The second day will begin with a visit to San-Ya Elementary School in
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Pohnpei Exporters Association disappointed by changed shipping plan

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

October 15, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM--When Pohnpei Exporters Association (PEA) first approached Matson Shipping about shipping Pohnpei products to Guam the crossing would take four days. That has changed and that change has thrown a monkey wrench into the works.

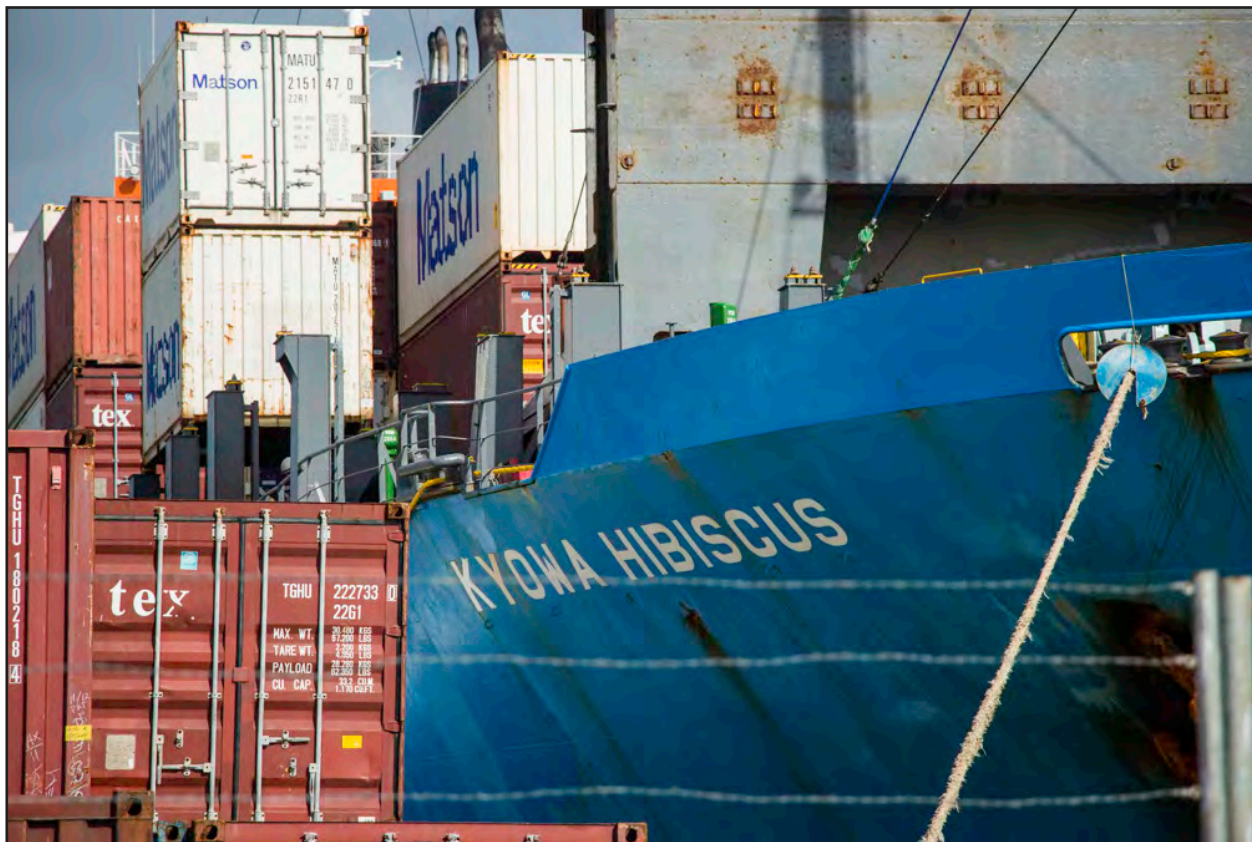
Pohnpei Exporters Association is a registered Non Governmental Organization whose plan was to help Pohnpei exporters to get products out of Pohnpei at the lowest possible rate on a non profit basis.

According to Joe Vitt of Pohnpei Transfer and Storage and FSM Lines, shipping needs in the Micronesia region have increased to the point that Kyowa Shipping Co. which now also carries freight for Matson and Mariana Express Lines (MEL) is having to do two callouts to service the region.

Vitt said that when Pohnpei Exporters Association first approached them 8 months ago, the crossing to Guam would have been four days but due to the high volume of shipping and because of logistics the company had to make a change. The route that Pohnpei Exporters Association thought would take four days is now scheduled to take 20 days. The Kyowa vessels will now leave Pohnpei for Chuuk, unload and then head to Busan, Korea before it heads for Guam.

Executive Director Peterson Sam and Board Member Patrick Blank said that PEA is just a victim of a changing business plan and that it was better to learn of the change before its first shipment was due to depart than later.

They now are talking about the possibility of organizing a deal of some type with CTSI which handles Asia Pacific Airlines shipments out of Pohnpei. At press time they had not yet discussed that plan



with CTSI.

When PEA did its research on the feasibility of beginning their new non-profit they got numbers from CTSI on export values. They were surprisingly high to the uninitiated. Pohnpeians were shipping out products valued in the millions of dollars on a monthly basis.

For now, PEA will have to back up and rethink their business plan. They plan to help Pohnpeians to ship out coconut, sakau, betel nut, yap, banana and also handicrafts and other dry goods.

Even though the container they want to ship will be refrigerated, some products won't fare well on a 20 day crossing rather than the four day crossing they'd planned on. "For now bananas are out," Peterson Sam lamented.

But they're going to keep working to develop a plan that will work to help establish a market for Pohnpei products in Guam and elsewhere.

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New alternative energy power production proposals under consideration

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

October 16, 2015
Pohnpei, FSM—The contract for Pohnpei Waste Management to run the Pohnpei solid waste site in Dekehtik has not yet been renewed. That fact has led to speculation that the contract might not be renewed.



Workers at what is commonly known as “the dump” have feared for their jobs.

This afternoon, Governor Marcelo Peterson said that the contract for Pohnpei Waste Management is not in danger. The government will be renewing the contract. It’s just a matter of funds that the FSM government has not yet drawn down, a matter that should be a matter of a week or two before it is resolved, at which time the contract will be paid retroactively beginning October 1, 2015.

Pohnpei Waste Management’s service would still be needed at the landfill and the potential agreement could benefit the residents of Pohnpei.

Peterson said that there is also a proposed \$5 million project from another company he again did not name to install solar panels in Pohnpei with the understanding power they produce would be sold to PUC.

The speculation began when a company that Governor Peterson did not name prepared a proposal to provide a “waste to energy” plant at the landfill site. He said that PUC is in the process of reviewing the proposal. If it is approved, the company will use solid waste at the dump site in order to produce power which they will enter PUC’s power grid.

The company that hopes to operate at the Pohnpei landfill also hopes to add to the solar panel farm and to provide even more service.

PUC’s fossil fuel generators are not filling Pohnpei’s power needs.

“Pohnpei’s energy future looks bright with these two proposals,” Governor Peterson said.

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...Ehsa Resigns

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The resignation did not eliminate the criminal charges against him that were filed several months ago at the FSM Supreme Court in connection with his alleged actions in shutting Luen Thai out of the facilities the company had leased at the Pohnpei Port. Those alleged actions also resulted in a "show cause" motion filed by the attorney for Luen Thai and the parent company Lien Cheng asking for a hearing on whether or not Ehsa should be held in contempt for allegedly violating a court injunction in the civil matter regarding the lease and other matters.

Those matters which were listed in the Legislature's Impeachment Resolution against the former Governor have not yet been settled.

Ehsa's letter of resignation was simply addressed "To the people of Pohnpei". The body of the letter consisted of one sentence. "I hereby officially resign as Governor of the State of Pohnpei." It was signed, "Sincerely, John Ehsa and featured a hand written date of October 9, 2015.

The letter was not received on Pohnpei State letterhead by the Pohnpei State Legislature (PSL) until the last day of the current Legislature's regular session which was October 13.

Before the resignation, the Madolenihmw Council confirmed the Madolenihmw Chief Magistrate's appointment of Mr. Ehsa to fill the seat of Senator Bellarmine Helgenberger for the remainder of the departed Senator's term.

That appointment is not effective until after a Credential's Committee has issued a report on the appointee's credentials to be seated in the Legislature. During PSL's last regular session day, the Legislature appointed a credentials committee to review John Ehsa's credentials to be a member of the legislature. The committee is chaired by Senator Edgar Lickaneth. Senators Ernest, Kerman, Pelep, and Lohn are members of the committee.

According to Governor Peterson, after FSM President Peter Christian's State visit this morning the Legislature held a short session during which the Credentials Committee reported that it had petitioned the Pohnpei Supreme Court for a report of Mr. Ehsa's record for review. No action will take place on seating Ehsa as a legislator until that report is in.

Meanwhile, the Election Commissioner has approved a late filing of Mr. Ehsa's candidacy for the November election for the seat that Senator Helgenberger occupied.

Governor Peterson said this afternoon that he has spoken with the person he intends to appoint to serve as Lt. Governor for the remainder of the current term as the Constitution allows. That nomination will require the advice and consent of the Legislature.

He said that he is sending his nomination to the Pohnpei State Legislature after which the Legislature will appoint a committee to hold hearings on the nomination. When the committee work is done he will call a special session for a vote on the nominee for Lt. Governor.

Handover ceremony of the project for procuring garbage trucks in Kitti Municipality

On October 9, 2015, a handover ceremony was held in the Kitti Municipality for the Project for Procuring Garbage Trucks in Kitti Municipality, Pohnpei State, which provided US\$35,441 for the Kitti Municipal Government under Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects. The aim for this project is to improve the environment and the sanitation in the community by supporting the Kitti Municipal Government to conduct garbage collection activities in villages.

At the handover ceremony, the Government of Japan handed over a compacting truck to the Kitti Municipal Government. Preceded the handover ceremony, under the auspices of Japanese engineer dispatched from manufactory of vehicle provided, a one-week training on safety operation and maintenance of compacting truck was held in Kitti Municipality. Staff of the Kitti Municipal Government, the Sokehs Municipal Government, the Kolonia Town Government, the U Municipal Government, and the Nett Municipal Government participated in the training.

In his speech during the ceremony, Ambassador Masaki Sakai presented his remarks hoping that granted garbage truck will be long utilized to clean up the municipality. He also called for active involvement by the community to develop a sanitized community. Representing the Kitti Municipal Government, Mayor Tony Sarapio acknowledged Ambassador for the generous grant. He also stated that the vehicle will help promoting tourism in the island.

Present at the ceremony were a traditional leader, a state legislator, trainers and trainees, and the embassy staffs.

ONPA Releases Audit on the FSM Trust Fund: Lack of Board's Oversight Contributed to Non-compliance & Accountability Issues

The Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) announces the release of Audit Report No. 2015-08, The FSM Trust Fund: Lack of Board's Oversight Contributed to Non-Compliance & Accountability Issues. The Speaker of the 18th FSM Congress asked the Public Auditor to audit the FSM Trust Fund to ensure that all laws regarding the Trust Fund were being adhered to, and to account for all appropriations made to the Trust Fund since its inception.

The FSM Trust Fund is not the same as the Compact Trust Fund. Congress created the FSM Trust Fund in 1999 through Public Law No. 10-150 which became known as the "FSM Trust Fund Act." The objectives of the Trust Fund are as follows;

- To contribute to the long-term financial viability of the FSM;
- To provide an additional source of revenue;
- To enhance the capacity of the National Government to receive and effectively utilize external resources in order to;
- Assist the National Government and other participating governments to achieve greater financial autonomy in the management of their recurrent budgets;
- Enable the FSM at all levels of government to meet long-term maintenance and operating costs of social and economic infrastructure; and,
- Enable the FSM at all levels of government to improve existing levels

of social and economic infrastructure

The total funding for the Trust Fund had reached \$57 million as of March 31, 2015. However, \$8,015,000 were transferred to the Compact Trust Fund and \$1 million lapsed, leaving a balance of \$48 million for the Trust Fund. \$2 million of total remaining balance were contributed by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

Our audit objectives were to determine whether:

- the management and administration of the FSM Trust Fund were performed in accordance with applicable FSM laws; and,
- all appropriations, donations, transfers, and investment earnings (losses) for the FSM Trust Fund were accurately accounted for and reported.

Based on our audit, we concluded that the FSM Trust Fund was not administered in compliance with the requirements of the FSM Trust Fund Act. For example, a Board of Trustees was not created. Corporate powers and privileges were not established. The books of accounts were not properly maintained.

Annual audits and annual reports were not prepared. The Trust Fund objectives and operational targets were not set. \$10 million was transferred from the General Fund to the Trust Fund without allotment

as required by law.

Additionally, we concluded that the Trust Fund was not properly accounted for. For instance, the Trust Fund funds were comingled with other funds. Reconciliation was lacking. Accounting entries were recorded yearly instead of when transactions were consummated.

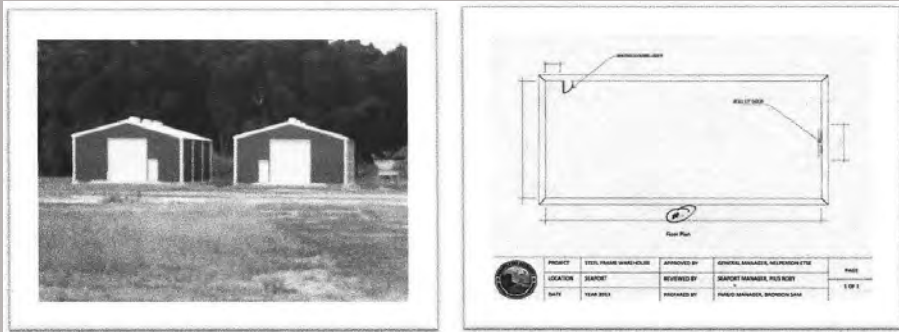
Consequently, the Trust Fund had no governance system and lacked strategic direction. Goals and objectives were not developed. The necessary oversight roles to monitor and control its operations were lacking. Growth targets were not defined so there was no bench-mark against which to evaluate its financial performance. Without any reconciliation, the required reporting was not provided. Furthermore, the Trust Fund was not provided with a management focus. Ultimately, these issues affected the decision making and the management of the Trust Fund, and thus limited its earnings potential.

The new Secretary of the department and the key staff of the Division of Investment are keen to implement new positive actions to improve the FSM Trust Fund.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.



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2. Warehouse No 2 is also 80' X 40' or 3,200 square feet.

Proposal will be accepted from October 21, 2015 to October 31, 2015 no later than 5:00PM.

Pohnpei Port Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposal received in connection with the above subject proposal solicitation.

Additional information regarding this proposal can be obtained from the office of the General Manger or Pohnpei Port Authority, Marketing Division at Dekehtik, Pohnpei State, Federated Sate of Micronesia or call telephone No; 320-2793/2682 or by email 1485sano1957@gmail.com

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 Pohnpei Port Authority

...Journalists in Japan

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Tokyo's Suginami Ward to cover Japan's health promotion through Skokuiku (food and nutrition education). To combat a region wide problem with non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, the Japanese government began the education campaign. As an example of the campaign, the journalists will join the students for their healthy lunch at San-Ya Elementary School.

In the afternoon, the journalists will tour and be given a briefing on Japan's Tsunami Warning system and the Japan Meteorological Agency. They will finish up day two with a briefing on the Promotion of investment, trade and tourism between Japan and the Pacific Islands by the Pacific Islands Center.

On day three of the APIC sponsored tour the journalists will travel to Nagoya. There they were scheduled to receive a private tour of the Toyota plant in Nagoya but the company is preparing for an automotive show in Tokyo that will take place next week so the journalists will participate in a standard tour with a translator.

The journalists will next travel to the town of Toyota. In that town the journalists will "experience the life in the low-carbon society of the future." Toyota the company will likely give a presentation in Toyota the town.

After that visit the journalists will travel to Kyoto, a city of 1.4 million people that is most known for its cultural traditions and also for the Kyoto Protocol, the now expired climate change treaty. During their visit there on Saturday the journalists will be treated to a Kyoto cultural tour and will also participate in "kimono wearing and an authentic tea ceremony experience."

Currently a typhoon threatens Okinawa but the current plan is for the journalists to travel to Naha, the capital city of Okinawa. There the journalists will be briefed by the "Okinawa Citizens' Recycling Movement", a civic group working with JICA to share their unique waste management system with Pacific Island Countries.

The journalists will also be having a discussion and will be interviewed by Ms. Atsuko Isamoto, the Editor in Chief of The Archipelago News (Rito Keizai Shinbun), an online newspaper covering the cultures and industries of Japan's hundreds of small islands.

On the next day the journalists will fly to Kumejima Island in Okinawa. The mayor of the island has granted the journalists 90 minutes of interview time. The journalists will then spend the day touring the remote island to see the progress it has made to make itself into a self-contained community by using deep sea water.

After that tour the journalists will fly back to Tokyo late at night.

In the morning they will participate in a discussion on the appropriate use and conservation of the natural environment with Professor Anne McDonald of the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies at Sophia University.

In the afternoon the journalists will visit Toshiba's Hydrogen Energy Research and Development Center that was opened in April of this year.

The tour will end with a reception hosted by APIC.



...Japan Festival

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could participate in Japanese games. Another booth offered Japanese music as a sing along opportunity. In another Japanese origami was demonstrated. Mrs. Nobuko Sakai, the wife of the Japanese Ambassador to the FSM personally demonstrated the paper folding art. Another booth offered Japanese story telling.

The most popular booth at the event was still the booth that offered traditional Japanese dress for photo opportunities.

Though the room was steamy and hot, people didn't seem to be bothered and there were smiles all around.



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Interested candidates should email their cover letter and CV to Michelle Lee (mlee2@worldbank.org) and Ryan Gunawan (rgunawan@worldbankgroup.org) by NOVEMBER 9, 2015

All applications will be treated confidentially.

True Value Fishing Tournament- Great fun in the sun!



Saturday October 17th was a great day for fishing. Everything was great until it was time to give out the prizes when a system rolled in that almost blew all the boats away.

Still the tournament was a lot of fun and there were a lot of winners. Special thanks to Pohnpei True Value and Etscheits Enterprises for providing so many prizes.

The prizes given out are listed below including retail value. There were a lot of great prizes.

- 1. Couch Set \$1,350.00
- 2. Refrigerator \$ 795.95
- 3. AC-12000 btu \$ 759.95
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- 5. Outdoor Furn. \$ 489.95
- 6. BBQ Grill \$ 389.95

Prizes are also being awarded for biggest fish in each species for the following species.

YF, GT, Skip Jack, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, Barracuda

The prizes are \$100.00 plus tools and an LED light for each winning fisher person.

Lady angler

- 1. \$200.00 plus electric fan
- 2. \$100.00 plus electric fan
- 3. \$50.00 plus electric fan

The following is a listing of the winners.

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10/17/2015	PACIFIC 19	OWN ANTHONY MANUEL	ANTHONY MANUEL	M SAILFISH	50.4 2ND
10/17/2015	SALT LIFE	19 ROHSA WILLY HAWLEY	ISAHIA HAWLEY	JR YELLOWFIN	27.9 3RD
10/17/2015	BOAT	OWN ALEX TRETNOFF	MARY TRETNOFF	F WAHOO	25 4TH
10/17/2015	POAWOAWOA	23 WELBER DAVID	WELBER DAVID	M YELLOWFIN	22.7 5TH
10/17/2015	NIQUISA	24 BENJAMIN PETERSON	NAHILA PETERSON	F WAHOO	19.4 6TH
LADY ANGLER					
10/17/2015	BRIANNA	29 TOMMY REIHER	DENISE ETSCHUIT	F YELLOWFIN	13.2 LADY ANGLER
10/17/2015	SALT LIFE	19 ROHSA WILLY HAWLEY	MARLA HAWLEY	F YELLOWFIN	11.9 2ND
10/17/2015	NIQUISA	24 BENJAMIN PETERSON	NAHILA PETERSON	F YELLOWFIN	11.4 3RD
BIGGEST SPECIES					
10/17/2015	ISRAEL	13 JUN APIS	LIONEL APIS	M GT	9.2 BIGGEST GT
10/17/2015	BUDLIGHT	3 PATTERSON LAWRENCE	JOSEPH ARTUI	M BARRACUDA	15.8 BIGGEST B
10/17/2015	SALT LIFE	19 ROHSA WILLY HAWLEY	MARLA HAWLEY	F MAHI MAHI	9.9 BIGGEST MM
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10/17/2015	BRIANNA	29 TOMMY REIHER	DENISE ETSCHUIT	F YELLOWFIN	12.8 BIGGEST YF

A special thanks goes to James Wichman for sacrificing for the club. He brought in a large float he found in the ocean, but it caused him to miss the weigh in. The club hopes to use the float to increase space or tie up room on the floating dock in Dekehtik.

All the boats entered received a case of beer, (probably already gone), a shirt, and a cooler, (on its way). Free hotdogs were also provided. Everyone had a lot of fun. It is just unfortunate that the awards ceremony took place right when a storm hit. However, that is the life of a fishermen.

Many thanks to the helpers, Bill, Tina, Cel, Garry, and all the True Value staff. It was a great day, and we hope we have twenty more.



Computer revolution at Chuuk High School

On September 24th, the 35 students of the Chuuk High 12A section took an ACT practice test. What made this test unusual is that the test was completely paperless with all students using Chromebook computers. The format of the test allowed for immediate grading and analysis by teachers. For the last two years Chuuk High has experimented with greater use of technology in the classroom.

"This year we are taking some giant steps with the Chromebooks" said Paul Hadik, consultant to the school. "We just received another delivery of 120 Chromebooks and every student in our 12A program along with every teacher at the school will be given one". Hadik went on to mention that the school was just awarded a grant in the amount of \$460,000 from unallocated funds to expand the program. "We really appreciate JEMCO supporting this program" he said. Chuuk High plans on ordering another 1,000 Chromebooks along with in house servers to load their own school based curriculum.

Matt Kosik, a former WorldTeach volunteer in 2013, returned to Chuuk Department of Education this year on an IT contract to help

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3 misconceptions jeopardizing the recovery of Bigeye Tuna in the Pacific

This month, I am taking part in Mission Blue II—an at-sea exploration led by Sylvia Earle, who won a TED Prize for her work to protect the world's oceans. The voyage starts in Papua New Guinea and ends nearly 2,000 kilometers (more than 1,100 miles) to the east, in the Solomon Islands in the western Pacific Ocean. The route puts us right in the thick of tuna territory. The goal of the expedition is “to understand and help protect this region from specific threats,” and that immediately brings to mind the plight of bigeye tuna.

Commercial vessels in the Pacific have been overfishing bigeye for years, even as scientists warned of an inevitable decline. For more than a decade, fishery managers have implemented measures that turned out to be too weak to allow the population to recover. They have yet to put something stronger in place. So the population remains at 16 percent of its unfished size.

Pacific bigeye are top ocean predators and support several economically important fisheries. These tuna are caught at virtually every stage in their life cycle. Longline vessels target adult bigeye for the sushi market, while purse seine vessels catch juveniles when setting nets around schools of skipjack tuna destined for the canned market.

Though commercial fishing is a specific threat to Pacific bigeye, a series of common misconceptions are jeopardizing the species' recovery. For example:



1. Because vessels caught more bigeye in 2014 than in the previous year, there must be something wrong with the science.

The science is actually pretty clear. The 2014 assessment, which was thoroughly reviewed, showed the Pacific bigeye stock being steadily depleted over the years. The population had dropped to a level that the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) agreed should be avoided. Still, to bolster that assessment, scientists conducted another analysis in 2015. The results confirmed that the earlier assessment was correct; the stock is as depleted as the authors had concluded.

So, while it is true that at least one longline fleet targeting bigeye caught its allotment quickly this year, catch rates are influenced by multiple factors, including oceanographic conditions, which change from year to year. These variable factors, then, do not necessarily indicate an improvement in the condition of the stock.

2. If given enough time to work, the current measures will end overfishing.

Another 2014 scientific analysis done for the WCPFC looked at the effects of current bigeye management to estimate the status of the species in 20 years. It assumed that all measures would be fully implemented. But that has not been the case to this point, and the entire effort to recover bigeye is lagging. The scientists also used a number of “simplifying assumptions” because they cannot predict how certain countries—whose catches are not limited by WCPFC measures—will manage bigeye. But that means the analysis is not based on real-world conditions.

For example, the analysis assumed the amount of effort that purse seine vessels put into fishing would stay the same. That's problematic because this effort has been gradually increasing over time. The analysis also assumed that minor longline harvesters of bigeye would maintain their catches at certain levels, but those catches have been increasing as well. Purse seine vessels catch juvenile bigeye tuna when they use fish aggregating devices (FADs). These artificial floating objects are primarily used to catch skipjack but lure in young bigeye as well. The WCPFC now manages this method with a four-month fishery closure each year, during which vessels cannot use FADs. However, these closures so far have not been shown to be effective in reducing bigeye catch. The current closure is twice as long as the closure in effect in 2009. Still, more bigeye are being caught in the purse seine fishery, compared with six

years ago. The 2014 analysis presumed there would be a fifth month added to the closure, but that still has not happened.

In addition to the problematic assumptions, the scientists who did the work reported to the WCPFC that it was impossible to actually predict future catches under current measures. The analysis says “there are a number of ‘either/or’ choices, exemptions or exclusions and decisions yet to be made with respect to some measures that make it impossible to predict outcomes in terms of actual future catch and effort levels.”

3. The existing measure can be tweaked through changes to FAD management without further limiting FAD use.

The only way to generate real reductions in bigeye mortality in the purse seine fishery is to mandate less fishing. That means limiting the number of times a vessel can fish with a FAD or instituting bigeye quotas for all purse seine vessels.

A small group of fishery managers say current measures need only slight tweaking, not significant alterations. Those adjustments include prohibiting vessels from deploying FADs during the runup to the closure and banning support vessels from doing the same, as well as setting new rules about when nets can be put in the water around fish during a FAD closure.

There may be good reasons for these technical changes, but some experts have examined them to determine if they would result in a real reduction in bigeye mortality. The answer has been a consistent “no.”

Governments still have a chance to ensure that bigeye make a real comeback. The first step is putting these misconceptions to rest. Amanda Nickson directs the global tuna conservation program for The Pew Charitable Trusts.

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6th Pohnpei Senior Citizens Day seek ratification of UN Madrid Convention on Aging

With a short program, the 6th Pohnpei Senior Citizens Day was celebrated on October 1st at the Spanish Wall Park and more than ninety people came together to observe. Seated on stage with the Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association officers were Mr. Tadasy Yamaguchi (Lepenmoar Madolenihmw) Lehpmoar, Mrs. Yamaguchi, and Acting Governor Marcello Peterson. October 1st is UN International Day of the Older Persons.

The program started with an opening prayer from Rev. Waltis Ferdinand, Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association (PSCA) Liaison Officer followed by a hymn from the Kepinle Church Choir. Hon. Bethwel Henry did the welcoming remark and Hon. Peterson gave the Official Remark for the occasion. "I do not have words of advice for you. Advices should be coming from you." Said Hon Peterson, and he added... "But without hesitation I want to say that my office will see to it, like you are witnessing today, that the senior citizens receive the right recognition and benefit as we progress."

A writing contest on the event's theme took place, in vernacular, earlier that week among the public school eighth graders and the winner, Harpella Dannis, from Lukopw elementary school, through invitation attended the program to read her paper to the audience. The theme was; "Fine Tuning our Focus on the Human Rights of the Older People in Pohnpei." Miss Dannis cited from her paper and reminded everyone that caring for the elders in Pohnpei is still the responsibility of the Government. It's their right.

Miss Dannis received \$50.00 from the Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association for winning the first prize of the writing contest. Prizes ranged from 1st place to 5th. Melly-Ann Olter also from Lukop elementary school was second and received \$40.00. Third place was Mary Jay Ardos from Seinwar elementary school. She received \$30.00. Fourth place, Caitlin Rose Danila from Pohnlangas elementary school, received \$20.00 and the fifth, with \$10.00 was Carleen Elias of Sapwalap elementary school. Pohnpei DOE coordinated the writing contest and the selection.

An outreach program was also implemented throughout the same week. A medical team and the social affairs staff went out to conduct an assessment survey for those who have reached the age of sixty and above and gave out vaccination shots to the senior citizens who showed up at the designated places in the municipalities of Madolenihmw, U and Kitti. More than fifty senior citizens were vaccinated during the visits. A follow up was created from this outreach program, and follow through has already been agreed on among the concerned senior citizens, the office of Public Health services and the social affairs office.

The Pohnpei Social Affairs office arranged with the municipal governments to identify the oldest man and woman

in each municipality for recognition. Only Madolenihmw, Mwoakilloa and Kapingamarangi submitted their list. From Madolenihmw, the oldest man is Mr. Ludmihro (Damos) Kubo, age: 91, born May 22, 1924. And the oldest woman is Mrs. Etrihna Pelep, age; 91, born March 17, 1924. From Moakilloa the oldest man is Mr. Gallen Joel, age: 77, born January 16, 1938 and the oldest woman is Mrs. Pihla Joel, age 89, born April 5, 1926. From Kapingamarangi, the oldest man is Mr. Asai Saiwan, age 80, born Sept. 9, 1935, and the oldest woman is Mrs. Ioana Mack, age 82, born June 2, 1933. Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association will give \$30.00 each to the oldest man and woman in each municipality as a token of appreciation for living the longest lives in Pohnpei.

At the end of the program a resolution was signed by PSCA President Hon. Henry and Secretary Tesiwo Liwy, requesting the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to seek full participation of the Federated States of Micronesia in the adoption of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Madrid Plan of Action on Aging.

Before everyone left they received bar soaps, shoes and sandal. The shoes, sandals and the soaps were donations for that particular program

Background information:

On 14 December 1990, the United Nations General Assembly (by resolution 45/106) designated 1 October the International Day of Older Persons.

This was preceded by initiatives such as the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing - which was adopted by the 1982 World Assembly on Ageing - and endorsed later that year by the UN General Assembly. In 1991, the General Assembly (by resolution 46/91) adopted the United Nations Principles for Older Persons.

In 2002, the Second World Assembly on Ageing adopted the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, to respond to the opportunities and challenges of population ageing in the 21st century and to promote the development of a society for all age.

Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association was chartered in 2010. And launch the first Pohnpei Senior Citizens Day the same year. The officers of the Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association are; President, Hon. Bethwel Henry, Vice President, Mr. Gabriel Spencer, Secretary, Rev. Tesiwo Liwy, Treasurer, Mrs. Enerika Peterson, Liaison Officer, Rev. Waltis Ferdinand and the President of the Pohnpei Youth Council, whoever is in that position as member. October 1st was adopted as Pohnpei Senior Citizens Day by the Association. The Association hopes FSM and Pohnpei will ratify the conventions as stated above to further enhance the development and wellbeing, as well as the rights of the Senior Citizens of Pohnpei.

Conclusion and Acknowledgement

The outcome of the survey is now in review by the Social Affairs office to determine what assistance is required for the Senior Citizens of Pohnpei. And for those who donated, the PSCA officers would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations and contributions to the 6th Pohnpei Senior Citizens Day. Without those donations and contributions the program wouldn't have been a success. And the donors are as followed:

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9 Congressman David Panuelo	10 cases soap
10 Congressman David Panuelo	15 cases bottled water
11 FSM Development Bank	\$300.00



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oversee the program. Using their own servers Chuuk High developed its own website and is able to send out their own signal, independent of Telecom, that other schools on Weno and the lagoon will soon be able to access. "Using this system, Chuuk DOE will now be able to monitor teacher attendance at all schools, by being able to go "online" and see who is in the classroom and what they are teaching" said Kosik. "This isn't internet like most people think" Kosik explained, "teachers and students won't be able to access Facebook or anything like that. We are loading the servers with Khan Academy, Ted Talks, educational videos and over 45,000 books that teachers can use in class."

Chuuk Department of Education and Chuuk High are also working closely with Cal-Poly Technical Institute and Engineers Without Borders who have created solar powered digital libraries that create their own "hot-spots" for schools that have no electricity. The servers cost about 200 dollars each and are also loaded with Education materials and the full MicSem Library thanks to the hard work of Assistant Professor Laura Hosman and her partner Bruce Baikie. Servers have already been shared with Peace Corps volunteers throughout the FSM but Chuuk High is purchasing another 20 servers to assist outer island schools in Northwest and Mortlocks.

One of Chuuk's biggest issues is that 40% of its 72 schools have less than 100 students. Financially it is extremely difficult to put enough teachers in these small schools and many have just 2-3 teachers covering Kindergarten through 8th grade. Test scores remain at the bottom of the nation by a wide margin. "We are hoping this technology can help those teachers who feel overwhelmed in the classroom" Hadik stated, "over the next year we are going to load the servers with Chuukese language songs, lessons and tests that will allow students to work at their own pace while teachers facilitate student learning. Our 12th graders are already putting together video ideas and we are hoping to start our TV studio by December to start filming curriculum ideas for our Kindergarten. We would love to develop ideas with the other 3 states so that a fully working local language curriculum would be available to everyone. We make the kids learn English, but why not make them learn Pohnpeian, Kosraean and Yapese? With this technology we can bring the teachers, through technology, into every classroom in the Nation."





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- There is no minimum bid amount.
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- The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the Federated States of Micronesia and provide proof of such eligibility.
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K Press Perspective

PUC mute on power problems

Something is going on at the Pohnpei Utility Corporation (PUC) that no one at the company is talking about in any wide spread public forum. Meanwhile, Pohnpei's economy is suffering from daily power outages that still remain unexplained.

But "Pohnpei's economy" is a rather impersonal way to phrase it. Isn't it? The fact is that PUC doesn't seem to care one whit that the lives of individual people are adversely effected every single time they shut the power down. Some places of business experience daily power outages while others experience only momentary inconveniences.

It seems like PUC is targeting certain businesses with their selections of what areas to shut down. Maybe that's true. Maybe it's not but who knows. They're not talking. For some the power outages might mean the loss of their livelihoods and still PUC remains completely quiet on the matter as if ignoring the problem will make it go away. After all, the people who are in the know about the problem don't seem to be in any danger of losing their livelihoods. Maybe they should be.

It could be that PUC is furiously working on the problem. I don't have any way of knowing because they are not providing any information. This business of "If the public wants to know what's going on they can call us" that they told us several years ago is just bunk. I know several people who have called to find out what is going on who have not been able to find a single person who knows.

For several months now I have been trying to get information from PUC. Six weeks ago I was finally able to talk to the plant manager at the power plant after having been to the plant several times only to find that he wasn't there. He called General Manager Marcelino Actouka who, from what I can guess from having only heard one side of the conversation, told him to

get me the information. I told the plant manager that I was on deadline and I really needed the information that day. I left him a business card and he promised to get me the information on that day.

He didn't. Two weeks later I called him. He told me that his statement required the approval of the General Manager who hadn't given it yet. So another newspaper went out with no information from PUC about just what the heck is happening that is affecting so many people's lives in such a negative way.

This is the same plant manager who gave me an impromptu interview after I showed up at the power plant when the new generators had arrived. At that time he talked nearly non-stop about the fact that PUC then had redundant systems so that they could handle maintenance routines. He said then that not all of the generators would need to be running all of the time. It was a very positive news story and he was only too glad to talk about it with me then. But nothing now.

Three weeks after I first talked to the plant manager I ran into Mr. Actouka, General Manager of PUC and told him that I had left him several messages at his office and that I really needed to hear from him about the reason for the power outages. He nodded his head and then did nothing to let me know anything so that I could let the public know.

Quite some time ago I ran into Mr. Actouka as he was passing my office. This was before the new generators had arrived in Pohnpei and we were having more power outages then than we are now. I asked him why he hadn't responded to my messages. He said that he had told me long ago that if he had anything good to tell me he would let me know. He seemed angry.

He didn't seem to get the fact then that information is important whether the news

is good or bad and he doesn't seem to get it now. Knowing is better than customers sitting in vain hope that things might get better somehow.

So, having heard nothing from PUC's General Manager I finally went to my good friend, PUC Board Chair Reed Oliver. It's not a Director's function to deal with the minutia of running the utility but he listened and said that he would reiterate what a consultant had told them on the afternoon of the day before I talked to him. That consultant strongly counseled PUC to be transparent in its activities.

Mr. Oliver also told me that the number 8 generator was completely down. It was the first I'd heard about that. PUC had said nothing; still hasn't.

I know that Mr. Oliver did reiterate the transparency message but I still heard crickets from PUC.

Last week Mr. Oliver sent a lengthy email to the General Manager about the need for transparency and urged Mr. Actouka to

contact the radio station and The Kaselehlie Press so that we could get the information out to the public about what was going on with the Utility.

Still nothing, a least at The Kaselehlie Press—crickets in a graveyard.

In my opinion, it is extremely unfair that PUC seems hell bent on refusing to disseminate information about why they are performing so poorly. Maybe they aren't, but should we as customers know what is happening and what the plan is?

It seems to be a matter of protectionism, as if we won't know if they don't say anything. How long will it be before the customer base dwindles due to income that we lose due to PUC's poor performance?

It's not fair. It's not right and PUC should step up to the plate and tell us what in Hades is going on!

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In my earlier article to you regarding imported goods into Pohnpei and rice in particular, I encouraged my fellow Pohnpeins to resort to our local healthy foods because if properly prepared and cooked, the kids would love to eat our own produce.

Here in Pohnpei unfortunately, there is no substitute for fuel to fill our cars. We are in a no-win situation. Anyways, there is this chart obtained from the internet on the prices of a barrel of crude oil worldwide. It has good news for us.

In looking at this chart, I tried to recall the price per a barrel of crude oil when it reached its peak; it was around one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) a barrel. I could not exactly recall the dollar amount but I am surely certain, it was around one hundred and fifty dollars. At that time, the local gas stations were selling a gallon of gasoline at six dollars and twenty cents (\$6.20). This was the peak or the highest price for a gallon of gasoline ever sold here in Pohnpei. This chart shows that in the month of June a barrel of crude oil was between fifty-eight dollars and sixty-three dollars. The month of July ranged from fifty dollars to fifty-four dollars. In the month of August, the price was in the neighborhood of thirty-nine dollars to forty-six dollars. As of this writing in September, the price is at forty-six dollars.

Bringing us to where we are at this moment today in Pohnpei, the pump

stations are selling per a gallon of gasoline at four dollars and sixty-five cents (\$4.65). The price of a barrel of crude oil worldwide the past four months ranged from thirty-nine dollars (\$39.00) to sixty-three dollars (\$63.00) compared to several years back when crude oil reached its highest price ever at around one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00), it is approximately three times lower now. The current price now in Pohnpei is not realistic, right! If the price of crude oil goes down three times lower than its highest price per barrel, then its price per gallon of gasoline should be by common sense falls three times lower by its peak price in Pohnpei at \$6.20. I am subject to be corrected if my calculation is wrong. Roughly, the price per gallon of gasoline in Pohnpei should be over two dollars (\$2.00 plus).

Why is it that the pump stations are selling fuel at unreasonable high rates? What about your cash power at PUC, is not it too excessive either? Hey, PetroCorp, where are you? Are you not part of the problem? Again, I am not pinpointing at anyone; I am merely bringing this information to shed light on what's going worldwide on the prices of crude oil for our collective consideration and perhaps corrective measures.

At any rate, the United States has noted that their pump stations are selling fuel at its lowest in eleven years at one dollar and seventy-six cents (\$1.76) per gallon of gasoline.
Ni wahu,

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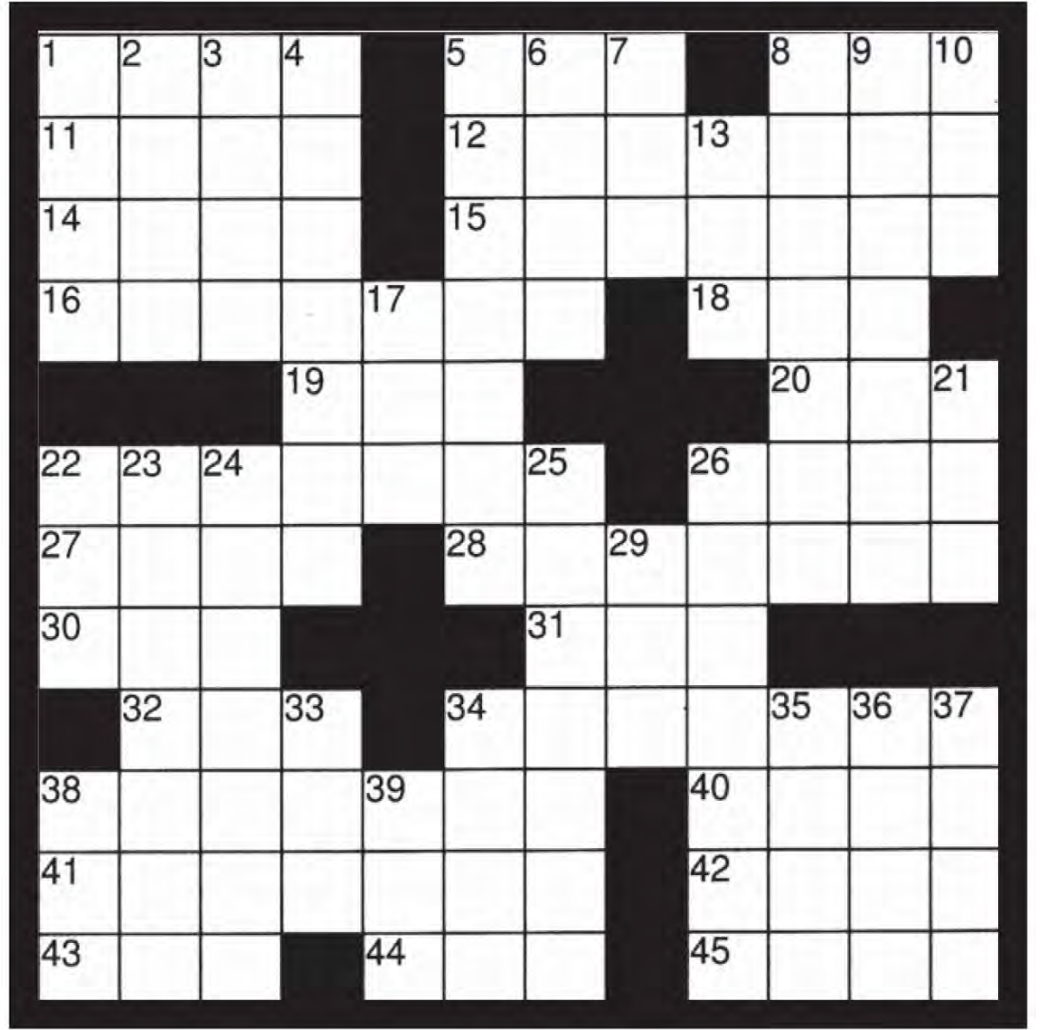
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- 5. Drop down
- 8. Kind of book
- 11. Boating berth
- 12. Beard alterer
- 14. And not only that
- 15. With enthusiasm
- 16. PBS series
- 18. Hassle
- 19. Actor Holm of McKellen
- 20. Accomplished
- 22. Long job for a plotter
- 26. I'm outta here!
- 27. You might pick up on it
- 28. Atoll features
- 30. Spinning stat
- 31. Second Sunday in May honoree
- 32. Bring along
- 34. It ruins the ending
- 38. Aruba neighbor
- 40. Chivalry, for one
- 41. Sauce seasoning
- 42. Sign of a breakout
- 43. Limiting word
- 44. Calming count
- 45. It has heels

Down

- 1. Mailbox fodder
- 2. Like some hair
- 3. Excluding
- 4. Potential turn-ons
- 5. Undying
- 6. Long-eared one's comment
- 7. Humongous
- 8. It isn't in stereo
- 9. Hercule Poirot, for one
- 10. Bellow
- 13. All U.S. presidents so far
- 17. Down
- 21. Barber art
- 22. Not close
- 23. Burst
- 24. Mail deliverer
- 25. Satirize
- 26. Funny
- 29. It's messy
- 33. Wiggle
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- 38. Bit of fuzz?
- 39. Tree climber



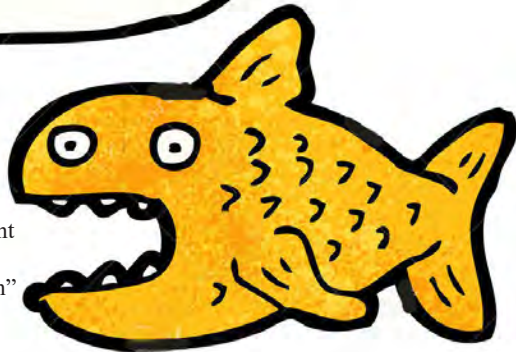
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Talking Fish



National Oceanic Resource Management Authority and Kaselehlie Press have partnered up to launch this "TalkingFish" column which will appear every issue of Kaselehlie Press to keep the public informed and aware of what NORMA does and more importantly, to generate public awareness of whats happening in your fisheries here in the FSM.

surface schools of fish which purse seiners normally make their sets on are too deep for their nets to catch fish. This results in the purse seiners moving farther east towards the Kiribati EEZ and adjacent high seas areas to fish as these areas tend to have cooler sea surface temperatures and skipjack yields are better than the Western Pacific. It is said that this weather phenomenon will last for most of the rest of 2015 and well into 2016 as late as June/July. This effectively means there will be less fishing in the FSM EEZ and therefore little or no purse seine vessels calling Pohnpei in the near future. Should this change to a La Nina situation, we can expect fishing to return to FSM EEZ and therefore purse seiners will eventually return into Pohnpei port.

Where have all the purse seiners gone?!

For those of you avid ocean goers, you will have noticed there are no longer many purse seiners transshipping in Pohnpei port. Why? The reason is that the Western and Central Pacific is experiencing a weather phenomenon called "El Nino" according to weather experts. El Nino affects the purse seine fishery when the sea surface temperature is too hot or warm resulting in

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Phone: 691 320 2619
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Please note that the applicant must apply and be accepted into Fiji National University (FNU). Although high school graduates with exceptional academic achievement can be considered, applicants with two-year degree in science or related fields are encouraged to apply.

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Nutrition Proclamation

The Pohnpei Department of Health Services Cancer Control Program under the division of Public Health in collaboration with the Kitti Municipal Government and the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Community Health Intervention Program (CHIP) held a Pohnpeian Traditional signing ceremony for the Nutritional Proclamation on Tuesday, October 6th, 2015 at the Residence of Wasa Lapalap Soukisehlehng Nahnmwarki (King) of Kitti Municipality.

During the ceremony Wasa Lapalap Soukisehlehng expressed appreciation to Acting Governor Marcelo Peterson for acknowledging his Proclamation and for supporting the ban on serving unhealthy food and beverages during traditional events and gatherings in Kitti Municipality. He called upon the Chief Magistrate and Speaker of the Kitti Municipal Council to uphold the Proclamation in Kitti Municipality by educating the people and establishing appropriate enforcement protocols and measures. The Chief Magistrate of Kitti Municipality Mr. Tony Sarapio also shared his observations and experiences on the challenges of Non Communicable Disease (NCD) prevention through lifestyle adjustments and changes through eating and consuming healthier and locally grown food. He stated that although people are aware of the dangers and long term negative health effects of eating and drinking unhealthy food and beverages as well as smoking cigarettes and chewing tobacco and betel nut people continue to eat and consume them until they get very sick. Mr. Sarapio further stated that his office

fully supports the Nutrition Proclamation and will do its part in advancing its objectives.

The Speaker of the Kitti Municipal Council Mr. Sother Andon also praised Wasa Lapalap Soukisehlehng for his Royal Excellencies visionary and forward thinking. Mr. Andon stated that he loves to eat locally grown and imported food and would not have made the declaration to ban unhealthy food and beverages during traditional gatherings and events if he was the Nahnmwarki of Kitti. He too stated that his office will work with relevant stakeholders in advancing the intentions of the Nutrition Proclamation.

The Honorable Marcelo Peterson, Acting Governor of Pohnpei praised Wasa Lapalap Soukisehlehng and Chief Magistrate Sarapio for their leadership and support in taking the lead to proclaim the banning of unhealthy food and beverages in all traditional gatherings and events in Kitti Municipality. He stated that the Resolution will be shared with all relevant offices, agencies and departments as well as with the Pohnpei State Legislature and Chief Justice for appropriate action and endorsement. He further stated that he hopes other Municipalities in Pohnpei will follow Kitti and adopt similar NCD measures.

This is the first time that a traditional leader from the five Kingdoms of Pohnpei has banned unhealthy food and beverages in traditional gatherings and events since the declaration of Non Communicable Disease (NCD) was made by Governor John Ehsa in 2013.

The Resolution by Wasa Lapalap Soukisehlehng will be shared with relevant NCD partners and stakeholders and transmitted to the Pohnpei State Legislature for adoption. The State Department of Health Services Division of Primary Health Care, Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Community Health Intervention Program (CHIP), State NCD Emergency Response Team (SNERT) and partners will be conducting workshops and education on Proclamation throughout Kitti



Municipality in the coming months.

For more information, please call the Pohnpei Health Services Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at 320-6101.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

FSM Telecommunications Corporation is looking for suitable candidates for the following positions:

Position	Annual Salary (DOQ) USD
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Closing date of the vacancy announcements - November 18, 2015.

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Education Corner: Richard Womack, Ed.D

From our last EC readers will recall Little Willy turned in five math problems as his evidence of learning some addition. It is from a benchmark that says first graders will add single digits numbers correctly. You were asked to do some class work by correcting the problems and saying something about them. Little Willy wrote

- 1) $2+2=4$ 2) $3+3=6$
3) $2+4=7$ 4) $4+4=8$
5) $1+2=3$

So then EC made a big deal about being sure that we recognized that only one problem (#3) was incorrect and the other four problems were correct. Our point was 4 out of 5 was 80% which was evidence of some learning—not perfect but not too bad. And after all we want evidence for improvement and getting Little Willy to learn that $3+3=6$ is not too difficult. But what should we say about Little Willy's twin sister Little Willymina? She does the same little quiz and turns in the following?

- 1) $2+2=5$ 2) $3+3=8$ 3) $2+4=6$
4) $4+4=7$ 5) $1+2=4$

We can say that #3 is correct but this time our first concern is the number incorrect. Little Willymina has given us some evidence and good evidence. She has given us evidence that she does not understand the benchmark about adding single digits numbers correctly. But this is still O.K. It just means more time and effort must be spent with Little

Willymina to get the needed improvement. Seeing student weaknesses and improving them is the teacher's job.

Moreover, as with all professionals, teachers are judged on the evidence—what their students have learned. Teachers are and should be judged on how well students are learning. Are students learning more and more and are they learning the right things? Parents want evidence of their children's learning; political leaders want evidence of learning for students in a given district; traditional leaders may want evidence that students are learning about culture; taxpayers and the United States Government want evidence of learning for funding purposes. And, of course, students themselves want to know if they are learning.

Furthermore, in the medical profession, a good doctor is one who gets the patients better. A good doctor prescribes the right medicine and gives proper health advice. Because others see that the patients are getting better or becoming healthy, this evidence gives them reason to trust the doctor. Certainly, when the patients do not improve or, worse, they die we say that the doctor is not good and we do not trust the doctor. Sometimes, many people die just because the doctor does not have the correct medicine. The same doctor would be judged good if the doctor knew the correct medicine and had some to give to patients

and save them from death. The same is true in the teaching profession. When students are showing evidence of learning and evidence of improving and getting better, teachers are judged as doing well. When no students at high school X pass the COMET, those teachers are not judged as good. But, like the doctor with no medicine, it may not be fair to judge the teachers. If the teachers on Island X have no textbooks, perhaps it may not be right to blame the teachers. Nevertheless, professional teachers must be willing to be judged on the learning and educational health of students—in the same way as medical doctors are judged on the health and improvement of their patients. Sometimes, there may be reasons for evidence that we do not like but, nevertheless, it is good student results that provides the evidence of good teaching.

We mean what are the results for teachers on short quizzes, teacher tests, book reports, essays, speeches, drawings, science experiments, maps completed, etc. Whatever demonstrates that students are achieving learning outcomes is evidence. In the classroom, these important evidences are gathered by the individual teacher. These kinds of evidence are what the teachers use to report card grades as A-B-C-D and F. Teachers should be providing these evidences weekly to the parents. All of us know a little about grades so we can say grades also serve as evidence. But for FSM

Accreditation purposes we really mean what are the results of test scores for schools, districts, and states on standardized FSM examinations. These tests presently give us evidence on how well our students are doing in English language arts and mathematics as well as sciences. This year EC will discuss some of these students scores and how we intend to go about improving the students learning outcomes as measured with scores.

Finally, with 'evidence' we have already learned that evidence comes in two forms. Evidence may be qualitative or quantitative. Qualitative evidence means evidence by words. For example, when asked—How did Willy do? Answering "good," "wonderful," or "fantastic" is qualitative. Likewise, if we say "poor," "bad" or "abysmal" that too is qualitative. On the other hand, it would be quantitative if we say that Willy got 100, 90, or 80%. Equally, if we say Willy got 30, 20, or 10% that is a quantitative response. In education, we stick to the quantitative and usually add some qualitative words to it. In the COM-FSM college catalog it says that the A grade means "superior"—so that is qualitative and then it says that an A is 4.0 and that is quantitative. 90%-100% is likewise quantitative. Teachers try and always use quantitative evidence whenever possible. Parents must ask for quantitative evidence from teachers and parents should expect the schools to improve quantitatively.

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