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Naked "Ninja" man crashes through Pohnpei radio station door

Arrested suspect escapes police custody through a bathroom window

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM—A man wearing only a long sleeved



white shirt tied around his face "Ninja Style" and nothing else at all crashed through the locked door of Pohnpei State Radio Station in Dolonier in the early morning hours of Monday, January 10, 2011. Merselina Brown, who works the 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift as a radio announcer had come to the radio station in the tiny hours that morning at 4:45 to get a few things done before she went on the air. The attack came shortly thereafter.

"I don't know what he wanted to do but he didn't have any clothes on, not even shoes. He came in and tried to attack me or hurt me, maybe rape me. I don't know," Brown said.

Her words brought to mind a famous line from a Clint Eastwood "Dirty Harry" movie. Though Brown said she panicked, the fictional "Dirty Harry" character would likely have been proud. Brown threatened her attacker with a water pitcher and he fled the scene.

Though police, who arrived sometime in the next 15 to 20 minutes could not find Brown's attacker anywhere in the vicinity, they made an arrest on the following day.

Brown's description of her attacker was vague. "He wasn't very skinny and he wasn't very fat. He wasn't very short and he wasn't very tall. He wasn't very dark and not really light. He was brown," she said during a K-Press interview. "I didn't

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Filipino crew members refuse to leave the FSM over a contract dispute with Penta Ocean

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Pohnpei, FSM—Seven Filipinos hired on contract by Penta Ocean to ferry a barge to Pohnpei from the Philippines are now refusing to leave the FSM until they are paid a year's worth of wages by the contractor. They say that their contract specifies a term of one year while Penta Ocean, through their attorney Fred Ramp says that the foreign workers were hired only to bring the vessel to the FSM and that the contract specifies one year or until the job is complete. Ramp said that the job was complete as soon as the vessel, the SPHB Ingat arrived in Pohnpei on January 5, 2011. Penta Ocean has paid the entire crew a full month's wages though they didn't actually leave the Philippines until December 16, 2010.

Penta Ocean is the company contracted to extend the runway at the Pohnpei International Airport.

Ramp said that Penta Ocean had made appoint-



ments for the crew with the U.S. Embassy in order to process transit visas for their return trip to the Philippines but that the crew refused to go to those appointments. Penta Ocean also made hotel reservations for the crew at Pacific

Skylite where they were to have stayed while their visa applications were being processed. They are still at Pacific Skylite Hotel waiting for the outcome of any hearings on the matter.

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FSM Congress "Special Committee" report out and back in again

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Palikir, Pohnpei—The FSM Congress today voted on its last regular session day to return the Special Committee report on alleged violations of the Financial Management Act (FMA) and the National Public Service System Act back to the committee. The principal reason for the return was that the committee made no recommendations for action.

Chairman Dohsis Halbert said that without a recommendation the report is just "wasting our time."

Chairman Peter Sitan said that Congress should not approve "a report that doesn't say anything."

Senator Peter Christian said that of course Congress was hoping for a more definitive result from the report. He suggested that the committee should have provided "bullet points" regarding the exact laws that may have been violated.

Vice Speaker Frederico Primo chaired the committee and was in an acting capacity as the Congress Speaker in the absence of Speaker Isaac Figir who was away representing the FSM Congress in Mongolia at a conference of parliamentarians. In defense of the report he said that the committee had hurried to try to get the report done by the end of the session. Indeed, the report was not initially listed on the Order of the Day but a new Order of the Day was distributed along with the report after Primo had already gavelled the session to order.

Primo said that the report was not the final work of the Special Committee and begged the gathered Senators' indulgences saying that it was the first time as far as he knew that Congress had called a Special Committee to take on the kind of work they'd been called on to do. He said that the Committee had a hard time trying to determine what is the best avenue for resolving the problem at hand.

Former FSM President, Chairman Joseph Urusemal resorted to a fishing analogy as he often does. He said that really good fishermen often hide their best lures in the bottom of their tackle box. He said that the Special Committee had to be careful "not to walk around with our shirt off." Rather than saying "this person is guilty or that one we wanted clear evidence," he said. Evidence will come after the Office of the National Public Auditor completes its audit on the matter. The committee members felt that the information gathered was not enough for them to recommend a special prosecutor to try the matter.

The Special Committee report didn't contain much more information than was already known before the resolution that called for the Special Committee was passed in Congress.

The committee held hearings on January 6, 7, 13, 14, 17 and 18. Witnesses were called from the Office of the National Auditor, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Statistics, Budget and Overseas Coordination, the Budget and Economic Management Division, the Personnel Division, the Department of Justice, the Division of Immigration and Labor, the Office of National Archives, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Office of Environment and Emergency Management, and the Department of Resources and Development. The committee report has a section regarding the Department of Education but it did not mention a hearing date for witnesses from that department.

The report said that before calling witnesses from the relevant departments the Committee questioned ONPA Auditors about the progress so far on their audit report on the matter. They were told that the audit would be complete in four to six weeks. ONPA said that they would refer any violations to the Investigation Division which would then carry out an additional review for wrongdoing for possible referral to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution.

OPA noted that:

- A number of problems originated in Finance and Budget;
- Some appropriations were not entered into the accounting system until September 2010;
- The budget office was using amounts different from appropriations;
- Finance had operated one account for personnel, including both base salaries and overtime;
- Immigration and National Police budgets overran primarily because of overtime;
- Funds appropriated for National Police overtime were paid to Immigration employees and funds were subsequently transferred back to National Police as an "adjustment."

The auditor's office has now received nearly all the necessary documentation from the relevant departments. They said there had been an issue with obtaining information from the Department of Justice because a staff member with responsibility for some of the issues involved in the audit was reassigned to different duties.

The report said that a consistent theme among the witnesses was the role of the absence of effective financial controls in contributing to the overruns. In particular, the computer software used by Finance did not flag that accounts had a zero balance. Staff attempted to work around that problem by cross-referencing printouts of account balances, but this inevitably led to some errors being made.

There also appear to be a "culture of passing the buck" regarding the responsibility to keep within the budget, especially with regard to overtime. Overtime was often approved without reference to whether there were sufficient funds to pay for it with the expectation that Finance would catch any overruns. But by the point overruns were caught in that environment the overtime had already been worked which resulted in supplemental budget requests to Congress.

staff are being singled out for blame by the Executive for some of the overruns. However, any decisions by such staff that could have led to budget overruns must also have been signed off by the relevant heads of department and approved by Finance.

In the Department of Immigration a good amount of the budget overruns were caused by an incorrect interpretation that reclassifications (salary increases) approved by Congress were retroactive for the entire fiscal year. The report quotes Section 8.2 of the Public Service System regulations which says, "a reallocation action shall be effective on the first pay period immediately following approval by the Personnel Officer."

Although the funds appropriated were sufficient to cover the cost of base salaries but not sufficient to cover additional overtime costs for those positions. The Department of Justice appears not to have considered this before making the reclassifications retroactive. Further, the bill erroneously appropriated the funds as a capital improvement so they were not available to cover personnel costs.

"Overtime payments to Immigration personnel continue to be an issue of concern to the Committee, particularly in the light of regulations and attorney general opinions allowing for overtime payments grossly in excess of actual hours worked. Of particular note are the regulation providing for a minimum of two hour's overtime in each instance regardless of actual hours worked and interpretations of this regulation applying the two-hour minimum to each vessel with a separate owner processed on a single occasion. Figures from the Department of finance suggest that Immigration spent over \$100,000 in overtime in the first three months of FY2011. Although Immigration contests this figure, the Division is attempting to control overtime costs by instituting a two-hour maximum for processing flights and vessels. However, although

"It appears that mid-level administrative

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Fifty percent shareholder FSMTC files suit against the Pohnpei cable television company

By Bill Jaynes
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Pohnpei, FSM—On November 30, 2010, FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) as shareholders of Island Cable TV Pohnpei, Incorporated (ICTV) filed a complaint at the FSM Supreme Court against Bellarmine and Bernie Helgenberger ('individual defendants') doing business as Bernards, ICTV, Central Micronesia Communications, Inc. (CMC), and Bernard's Enterprises, Inc. Among other things the complaint alleges that even though FSMTC is a 50% shareholder of ICTV, FSMTC has been effectively shut out of the business decisions of ICTV since approximately 2003 and that the "individual defendants," distributed \$30,000 to their own business(es) without approval by the ICTV Board of Directors which includes two members of FSMTC.

FSMTC says it has wanted to expand television services throughout the island of Pohnpei since it first became a shareholder of ICTV in 1998 "in order to meet the aspirations and expectations of the people of Pohnpei as expressed in Pohnpei Legislature Resolution, LR No. 128-02". The complaint FSMTC filed says that the 'individual defendants' "have blocked expansion and been content for Defendant ICTV to serve a fraction of the population of Pohnpei covering only the Kolonia and nearby areas and have been unwilling to join in the investments necessary to expand services."

FSMTC says that the issue regarding expansion of television services in Pohnpei has been a basic problem between the shareholders since at least 2003.

The FSMTC complaint alleges that since approximately 2003, the 'individual defendants' and their businesses "have taken control" of ICTV and that they "manage, control and make all decisions regarding ICTV to the exclusion of Plaintiff FSMTC. The office spaces rented by ICTV are owned by Defendant Bernards and/or Defendant Bernard's Enterprises, Inc., entities owned and controlled by the 'individual defendants,' and all financial matter related to ICTV are made by or under the direction of the 'individual defendants.'"

In 1998 FSMTC purchased 50 percent of the shares of ICTV from the United Micronesia Development Association, Incorporated for \$450,000. The remaining 50 percent of those shares was and still is owned by CMC.

The ICTV Board of Directors is supposed to consist of five people but since the late 1990's there have only been four. For the first few years an agreed upon arrangement between the two shareholders, FSMTC and CMC provided that two members would be appointed by the

management of FSMTC and two members would be appointed by the management of CMC. A fifth neutral member was to be agreed upon by FSMTC and CMC.

Peter Sinclair, "an experienced television executive in the Mariana Islands" served as the fifth neutral member for a short time after 1998, but since Sinclair's departure in the late 1990's the shareholders have been unable to agree on a fifth director. The remaining members have remained deadlocked in a two to two vote on any business matters since that time including matters of the expansion of television services in Pohnpei.

The FSMTC complaint alleges that since 2003 the 'individual defendants' have been treating ICTV "as if it were their own personal business." They stopped calling shareholder and board meetings, stopped consulting with ICTV regarding decisions of ICTV, "and in all other ways prevented Plaintiff FSMTC from participating in Defendant ICTV as a meaningful shareholder."

The complaint says that no ICTV shareholders meetings have been held since 2003. At that last meeting the shareholders were deadlocked and were unable to elect a fifth, neutral director capable of breaking the deadlock. FSMTC has been requesting that a shareholders meeting be convened since mid 2004 without success.

The complaint also says that at some point in time the 'individual defendants' distributed \$30,000 in ICTV or other assets to Bernards or Bernard's Enterprises without shareholder or board approval in violation of the corporation law of Pohnpei State and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Most recently, after FSMTC took matters into its own hands and gave notice of a shareholders meeting to be held on November 26, 2010, Bellarmine and Bernie Helgenberger are alleged to have directed the ICTV manager to telephone FSMTC approximately 20 minutes before the meeting was scheduled to begin to say that they had "unspecified 'other commitments.'" Executive Secretary, Pedra Kanichy swore an affidavit to that effect.

The complaint says that the 'individual defendants' and CMC "have engaged in a pattern of conduct which constitutes illegality, oppression, misappropriation, misuse, diversion and waste of assets, and a conflict of interest with respect to the commercial dealings between ICTV and Bernards and/or Bernard's Enterprises, Inc., businesses controlled and managed by Bellarmine Helgenberger and/or Bernie Helgenberger."

According to filed exhibits, since 2003, FSMTC has repeatedly requested finan-

cial statements from ICTV and the 'individual defendants' but they have "failed and refused to produce such records."

FSMTC is asking that the court dissolve Island Cable TV, Incorporated; to assign a Receiver to liquidate the assets of ICTV to the shareholders in an amount to be determined by the FSM Supreme Court after causes for action are considered; to issue an order compelling the Receiver to distribute dividends to FSMTC; to award FSMTC compensatory and punitive damages against the Helgenbergers and CMC in favor of FSMTC in the amount the court determines at trial; compensatory and punitive damages in favor of ICTV in the amount determined at trial; attorneys fees and costs of suit; and "such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper."

Bellarmine Helgenberger pro se, meaning he is representing him responded to the complaint on behalf of all defendants and denied all of the allegations in FSMTC's complaint. He listed six defenses 1) Because of FSMTC's direct and indirect participation in the affairs of ICTV without previous protest they have no right to complain now; 2) John Sohl and Takuro Akinaga at their request were paid \$50,000 as dividends on behalf of FSMTC; 3) As shareholders, both parties were always made aware of

scheduled company meetings and were present at the scheduled meetings, and consented to holding the company meetings; 4) FSMTC ratified the acts and decision of the management; 5) Plaintiff failed to act within a reasonable time in making its objections; and as such 6) Plaintiff waived its rights.

However, Attorney Fred Ramp who is representing FSMTC filed a motion to quash that answer because while Bellarmine Helgenberger is within his rights to represent himself he cannot serve as an attorney for any of the other defendants because he is not a licensed attorney.

Further Ramp argued in his motion that Bellarmine "not only cannot properly represent Defendant ICTV, but also cannot select the attorney who will represent Defendant ICTV as it would be a conflict of interest." He said that ICTV needs to be represented by an attorney selected by its shareholders, FSMTC and CMC. However, those two shareholders are unable to agree on important matters related to the corporation and because CMC will neither call a shareholders meeting nor participate in one called by FSMTC a matter that is part and parcel of FSMTC's complaint. Ramp requested the Court to appoint an entirely neutral attorney to represent ICTV.

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Ehsa signs bills to widen Kolonia intersections and to build a new dump in Palikir

By Bill Jaynes
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Peilapalap, Pohnpei, FSM—

Governor John Ehsa held a formal signing ceremony in his office this afternoon as he signed two bills into law.

The first was a bill allocating \$35,000 to the Department of Public Safety. That money will be used as matching funds to pay for the widening of several intersections in Kolonia in order to provide a left turn lane in order to ease traffic strains. It will also be used to purchase new streets signs for those intersections. Director of the Department of Public Safety Lucas Carlos said that the project has already gone out for bids.

The second of the two bills and certainly the more controversial of the two was a bill designating public land in Palikir, Pohnpei to be used as a sanitary landfill for solid waste. Dumps are never particularly popular and no one really wants to live next door to one per se. The joint committee report prepared as a result of hearings on the matter of establishing a dump site in Lewetik, Palikir, Sokehs said that the principal motivation was to relocate the Dekehtik dumpsite that is currently one of the first things tourists and other first time visitors see after they get off of the airplane in Pohnpei.

The joint committees held several public hearings including one with Sokehs municipal leadership and the Nahmwarki of Sokehs, Herculano Kohler who came prepared with four principal questions. They wanted to know how much land was required for the project; whether the master plan and scope of work were ready; why should the dump site be located in Sokehs; and whether or not it would meet sanitary landfill



Governor Ehsa signs one of the public laws. Witnesses included Pohnpei State Police Chief Joe Roby, Director of the Department of Public Safety Lucas Carlos, Director of the Environmental Protection Agency Albert Roby, Attorney General Scott Garvey, Chairman of the Public Lands Trust Board of Trustees Largo Edwin, and Chief of the Division of Survey and Mapping Benly Lucios

requirements.

The Department of Land and Resources told the leadership that 9.3 hectares or 93,000 meters would be required for the project. The Environmental Protection Agency said that the master plan and scope of work were ready.

The Joint Committees responded to the question of why the dump should be located in Sokehs. Committee members explained that a survey of other public lands where a new dumpsite could be located was conducted. The survey found that Palikir is the most appropriate place for the

sanitary landfill because there is enough public land there that is also suitable for the purpose of a landfill. The land that was designated by the bill that Governor Ehsa signed today is 93,953 square meters.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency said that the new landfill would meet sanitary requirements. Further, they said, there would be a setback of 50 meters from the borders of privately owned lands. They also explained that before any load is dumped the earth would be dug up and the trash would immediately be covered in

soil. EPA said that it is not intended for individuals to carry their garbage to the dump site. Instead there would be several lift or transfer stations located in various locations in the municipalities and towns in Pohnpei. The collection of garbage would be done by the management of the dump site from the lift or transfer stations.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources prepared a topographic survey of the area and reported that people from the Lewetik Community, the village where the proposed solid waste site is to be located, helped Department of Land and Natural Resources employees to clear up the area by cutting grass.

Though each of those questions was answered satisfactorily Sokehs traditional and government leaders still came out in opposition to the plan. Mr. Kohler said though that the committee could convince the Sokehs Leadership by showing them exactly where the project would be situated on the ground.

The committee and the Sokehs leadership made a trip to the land that afternoon after which "practically everyone acquiesced to the project," the report said. The only question then was where the access roads would be located. Suggestions were made that one would be at Soundau and one would begin across from St. Peter's Church in Lewetik. The two access roads would be beneficial to the whole community as the roads would bring access to water and electricity.

"Lyon and Associates Company has been awarded the contract to design the sanitary landfill area and the money for the new dump site is the only remaining unexpended fund in the 2010 Fiscal Budget," the report said.

Inauguration festivities for Kosrae's Governor and Lt. Governor

By Tim Fenlon

Kosrae, FSM—A brief rain shower during the inauguration ceremony of the incoming Governor and Lt. Governor in Kosrae did not dampen the spirits of those attending nor of talk of hope for the future. Over 1,000 people attended the inauguration last Thursday, January 27, 2011 at the Kosrae High School.

The Honorable Lyndon H. Jackson and the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah had been sworn-in (on Tuesday January 11, 2011) to the positions of Governor and Lt Governor respectively.

The two and a half hour ceremony included a number of dedication prayers, songs from choirs from each of the municipalities and speeches from a range of dignitaries. Included in the special guests attending were all the members of the 10th Kosrae State Legislature, FSM Vice President, His Excellency Alik Alik, the Kosrae Chief Justice, former Kosrae State Governors, members of the FSM Congress, FSM Ambassadors based overseas, heads of FSM National and Kosrae State Governments, members of the foreign diplomatic community and senior representatives of private sector organizations.

Speeches were delivered by Lt. Governor Sigrah, Governor Jackson, Kosrae Legislature Speaker, the Honorable Lyndon P Abraham and His Excellency Alik L. Alik

(Vice President of the FSM). Closing remarks were given by the Kosrae Legislature vice Speaker, the Honorable Palikun M. Shrew.

It was during the inauguration speech by Governor Jackson that the leadership style he will be adopting during his term was clearly outlined to those assembled. He acknowledged that in the past there had been some challenges facing the State and he went on to thank former Governor Robert Weilbacher for the excellent work he did in reforming Kosrae Government and positioning the State in a place where now there is hope for the future.

Quoting the preamble of the Constitution – "We are one" – the message from Governor Jackson was specific - that Kosraeans need to work together so the State can move forward. "The community must take responsibility for its future and not expect something for nothing." In words designed to inspire the community he added, "The time for standing still is past and we must work towards achieving an ideal life for all Kosraeans".

Governor Jackson went to say, "We must be able to compete for our place on the world stage." He outlined the priorities of his administration, "Private sector growth will be my top priority as the Private sector will be the engine which drives our economy." Instilling a sense of confidence in his capacity to lead the State, he added, "There will be new infrastructure to support growth and new commercial enterprises. There will be new jobs."

The other key feature of his inauguration speech was his commitment to towards government efficiency,

accountability and transparency, "I will work hard to restore trust in the Government and its people". The words honesty, accountability and transparency were repeated on several occasions during his speech.

An inauguration dinner was held later that evening.



Ayuda Foundation helps restore sight

Ayuda Foundation Press Release

On a remote Pacific Island of Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, three-year old Arson's eye was hit with a rock from a slingshot. The injury caused a traumatic cataract and the little boy lost his sight. His mother hoisted the crying boy on her hip and walked two hours to the Chuuk State



Hospital, only to find that there was no eye specialist on staff. But luckily for Arson, on that very day, a Canvasback Missions ophthalmology team was flying on Continental Airlines from Honolulu to provide two weeks of volunteer medical care. The Canvasback team was able to give immediate care and determined that Arson's eye might be saved. But to perform such a complicated surgery, he would have to be brought to the U.S. Thanks to the Ayuda Foundation and Continental Airlines "Wings for Life" Program, the little boy and his mother were flown from Chuuk to Los Angeles where Canvasback Missions arranged for a medi-

cal team at Loma Linda University Medical Center to help restore Arson's vision.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to be able to help contribute to such an amazing effort, especially to be able to provide the family with the means to transport them to an off island medical facility where little Arson is able to receive the most advanced professional medical service in eye sight restoration surgery," said Walden Weilbacher, AYUDA Foundation's Board Member and manager for "Wings for Life."

Arson is a rambunctious child who loves to run. When he arrived in the U.S. he often hurt himself running into door jambs and furniture. The surgery was so delicate that four specialists worked for more than six hours. His eye had a great deal of scarring and his iris was scarred

down over his pupil so that there was no visual axis. The lens had been ruptured and there was a traumatic cataract. The doctors reconstructed the damaged iris and placed an intraocular lens in the eye.

Arson was fitted with glasses and returned on Continental Airlines to his home in Chuuk, a very happy and fortunate little boy who now has vision.

"The Ayuda Foundation and Continental Airlines immediately answered our request to help bring Arson to the United States for surgery. We are forever grateful for their willingness to help," said Jacque Spence, founder of Canvasback Missions, a non-profit organization in California that sends volunteer surgery teams to Micronesia.

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The first of those hearings is scheduled to take place at 9:00 on February 1 at the Pohnpei State Labor office.

Penta Ocean intends to argue that the matter should be settled at the FSM Supreme Court. Ramp said that since the workers were hired as seamen the contract dispute is an Admiralty and Maritime issue in addition to Immigration matters all of which is under the purview of the FSM Supreme Court.

The crew retained Attorney Martin Jano to represent them in the matter. He says that since the paperwork Penta Ocean filed with Pohnpei State as part of the process of obtaining work permits specifically says that the Filipino contractors would "be used exclusively for Dredging Purposes and should be processed as Land Based Workers," the matter is a Pohnpei State issue.

63 year old Osias A. Camacho was hired as the Master Mariner at a monthly salary of \$3200 plus accommodations, transportation, medical benefits and all other remunerations that are to be provided under Pohnpei and FSM Labor

Law. "I never would have signed this contract if I knew it would be like this," he said with tears streaming down his face. "I don't know why they're doing this to us," he wailed.

While Camacho was making the passage from the Philippines he contracted a hideous infection on his right foot. He pulled back his bandage and showed us the gaping wound which oozed a foul thick green tinged bloody yellow fluid. He said that he paid \$298 for medical treatment at Genesis and submitted the receipt to Penta Ocean for reimbursement. He claimed that the company so far has refused to reimburse him for that medical treatment and that he has no money for further treatment that he desperately needs.

Captain Camacho, who is married and has three children, one of whom is expecting his first grandchild, said that he lost his smallest two toes on his right foot in an unrelated accident years ago. He said that he does not have diabetes and obtained a clean bill of health and a medical certificate saying so before he left the Philippines. He claims that the infection happened while he was on the job and that Penta Ocean should by contract pay for the medical attention he needs.

Paragraph 10 of the contract each employee signed says that employees are to be provided "free 'emergency' medical and dental services including medicine," during the term of the contract.

Attorney Fred Ramp said that his client hadn't mentioned any issues regarding medical treatment for any of the crew members but that the company had paid Captain Camacho \$3200 for a month's wages so as far as he knew Camacho had at least that much money.

Ramp said that his client agreed to pay the cost of the crew's accommodations through January 27.

"We haven't received one penny 'til now," said Yalmer Helgenberger of the Pacific Skylite Hotel during an interview with him and the Filipino crew on January 29.

Additionally the crew said that on January 28, officers from the FSM Department of Immigration came to the hotel and confronted the crew saying that they had overstayed their work permits and that each one of them would be subject to a \$10,000 fine if they didn't immediately sign the Termination of Contract papers and leave Pohnpei.

Crew members didn't understand how that could be since each of their passports were stamped with a departure date of December 6, 2011 and all of them have work permits valid through that date. They did not sign the Termination of Contract papers.

Though Camacho and the rest of the crew said that they all thought they had a one year contract, one of their crew has already returned to the Philippines. The Chief Engineer left Pohnpei on January 20 at which time Penta Ocean paid that crew member's entire hotel bill plus expenses for his return trip to the Philippines.

Ramp said that before the Chief Engineer departed he gave a statement essentially saying that he was never under the impression that the contract was for a full year and would end when the job was complete.

Ramp said that the company utilized a standard contract that they use for foreign workers which has a period of one year but also specifies that the contract will be terminated when the work is complete.

The attorney for the crew members, Martin Jano said that he reviewed the contract particularly in terms of the grounds for termination defined in paragraph 14A that defines the grounds for termination of the contract. He said that none of those conditions had been met and the crew should not have been terminated. Those conditions include: "serious misconduct, willful disobedience or (sic) employer's lawful orders, habitual neglect of duties, absenteeism, insubordination, revealing secrets of establishment, engaging in trade union activities, when employee violates customs, traditions, and laws of Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia and/or terms of this Agreement. The employee shall shoulder the repatriation expenses."

However, paragraph two, entitled "Contract Duration" says, "One year and or until the project is finished commencing from employee's departure from the point of origin to the site of employment."

Besides Captain Camacho, remaining crew members include Carlito Dongon who was hired as the Chief Officer at a rate of \$2500 per month; William Ompoy who was hired as Second Officer at a rate of \$2,000 per month; Theody Plaza, second officer, \$2,000; Ernesto T. Gomez, and Antero Pulmano who were both hired as engineers at a rate of \$2000 each, and Geoffrey Delica, Engine rating/oiler hired at \$677 per month.



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China and FSM celebrate the entrance of the Year of the Rabbit

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM—On Tuesday, February 1, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the FSM hosted a celebration of the Chinese Spring Festival, the Chinese Lunar New Year. This year is the Year of the Rabbit. Amongst the invited guests invited to join Chinese nationals for the dinner celebration which was held at the



Ambassador Zhang toasts Secretary Robert

Cliff Rainbow Hotel and Restaurant were high ranking officials from the FSM Government and the Pohnpei State Government.

Ambassador Zhang Weidong addressed the guests saying "The Chinese Spring Festival culture is a culture of harmony. People always desire peace and happiness, enjoy reunion and friendship to create a warm social atmosphere and harmony in general of a big family...A

maxim tells, 'Father and sons in harmony make a family invincible; brothers and siblings in harmony keep a family inseparable; neighbors and communities in harmony enjoy no disputes and lawsuits; husband and wife in harmony gain their family true prospect.'"

He said that the principal of harmony is at the root of the Chinese foreign policy which is to develop friendly relations with all countries based on the principles of peaceful coexistence and work

together to build a harmonious world of lasting peace and common prosperity.

He spoke of the efforts made jointly between the FSM and China in the year 2010 which he said was a "great leap in the cordial relationship between China and the FSM. We have achieved a lot in terms of political trust, economical cooperation, and cultural and educational exchanges."

"We've learned from history that distrust, hatred and confrontation will only bring disasters to the human race." Drawing on similarities between the FSM the Ambassador, inspired by the Constitution of the FSM said, "In the past, China was invaded and ruled by foreign power, so we cherish freedom; China was intervened and divided by outer forces, so we cherish unity; China was forced to fight wars, so we love peace; China was backward and bullied, so we pursue development. The Chinese government and people have adopted the 'Peaceful Development Road,' and achieved greatly."

He also used the occasion to announce that Mr. Bai Xia, the first secretary in charge of the Trade and Commercial Office of the Chinese Embassy who has served in Pohnpei for five years is leaving the FSM. He also introduced his replacement Madame Ouyang Xiaohong. Madame Ouyang most recently served her government in the Chinese Embassy in San Francisco.

Mr. Bai gave a heartwarming farewell speech saying that he truly loves this country and will miss it deeply. Madame Ouyang gave a brief introductory speech as well.

FSM Secretary for Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert thanked the Ambassador for his kind words.

As dinner was concluding the guests were entertained by Chinese singing and a Chinese Flute solo. Local dancers also performed.

...Attacked

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thinking about looking for any scars or tattoos, you know? I was panicked!" She said that her attacker was in his late 20's or early 30's.

Stephen Laurdine was arrested on January 11 in connection with Brown's attack and also with the brutal attack on two SDA student missionary teachers that took place on November 17 on the road in Dolonier that traverses the hill that leads to Cupid's Bar and Grill and the Australian Embassy Compound. One of the teachers required stitches for her injuries and the other required off island surgery in order to repair

her arm which was broken in several places by the attacker.

Both the attack at V6AH and the attack on the hill in Dolonier took place in the early morning hours.

Police say that on January 11, Brown "identified" her attacker from a "lineup" of two people.

"The other guy was too old, too fat, too tall and too dark. It wasn't that guy but everything about the other guy was just right, you know?" she asked and grinned about our reference to the "Goldilocks" story.

Sometime before or during interrogation by Police detectives, Laurdine asked to use the restroom. When he was allowed to do so he apparently used the chance to make himself scarce and escaped custody through the restroom window.

Police are currently searching for Laurdine who seems to have vanished like smoke and is still at large.

Brown who is a short middle aged woman with five children said that after she arrived at the radio station on the Monday morning of the attack she locked the wooden front door of the station and then went to the control room where she put her purse down. Then she went back to the front door to lock the steel security door as she normally does. As she entered the front room she saw a glimpse of someone passing one of the windows but she didn't get a good look at that person. She looked out the window and saw her attacker sneaking around to a place in the yard of the radio station where there was no light.

She called out to the person hiding in the shadows and told him to go away because she was working. She was never able to lock the security gate. As she paced the radio station wondering what she should do her attacker started knocking on the front door. She screamed at him and told him to either go away or she was going to call the police. "He said a bad word and I'm not

going to tell you what," Brown said.

"The only phone was in the control room and I went to call but I panicked and hung up. I just wanted to get rid of him," she said.

She brought the phone to the reception desk and told her attacker again that she was going to call the police. This time she let the call go through and her attacker broke down the door and came after her.

"He was naked and he had some clothes covering his face, you know? Ninja style," Brown exclaimed. She said that the man had used the long sleeves of a white shirt or a sweater around his face with the knot where his mouth should be. Only his eyes were showing.

Her attacker came after her and she picked up a pitcher that was next to the water container and threatened him with it. Apparently that was enough. Her attacker turned and fled.

"I heard dogs barking near the SDA School," she said, "and it was early and I didn't think anyone was up yet over there so I figured that was where he went."

Though the State Police station is just over a kilometer away officers arrived 15 to 20 minutes later and could find no traces of the naked man on that morning.

Laurdine's arrest came the following day. He is the State's prime suspect in both the SDA and the V6AH attacks.

"Every time I see people working on the street, you know, working and covering their face it makes me nervous for my life even though they're working and doing good things," Brown said.

"It's the first time something like this ever happened to me, you know? It's good that you put this in the newspaper. They need to catch this person. The person who is doing this did it before and I'm afraid he might to do it again," she said.

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The Official Establishment Ceremony of the Micronesia-China Friendship Association was held in the FSM

Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the FSM

Pohnpei, FSM-On January 21st, 2011, the Micronesia-China Friendship Association (MCFA) held its official Establishment Ceremony at the China Star in the State of Pohnpei, FSM. The ceremony was attended by hundreds. They are Ambassador Zhang Weidong, Hon. Secretary Robert of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Lt. Governor Edward of the State of Pohnpei, Hon. Assistant Secretary Elieisar of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Members of the National Congress, Federated Governmental officials, members of Legislature of the State of Pohnpei, Diplomatic corps, as well as Chinese citizens in Pohnpei and local friends. H.E. Ambassador Zhang Weidong and Hon. Secretary Robert made speeches at the ceremony respectively.

Ambassador Zhang expressed the warmest congratulations on the founding of the MCFA and thanked Her Hon. First Lady, Mme. Emma Nelson-Mori, the Honorary President of the MCFA, His Hon. John Haglelgam, the President of MCFA, and their good team for their strong amicable approach and very diligent work in bringing this special organization into a reality. He said that the founding of the MCFA is

another milestone in the bilateral relations of the People's Republic of China and the FSM, especially in the relationship between the two peoples. He pointed out that the MCFA has come out on a right time, when China and the FSM both have made moderate progress on their path of development after experiencing the hardship of global financial crisis, when both the countries are making greater efforts for a better life for their two peoples, when both the countries have enjoyed 21 years of unswervingly friendly relations and their peoples have enjoyed increasing benefits from more and profound mutual exchanges and cooperation in all fields. He expressed that he was deeply touched and greatly inspired by the august objectives of the MCFA: aiming to promote friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of the FSM and China, to foster mutual exchanges in all fields and particularly in culture and education. Undoubtedly, these tasks are pragmatic and glorious and, at the same time, need arduous efforts to fulfill. Zhang wishes the MCFA great success. Zhang stated that the Chinese Embassy in the FSM would like to give support to the MCFA.

A congratulatory message was received from Madame LI xiaolin, Vice President of the Chinese People's Association

for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and the China-Oceania Friendship association (COFA), wishing both sides cooperate and learn from each other. Hon. Secretary Robert, on behalf of H.E. Present Mori and the National Government, expressed congratulations to the MCFA. He stated that the founding of the MCFA is the milestone in the bilateral relations of the FSM and China, and it will greatly promote the friendship between the citizens of the FSM and China. He emphasized that this is the first time to establish the Association of the people to people in the FSM which is valuable on the promoting the relations from the Government to Government. The FSM Government made the correct choice to establish the diplomatic relationship with China. We have been enjoying rich fruits from the relationship. The FSM and China are situated in different continents, but our two countries are very similar. Our two countries had the similar experience in history. "We are friends and good partners to each other; we respect, help and support each other". Secretary Robert said that he believed the MCFA will gain full support from the government and people of the FSM. The good relations between the FSM and China will last from generation to generation.

Her Hon. First Lady, Mme. Emma Nelson-Mori, the Honorary President of the MCFA, His Hon. John Haglelgam, President of the MCFA, delivered the welcoming remarks and introduced the Charter of The MCFA respectively. They unanimously expressed, on behalf of the MCFA, that they will make contributions to the friendship and cooperation between the two countries and peoples of the FSM and China.

The MCFA is a non-governmental and non-profit organization, which was registered in the Department of Justice on November 18th, 2010. According to the Charter, the objectives of the MCFA are "to promote friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of the FSM and China through visit and exchange of ideas, information and culture; to promote the Chinese culture and education; to foster interest in and promote the study of China, its history, culture, and past and present political and social structures; to assist visiting students, teachers, and cultural groups from China." This Association will achieve these objectives by sponsoring lectures and cultural exchange activities; organizing meetings and distributes and disseminate information about China to students, teachers, and the general public.

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Volunteers drive “Story Hour” at the Pohnpei Public Library

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—Each week volunteers gather on Thursday afternoons at the Pohnpei Public Library at 3:30 both to entertain and to help instill a love of reading in Pohnpei’s young people. The program was begun by U.S. Peace Corps volunteer Amber Ham in September of 2010. Ham is assigned on a part time basis to both the Pohnpei Public Library and also to the Library at Sekere Elementary School in Sekere, Sokehs a library that she helped to create from the ground up.

On the Thursday that we visited four volunteers assisted during the Story Hour. Amy Delyla Ulm, of the World Teach organization delighted the young people with her first public performance on ukulele, an instrument she is just learning to play. She led the 25 or so young people in a rousing rendition of “Shake, Shake, Shake your sillies out.” As best we could tell, the young people never noticed her crimson face and she did a respectable job.

After the children’s “sillies were thoroughly clapped, stomped, jumped, and yawned” out another volunteer stepped into the foreground. Helen Wheeler a former US Peace Corps Country Director who served in Macedonia and in Russia Far East and who is visiting a friend in Pohnpei read a story

about winter to the children. Probably none of the children had ever actually witnessed winter weather themselves. Just the same, all of them seemed completely enthralled by the idea of snow, and sleds, and mittens, and scarves and heavy winter clothing. She read a page from the book and then walked around the room so that at least the occupants of the front two tables could see the pictures before she repeated the process for the next page and the next...

Maureen Curtin another Peace Corps volunteer currently assigned to the College of Micronesia Pohnpei Campus led the children in their art activity for the day. Using sponges the children painted pictures of snowmen.

Tania Safficool who also volunteers at the Seventh Day Adventist School, as she often does, assisted throughout the Story Hour.

Since Ham has been a volunteer at the Library it has been her job, among other things, to suggest and implement organizational changes in both the children’s library and the larger adult library that help

to make the library more accessible to all of its patrons. She has also written grants and has created educational opportunities for all the patrons of the library.

When she started the “story hour” only a few children participated each week. Since that time they’ve seen as many as 35 children involved on a weekly basis. There is no charge for the “story hour” and all are welcome to attend.

“My favorite part is the kids singing and jumping around and all of the excitement,” Ham said.

2011 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United States Peace Corps. It also is the 45th anniversary of the arrival of the first Peace Corps volunteers in the Federated States of Micronesia.



Pohnpei swimmer hopes to qualify for London Olympic Games

By **Gina Tobin**

Pohnpei, FSM—Pohnpei Swimming came back with big wins from the Palau 2010 Micronesia Games held this past August. Among the most noted was that of Debra Daniel, 19 year old female swimmer from Pehleung, Kittu, who won 13 total medals - 7 gold and 6 silver.

Debra won the gold in the 800m Freestyle (10:59.36), 200m Backstroke (2:44.97), 100m Butterfly (1:14.19), 100m Freestyle (1:06.65), 100m Backstroke (1:16.63), 200m IM (2:43.74), and 5 kilometer Open Water (1:26:07.00). She won silver in the 200m Freestyle (2:26.97), 400m Freestyle (5:14.01), 50m Butterfly (32.83), 50m Breaststroke (40.55), 50m Freestyle (30.65), and 50m Backstroke (36.38).

Daniel was awarded the Overall Top Female Athlete of the Micronesia Games. Because of Debra’s accomplishments in the Micronesia Games, the FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC) was able to apply and secure an International Olympic Committee (IOC) Olympic Athlete Scholarship worth \$28,000 to assist Debra in qualifying for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

In 2000, her mom, FSM Swim Coach Sweeter Daniel, took first ever FSM Olympic swimmers, Tracey Route and Welbert Samuel to Fiji to train for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Debra, 8 years old at the time, accompanied her mom and was encouraged to jump in the pool and began to train alongside both FSM and Fiji’s elite swimmers. She represented the FSM in swimming meets during their 4-month stay in Fiji. Debra gets her inspiration from her mom who competed in the 1st Micronesian Olympics (1969) in Saipan in Swimming and Volleyball. Sweeter received 3 gold medals in the 25 and 50 yard Breaststroke, the Mixed Relay, and a team bronze in Volleyball.

The legacy has passed on and Debra has represented the FSM in various competitions, including the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and the 2009 FINA World Swimming Championships in Rome. In 2010, Debra competed in the 2010 FINA World Short Course Swimming Championships held in Dubai in December.

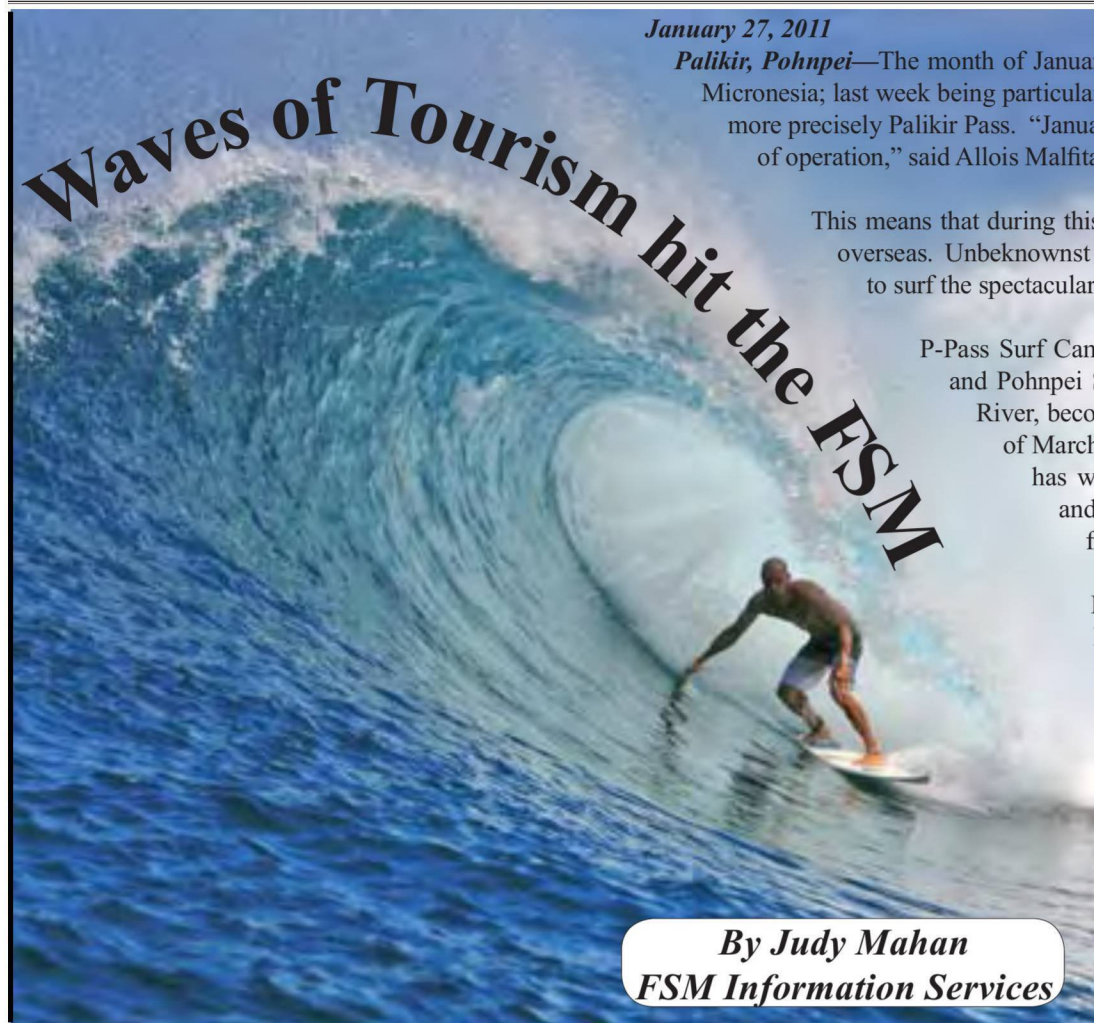
Debra has done the majority of her training in the Timwemwen River in Kittu. Last year, from May to August, she trained in Guam



full-time preparing for the Micronesia Games, funded by a FSMNOC training grant. She trained alongside well known Guam swimming coach Ed Ching, whom she said has played a major role in improving her form and times. Debra may have taken more than just lessons in technique from the Guam Manhoben Swim Club – this past Christmas holiday, a dozen Pohnpei elementary and high school students began to show up at the river hoping to learn how to swim under the guidance of the FSM Olympian, making their very own swim club.

Debra is studying at the College of Micronesia-FSM national campus in the Health Career Opportunity Program (HCOP) and hopes to become a doctor with a specialization in surgery. Swimming has taught her to be disciplined in both mind and body, and has helped her stay focused on her goals. In the mean time, she will be training diligently for the New Caledonia 2011 Pacific Games where she hopes to medal and the 2012 London Olympic Games. Debra wanted to thank Pohnpei Swimming and the FSMNOC for supporting her throughout her swimming career.

The FSMNOC also applied for and were awarded two additional Olympic Athlete Scholarships for FSM elite male athletes Manual Minginfel (Yap), who won 3 gold in the 69 kg division in weightlifting in the 2010 Micronesia Games, and Keitani Graham (Chuuk), who won 2 gold medals in the 74 kg division in wrestling. This is a major accomplishment for all three athletes and will provide the funding needed for training to qualify for the London 2012 Olympic Games. In the past, the IOC has awarded only one athlete scholarship per country.



Waves of Tourism hit the FSM

January 27, 2011

Palikir, Pohnpei—The month of January has seen very consistent strong ocean swells hitting the Federated States of Micronesia; last week being particularly noteworthy, with the biggest swells of the winter season hitting Pohnpei and more precisely Palikir Pass. “January 21 was, I would say, one of the top 3 biggest days I have ever seen in 7 years of operation,” said Allois Malfitani, owner of Pohnpei Surf Club.

This means that during this time of year, a very little talked about industry in the FSM, is making waves overseas. Unbeknownst to most, these swells attract surfers from the four corners of the earth to Pohnpei, to surf the spectacular waves hitting the various reefs surrounding the island.

P-Pass Surf Camp, operating out of Nihco Marine Park, in Sekere, owned by Wilbur Walter, and Pohnpei Surf Club, operating out of PCR Hotel and Restaurant located on the Nanpil River, become home-base for these surfers from early October, until the end of the month of March, the “surf season.” Since the beginning of this surf season, P-Pass Surf Camp has welcomed a steady weekly average of approximately twelve to fifteen surfers, and Pohnpei Surf Club closer to twenty. These surfers come accompanied by their friends, girlfriends, as well as their video and photography crew.

Last week, two of the three Gudauskas brothers, Dane and Tanner, and John John Florence, all members of the Vans Surf Team landed in Pohnpei, and stayed at P-Pass Surf Camp. The day after landing, they began a grueling five day surf session, boating out to the reef passes as early as 6:00AM, returning to shore at sunset around 6:30PM.

Many surfers claim they despise any form of publicity involving perfect surf destinations, their concern being that too much publicity will trigger an influx of too many visiting surfers who will then crowd the “line-up.” The line-up is the area in the water where the surfers lay or sit on their surfboards, waiting for the peak of the wave to form. Once the shape of the peak is visible, the surfers will begin to paddle in front of the oncoming wave until they feel the wave’s push and then jump up onto their feet to ride the wave until they reach the channel. One of the main rules of etiquette of surfing gives priority to the surfer physically located closest to the peak area of the wave.

By Judy Mahan
FSM Information Services



The “crowded line-up” issue is a complaint which can easily be dismissed in places such as Micronesia. This season in particular, the swells have been so consistent, that waves have been rolling in, to be surfed 12 hours per day, for three months straight. Surfers take turns riding the waves, and still many waves are left un-ridden. Should there truly be too much of a crowd at Palikir Pass, Pohnpei alone offers a number of alternative reef passes for surfing, including: Sokehs Pass, Main Pass, Mwand Pass and Pehleing Pass.

Regarding Pehleing Pass, surfed by the Vans team last week, Dane Gudauskas climbed back on the boat after his surf session and exclaimed “it was a little daunting seeing the coral head boils in the water, but a really awesome wave!” When asked if this surf trip had met his expectations, Gudauskas replied: “it exceeded all my expectations!”

Tomil Harbor is another great surf spot in Yap, as well as Walung in Kosrae. Even Quicksilver Travel, a division of Quicksilver, Inc. – one of the world’s leading surf equipment and clothing company, with a 4th quarter net revenue for 2010 of approximately \$500 million, offers on their website organized trips for surfers to “Kosrae Surf Resort,” operated out of Pacific Treelodge Resort.

Over the past three years, shots of surfers enjoying the beautiful waves of Micronesia have graced the cover page of many U.S. and Australian magazines, including: Surfing, Tracks, Pacific Longboarder, Surfing Life, Surfer’s Path and Surf. So the antiquated argument of wanting to keep the spot secret to minimize the crowds makes little sense. The surfing options are vast in Micronesia. And if nothing else, crowds promote exploration, so one benefit may likely be the opening up of access to more remote and less obvious places for even better surf.

Looking beyond the issue of crowds, FSM is a developing nation with no real industry aside from its fisheries resource. What if the international surfing industry could become more involved in creating surf camps in FSM? What if FSM could produce a few of the world’s next generation of professional surfers? What if the market became big enough to incite surf companies in opening surf shops in FSM?

Walter and Malfitani have certainly seen the potential and both have committed themselves to promoting Pohnpei as a surf destination. Walter works with Steve Ware, as his agent based in Australia, and Malfitani works with tour operators in Australia, the United States, Europe, Japan and Brazil. In Pohnpei, they each work with a local staff of approximately ten people, to fill the positions of boat drivers, cooks and housekeepers. Ware operates the P-Pass Surf Camp during the height of the surf season.

Malfitani also organizes, during the summer time on the island of Nahlap, an annual surf camp for local children, “from the age of 8 to 80!” said Malfitani. This is a one day camp to introduce surfing to beginners; Malfitani provides all the equipment - boats, surfboards, jet skis – and teaches the participants the basics of surfing. He said he had approximately 40 participants during the summer of 2010, and up to 50 participants during the summer of 2009.

Adam Van Nooten, a guest currently staying at P-Pass Surf Camp, is visiting from Australia for a two-week surf trip. He has had experience surfing throughout the Pacific region, including Fiji, New Caledonia and Vanuatu. Talking with him about the waves breaking at Palikir Pass, he said “this is one of the world’s best waves.” Sitting on the boat, moored in the channel at the pass, he looked dreamily at the waves breaking on the reef and said “it’s just a perfect wave.”

NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on January 27, 2011, public notice is hereby given that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel no. 023-A-121, situated in Dolonier section, Nett Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an approximate area of 3,989 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on October 16, 2001, and registered as Document No. 18852, the deeds registered on July 8, 2010 and registered as Document Nos. 22721 and 22722, and Subdivision Plat No. 023-A-29, at the Office of the Registrar, Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure, together with all buildings, fixtures, appurtenances and other improvements thereupon, including the building commonly known as the "IP Store building", all apartments, warehouses, store, parking area and other commercial space.

- The minimum bid amount is \$ 290,000.00.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "March 10, 2011 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Ms Nora E Sigrah, Receiver, at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Palikir, Pohnpei on Thursday, March 10, 2011 between 2 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2011.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
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Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Nora E Sigrah, Receiver, email: noraesigrah@hotmail.com or telephone no. 691-921-1364

Micronesia Red Cross Society shows off their new home in Pohnpei

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—When the Pohnpei State Government moved into its new quarters in Peilapalap several ancillary buildings were left unoccupied. The building that formerly housed the Foreign Investment Board was one of those buildings. The Micronesia Red Cross Society asked Pohnpei's Governor Ehsa if they could use the building and at a noon function on January 28, 2011 MRCS dedicated the newly refurbished building.

MRCS Disaster Management Officer Wayner Louis served as the Master of Ceremonies. The invocation was given by Reverend Bethwel Henry. Penny Weilbacher MRCS Board of Directors Treasurer gave the opening remarks and Executive Director Sizue G. Yoma gave an exhaustive history of MRCS from memory. Senator Peter M. Christian addressed the gathered crowd as well and spoke of the role of a small country like the FSM in the international community. Governor John Ehsa also gave remarks followed by Mr. Diaz Joseph, Acting Chairman of the MRCS Board of Directors. Reverend Yasuo Yamada pronounced the Benediction and prayed for a blessing for the food.



...Congress

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well-intentioned, this policy effectively attempts to remedy a system that pays more than the actual number of hours worked in some instances by paying less than the actual number of hours worked in others."

The release of payroll checks for the Department of Education when funds were not available was apparently the result of failure of Finance in checking the account

balance mainly due to the software problem. The problem was introduced by human error due to manual processing.

Witnesses differed on the matter of whether the promotion to fill the Chief of Police position was on an "acting" basis and would be subject to the usual advertising requirements before it was filled permanently, or whether it was a permanent appointment somehow exempted from those requirements. Despite a communication from the Secretary of Department of Justice saying that the appointment was a permanent appointment witnesses said that isn't the

case. The committee is seeking further clarification from the Executive Branch on that matter.

At the Office of the National Archives the budget overrun comes from the fact that the Director took payment in lieu of annual leave he had accumulated as Assistant Secretary for Social Affairs.

Departments appear also to be spending funds from a number foreign grants that have not been properly approved by Congress. There is confusion over which grants require Congressional approval, and

whether that approval should take place before a grant application is submitted or after a grant has been awarded. Witnesses said that there was no consistent approach to the issue across the Government departments. The committee said that it was apparent that the status of grant awards is not adequately communicated to all government stakeholders.

The committee made no recommendations saying that it would await the outcome of the ongoing ONPA audit on the matter before determining what further action would be appropriate.

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A New School Year Begins for Australian Scholarship Awardees

Embassy of Australia

On 26 January, Australia Day, after a year-long, rigorous application process, four scholarship awardees from Pohnpei met at the Australian Embassy for a pre-departure briefing. Over the next week they will set off to commence their first school year of tertiary education under the AusAID funded Australian Regional Development Scholarships (ARDS) program. They are part of a group of 9 students from Yap and Pohnpei travelling on flights to Fiji via Guam to commence studies at USP and Fiji School of Medicine.

An additional three students from Chuuk and Pohnpei will depart for Fiji Institute of Technology (FIT) in February.

The 2011 ARDS awardees for USP and Fiji School of Medicine:

First Name	Last Name	Institution	Field of Study
Nick	Santiago	Fiji School Medicine	Medicine
Josephine	James	USP Emalus Vanuatu	Law
Padwick	Gallen	Fiji School Medicine	Post Grad Medicine
Judy	Robert	USP	Information Systems
Hector	Palemar	Fiji School Medicine	Pharmacy
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World Bank Consultant Team visits Pohnpei and Chuuk

FSM Information Services
January 28, 2011

Palikir, Pohnpei January 28, 2011 - Pursuant to the FSM Government's request for technical assistance to conduct an options assessment in the telecom sector, the World Bank has dispatched a team who arrived in Pohnpei on January 25, and will depart from Chuuk on January 29.

The team members, Bruno Viani, Andrew Fyfe and James Neumann, are reviewing and assessing practical options for increasing access to telecommunications services, reducing costs to consumers, and extending coverage more equitably throughout the Federated States of Micronesia.

Following their visit, the World Bank team will prepare an Option Assessment Report with their analysis and recommendations on: the economic and fiscal impacts of different market structures (competitive/monopolistic), the implications of market transition for FSM Telecommunications Corporation, and the options for future infrastructure financing, including the feasibility of submarine fiber optic and other satellite broadband alternatives for the States of Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap.

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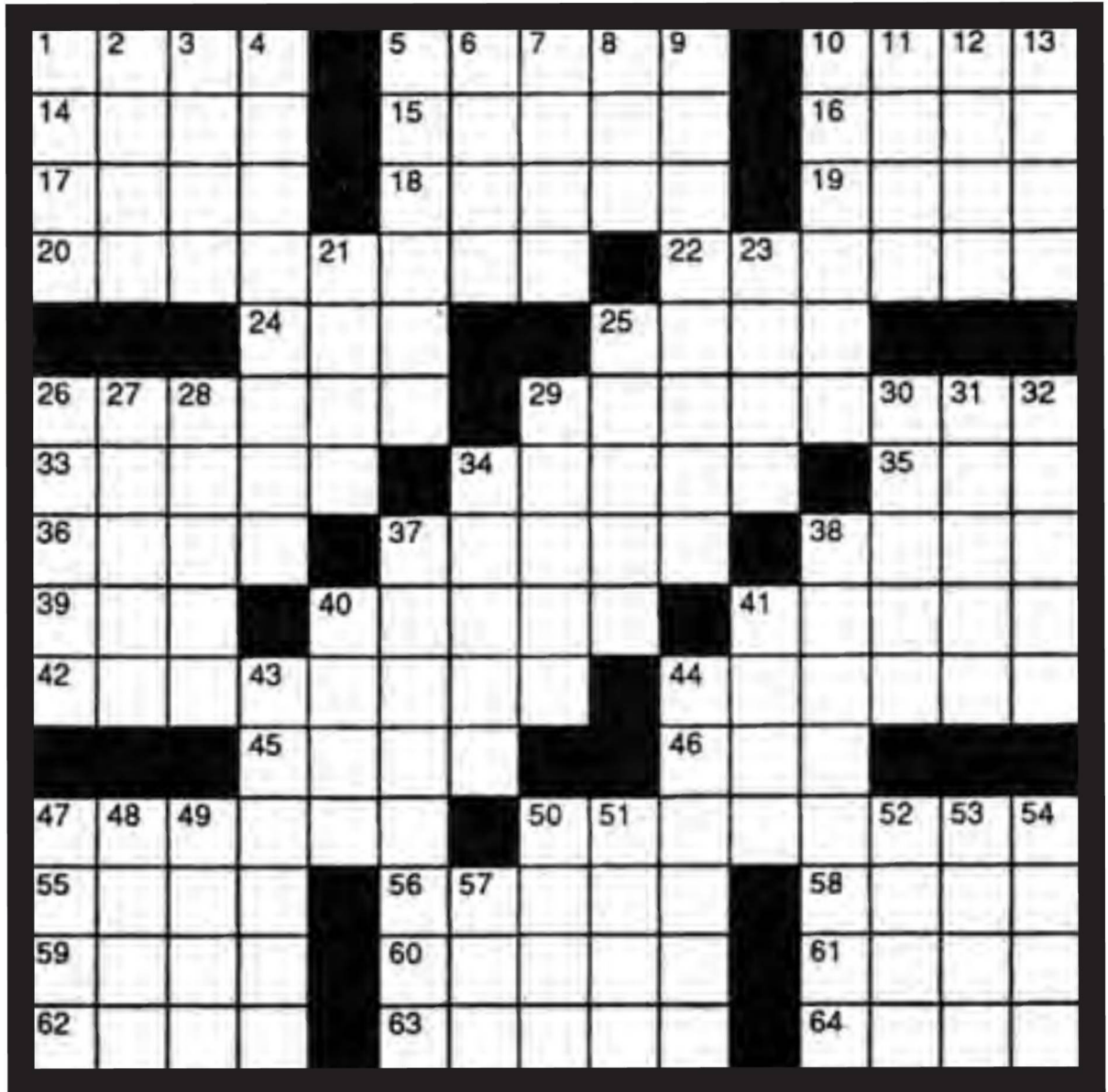
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ACROSS

1. Dull
5. Board game
10. Breton or Highland Scot
14. Underdone
15. Wading bird
16. Notion
17. Grows old
18. Rub out
19. Tidy
20. Exposes to atmosphere
22. Revises
24. Rowing device
25. Remove from liquid's top
26. Makes a monarch
29. Moved up and down
33. Pits
34. Equals
35. ___ carte (2 wds.)
36. Among
37. Assigns position to
38. Mix with spoon
39. Increase motor speed (colloq.)
40. ___ for oneself; manages alone
41. Stockholm native
42. Small spaces for climbing
44. Steeples
45. Operatic solo
46. Fedora or derby
47. Moving masses
50. Burned surface
55. Back
56. Loathed
58. Healthy
59. Sea eagle
60. Oxlike antelope
61. Wicked
62. College head
63. Short simple song
64. Close completely

DOWN

7. Historical periods
8. Distress signal
9. Tennis shoes
10. The movies (British)
11. Paradise
12. Heavy metal
13. Makes lace
21. ___ Christian Andersen
23. Fail to hit
25. Looks for
26. Map
27. "___ and Juliet"
28. ___ drab; camouflage color
29. Causes to go
30. Essential drink
31. Leave out
32. Challenges
34. Chinese bearlike animal
37. Enjoyed
38. Sticks for whipping
40. Shape
41. Box in exhibition
43. Become firm
44. Poorly done
47. Storage building
48. Telegram
49. "___ Karenina"
50. Law (abbr.)
51. Penny
52. Possess
53. Writer-director Kazan
54. Small valley
57. Actress MacGraw



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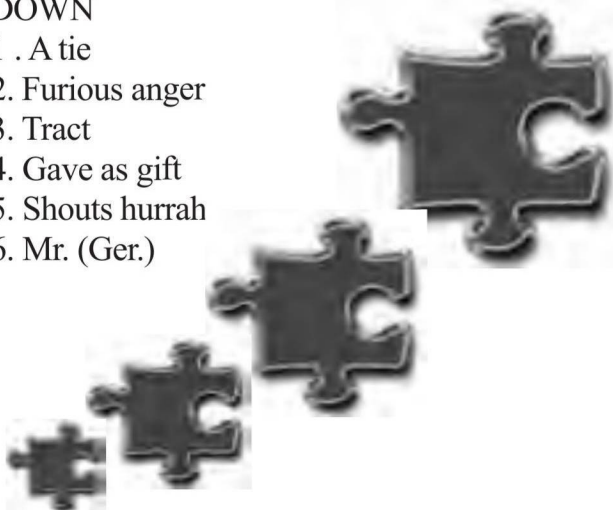
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1. A tie
2. Furious anger
3. Tract
4. Gave as gift
5. Shouts hurrah
6. Mr. (Ger.)



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	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	02/07		02/14		02/07		02/14	
	05:20AM	3.3	01:58AM	1.8	04:05AM	1.1	12:40PM	1.8
	11:05AM	1.0	05:28AM	1.6	09:27AM	0.4	09:09PM	-0.3
	05:08PM	3.6	01:01PM	3.5	03:44PM	1.6		
	11:31PM	0.5	08:25PM	0.9	10:16PM	0.0		
Tuesday	02/08		02/15		02/08		02/15	
	05:44AM	3.3	02:10AM	2.2	04:23AM	1.2	01:12PM	2.1
	11:32AM	1.2	06:58AM	1.4	09:54AM	0.5	09:15PM	-0.4
	05:26PM	3.3	01:46PM	3.9	03:49PM	1.4		
	11:47PM	0.7	08:45PM	0.6	10:19PM	0.0		
Wednesday	02/09		02/16		02/09		02/16	
	06:10AM	3.2	02:34AM	2.6	04:45AM	1.3	03:41AM	0.6
	12:02PM	1.4	07:50AM	1.0	10:21AM	0.6	05:57AM	0.5
	05:42PM	3.0	02:24PM	4.2	03:40PM	1.2	01:43PM	2.2
			09:10PM	0.3	10:19PM	0.0	09:27PM	-0.4
Thursday	02/10		02/17		02/10		02/17	
	12:04AM	0.8	03:01AM	2.9	05:13AM	1.4	03:20AM	0.7
	06:43AM	3.1	08:32AM	0.7	10:48AM	0.8	07:00AM	0.4
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Friday	02/11		02/18		02/11		02/18	
	12:21AM	1.0	03:30AM	3.3	05:50AM	1.4	03:23AM	0.8
	07:29AM	3.0	09:11AM	0.4	11:19AM	0.9	07:47AM	0.3
	01:46PM	2.0	03:34PM	4.6	01:36PM	1.0	02:43PM	2.3
	05:49PM	2.2	10:03PM	0.1	10:05PM	-0.1	09:54PM	-0.2
Saturday	02/12		02/19		02/12		02/19	
	12:37AM	1.2	04:00AM	3.6	07:02AM	1.3	03:35AM	1.0
	09:06AM	2.8	09:49AM	0.3	09:41PM	-0.1	08:30AM	0.2
			04:08PM	4.5			03:10PM	2.1
			10:30PM	0.1			10:04PM	0.0
Sunday	02/13		02/20		02/13		02/20	
	12:23AM	1.5	04:30AM	3.7	12:08PM	1.5	03:52AM	1.2
	11:51AM	3.0	10:26AM	0.3	09:17PM	-0.2	09:11AM	0.3
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“LET’S GO LOCAL” Goes to RSP, ESDM and Lukop Elementary Schools

By Emihner Johnson, Island Food Community of Pohnpei

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) ‘Let’s Go Local’ Awareness Program in the schools recently visited two more elementary schools of the twelve selected for the program this school year 2010-2011.

On January 11, 2011, Emihner Johnson, the IFCP Local Food Educator, and Mona Tara, IFCP Office Manager, visited the RSP Elementary School located in Sokehs. Over thirty 7th and 8th Grade students attended the awareness program. The ‘Go Local’ presentation included the IFCP Standard Talk, Nutritional and Scientific Values of our Local Foods, Benefits of ‘Going Local’, and singing the IFCP songs.

There was also an evaluation game after the presentation and singing. The Local Food Educator asked a question about what she had taught. Whoever gave the correct answer got an IFCP Let’s Go Local Pen as a prize, and the point went to the team getting the correct answer (boys versus girls). The team getting the most points would be the winner. However, there was a tie, which raised the enthusiasm and students shouted out for more questions! Then it was agreed that there would be another session another time to see who would win. How fun to learn about bananas and nutrition and local foods!

Continuing on with the awareness presentation as at the RSP Elementary School, IFCP took the Go Local Program to two further schools. On 18 January, 2011, over 100 students and teachers from ESDM Elementary School, grades 4th to 8th, attended the program.

On January 25, 2011, over 70 participants including teachers and students from Lukop Elementary School attended the program. An additional activity was a test of three questions given at the beginning of the presentation to evaluate the students’ level of knowledge on the Go Local Awareness program. The same test was given at the end of the presentation to see the progress.

The questions were:

1. What is the name of the Pohnpei State Banana?
2. Name the epidemic diseases that put Pohnpei in a health crisis?
3. What are the causes?

The correct answers are Question # 1- Karat; Question #2- diabetes, cancer, and heart diseases, and Question # 3- change in diet and life style including decreased physical activity.

At the ESDM School, the winners of the evaluation test were the boys. At Lukop, the teams were Grades, 6th, 7th, 8th and the 8th graders won.

IFCP would like to acknowledge and thank the Pohnpei State Department of Education, principals, teachers, and all the students for the support, interest, and participation in the activities. Thanks are given to US Forestry, Secretariat of the Pacific Community CePaCT, and Pacific CEED for funding support.

Rohie School



Lukop School

ESDM School



Mijlehrahn (Ripe Breadfruit) Recipe

By: Monalisa J. Tara and Emihner Johnson

Ingredients:

1 fully ripe soft breadfruit (large), peeled with the core removed
Coconut milk of 1 large coconut
Coconut juice of 1 medium drinking coconut

Directions:

1. Blend all the above ingredients well.
2. Put in heated banana leaves and fold in well.
3. Bake for 1 hour in local charcoal oven or umhw (traditional earth oven).
4. Unfold the finished product, "Mijlehrahn", cut into smaller pieces and serve.

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Daffy Definition: A device for finding furniture at night in a power outage

Papa Says: Being in good health just means it's gonna take longer to die.

Pohnpei Liberation Day Champions League marks development of soccer in the FSM

By *Philip Prouhet*

Under the flickering lights of the PICS soccer pitch in late December, a growing number of spectators gathered to watch S.D.A United take on the defending champions, the Island Pitbulls. With a tough game plan and the leadership of Johnson Masilamony, S.D.A was able to diffuse the Pitbulls' offense and emerge as the champions of the 2010 Pohnpei Liberation Day Champions League.

The 3-2 final match revealed not only the strongest squad, but also a strengthening of soccer in Pohnpei. With new players showing impressive skill, a growing number of spectators attending each match, the future of this sport in the FSM is promising. The FSM National Olympic Committee continues to provide the organization and administration necessary to ensure the development of the game.

The FSMNOC, enabled the Pohnpei State Team to tour Guam with four matches in October of last year. Pohnpei State's captain, Dilshan Senarathgoda, explained, "Without their help, the players' trip to Guam would not have been a success and the future of soccer in the FSM would be uncertain."

Senarathgoda has been working with Mr. Jim Tobin, the Secretary General for the FSM NOC, to ensure that the passion

for the sport is met with opportunities for growth.

"Mr. Tobin ensured that Guam became a stepping stone for the entire nation of FSM to develop soccer as program," said Senarathgoda.

The Guam Football Association hosted the team from Pohnpei and their hospitality is greatly appreciated. Equipment donated by the GFA to Pohnpei was divided among club teams on Island.

"The Pohnpeian community organized by Mr. Walden Weilbacher welcomed the team from Pohnpei to Guam and made sure we were well taken care of, we felt at home and enjoyed the tremendous support we received" said star player Nick Santiago.

This development was readily apparent in the five teams that constituted Pohnpei's Liberation Day Champions League.

Under the leadership of Bob and Robert Paul, the Island Warriors (0-5) were unable to secure a victory but will certainly develop into serious competitors with training and guidance. Warrior's Defender, Nicholas Samuel was invited to join the Pohnpei State Team.

The International FC (1-5) struggled with numbers at the beginning of the league

resulting in damaging forfeits. Their experienced veterans with some young players gave the Pitbulls a strong match at the end of the season, but it wasn't enough to enter the final matches.

COM FSM (1-4) improved quickly due to steady training with Marvin Jack and Baxter Poll displaying fine-tuned skills on the field. Vice President for Student Services, Mr. Ringlen Ringlen, supported the team with transportation and soccer cleats for the entire team. COM FSM finished strongly in third place. Defenders Baxter Poll and Moses Lolilai were both recruited to the Pohnpei State Team.

Newly appointed captain, Rocky Henley, led the Island Pitbulls (3-2) to a solid second place finish. Henley's leadership and eagerness for the game were crucial to the squad's success. Pitbulls' players Michael Laurdine and Beno Pluhs were also invited to join the Pohnpei State Team.

The Pitbulls' usual offensive prowess was hindered by a dominating S.D.A. defense in the first half of the final match. Fullback Andy Helm and midfielder Danny Rodgers commanded the backfield and held the Pitbulls to one score in the first 45 minutes.

Each squad was able to tack one more point on the board in the second half as S.D.A. United held onto their lead. They handed the Pitbulls their first defeat in twelve months and earned their spot as Liberation



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The beautiful game is also currently played in Yap lead by Head Coach William Massey the Men's Team preparing for the FSM games. Youth Development Programs are set up to promote soccer to the youth on the island as well. Lead by Curtis Graham (President - CSA), Chuuk State is also actively involved with an 8 team league called the Chuuk Premier League ready to kick off on Feb.03, 2011 at 4:30 P.M. The Mens Team continues to train during the week.

As soccer continues to develop on the islands, so do its supporters and contributors.

The Liberation Day Champions League and Pohnpei State Team's tour in Guam would not have been possible without community assistance. The following people and groups deserve special thanks and recognition for their contributions:

FSM National Olympic Committee - Mr. Berney Martin and Mr. Jim Tobin
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