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Competition amongst coral dredgers impedes progress on Pohnpei Airport Expansion project

Some dredgers have allegedly gone as far as making threats of death

By Bill Jaynes
 The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – On September 15, 2008 documents were signed by both the Japanese and FSM government agreeing to terms under which the Japanese Government would provide a substantial grant for the improvement of the Pohnpei International Airport in Dekehtik. The Japanese government provided 2.913 billion yen, approximately 30 million dollars for the project that would, among other improvements, extend the runway from just over 1.8 kilometers to nearly 2.1 kilometers.

Plans were drawn, contractors hired and ground was broken in a ceremony in Dekehtik, Pohnpei on September 2, 2009. The project is under way but there have been “hiccups” along the way.

While some are excited about the prospects not everyone in Pohnpei has been happy with

the plan for the extension of the airport. Several letters written by a few people opposed to the project because of their perceptions regarding environmental impacts were sent to Governor Ehsa. Some of those letters were publicly circulated more than a year ago but the project moved forward.

At the ground breaking ceremony on the 2nd of September, one of the traditional leaders of Nett, the Iso Nahnken Salvador Iriarte complained that no one had sought his permission to use his land for the project. Dekhtik is part of the Nett

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Explosives destroyed in Pohnpei



EOD1 Cliff Sabo inserts wiring into strips of C-4 used to destroy the explosive ordnances.

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Tuna Commission Technical and Compliance Committee meets in Pohnpei

Committee recommendations will be taken to the full Commission in December

By Bill Jaynes
 The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM - Meeting on most days from 8:30 in the morning until 7:00 in the

evening more than 140 representatives from 36 countries participated in the 5th session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC5) of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission more commonly known as the Tuna commission. The meetings, which began on September 28 were held in Pohnpei at the College of Micronesia’s gymnasium at Palikir and concluded on October 6.

It was the third time that Ambassador Wendell Sanford of Canada has chaired the meet-

ings of the committee. Mr. Noan Pakop of Papua New Guinea has been selected to replace him in 2010.

The TCC5 committee meetings were attended by the new Chairman of the Tuna Commission itself, Ambassador Satya Nandan from Fiji. Ambassador Nandan will chair the next annual meeting of the Commission when it meets in French Polynesia in December.

According to Tuna Commission Executive Director Andrew Wright, the Committee had a large and demanding schedule.

One of the main issues on the agenda was the activity of observers who were placed

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PNG Castaways Update



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After 29 days adrift PNG family rescued by the second vessel that spotted them

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM - A family of six who drifted at sea for 29 days before being rescued by a Chinese fishing vessel has safely returned to their home in the New Ireland province of Papua New Guinea. According to a thank you letter published in the PNG National newspaper the effort to repatriate the family, the youngest of whom was 17 months old, was a cooperative one amongst several governments and agencies.

The family had departed by boat from Tabar, PNG for Kavieng, New Ireland on the 24th of August; a trip that would normally have taken three hours had it not been for the storm that blew in and continued to blow for a week. Agesta Timmy said that the family subsisted on raw fish they caught while drifting and raw rice they had aboard. The six were not seen again until the 22nd of September but it was not, as previously reported, the Chinese Fishing Vessel "Zhong Dai" that spotted them first.

A follow up interview with the Timmy's revealed that approximately one half hour before the Zhong Dai spotted the family, a fuel tanker from Taiwan also saw the family adrift in the international waters southwest of Kapangamarangi. Crew members from the tanker threw containers of water overboard for the family before the shipped steamed on.

Emmanuel Timmy is softspoken and seemed

** An open letter of thanks **

Dear Friends

I write to say, thank you very much for all the helps given to my relatives since they arrived in FSM, they arrived safely in Kavieng last night (6 Oct) and they are on their way back to Tabar Islands this afternoon. No words can express enough how much gratitude I have to you all for your part in making sure the family safely returns to PNG.

I particularly, would like to make mention of the FSM Government for their kind hospitality, indeed the smooth transition to the hospital and accommodations are most worthy of mentions; my special thanks also go to Ambassador Susan Cox of the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei and her staff, for their personal involvement and commitment on behalf of the Australian Government, for the funding support to repatriate them back to PNG. Mr. Carl Ashley, from the International Organisation of Migration who organised transit pass/identifications and funding assistance and having time to spent with the family; the Governor of Pohnpei who accommodated and fed them for the duration of their stay. I also would like to acknowledge the help of FSM Chief of Police Pius Chotailug and his staff for all the helps given since they arrived in Pohnpei, and Drew Wright Executive Director of the Tuna Commission, indeed grateful to you all.

Back in the home front, our own PNG government Department of Foreign Affairs,

hesitant to talk about the incident. He didn't volunteer any information about their experiences when The Kaselehlie Press first interviewed him. On the second interview he said that when the family boarded the Zhong Dai they could still see the tanker on the horizon.

He said that the captain of the Zhong Dai radioed the Taiwanese vessel to ask why they hadn't stopped to rescue the family. Incredibly, he was told that the tanker didn't stop because they were afraid that the six weary travelers, apparently including 17 month old Nerolyn, and five year old Bonita Timmy were pirates.

Emmanuel said that his boat is only 23 feet long.

Several social service agencies and individuals helped the castaways while they were in Pohnpei. The Church that offered to house the family was not actually ready for them. Seabreeze Hotel owner and agent for the fishing vessel Zhong Dai, Perdus Ehsa insisted that the family stay at his hotel.

The Timmy's and family left Pohnpei on the early morning flight from Pohnpei on the fifth of October and arrived in Kavieng, PNG on the evening of the sixth.

The crew of the Zhong Dai not only rescued the family but they retrieved their boat as well. It is currently in the parking lot of the Seabreeze Hotel in Pohnpei.

It is for sale.

Amb. Lucy Bogari and Staff, particularly Mr Dominic Sengi for meeting them half way (Guam) and company them back to Cairns and then Port Moresby. PNG National Disaster Director Martin Mose for the funding support, and the PNG National Fisheries Authority CEO Mr Sylvester Pokajam, and friends for all the help in donating money to them while in FSM. They are indeed lost of words for your open hearts and the gifts both cash and kinds and the gesture of friendships and goodwill. In New Ireland Province, thank you to the Governor and Administrator for accommodating them and for both road and sea transport back to Tabar Islands. A great sense of relief indeed.

We may never be able to repay you all for what you have done, but we can only ask and pray that our Good Lord richly bless you all for the good deeds given to this family. An open invitation, you are most welcome to visit Tabar Islands, New Ireland province, where we can at least share food and enjoy part of our unique culture, the origin of the Malangan Society.

Thank you to you all again and God bless you all.

Lamiller Pawut
(On behalf of Emmanuel Timmy and family)

Lamiller Pawut is the Surveillance Operations Officer for the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency

Island nations frustrated at climate talks

Irinews

BANGKOK, 5 October 2009 (IRIN) - Up to half a million people in the Pacific will lose their homes and their countries to rising sea levels because small island nations cannot persuade the rest of the world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions sufficiently, campaigners say.

The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) is calling for a significant reduction in global emissions so the world's temperature does not rise more than 1.5 degrees centigrade above pre-industrial levels.

But after a week of negotiations in Bangkok before the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December, developed and developing world countries have been unable to agree anything at all on emissions cuts, AOSIS said.

"We are not working through the options as negotiations, we are simply restating our positions. So we may arrive in Copenhagen with the parties still very far apart. It's really setting up Copenhagen for failure or an inadequate result," Leon Charles, chairman of the AOSIS negotiating team, who is from the Caribbean island of Grenada, told IRIN.

AOSIS, whose members are among the most vulnerable to climate change, "can't live with" global temperature rises of two degrees, a possible target mentioned in the Bangkok talks, Charles said.

"We want 1.5 degrees centigrade in terms of mitigation and significant scaled-up and easily accessible finance. It's about our survival," he said.

An AOSIS statement issued after a preliminary meeting in New York in September said members were "profoundly disappointed" by the lack of will in the negotiations to protect small island developing states from climate change impacts.

Relocation issues

Campaigners said AOSIS's prospects were dim, calling instead for more attention on how and where people from submerged countries would be relocated.

"Copenhagen won't be enough. The islands will sink. In the Pacific region, we are looking at about 500,000 people who will need to move. But the islands aren't talking about the migration issue," said Marstella Jack, a Micronesian former attorney-general, who was in Bangkok with observers from the Climate

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Marshalls landowner sues government over US base

Agence France-Presse

MAJURO, RMI — A powerful traditional chief in the Marshall Islands is suing the western Pacific nation's government over a treaty which gives the US the use of his land for a missile testing base.

Former Marshall Islands president and powerful traditional chief Imata Kabua said Thursday he was challenging the treaty negotiated between the Marshall Islands government and the US covering the years after 2016 when the current lease for the missile base expires.

The Compact of Free Association between the two countries approved in 2003 provides the US with use of the Reagan Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll until 2066.

The Marshall Islands government has "refused to engage in good faith bargaining to secure a new lease", Kabua said.

Since the early 1960s, Kwajalein has been used for US anti-missile defence testing

and is the target for long-range intercontinental ballistic missiles fired from California.

Many of the islands at the boomerang-shaped coral atoll are studded with radar and other sophisticated missile tracking

gear.

Landowners have been at loggerheads with the US over rent. The US is currently paying about 17 million US dollars a year but landowners have demanded 19 million dollars.

Photo provided by AFP



The existing land use agreement expires in 2016 and three other traditional chiefs who control land at Kwajalein have said they are ready to approve a new lease.

But Kabua, whose domain includes the most land at the missile range, has refused to budge.

"It's not money I'm after (with the lawsuit)," Kabua said in an interview from Honolulu. "It's my rights under the constitution."

Kabua accused the Marshalls government of applying economic pressure to force him to accept a lease on its terms.

About 25 million dollars in rent increases accumulated since 2003 have been sitting in a bank account and will not be released until a new lease is agreed.

Kabua described the government's proposed new land use agreement as "one-sided" and not offering "just compensation" for use of his land beyond 2016.

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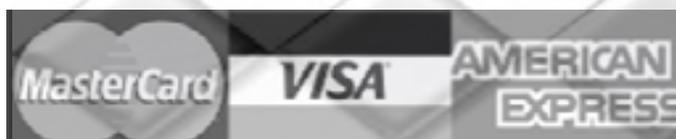
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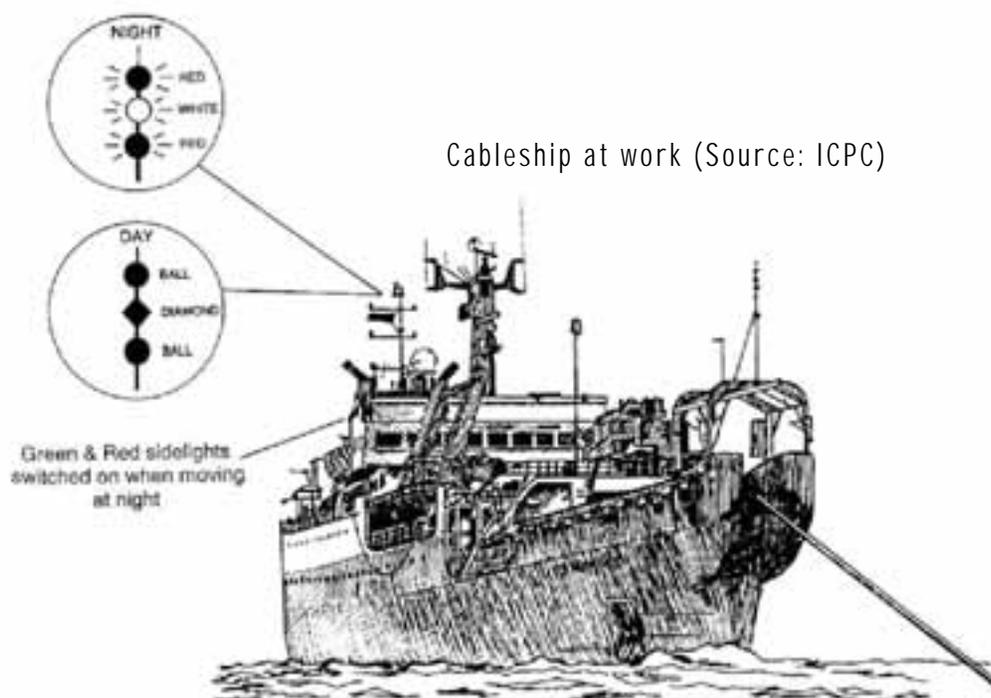
FSMTC Communications Cable

The FSMTC Communications Cable is a high capacity fiber optic cable scheduled for installation during October 2009 – January 2010. It is owned by the Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) and installed by Tyco Telecommunications. The estimated cable route and position list are attached.

The 140-meter cablesip Tyco Durable will conduct the main installation. In order to ensure safe operations, international law requires that vessels and fishing gear be kept at least one nautical mile away from a working cablesip. A ship laying cable displays signals for restricted maneuverability (by day, the shapes ball-diamond-ball in a vertical line, and by night the vertical lights red-white-red). Modern fiber optic cables are only about 17-30 mm in diameter. They can be damaged by contact with fishing gear including drifting tuna longlines and FAD's. After installation we ask that vessels avoid using anchors or other gear that contacts the seabed within 1/2 mile of the cable route.

If a cable is damaged by willful or negligent action, such action may be illegal, unless it is done to protect the safety of vessels or crew. Cable breaks are very expensive and they must ultimately be paid by users of communications services. However, if a vessel sacrifices its anchor or gear to avoid damaging a cable, it may be compensated, if reasonable precautions were taken beforehand and evidence of the loss is provided.

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Cablesip at work (Source: ICPC)

FSMTC Cable Route Pohnpei to Branching Unit WGS84- Issue 5- 15 Jul 09		
Latitude	Longitude	Depth
North	East	(m)
06 57.9702	158 12.8957	0
06 58.0396	158 12.9852	1
06 58.0887	158 13.0587	1
06 58.3213	158 13.1747	2
06 58.9927	158 13.2953	9
06 59.0958	158 13.3015	17
06 59.2006	158 13.2921	25
06 59.2734	158 13.2422	47
06 59.3483	158 13.1499	56
06 59.5339	158 12.9702	61
06 59.6318	158 12.8413	64
07 00.1224	158 12.5892	78
07 00.3535	158 12.4875	92
07 00.4692	158 12.3839	96
07 00.5665	158 12.2599	102

Latitude	Longitude	Depth
North	East	(m)
07 00.6508	158 12.2004	109
07 00.8624	158 12.1676	275
07 01.1549	158 12.0737	500
07 01.1956	158 12.0606	523
07 04.2050	158 11.4663	1800
07 06.5385	158 11.0054	2507
07 12.3539	158 10.8393	3492
07 12.4149	158 10.8376	3500
07 32.1103	158 10.2747	4548
07 38.8791	158 10.1818	4700
07 59.9609	158 11.5827	4872
08 10.5612	158 13.2965	4900
08 20.2182	158 13.7560	4900
08 25.0080	158 13.9840	4900
08 26.2780	158 15.2740	4900
08 27.8643	158 13.6978	4900

Operation details:

Shore end:

Cablesip: Amarco Cheetah
Flag: Panama
Crew: USA, Indonesia, Croatia, Philippines
Speed: 0-7 knots
Estimated dates: 24-30 October, 2009

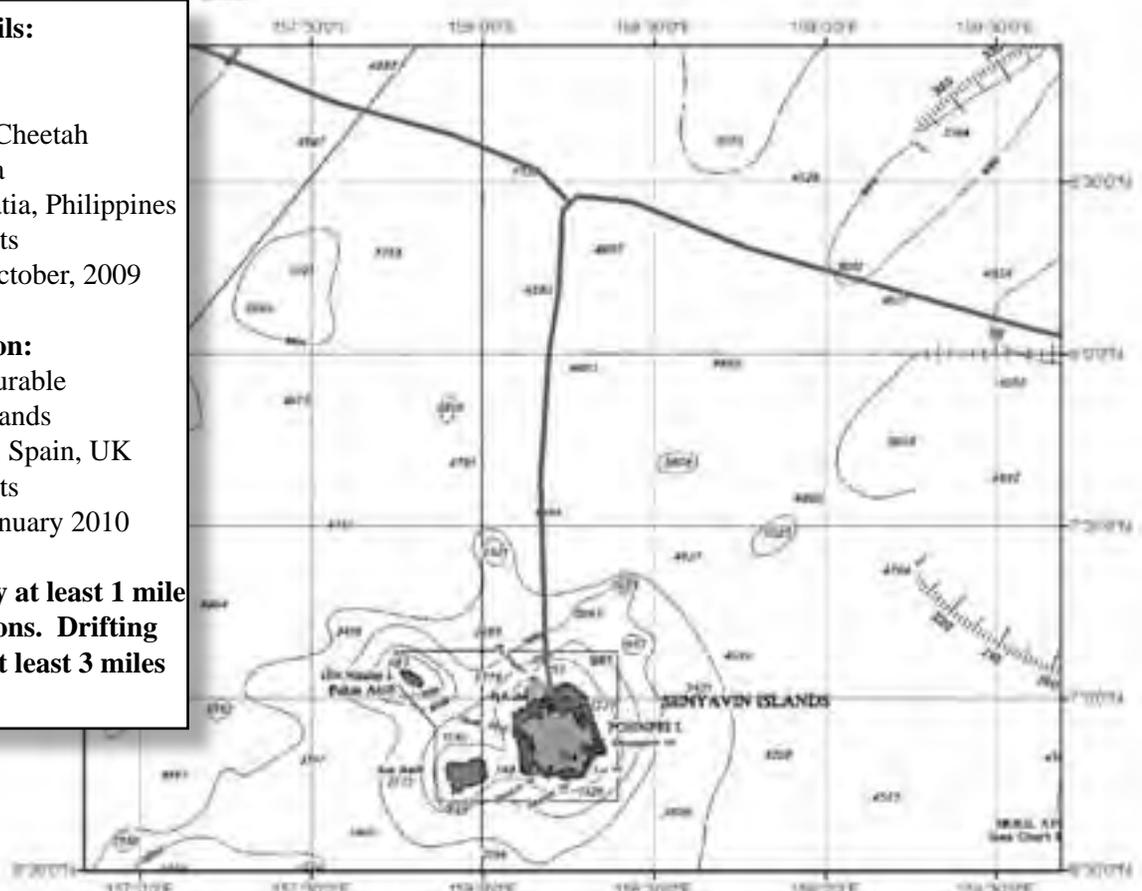
Main installation:

Cablesip: Tyco Durable
Flag: Marshall Islands
Crew: USA, Philippines, Spain, UK
Speed: 0-7 knots
Estimated dates: 8-15 January 2010

Vessels are requested to stay at least 1 mile from ship during operations. Drifting longlines should be kept at least 3 miles away.

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on purse seiner fishing vessels operating in this region in August and September to make sure none of these vessels fished on Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs).

The Tuna Commission has determined that FADs, which can be any sort of floating object such as logs or rafts, attract small tuna and that large catches of small tuna are damaging to the fishery. In order to reduce the catch of small tuna, particularly small bigeye tuna, the Tuna Commission adopted a regulation that prohibited purse seiners fishing on FADs in August and September.

Observers were recruited from all over the Pacific Islands region to go to sea to make sure the purse seiners did not fish on the FADs during this time.

Reports presented to the Committee indicated that while most vessels had followed this rule there were several reports of vessels not following the rule. The Commission is yet to determine what to do with those boats.

The Technical Committee also reviewed implementation of the Tuna Commission's system that tracks fishing vessels through the use of satellites. All fishing vessels that operate in the region are required to carry a satellite transponder that allows the Tuna Commission in Pohnpei to track these vessels wherever they go on the high seas. The system became operational in April this year.

When it started the Commission expected 600 vessels to be monitored by the system by the end of 2009. However, by October, the Commission reports that it has more than 2,200 vessels on its system which makes it one of the biggest satellite-based fishing vessel tracking systems in the world.

Anouk Ride, of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency said in a press release that after two years of negotiation the technical committee agreed during the meetings on rules for accessing data on high seas fisheries held by the Commission. She said that FFA members achieved their objective of being able to view, on the Vessel Monitoring System, up to 100 nautical miles of high seas waters adjacent to their Exclusive Economic Zones and for all Members to be able to monitor the high seas pockets to

prevent illegal fishing.

The Technical Committee also reviewed information that had been submitted claiming that 17 fishing vessels had operated illegally in the region in 2008 and early 2009. After reviewing the information submitted in relation to these vessels, the Technical Committee decided to recommend that the Commission consider the blacklisting of 15 vessels when it meets in French Polynesia in December.

The vessels proposed for blacklisting come from Panama, Taiwan, China and Indonesia.

The FFA press release said that Tonga received strong support for its proposal to review the severity of punishment of illegal fishing vessels. Specifically, Tonga's proposal was that a fishing vessel that breaches national laws could not be taken off the WCPFC illegal fishing black list until the country where the offense occurred was satisfied with the resolution of the case. Pacific Islands are hoping that Tonga's proposal gains the full support of WCPFC member countries at its December meeting.

The Executive Director of the Tuna Commission, Andrew Wright, said that the meeting was very demanding on all participants particularly those for which English is not their first language. He partly attributed the success of the meeting to the excellent meeting facilities at the College of Micronesia's gymnasium. He said that for meetings involving up to 180 people the College's facilities, together with utility services provided by companies such as FSM Telecom, made it relatively easy for the Tuna Commission to hold meetings in Pohnpei.

He thanked all those who had provided services to the meeting for their assistance and support.

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Municipality. At least publicly this was Iriarte's first voicing of his concerns to which he included a strong statement regarding mistreatment of Pohnpeians during the time of Japanese occupation during World War II.

An official of the Governor's office speaking to The Kaselehlie Press on the condition that we not use his name assured us that permission was sought from the paramount leaders of Pohnpei. The Governor's office source said that not only did the paramount leaders

give their blessing to the plan but it was the Nahnmwahrki of Kitti who as a representative of the paramount leaders accompanied Governor Ehsa to Japan specifically to ask the Japanese government for their help with the airport project.

Ambassador Sato, as Japan's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary is empowered to speak on behalf of his government. When asked if the Japanese government was offended or disturbed by the Iso Nahnken's remarks at the ground breaking ceremony Sato said that his country understands traditional culture. "I like the FSM. I like Pohnpei and Pohnpeians. We don't have any problems with the expression of tradition here."

Japan's agreement is with the Federated States of Micronesia of which Pohnpei is a part but Pohnpei has regulatory responsibilities to its people. The FSM with Pohnpei's knowledge agreed to provide dredge sites for coral sand mining. That agreement has become the latest in the series of hiccups.

A telephone tip that came to the office of The Kaselehlie Press on October 1 said that Penta-Ocean, the contractor hired for the Airport Expansion project needed to have the dredge permit issued by Pohnpei's Department of Land by the following day or they would have to stop work.

At a press conference the following day, we asked Governor Ehsa if he knew of any reasonable explanation as to why the dredge permit had taken so long to issue that did not involve the fact that his Director for the Department of Land owns his own dredging company. He said that he was not aware of the specifics regarding why it took so long but that the situation had been resolved. He said that the Board of the Department of Land had issued the permit on the 30th of September and that the situation had been resolved.

We asked Yosuo Phillip of the Land Department directly if the length of time that it had taken to issue the permit had anything to do with his ownership of Map Integrated. He said that his company had not been involved in coral dredging for at least two years.

But there are still problems. Phillip said that he was not aware when the permit was issued that it was to be issued free of any royalty fee. They processed it, he said, like they had for other contractors, each of whom pay a royalty fee. He said that problem would be corrected.

The Port Authority estimated that the \$3 per cubic yard royalty fee they would have to pay would add approximately \$2 million to the cost of the project if the problem is not corrected.

PPA already has a permit for a dredging site issued by the Department of Land. The problem with that site is that other contractors were issued permits for the same site off Sokehs Powe before Penta-Ocean was awarded the contract. The overlapping permits are causing significant conflict amongst the contractors at the site.

Because of existing causeways built by other dredging contractors Penta-Ocean was forced to dredge only the outer portion of the area which has a only a limited supply of coral sand. They were barred from accessing the inside area by the other contractors who made it clear that the area was occupied by them. Penta-Ocean stopped dredging on October 1 pending the issuance of a permit for an additional dredging site.

The Governor told Penta-Ocean in a Saturday meeting on October 3 that they could start dredging on the new site while the permit is in the process of being corrected.

The next day Penta-Ocean dredging crews received a death threat from a person they assumed to be one of the dredging contractors who said that if they did not move from the area he would come back and kill them.

Penta-Ocean made plans to start a provisional dredging operation on the area for which they have been assured they will be granted a permit.

Penta-Ocean's project manager Mr. Shinji Fujita denied a request for an interview and gave a list of three entities from whom we needed to gain approval before he could speak about the issue including the FSM's Department of Foreign Affairs. "Mr. Fujita is just the contractor," said his assistant by phone.

Notice of Land Sale By Auction

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on July 16, 2009, 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. 043-U-02, land known as "Inmulala", situated in Utwa Municipality, Kosrae State, with an area of 3,526 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 043-U-00, registered as Document No. 6099 at the Kosrae Land Court, Office of the Registrar.

- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "October 8, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Skiller Jackson at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Tofol, Kosrae on Thursday, October 8, 2009 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for the parcel.
- The winning bidder will be notified by a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all buildings, fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the land, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Supreme Court" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given. The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the FSM.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
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Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Skiller Jackson, Representative for Land Sales, phone nos. 691-370-2751 or 370-7820, email: Skiller@pacificsbdc.com or Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm

U.S. Navy Explosives Disposal Team Safely Removes WWII Explosives

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On September 28th, the U.S. Navy's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit FIVE Detachment Marianas (EODMU FIVE DET MARIANAS) successfully detonated and disposed of over fifty explosive ordnances at Sokehs Island Quarry in Pohnpei. This safety exercise came at the request of Pohnpei State through the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs and the U.S. Embassy in Kolonia.

The EODMU's three-man team of Lieutenant Erich Jurges, Chief Petty Officer Brian FitzGerald, and Petty Officer First Class Cliff Sabo arrived in Pohnpei on September 24th. The following day, the unit conducted a full mission brief for U.S. Embassy and Pohnpei State Officials including the Honorable Governor John Ehsa, the Honorable Lieutenant Governor Churchill Edward, Chief of Staff Ihlen Joseph, Attorney General Scott Garvey, and Department of Public Safety Director Lucas Carlos.

On Monday morning, the unit provided a demolition safety brief to supporting personnel. Following the safety brief, EOD Detachment Marianas transported the ordnances to the established disposal site and used twelve small detona-

tions to destroy the unexploded ordnances (UXOs). To mitigate risk, the Unit covered the ordnances with sand, cleared the site of vegetation, and performed all detonations electronically. They also coordinated the Pohnpei State Public Safety, Fire Department, and Pohnpei International Airport officials to secure the region's land, ocean, and air spaces.

Attending Monday's detonation was U.S. Embassy Chargé d' Affaires William Douglass.

In a farewell reception for the EOD Detachment Marianas, Department of Public Safety Emergency Assistance Officer Dais Lorrin thanked the group for providing "life-saving technical assistance" to Pohnpei. Lorrin expressed his gratitude to the U.S. Embassy for arranging the exercise, as well as his hope that Micronesians currently serving in the U.S. military will acquire the technical skills necessary to handle explosive ordnances.

EOD Mobile Unit

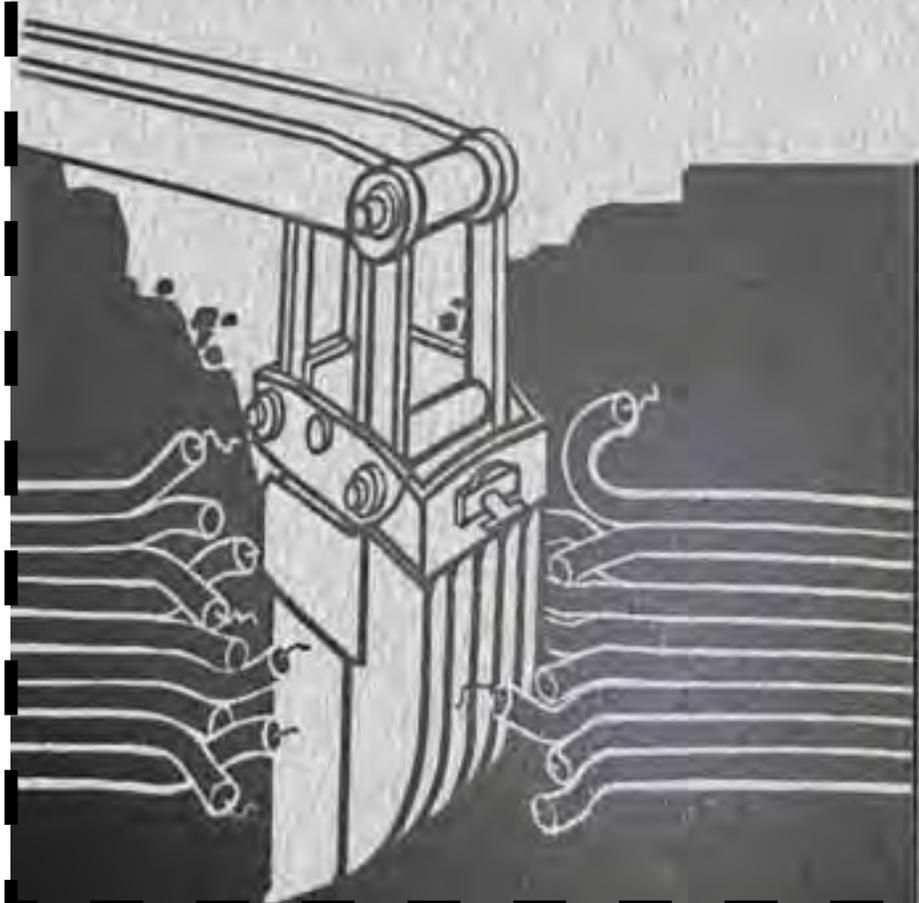
FIVE Detachment Marianas is well-versed in disarming World War II ordnances. Since January 1st, the U.S. Navy group has successfully disposed of over 4000 UXOs in the Pacific, accounting for more than 5000 pounds worth of explosives. Lieutenant Ju-

rges explained that "[disarming explosive ordnances] is very rewarding work; every time we dispose of an ordnance we are preventing the loss of life..." He added that if when other UXOs are found the best thing to do is work through official government channels to insure that the UXOs are safely removed or destroyed.



(L-R) Chargé d' Affaires William "Doug" Douglass watches as EOD1 Cliff Sabo and Lt. Erich Jurges prepare for a detonation at Sokehs Island Quarry

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Soccer's Pohnpei Premier League begins October 12

After the huge success of the Liberation Day Games Soccer tournament, a League competition is to be played from October until December.

Five teams will contest the Pohnpei Premier League, which starts on Monday 12 October and finishes with the title match on Wednesday 9 December. All games will be played at PICS Field and will start at 6pm.

The winning team will lift the trophy at the presentation ceremony and there will be awards for the outstanding players of the competition.

Liberation Day Games champions Island Pit-Bulls will be trying to extend their dominance, but they will be challenged by runners-up International FC, the impressive COM-FSM team and some exciting newcomers.

There will be two new teams for the competition. SDA will have their own team with several ex-International FC stars and former Local Warriors star player Bob Paul has entered his Island Warriors.

The organizers would like to thank ACE Hardware for providing ACE Paint to mark the lines on the pitch.

Players who impress in the Pohnpei Premier League will be given the chance to train for a place in the state team to play fixtures overseas.

A trip to Guam is being planned and the return of a Federated States of Micronesia team in the near future could give island players a chance to travel the world playing the beautiful game.

Meanwhile, soccer is set to be formally introduced into elementary schools in Pohnpei for the first time with a schools' league planned for the start of 2010.

For more information please visit: www.pohnpeisoccer.com.

Pohnpei Premier League 2009 Schedule

(All games 6pm)

Monday 12 October – International FC v SDA
Wednesday 14 October – COM FSM F.C v Island Warriors
Thursday 15 October – Island Pit-Bulls v SDA

Monday 19 October – International FC v Island Warriors
Wednesday 21 October – COM FSM F.C v Island Pit-Bulls
Thursday 22 October – SDA v Island Warriors

Monday 26 October – COM FSM F.C v International FC
Wednesday 28 October – Island Pit-Bulls v Island Warriors
Thursday 29 October – SDA v COM FSM F.C

REST WEEK.

Monday 9 November – International FC v Island Pit-

Bulls

Wednesday 11 November – Island Warriors v COM FSM F.C

Thursday 12 November – SDA v International FC

Monday 16 November – Island Pit-Bulls v COM FSM F.C

Wednesday 18 November – Island Warriors v International FC

Thursday 19 November – SDA v Island Pit-Bulls

Monday 23 November – COM FSM F.C v SDA

Wednesday 25 November – Island Pit-Bulls v International FC

Thursday 26 November – Island Warriors v SDA

Monday 30 November – International FC v COM FSM F.C

Wednesday 2 December – Island Warriors v Island Pit-Bulls

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER – Trophy Match: 1st v 2nd



Results of the FSM Athletes from the Pacific Mini Games

FSM Information Services

Below are the results from our FSM athletes who competed in the Pacific Mini Games.

Mihter Wendolin
100Metre Sprint 13.85
200Metre Sprint 28.81

Reloliza Saimon
400Metre Run 1:11.41
800Metre Run 2:51.26

Manny Minginfel
Mens 62kg Class Final Results
Snatch = 105 kg
C & Jerk = 140 kg
Total = 245 kg
Placing = 1 (First place) Gold x3

Falmed
Men 69kg Class
Snatch = 71kg
C & Jerk = 95kg
Total = 166kg
Placing = 5 (Fifth place)

Jason Kbay Galam
Mens 77kg Class
Snatch = 70kg
C & Jerk = 82kg
Total = 152kg
Placing = 7 (Seventh place)

Notice of Land Sale By Auction

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on July 16, 2009, 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. 009-M-17, land known as "Inaloka", situated in Malem Municipality, Kosrae State, with an area of 215 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 009-M-00, registered as Document No. 10827 at the Kosrae Land Court, Office of the Registrar.

Parcel No. 072-M-21, land known as "Infokeke", situated in Malem Municipality, Kosrae State, with an area of 471 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 072-M-01, registered as Document No. 7080 at the Kosrae Land Court, Office of the Registrar.

- There are no minimum bid amounts for the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "November 17, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Skiller Jackson at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Tofol, Kosrae on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2009.
- 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.
- Bids may be placed for one or for both parcels. All bid submissions must clearly state the parcel number and the bid amount for each parcel.
- The winning bidders will be notified by a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all buildings, fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the land, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Supreme Court" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The parcels are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to their condition whatsoever.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Skiller Jackson, Representative for Land Sales, phone nos. 691-370-2751 or 370-7820, email: Skiller@pacificsbdc.com or Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm

Rotary Club Delivers Solar Water Stills to the Chuuk Outer Islands

Rotary Club of Pohnpei

The PMA ship Sea Haven recently returned from a three week tour of the outer islands of Chuuk State. The purpose of this voyage was twofold – PMA had a few container loads of donated text books for delivery to the schools on these islands and the Rotary District 2750 Water Task Force joined the Sea Haven to deliver 400 Solar Water Stills.

Rotary District 2750 created the Water Task Force to address the shortage of drinking water on the atolls of Micronesia, especially during a drought. A Solar Water Still was designed to take seawater and use solar energy to make drinking water through a distillation process. The still consists of a plastic basin covered with a sheet of glass. Seawater is poured into the basin where it is warmed by the sun and evaporates into the air trapped in the still. When the air becomes saturated, the water vapor condenses on the glass and flows down the glass into a collection channel. Each still is expected to produce a couple of gallons of drinking water each day. Added benefits of the stills are that salt is also produced when all of the seawater has evaporated and the distilled water is suitable for use in batteries which are widely used in the islands.

The Rotary Water Task Force members from Tokyo, Japan: Mitsuhiko Sakamoto, Isako Funaki and Daichi Abe; and Bill Hagen from the Rotary Club of Guam boarded the Sea Haven at Weno. Noel Boylan from the Rotary Club of Pohnpei was already onboard. The voyage then proceeded to the Halls, the Namonuitos, the Westerns, and back to Weno.

The Sea Haven arrived at Murilo Island at dawn and began to ferry the books and stills to shore. The Water Task Force stayed on shore long enough to demonstrate the proper setup of the stills and answer questions regarding their care and maintenance. Bill Hagen had brought soccer and volley balls as gifts to the kids and these were well received! Abe-san is a university student and a very skilled soccer player, so he was able to entertain the community with his skills. After a couple of hours, we returned to the ship to proceed to Ruo Island

where the process was repeated. It was mid-day when we arrived at Ruo and it was HOT. The stills began producing water as soon as they were assembled.

The next day saw Fananu and Nomwin Islands. The number of stills delivered to each island depended upon the estimated population. The average was 25 stills for each island. Nomwin Island didn't receive any stills on this trip because they had received stills previously, but they did receive school books.

After an overnight trip to Namonuito Atoll, the Sea Haven awoke to gale force winds blowing across the lagoon, so they proceeded to Onoun Island where they could hide in its lee. An extra day was spent on Onoun to wait for the weather and exploring the island was a welcome distraction. To make up for the lost time, the books and stills for Pissaras, Onou and Onary were all left on Onary to be distributed locally. After a quick stop at Makur Island, the Sea Haven turned South for an overnight passage to the Western Islands of Pupal, Tamatam, Puluwat and Houk.

Each island showed its unique character and all showed their appreciation with gifts of coconuts and food. After more than a week at sea, the crew of the Sea Haven was ready for a couple days of R&R on the island of Puluwat which was the highlight of the trip. Sailing on a traditional canoe, snorkeling, touring the Japanese ruins and feasts with lots of traditional singing and dancing filled the days.

After a stop at Houk Island, the voyage for the Water Task Force ended back at Weno. As they took flights back to Guam and Japan, the Sea Haven continued to deliver books and stills at Nama, Moch, Satawan and Oneop in the Mortlock Islands. It was a long and tiring journey, but very satisfying at the same time. There were 15 islands visited and 1,500 nautical miles traveled, 400 water stills and many tons of school books delivered.

The District 2750 Water Task Force would like to express their appreciation to Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA) for their assistance in the delivery of these water stills and to Penta Ocean and Larry and Rich Adams for their assistance with the container handling.



...Climate Talks

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Action Network.

Jack said leaders were "too chicken" to address the issue. "They don't have the leverage to fight the issue with the developed world. Migration will hit us in the face before we realise it. But what happens to the sovereign country of Tuvalu, for example, if the land is gone?"

Tuvalu, with a population of less than 12,000, is heavily flooded every spring by ever more destructive tides. The total land surface of Tuvalu, which comprises nine small coral atolls, is 26 sqkm and on average, it is less than 2m above sea level.

"We are just waiting, and when the time comes, we won't be Tuvalans any more, just climate change refugees," said Taukiei Kitara, of the Tuvalu Association of NGOs.

So far, only Mohamed Nasheed, president of the Maldives, has spoken openly about moving all 370,000 residents to another country if, as looks likely, rising waters cover the islands, most of which are less than 1.5m above sea level.

"There are tons of legal and sovereignty issues and we are negotiating aggressively. There are huge complications down the line and if we can avoid these through a strong climate

change agreement, let's do so," said AOSIS's Charles.

Losing identity

Any kind of displacement is a big issue in Pacific island culture, which links identity to land, Jack said. It is estimated that Micronesia's low-lying islands, where most of the population lives, will be submerged by 2030.

"Our identity is tied to the tiny island we are from ... So losing the land is losing our survival, because the very sense of survival is that piece of land," she said.

"And once the island is gone, it's gone for ever and there's no identity left. That's the biggest problem that we have, and we would have it even if the Australian government were to carve out a chunk of Queensland and say we could have sovereignty over it, which they aren't likely to do."

Some AOSIS members face different problems. The Caribbean island of Antigua and Barbuda has become so storm-wracked that 10 years from now, banks will cease insuring new projects, spelling an end to economic development, said Diann Black Layne, an ambassador in the islands' Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

But for the Pacific Islanders watching the water slowly rise around their homes, climate change is no longer about economics.

"The world is thinking about trade. But that's not what climate change is about – it's about us living, not drowning," said Jack.

"Call for papers"

FSM Health Issues to Highlight the Next Issue of the Pacific Health Dialogue

The next issue of the Pacific Health Dialogue (PHD), a journal dedicated to fostering publication and dissemination of health information on the Pacific, will focus on the health issues of the Federated States of Micronesia. The College of Micronesia-FSM and the FSM Department of Health Services are jointly working together to support the publication of the journal, which is expected to be out at the end of this year. They have indicated that the next issue can include articles from other parts of Micronesia but it will focus primarily on the Federated States of Micronesia. The theme "Contemporary Health issues in the Federated States of Micronesia" has been chosen for the next issue.

PHD is inviting authors to submit abstracts and articles for publication in its next issue. Interested authors should submit their manuscripts no later than **October 30, 2009** to the contact person below. To request information and instruction for authors, send an email to any of the emails below:

The PHD is a journal for community health and clinical practitioners in the Pacific and beyond and is published at least twice a year. Its aim is to provide a platform for an international exchange of experiences and opinions from all aspects of health in the Pacific. Ultimately, PHD aims to contribute towards improved health care and status at all levels for all Pacific peoples.

PHD is marketed to major health professional groups and those with an interest in Pacific health and welfare. It contains peer-reviewed original papers, case reports, communications, viewpoints and opinions, reviews and news from Pacific health institutions, contributed by local and international health professionals.

For more information, please visit:

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Representatives of the Embassy of Japan and JICA including JICA Resident Representative Mr. Shinichi Hamada roamed the streets of Kolonia on Wednesday, October 7 picking up discarded trash. The group was split into two teams and covered roads in Kolonia finishing at the airport in Dekehtik. A representative of the Embassy of Japan said that there was no special occasion that determined the date of the cleanup effort. It was just something they wanted to do.

Continental Micronesia announces an additional fee for a second checked bag

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Federated States of Micronesia – According to a letter sent to Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa Continental Micronesia has announced a change in the pricing structure for baggage that will affect the FSM. A new fee will apply for all customers who check a second bag when traveling on Economy fare tickets purchased on or after November 1, 2009 for travel on or after December 8, 2009.

The letter, which was signed by the carrier's Director of Micronesia Sales and Marketing said that the new fee will apply to the entire Asia Pacific Region and will align with similar baggage fees introduced previously throughout the Continental Airlines network. The baggage fee for the second checked bag for travel to or from Japan, Micronesia and Hawaii is \$30 and the baggage fee for the second checked bag for travel to the US Mainland and beyond is \$50.

Customers checking in and pre-paying for bags at continental.com will receive a 10-percent discount.

The letter says that there is no change for wheelchairs or other assistive devices and certain customers are exempt from paying the fee and will be allowed to check in a second bag that meets weight and size restrictions free of charge. Other customers exempt from the baggage fee for the second checked bag include:

- One Pass Elite members
- BusinessFirst and Business class customers
- Any customer traveling on full fare economy class (Y) ticket
- Active U.S. military personnel
- U.S. military dependents traveling with U.S. military personnel on personal travel
- U.S. military dependents traveling on official business who can provide documentation



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All applications, curriculum vitae, and at least three letters of reference shall be completed and submitted to: The FSMDB Corporate Office in Kolonia, Pohnpei with mailing address as follows: FSM Development Bank, P.O. Box M, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941 by mail; by fax to 320-2842 or in person at the FSM Development Bank's Corporate Office in Kolonia, Pohnpei on or before October 30, 2009.

Congress adjourns with major measures passed

Measures include, the 2010 national budget, social security changes, maternity leave

FSM Congress

PALIKIR, POHNPEI - October 8, 2009 - The Second Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adjourned on October 6 after a very long and exhaustive session that tackled the national budget, a series of social-economic issues along with various nominations.

Upon its convening of September 14, Congress took up the 2010 national government budget for the first week and held public hearings and deliberations with the various departments, offices and agencies of the national government. The Congressional Committees worked throughout the first week to consolidate the budgets from the various departments, offices and agencies of the FSM Government. A measure passed during the first week was Congressional Act 16-07, which amended Public Law 14-84 to change uses and lapse date of certain funds previously appropriated for the State of Yap and for other purposes.

Budget deliberations spilled into the second week where finally a national

budget of \$35,278,975 was consolidated in CA 16-10 for the operations of the three branches of the FSM National Government for FY-2010. The National Budget break down was for 30 million to be funded from Domestic Revenues with the remaining to be provided under the amended Compact. According to the report from the Committee on Ways and Means, the funding apportioned under the amended Compact mirrors the JEMCO Resolutions on the respective sectors: Education - \$3,800,000; Health - 854,334, and Capacity Building - 493,140.

Another major measure of the second week was the amendment of the recent social security law PL 15-73. Congress passed CA 16-11 to delay for another year the effective dates of certain provisions of the new law, specifically those on the tax increase and the 50% cut on benefit payout to retirees 60 - 64 years of age. According to the Committee, the amendments are in response to the states reactions to the new social security law and in line with the resolution adopted by the recent Micronesian Legislative Conference.

Other measures from the second week are, CA 16-08, which allowed a one-time reprogramming within the department of Foreign Affairs to address urgent issues at the FSM Embassy in Tokyo; and two measures to change the uses and lapse dates of certain funds previously for the States of Yap and Kosrae, CA 16-09 and for the State of Chuuk, CA 16-12.

During the third week of the second regular session, Congress passed CA 16-13, the highly debated measure on maternity leave. Under the current law, maternity leave may be granted at the discretion of the management. If signed into law, the new measure would mandate a six-week paid maternity leave for public employees of the national government. Women from the various sectors of the working populace made a good show of public interest and offered testimonies during the public hearings.

Another measure of the third week was CA 16-14, an Act that modified the intent of the Fisheries Observer Revolving Fund to also include Port Samplers. In addition the measure called for an increase to the threshold

amount in the fund.

It was during the third week that the series of natural disasters wreaked havoc across the Asia-Pacific region and Congress had in light of these events adopted CA 16-15. The measure appropriated \$80,000, to be channeled through the Micronesian Red Cross, towards international relief efforts for the devastation cause by the natural disasters that swept through the Asia-Pacific region, namely American Samoa, Indonesia, Philippines, Samoa, Tonga and Vietnam.

With most of the important bills attended to, the remainder of week three and four were concentrated mostly on nomination and other outstanding issues of national concern. Congress extended the session for two more days to allow those outstanding measures due process.

After 40-plus days of sessions, conferences, public hearings and committee deliberations, members of the 16th FSM Congress were ready to return to their respective States. The Second Regular adjourned sine-die on October 6, 2009.



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K-Press Perspective

B767 – 300R Hut, Hut, Hike!

It is no secret that the Japanese Government entered into an agreement with the FSM Government to fund a major expansion program of the Pohnpei International Airport in Dekehtik. The agreement was signed by both parties on September 15, 2008. The Japanese Government granted 2.913 million yen, approximately \$30 million for extension of the runway, the improvement of the terminal buildings, and other needs related to the improvement of the airport.

Though there are minor problems as you may have read on page one, the project is under way. When it is completed in March 2011 at least one variable in the complicated formula that is hoped to lead to economic development through tourism access and other types of business development in the FSM will begin to be understood at last.

The question of “If we build it will they come,” will be begin to be answered. Ambassador Sato said in his speech at the ground breaking for the project that a large bodied aircraft such as a B767-300ER will be able to land at the Pohnpei International Airport. I don’t know what that is but it sounds huge to me. I got that from a printed copy of the Ambassador’s speech directly from his hand a few days ago. Port officials forgot to tell me about the ground breaking event until they were asking me why I wasn’t there but then that’s the subject of an entirely different K-Press Perspective.

How many people does a B767-300ER... hut...hut...hike hold?

I looked it up. Of course I did. It’s my job, and despite what at least a few people think, I do know what “Google” is and, if I think I might need to use it, I do so. I’m just smart enough to realize that a B767 probably has something to do with Boeing. So here’s what I found after I waited for one of Boeing’s 58 page PDF files to download over the tortuously slow dial up line we currently have in the FSM.

If the plane has a First Class, Business Class, and a “Why the heck are you on this plane, but thank you for your money” class, the plane fits 218. If it’s arranged to handle just the “Chosen Few” and the “Your bathroom is back there” class, it holds 269. If you jam ‘em in like cattle, it holds 350 people.

One small problem: if one of those planes manages to land here even after the runway extension, when it’s time to leave it will take off only .3 kilometers after it drops into the lagoon assuming that it can maintain its speed after it hits the water. It needs 2.4 km of runway to take off.

See, now I’m getting all “technical” and that makes me a geek, I know, but bear with me just a moment more.

Allowing for a typo, change the Ambassador’s model number from his speech to a B767-200ER...hut... hut...hike, and we’re in business. That plane only needs 1.7 km to take off and that’s definitely less than the 2.094 we’re going to have when the airport improvement is completed.

The passenger numbers for that plane are still comparatively high.

With three classes: the “I’m so important you can’t even look at me” class, the “look where I’m sitting” class, and the “What? You again?” class, the plane can handle 181 people. With only a “Would you like a warm linen napkin” class, and a “NO, you can’t have another bag of peanuts and if you hit that button again I’ll break your arm” class, the plane could potentially land 224 people on the island. The truly ambitious carrier could buy an option from Boeing that would allow them to cram 290 people into the plane.

I’m thinking that special option might be something like a hydraulic jack installed at the door that crunches people tighter as the door is closing. I’d bet that a seriously profit minded carrier could improve on that option by eliminating the seats, the “blue water” bathrooms, and the galleys. No one would be allowed to carry a bag and if they do forget and bring one anyway it would go on a luggage rack on the wing with a big phosphorescent name tag on it saying, “John Doe’s bag.” The rest of the crossed legged passengers would be constantly reminded by the sign that John Doe’s bag is the one that is causing all the wind drag that is slowing the plane down.

Alright, enough with the silly details regarding airplanes I knew nothing about before I “Googled” them.

The point is, when we finish building it, the runway that is, and if, as in the “Field of Dreams” they actually do come, where are they going to stay, how will they get around, and what are they going to do?

Just last week 140 people came to Pohnpei for the Tuna Commission meetings and they stayed EVERYWHERE. The rental cars all disappeared. Sean Dorney and Peter, the cameraman (sorry mate, didn’t get your last name but at least I didn’t call you Kevin) from the Australian Broadcasting Company came to cover the meetings and they had to rent someone’s personal flatbed in order to get around town.

In the evenings when the committee members finished their grueling eleven hour session for the day, what did they do for entertainment? I didn’t even know they were coming (there it is, that subject for another K-Press Perspective) so I didn’t plan for my band to play anywhere



while they were here. I worked late a few nights and I saw when I passed, that wherever there was even the remotest possibility for entertainment, the parking lots were rammed full of rental cars.

Was this meeting another missed opportunity to develop tourism in Pohnpei? Shouldn’t the committee members all have gone home saying, “Man, if I hadn’t been in meetings all the time I could have done all those things I’ve always dreamed of doing in Pohnpei. I’m going to go back there the next time I have a holiday!”

We are building it; the airport that is. Japan is paying for it. Surely they will come. Shouldn’t it be something that is being planned for right now? Yeah, a good deal of what needs to be done costs money, money we don’t have and likely never will have if we keep going the way we’re going but isn’t there something that can be done?

I mean, seriously, no matter how much we want them to, people are simply not going to take a flying cattle car to Pohnpei, get off the plane, hand their cash stuffed wallet to the first person who looks like they need it, and get back on the plane. It just don’t happen that way, McGee! And besides, we pretty much all look like we need it.

They’ll want to know who we are before they give us their cash stuffed wallet. It’s part of what they’ll be coming for. They’ll want to know about different people in a place they know nothing about.

They’ll want us to do something for them to help them to be happy (Easy, I don’t mean that! sheesh!) They aren’t likely to give us their whole cashed stuffed wallet all at once anyway. They’ll want to fork it out a little bit at a time which they will happily do if they think they got what they paid for.

They’ll want a place to stay that is clean and pleasant; a place that doesn’t have black fungus growing from the walls at the corners of the room like some bag lady’s arm pits. They’ll want a place that doesn’t smell like the underside of a mushroom; a bathroom that doesn’t

smell like the water that runs out of a pig pen when it’s being “cleaned.”

They’ll want not to be growled at or ignored, and to get what they ordered the first time in a decent amount of time, delivered by a person who thinks it’s just great to be at work serving them.

They’ll want to be able to walk down the street and not have a child who, by law should be in school, or an adult who should know better but doesn’t because he huffed too much

gasoline or drank too much Tanduay, chasing them down the street doing the “one dolla” chant while pulling at their shirt sleeves.

They’ll want to know that they are safe; that police officers won’t consider them to be an inconvenience rather than part of their job.

Will they want to see us spew our blood colored betelnut spit out the window of our cars or to see us throw whatever trash we don’t feel like holding anymore into the street or the jungle at the side of the road?

What happens when those happy travelers get off the plane after they’ve oohed and aahed at the beauty of Sokehs Rock; after they’ve seen Kepirohi Falls but have discovered that they shouldn’t get in the water because pig farmers up river have washed every last ounce of what pigs produce best straight into the river?

I haven’t even mentioned the things that cost money that need to be developed before tourism can establish a serious toe hold here. That was never the point of this K-Press Perspective. I could have talked about Five Star hotels and of course it would be great to have an attraction that would draw people. I could have talked about the \$80 million Governor Ehsa says is needed to fix the roads. I could have said “Forget it! No one’s ever coming here the way it is.” But that’s not the way I feel.

Pohnpei captured my heart because of its people. I was lucky because I visited a friend who lived here. Because my wife and I were comfortably cared for by our friends we learned that Pohnpeians are some of the best people on earth. Then after spending some time in the FSM that realization was extended to the Kosraens, the Chuukese, and the Yapese. It’s something that a flying cattle car traveling tourist might never get to know if, when they arrive, we can’t attend to their basic human needs, and it just don’t cost much!

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

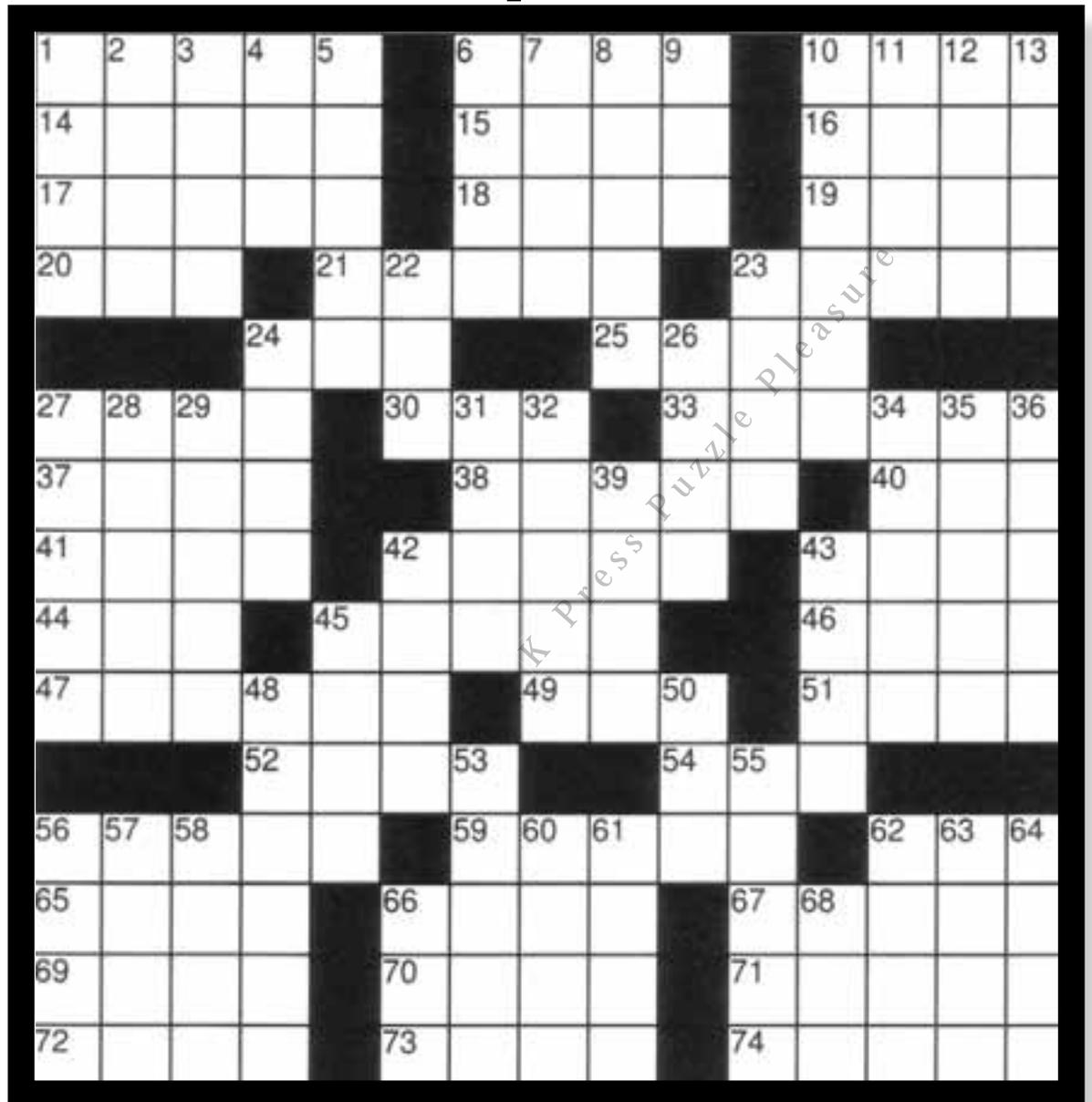
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6. Swing
10. Sting
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15. Clip
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18. Flight bd. listings
19. Bits
20. Dig in
21. Wrists
23. Ski sticks
24. JFK listing
25. Dip
27. Kill
30. .001 inch
33. Pitch in
37. Knitting rib
38. Filmic 007
40. ___-fi
41. Limits
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43. Split
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45. Insist
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66. ___ Night
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69. British pic digs
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32. Nit
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55. Clips
56. Sp. Miss
57. Spring
58. Kick in
60. Drift
61. Sign
62. ___-kiri
63. GI gp.
64. Fish Dish
66. Siding with
68. Mint



MOVIES

The Apollo 13 space mission came to the big screen in the 1995 film *Apollo 13*, starring Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon, Bill Paxton, and Gary Sinise as astronauts involved with the ill-fated flight. This film won Oscars for Film Editing and Sound. After you've circled all the words, the unused letters, when read from left to right, starting at the top, will spell out the titles of three other movies starring Tom Hanks.

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- BAD PLACE (The)
- BEASTCHILD
- BLOOD RISK
- BRUNO
- CHASE
- COLD FIRE
- COSMIC SIN
- CRIMSON
- WITCH
- DARKFALL
- DEMON SEED
- DRAGONFLY
- FUNHOUSE (The)
- GRAYWORLD
- HARDSHELL
- HIDEAWAY
- ICEBOUND
- INTENSITY
- INVASION

- LIGHTNING MASK (The)
- MR. MURDER
- ODDKINS
- PHANTOMS
- SHADOWFIRES
- SHAMBOLAIN
- SNATCHER
- STARBLOOD
- STRANGERS
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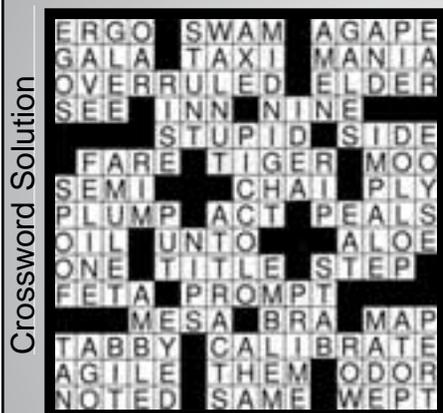
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- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
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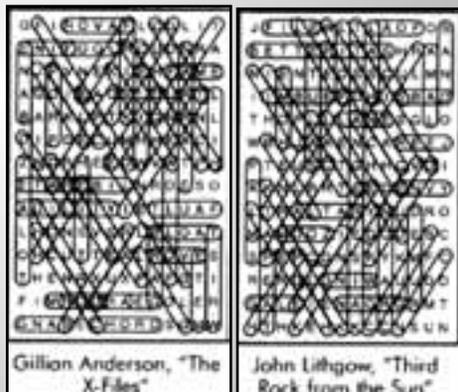
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that he was a son of a birch.

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New quakes, small tsunami panic Pacific islanders

By *RAY LILLEY*
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Thousands of panicked South Pacific islanders raced away from coastlines after a series of strong earthquakes rocked the region and generated a small tsunami Thursday, just over a week after a massive wave killed 178 people in the Samoas and Tonga.

There were no immediate reports of damage, and tsunami warnings for 11 nations and territories were soon canceled. But people across the South Pacific took no chances, scrambling up hillsides and maneuvering through traffic-clogged streets to reach higher ground.

"There is panic here, too," Chris McKee, assistant director of the Geophysical Observatory in Papua New Guinea told The Associated Press. "People have rushed out onto the streets and are climbing hills."

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center issued a regional tsunami warning after a quake with a magnitude of 7.8 struck 183 miles (294 kilometers) northwest of the Vanuatu island of Santo at a depth of 21 miles (35 kilometers). Within an hour, two other temblors of magnitude 7.7 and 7.3 followed.

The Hawaii-based center canceled the warnings after sea-level readings indicated that the wave generated by the quakes was too small — just 0.3 feet (0.1 meter) at Luganville on the Vanuatu island nearest the quakes — to cause much damage.

A fourth quake of magnitude 7.0 was recorded by the U.S. Geological Survey nearly 10 hours after the initial quake at a depth of 21 miles (35 kilometers) in the same ocean area northeast of Vanuatu. No tsunami alert was issued.

There were no immediate reports of injury or damage from officials in Vanuatu, a chain of 83 islands about 1,400 miles (2,200 kilometers) northeast of Sydney, Australia.

"We felt the quake — it shook the ground, but not very strongly," said a police officer in Luganville who declined to give his name as he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Thursday's small tsunami came just over a week after a magnitude 8.3 quake sparked a large wave in the South Pacific that devastated coastal villages in Samoa, American Samoa and northern Tonga. The death toll from the Sept. 29 tsunami rose by five Thursday to 183 after searchers in Samoa found more bodies, said Vaosa Epa, chief executive in the office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Another 32 people were killed in American Samoa and nine in Tonga.

That tragedy was fresh in the minds of residents of Tuvalu, a low-lying nation of eight coral atolls with about 10,000 people. Thousands fled inland after Thursday's alerts, some clustering around the government building in the capital, Funafuti — the only multistory building in the country.

In Samoa, where at least 142 were killed in the Sept. 29 tsunami, residents quickly headed for the hills. Cars clogged the roads leading inland, resident Russell Hunter told the AP in the capital, Apia.

"People were genuinely afraid," said Hunter, editor of the Samoa Observer newspaper. "They saw what happened last week and didn't want to be part of that again."

Thursday's warnings also created worry in American Samoa. Schools, government buildings and other residents were evacuated in the U.S. territory.

In New Caledonia, officials warned residents with alert horns and text messages. Schools were evacuated along the east coast and on the nearby Loyalty Islands. Seismologist Rafael Abreu with the U.S. Geological Survey said Thursday's quakes appear to be unrelated to the Sept. 29 quake near Samoa.

PICS students learn about the importance of local food

By: *Kathay Larsen*
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

On September 29, 2009 Island Food Community presented to two separate classes at PICS, as invited by World Teach instructor Amy-Delyla Ulm. The Junior and Senior students around the island are participating in an essay contest for World Food Day 2009. IFCP was asked to educate the students about the different types of Carotenoid-Rich foods that we have here in Pohnpei, as well as give nutritional information about all the foods that are found here naturally. The presentations were given in both Pohnpeian and English, so that the important message would not be missed.

The presentation was begun by first explaining about World Food Day 2009. The theme this year is "Achieving Food Security in Times of Crisis", or "Alehda Pein Sakatail Iei Doarepatail". The students needed to first understand what food security means, and why these days we now live in are considered to be "times of crisis". Food security is having enough local food to sustain the population's needs. It is being self-reliant instead of depending on imported goods to provide the bulk of your nourishment. The largest factor contributing to the current crisis is the depression of the international economy. As times get more difficult, the cost of food world-wide increases. Jobs everywhere are susceptible to the decline in the economy and a "guaranteed job" is no longer such. When these things happen, we wonder how we will pay for our basic needs such as food, power, and clothes.

IFCP was able to show the students how nutrient rich the foods found naturally, right here in Pohnpei are, and how planting and eating them will create food security for them and their families. First, by planting and eating local crops, you cut back on the amount of money that you are spending for your family to eat every day. Next, you will see a benefit in your health. By working the land, you will be healthy and strong physically. When you eat these local foods, you will receive the entire vitamin and minerals that your body needs to stay healthy, and fight off many diseases.

It was impressed upon the students that to get the highest amount of Beta-carotene (provitamin A), you need to eat the "yellow fleshed" varieties of local food. The darker the color, the more there is of this substance. IFCP posters were brought along to provide examples of these yellow fleshed foods. The first poster presented was the Pohnpei Bananas, which shows the top 15 carotenoid-rich bananas found in Pohnpei. Next, the Carotenoid-rich Foods poster was explained, showing that it's not only bananas that contain provitamin A. You will find this important vitamin in taro, breadfruit and pandanas as well. The most important thing for the students to remember was that there are so many local foods here that contain much needed vitamins and minerals, but rice, which they eat so much of every day, contains no provitamin A.

It is still a surprise to see how many people have not yet had the opportunity to try some important Pohnpei varieties of bananas, such as Karat. In both classes that were presented to on Tuesday, there were only a handful of students who had ever tasted the Karat. IFCP was able to leave some bananas with the teacher so that she could later distribute them to her students. Now there are a few more people who have heard and "tasted" the important message of local foods. We thank PICS High School and World Teach for helping us to spread the "Go Local" message.

Astronomical Tide Prediction October 14 - 27, 2009

		Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Wednesday	10/14		10/21		10/14		10/21		
	12:16AM	3.8	04:14AM	3.2	07:30AM	-0.1	02:23AM	0.4	
	07:10AM	1.3	09:47AM	1.2	02:38PM	1.2	07:14AM	0.0	
	01:27PM	3.4	04:30PM	4.8	06:50PM	0.9	03:10PM	2.3	
	07:00PM	1.9	11:15PM	1.3			11:01PM	0.2	
Thursday	10/15		10/22		10/15		10/22		
	01:05AM	4.0	04:38AM	2.9	12:31AM	1.5	02:07AM	0.3	
	07:34AM	1.2	10:04AM	1.3	07:30AM	0.0	07:14AM	-0.1	
	01:47PM	3.9	04:57PM	4.5	02:00PM	1.3	03:31PM	2.2	
	07:42PM	1.5	11:54PM	1.6	07:26PM	0.6			
Friday	10/16		10/23		10/16		10/23		
	01:44AM	4.1	05:00AM	2.6	01:07AM	1.4	07:18AM	-0.2	
	07:57AM	1.1	10:15AM	1.5	07:27AM	0.2	03:51PM	2.1	
	02:11PM	4.3	05:24PM	4.2	01:51PM	1.6			
	08:19PM	1.2			08:02PM	0.4			
Saturday	10/17		10/24		10/17		10/24		
	02:18AM	4.1	12:40AM	1.8	01:35AM	1.2	07:24AM	-0.2	
	08:20AM	1.0	05:19AM	2.4	07:23AM	0.2	04:10PM	1.9	
	02:37PM	4.7	10:17AM	1.8	01:56PM	1.9			
	08:55PM	1.0	05:52PM	3.9	08:37PM	0.2			
Sunday	10/18		10/25		10/18		10/25		
	02:50AM	4.0	01:58AM	2.0	01:58AM	1.0	07:30AM	-0.2	
	08:43AM	1.0	05:35AM	2.2	07:19AM	0.2	04:25PM	1.7	
	03:05PM	4.9	09:46AM	2.0	02:10PM	2.1			
	09:30PM	0.9	06:26PM	3.6	09:12PM	0.1			
Monday	10/19		10/26		10/19		10/26		
	03:20AM	3.8	06:00AM	2.0	02:15AM	0.8	07:35AM	-0.1	
	09:06AM	1.0	07:50PM	3.3	07:17AM	0.2	04:31PM	1.5	
	03:33PM	5.0			02:29PM	2.3			
	10:05PM	0.9			09:47PM	0.1			
Tuesday	10/20		10/27		10/20		10/27		
	03:48AM	3.5	06:11AM	1.8	02:24AM	0.6	07:30AM	0.0	
	09:28AM	1.0	02:30PM	2.9	07:15AM	0.1	04:06PM	1.3	
	04:02PM	4.9	05:14PM	2.8	02:49PM	2.3			
	10:40PM	1.1	10:50PM	3.2	10:22PM	0.1			

Karat Sandwiches



Submitted By: Merlain Abraham

Ingredients:

10 Chaya leaves
5 half ripe Karat Banana
1 Carrot finely chopped
Lemon juice
Pinch salt
10 Kangkong leaves
1 Clam
Water for cooking
1 cucumber (sliced)

Method:

1. Cook karat banana with the skin. When cooked, peel off skin and cut each banana into two.
2. In a separate pot heat 2 cups of water.
3. When water is boiling, add clam, kangkong leaves, cucumber, carrot, lemon juice, and salt.
4. When all is well cooked, drain out water. Take each half of the karat bananas and spread cooked vegetables on them and wrap them with the chaya leaves.

Port Authority and FAA exercise their disaster muscles

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – The phone in The Kaselehlie Press office rang constantly on Thursday morning, October 8. “Ambulances have been flashing past my office all morning. Maybe you’d better check it out.” Or, “There’s a big black cloud of smoke by the airport. What’s going on?”

What was going on was a test of the airport response mechanisms that are in place in Pohnpei in the event of an airplane crash. The Federal Aviation Administration mandates these drills once every three months. FAA officials were in Pohnpei to observe and to critique the response effort.

Volunteers played the part of both walking wounded and corpses to test the response efforts of disaster responses.

The Port Authority Information Officer had hope to provide full details on the exercise in time for print in this issue but other duties precluded that possibility. Full details will be available by the next issue.



FAA Airport Emergency Training Pohnpei, FSM October 5-9, 2009

