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Pohnpei School Lunch Program fate to be decided by Supreme Court Legislature asks for felony charges against a "gang of four"

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—When the Pohnpei State Legislature (PSL) meets beginning on May 10 they will consider several bills and resolutions. Among them will be a renewed budget request submitted by Governor Ehsa in July of 2009 that would, among other things, support full implementation of the Pohnpei School Lunch program at the Elementary School level. The tab for the program would be \$253,000 if the PSL approves it.

PSL Speaker Nelson Pehlep earlier sent the budget bill back to Governor John Ehsa requesting revisions to the proposed budget law. But according to the Governor's Chief

of Staff Ihlen Joseph, the Governor sent the same proposed bill back to the Congress in March because he feels it is in the best interest of Pohnpei's students.

On April 26, 2010, the legislature filed complaint number 108-10 at the Pohnpei State Supreme Court. Defendants named were John Ehsa, in his capacity as the Governor of the State of Pohnpei; Churchill B. Edward, in his capacity as the Lt. Governor of the State of Pohnpei; Thomas S. Pablo, in his capacity as the Director of the Department of Treasury and Administration; and Joseph Villazon, in his capacity as the Director of the Department of Education. The grounds for the complaint center on inequitable implementation of a school lunch program in Pohnpei but alleges

11 separate ways that defendants violated State Law in the implementation of the program on the Elementary School level.

The complaint asks the court to "Issue a declaratory judgment that the school lunch program at the primary school level is in violation of the law."

It asks the court to "Issue an injunction, effective no later than the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, suspending the school lunch program at the primary school level until the program is in compliance with the law."

It lastly specifically asks the court to "Find the
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Pohnpei based helicopter crashes in Pohnpei Harbor

Eyewitnesses say occupants walked away; Tropic refused comment



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Pohnpei, FSM—According to eyewitnesses, a helicopter from the Australian owned, Dolonier, Pohnpei headquartered, Tropic Helicopters lifted off late Sunday morning, May 2nd, from a fishing vessel in Pohnpei Harbor. Shortly thereafter it crashed in shallow water in the Pohnpei Harbor.

Howard Rice, said that three boats converged on the scene including his. None of the boats could get close enough to the copter to help because of the shallow water in which the helicopter crashed. Rice said that he is a registered Emergency Medical Technician



and so he called out to the occupants of the copter asking if anyone was injured. There was no response other than from another boater who said, "Somebody's going to get fired."

A Harbor Patrol vessel was next on the scene and instructed the other boaters to keep their distance from the copter. The two occupants of the helicopter were

able to walk and the Harbor Patrol officers evacuated them to shore.

Another witness who had been at the FSM Marine Surveillance dock said he saw the helicopter take off from a fishing vessel at the Pohnpei Port Authority dock and watched as it flew south. When it started coming down he thought

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defendants, jointly and severally, guilty of misconduct in office and criminal conspiracy.”

The PSL Joint Committee that delved into the implementation by the Executive Branch of the Pohnpei School lunch program (The Kaselehlie Press Volume 10 Issue No. 9 of March 31, 2010) recommended that impeachment of Governor Ehsa not be pursued as an option. On the following day, Senators Wincener David and Francisco Ioanis who were both members and signed the Joint Committee report nevertheless introduced a resolution of Articles of Impeachment to the Legislature against the Governor.

The action taken by the Legislature is essentially the kind of action that the Joint Committee report on the matter recommended except that both top leaders and the two named cabinet members were swept into the legal action.

The committee report asked the rhetorical question when discounting impeachment as an option, “Is this to be an impeachment of a gang of four?” The complaint against the “gang of four” alleges felony criminal charges surrounding the implementation of the School Lunch program. A felony conviction is grounds for not only jail time but for impeachment which was what the committee said they did not want to pursue.

It is not clear whether or not Chief of Staff Ihlen Joseph or the Governor knew that PSL was set to file the complaint in the court when he granted us an interview in his office on the afternoon of April 22.

Joseph said that Pohnpei’s Executive Branch has done nothing that is illegal in order to implement the school lunch program for the students who have received it so far. He said that the Governor’s authority to reprogram funds up to 15% has not been violated as was alleged in the introduced resolution for Articles of Impeachment.

He said that at some schools there was a clear problem where school lunches were

concerned. He mentioned Nanpei Memorial School in particular which houses primary and secondary students. “The Elementary school children could smell the food (on the campus) but they couldn’t eat any of it. It was for the High School.” He shook his head, “It wasn’t fair for them.”

Governor Ehsa has consistently stated that a school lunch program is important to the furtherance of educational goals in Pohnpei State. It has been his constant message since he campaigned for the office of Governor. Joseph said that the Governor still maintains that position.

Joseph said that despite the fact that many parents in Pohnpei want the government to provide lunches for their children other parents feel it is their responsibility to feed their own children when they are in school. Parents of children in Saladak and Seinwar Elementary schools rotate the responsibility amongst themselves. Each kosahp, or village with students at the schools takes on the responsibility of preparing food for all of the children at the school where their children attend every day for a week before the responsibility is passed to a neighboring kosahp. Residents deliver the food to the schools and children pay 25 cents for the meals prepared by their neighbors and parents.

Joseph was very careful in the way that he characterized the PSL joint committee’s handling of witness testimony during their hearings on the School Lunch program. He said that it was important to him that the lines of communication remain open and receptive between the Executive and Legislative branches of Pohnpei. Just the same it seemed that he felt that the joint committee had made their minds up before testimony was given though he never specifically said as much.

The report of Joint Committee seemed to rely in some great measure on the words of Tim Donahue, the Education Specialist Grants Manager of US Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs (OIA). Those words appeared in a July 1, 2009 email. In it Donahue wrote, “I have stated several times in the past that I am not in favor of funding food through Education or SEG (Supplemental Education Grant)...I hold the position that Compact funds must be prioritized for instruction.” The email was in response to a \$70,000, one time

request by Department of Education Director (DOE) Joseph Villazon to use leftover (carry-over) DOE funds for the purchase of start up supplies and materials for a school lunch program in Pohnpei.

It’s not at all clear what information the Joint Committee had available to them when they wrote their report that said that Donahue had spoken several times against the use of Education Sector grants funds for a school lunch program.

In the same email message that seemed to say that he was not in favor school lunch programs granted DOE’s request for the use of roll-over funds to purchase supplies for startup of the program. He gave further instruction that Pohnpei State should provide information on “how the program will become self-sustaining without further Compact dollars in the years to come.”

Governor Ehsa asked the Pohnpei State Legislature for funding of the program and called a special session in July of 2009 for consideration of his budget bill that would have funded the program. Instead, the Legislature returned the Bill to the Governor. Nearly a year later the Legislature has the same bill before them for consideration.

A July 2, 2009 email from Donahue to Director Villazon said, “I am willing to allow the State to set up the program through SEG, but implementing the program is a State initiative that must be State funded.”

A July 30, 2009 memo from Donahue to Director of Education Villazon said “Pohnpei DOE may reprogram \$200,000 from its ECE program to Elementary in order to support a school lunch program.”

The PSL Joint Committee report concluded that without a court issued injunction putting a stop to the school lunch program funding for the Early Childhood Education program (ECE) could be at risk. They cited Tim Donahue’s supposed opposition to the use of those funds. But actually Donahue granted approval in his July 30, 2009 memo to eliminate lunch from the ECE program freeing that money up to be used for an elementary school lunch program. He did say in that memo that the total amount of money for all school feeding programs would be “capped at the amount that has been provided in the past.”

Over the course of several emails amongst Pohnpei State Officials and Donahue between July of 2009 and as recently as late March 2010, OIA’s message became crystal clear where the role of US Compact funds were concerned. There is a set amount of money that can be allotted for school lunch programs from Compact funds. How Pohnpei State chooses to allocate that money is a local matter and that factor seems to be the crux of the current political dispute.

The total reprogrammed (meaning, not new) money that Donahue approved for a school lunch program was \$711,349.

PSL documents are public record though they are sometimes difficult for the public to obtain if only because it is difficult to know what documents for which to ask. When the documents are located, quite often the problem is finding a working copy machine.

Just the same, someone is making it easier for people who have dealings with the Governor to see copies of the PSL’s actions where the Governor is concerned.

When The Kaselehlie Press received a copy of the introduced Resolution of Articles of Impeachment and the Joint Committee report on the School Lunch program it came in a large brown envelope at the Post Office with no return address and included no note. Other people have received similar envelopes with handwriting on them that seems to look like that on the envelope we received.

The Kaselehlie Press received a copy of the lawsuit filed against the “gang of four” on May 4, from Salter Lohn, Public Information Officer of the Pohnpei State Legislature. Another person reported that he received yet another brown envelope containing the law suit, anonymously delivered with handwriting on the envelope that seemed similar to the one that he had earlier received with the introduced Articles of Impeachment and Joint Committee Report.

The matter is not to be decided in the court of public opinion but at the Pohnpei State Supreme Court. At press time a hearing date had not been set at the Supreme Court on PCA 108-10. Nothing has yet been decided.

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Library Day

Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library

Pohnpei Public Library has just celebrated its 23rd anniversary. The ceremony was held at the Pohnpei Public Library on the 16th day of April 2010. The President of the Board of Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library, Mrs. Penny Weilbacher, honored the guests and welcomed everyone to the Library Day 2010. Also in her remarks she acknowledged the audience the importance of our local food since our theme for this year is about our culture. The theme for Library Day 2010 is "Let Us Not Westernize Our Culture But Modernize It." And the credit for the theme went to Senator Ishmael Lebehni who is also the Treasurer of the Board of the Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library.

Our Keynote Speaker for this year was Dr. Rufino Mauricio, Director of the FSM National Archives and Historical Preservation and also the Volunteer Coordinator of the Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library. Ms. Carmina Lihpai, former Head Librarian, was also invited to speak on the history of the Pohnpei Public Library.

We had essays and art contestants from the schools all over the island based on the theme and the winners received gift certificates from various businesses that contributed for the events.

The Winners for this year are as listed below:

Arts
Ryan Hallens-
Early Childhood Education-Wone School

Jewl David-
1st Grade-Ohmine Elementary School

Jael Konings-
2nd Grade-Ohmine Elementary School

Juliann Hatriel Merencillo-
3rd Grade-Calvary Christian Academy

George Frolich-
4th Grade-Awak Elementary School

Travis Soram-
7th Grade-Lukop Elementary School

Andrea Ratloilug-
10th Grade-Our Lady of Mercy



Essays

Valerina Cantero-
5th Grade-Awak School

Crystal Dosolua-
6th Grade-Awak School

Danielle Elizabeth Adams-
7th Grade-Calvary Christian Academy

Queen Martin-

8th Grade-Rohi Elementary School

Mahealani Stephen-
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11th Grade-Our Lady of Mercy

Lushantaleigh Carlos-

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FSM Participates in the 2010 China-PICs Forum on Eco-Tech Cooperation

FSM Embassy in Beijing

April 22, 2010

(FSM Embassy, Beijing) As the adverse impacts of climate change encroaches on the survival and livelihood of mankind, most especially upon those most vulnerable in the small island countries, while at the same time hampering their sustainable developments, China and the Pacific Island countries are rising to the occasion and are looking into new energy as an effective way to deal with the global climate change, attract investment and create jobs. The 2010 China-Pacific Island Countries (PICs) Forum on Eco-Tech Cooperation convened its two day forum at the Star River Four Seasons Club Hotel in Beijing.

The Forum has brought together over two hundred participants ranging from Government and private sector officials from China and the Pacific Island countries. The Pacific island countries present at the Forum were Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Niue, PNG, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, New Zealand and Australia. The Eco-Tech forum provided a valuable platform for project oriented cooperation between Chinese renewable energy companies and the Pacific Island Countries.

In a statement that was presented by His Excellency Akillino H. Susaia, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the FSM to China, he had echoed the same sentiments brought forth to the international community by President Mori that climate change is a matter of survival for our people, culture and nation. He acknowledged China's active stance on climate change and their continued support towards developing island countries such as the FSM. Ambassador Susaia highlighted to the participants of the forum that island countries are the most vulnerable to climate change and pleaded on behalf of the FSM and Pacific Island countries that preference, consideration, and assistance be provided to assist in our sustainable development efforts.

At the afternoon session of the forum, a signing ceremony was held where Ambassador Susaia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sany Electric Co., Ltd for cooperation in the

renewable energy industry in wind and solar power. The MOU sets in motion cooperation with Sany Electric Co., Ltd to work with the FSM in doing a feasibility study and project evaluation.

In line with the FSM Government's national climate change policy and the embassy's mandate to promote investment and tourism, the FSM Embassy

will continue its effort in China to seek potential investors and partners that will contribute to the sustainable development efforts of the FSM.

Staffing Ambassador Susaia to the 2010 Eco-Tech Forum were Deputy Chief of Mission Carlson D. Apis, and First Secretary Vincent K. Sivas.



H.E. Ambassador Akillino H. Susaia delivers Statement during 2010 China-PICs Forum on Eco-Tech Cooperation



U.S. Agencies take part in Earth Day cleanup project Dekehtik, Pohnpei



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12th Grade-Our Lady of Mercy

Pohnpei Public Library would like to thank the following businesses for their

valuable contributions:

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Pohnpei Arts & Crafts
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Visual Impact

Special thanks also go out to the students, parents and everyone for joining the celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the establishment of the Pohnpei Public Library.

...Helicopter Crash

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the helicopter was going to land on a small islet in the middle of the harbor but the copter was coming down too fast. "When I saw it smack into the water and tilt over, my heart skipped a few beats, I've got to tell you," he said.

Witnesses reported that the pilot and an engineer got out of the downed craft. Both witnesses said that they were told that the pilot and mechanical engineer on board were not injured.

The person who answered the phone at Tropic Helicopters did not give his name and summarily dismissed any request for information of any kind on the crash. "Where were you a few weeks ago when we wasted over \$20,000 on a search and rescue operation? Now you want to talk about a helicopter crash,"

he exclaimed.

The Tropic spokesperson seemed to be speaking about the lack of newspaper coverage in The Kaselehlie Press of Tropic Helicopter's participation in the search for missing Pohnpei fishermen. No one we interviewed mentioned the company's participation in the search.

We asked the Tropic Helicopters spokesperson why the company hadn't informed us of their participation in the search.

"We don't like to talk about things like that," he said.

"But how are we supposed to know if you don't tell us," we asked?

"I have nothing to say to you, mate, and neither does anyone else around here," he said and hung up the phone.

The downed helicopter was removed from the harbor on Sunday afternoon, not long after its unexpected descent.



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- Provides assistance to the Administration Manager as required or as requested including word processing, transcription, information research, filing, taking and directing telephone messages.
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- Answers telephone calls promptly and courteously; screens calls, transfers caller to correct individual; does not leave a caller on hold or unattended for more than 40 seconds; takes complete and accurate messages when person called is unavailable and distributes messages in a timely manner.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Reports directly to Administration Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A high school diploma is preferred. Good communication skills and the ability to work well with people is essential. Excellent abilities with computer applications is essential, in particular the use of the Microsoft Office tools such as power point, excel, word and publisher.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- Ability to communicate orally with customers, vendors, management, and other co-workers is crucial. Regular use of the telephone and e-mail for communication is essential. Sitting for extended periods is common. Hearing and vision within normal ranges is essential for normal conversations, to receive ordinary information and to prepare or inspect documents.
- No heavy lifting is expected. Exertion of up to 10 lbs. of force occasionally may be required. Good manual dexterity for the use of common office equipment such as computer terminals, calculator, copiers, and FAX machines.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The job is performed indoors in a traditional office setting. Activities include extended periods of sitting and extensive work at a computer monitor and phone.

TANKER DRIVER

- Conducts an inspection of the assigned motor vehicle using the Safety Check list. Complete the "Daily Vehicle Condition Report" and "Driver's Daily Trip Report" everyday. Immediately report to the supervisor any deficiencies noted that will affect safe delivery of products/materials.
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- Ensure Driving and operations are all in compliance with the Drivers Standards Manuals, including ensuring all hoses, pumps, fittings, tools & safety signage are available & operational before each delivery.
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ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Reports directly to Terminal Supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS

- The driver shall be at least 25 years old for Category A Drivers required to drive Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) such as bulk fuel road tankers, LPG bulk or packed LPG lorries, flat-bed lubricants vehicles, shall have at least 3 (three) years recent HGV driving experience, relevant to the type of vehicle concerned.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- Ability to communicate orally with customers, vendors, management, and other co-workers is crucial. Sitting for extended periods is common. Hearing and vision within normal ranges is essential for normal conversations, to receive ordinary information and to prepare or inspect documents.
- Excellent health a must. Occasional heavy lifting is expected. The driver shall have been assessed as physically fit to drive as appropriate for the relevant category. Category A drivers shall satisfy the requirements of a practical driving assessment carried out by a competent person approved by the CEO;
- Exertion of up to 15 lbs. of force occasionally may be required.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The job is performed outdoors in on-the road, in a terminal facility or at customer facilities. Activities include extended periods of sitting and driving, and within petroleum storage and distribution facilities.

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- Primary responsibility for ensuring the safe, efficient and documented movements of products within terminal facilities, including in the Tanker Loading and Unloading, Vessel Bunkering and Tank to Tank transfers. Duties include conducting the integrity inspection of all hoses, sumps, valves, slop tanks, pipelines, tanks and appurtenances before, during and after transfer operations. Prepares, mobilizes and demobilizes equipment, tools and pollution control required for product transfer. Conduct tanker operations in accordance with Tanker Loading & Unloading Work Instruction Manual. Perform product sampling, sample monitoring and other quality control test procedures.
- Responsibility for Storage, Handling, Distribution Warehouse and Storehouse operations, including product/materials/storehouse hauling/unloading/loading from/to commercial port, tanker berth Perform tank gauging, product/water sampling, water draining, quality control tests and corresponding documentation as required to ensure product quantity and quality integrity Perform transferring, emptying, cleaning, pump back, draining and flushing of oil water separator, tank, and that all required safety, quality and accounting of product inventory movements are properly documented.
- Responsible for Facility Maintenance and Repair Assist and perform in the periodic

inspection of machinery and equipment to ensure safe operation, examination of items removed during maintenance and overhaul operations to determine feasibility of repair and control of the quality of work accomplished by the maintenance group. Conduct preventive maintenance work in relation to checking, adjustment, routine parts replacement, lubrication, derusting, painting, repair and clean up necessary to make certain that the facility and its equipment are in proper condition and ready for use.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Reports directly to Terminal Supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A high school diploma is required and some vocational training is preferred. Good mechanical inclination, finger and arm dexterity skills required.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- Ability to communicate orally with management and other co-workers is important. Standing for extended periods is common.
- Some medium lifting is expected. Exertion of up to 50 lbs. of force occasionally is required. Good manual dexterity for the use of mechanical equipment and tools is required.
- Good math and reasoning ability is essential. Able to understand and utilize engineering drawings, operating manuals, and blueprints to conduct business.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

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NAME	Downstream	Upstream	MRC*
ISPEED VDSL			
VDSL-1024	1024 kbps	1024 kbps	\$1,274.00
VDSL-2048	2048 kbps	2048 kbps	\$2,548.00
VDSL-3072	3072 kbps	3072 kbps	\$3,822.00
VDSL-4096	4096 kbps	4096 kbps	\$5,096.00
VDSL-5120	5120 kbps	5120 kbps	\$6,370.00
VDSL-6144	6144 kbps	6144 kbps	\$7,644.00
VDSL-7168	7168 kbps	7168 kbps	\$8,918.00
VDSL-8192	8192 kbps	8192 kbps	\$10,192.00
BUSINESS ISPEED ADSL			
Business Starter	256 kbps	64 kbps	\$100.00
Business Basic	512 kbps	128 kbps	\$200.00
Business Standard	1024 kbps	256 kbps	\$390.00
Business Premium	1024 kbps	512 kbps	\$479.00
Business Pro	1536 kbps	384 kbps	\$599.00
Business Elite	1536 kbps	768 kbps	\$718.00
HOME ISPEED ADSL			
Home Basic	256 kbps	64 kbps	\$33.00
Home Standard	512 kbps	128 kbps	\$65.00
Home Premium	1024 kbps	256 kbps	\$129.00
Home Elite	1536 kbps	384 kbps	\$194.00
GLOBAL IP over T1 Premium			
Premium 128	128 kbps	128 kbps	\$637.00
Premium 192	192 kbps	192 kbps	\$955.00
Premium 256	256 kbps	256 kbps	\$1,273.00
Premium 384	384 kbps	384 kbps	\$1,909.00
Premium 512	512 kbps	512 kbps	\$2,545.00
Premium 768	768 kbps	768 kbps	\$3,818.00
Premium 1024	1024 kbps	1024 kbps	\$5,090.00
Premium 1280	1280 kbps	1280 kbps	\$6,363.00
Premium 1536	1536 kbps	1536 kbps	\$7,635.00
One-time Charges for Proposed Services			
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- New FASTER HIGH SPEED dedicated Internet access services with much lower prices and insert in Section 5 – Internet Services of the Tariff
- New pricings for Domestic and International Digital Circuits in Section 4 – Private Lines of the Tariff
- Remove and discontinue Visitor package dial-up Internet access
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Basic 192	192 kbps	\$2,670.00	\$478.00
Basic 256	256 kbps	\$3,430.00	\$637.00
Basic 384	384 kbps	\$3,640.00	\$955.00
Basic 512	512 kbps	\$6,310.00	\$1,273.00
Basic 768	768 kbps	new	\$1,910.00
Basic 1024	1024 kbps	\$12,330.00	\$2,546.00
Basic 1280	1280 kbps	new	\$3,183.00
Basic 1536	1536 kbps	\$18,350.00	\$3,819.00

Domestic Digital Lease Circuit (Rates reduced up to 68%)

NAME	Transmit/Receive	Existing MRC	Proposed MRC
Domestic 128	128 kbps	\$3,760.00	\$1,219.00
Domestic 256	256 kbps	\$7,040.00	\$2,437.00
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United and Continental announce merger of equals to create world-class global airline



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Existing Alliance Partnership Provides Platform for Smooth Integration

Name of Airline Will be United with Continental's Logo and Livery

HOUSTON AND CHICAGO, May 3, 2010

Continental and United today announced a definitive merger agreement, creating the world's leading airline with superior service to customers, expanded access to an unparalleled global network serving 370 destinations around the world, enhanced long-term career prospects for employees, and a platform for improved profitability and sustainable long-term value for shareholders. The all-stock merger of equals brings together two of the world's premier airlines, creating a combined company well positioned to succeed in an increasingly competitive global and domestic aviation industry.

Glenn Tilton, chairman, president and chief executive officer of UAL Corp., will serve as non-executive chairman of the combined company's Board of Directors through December 31, 2012 or the second anniversary of closing, whichever is later. Jeff Smisek, Continental's chairman, president and chief executive officer, will be chief executive officer and a member of the Board of Directors. He will also become executive chairman of the Board upon Tilton's ceasing to be non-executive chairman.

The combined organization will draw on the talented group of leaders from both companies, and key management positions will be determined prior to the transaction's closing. The combined company's management team is expected to include an equitable and balanced selection of executives from each company with the intention that each company will contribute roughly equal numbers. In addition to Smisek and Tilton, the 16-member Board of Directors will include six independent directors from

each of the two companies and two union directors required by United's charter.

The holding company for the new entity will be named United Continental Holdings, Inc. and the name of the airline will be United Airlines. The marketing brand will be a combination of the brands of both companies. Aircraft will have the Continental livery, logo and colors with the United name, and the announcement campaign slogan will be "Let's Fly Together." The new company's corporate and operational headquarters will be in Chicago and it will maintain a significant presence in Houston, which will be the combined company's largest hub. Additionally, the CEO will maintain offices in both Chicago and Houston.

Tilton said, "Today is a great day for our customers, our employees, our shareholders and our communities as we bring together our two companies in a merger of equals to create a worldclass and truly global airline with an unparalleled network serving communities worldwide with outstanding customer service. Building on our Star Alliance partnership, we are creating a stronger, more efficient airline, both operationally and financially, better positioned to succeed in a dynamic and highly competitive global aviation industry. This combination will provide a strong platform for sustainable, long-term value for shareholders, opportunities for employees, and more and better scheduled service and destinations for customers. Knowing and respecting our colleagues at Continental as we do, we are confident that together we can compete successfully in what is now, clearly, a global marketplace."

Smisek said, "This combination brings together the best of both organizations and cultures to create a world-class airline with tremendous and enduring strengths. Together, we will have the financial strength necessary to make critical investments to continue to improve our products and services and to achieve and sustain profitability. We have forged a highly collaborative partnership with United over the past two years as we prepared for and executed a seamless transition to Star Alliance, an important achievement that gave us valuable experience in working together and built mutual respect between our two companies. I look forward to working with the employees of both companies around the world, so our airline can become an even stronger global competitor, deliver sustainable profitability, achieve best-in-class customer service under our unified brand, create long-term career opportunities and deliver increased value for shareholders."

The combination of United and Continental brings together the two most complementary networks of any U.S. carriers, with minimal domestic and no international route overlaps. The combined company will offer enhanced service to Asia, Europe, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East from well-placed hubs on the East Coast, West Coast, and Southern and Midwestern regions of the United States.

The combined company will have 10 hubs, including hubs in the four largest cities in the United States, and will provide enhanced service to underserved small and medium-sized communities. The combined carrier will continue to serve all the communities each carrier currently serves. Together, Continental and United serve more than 144 million passengers per year as they fly to 370 destinations in 59 countries.

Employees will benefit from improved long-term career opportunities and enhanced job stability by being part of a larger, financially stronger and more geographically diverse carrier that is better able to compete successfully in the global marketplace. The companies believe the effect of the merger on front-line employees will be minimal, with reductions coming principally from retirements, attrition and voluntary programs. The company will provide employees with performance-based incentive compensation programs focused on achieving common goals. The combined company will be focused on creating cooperative labor relations, including negotiating contracts with collective bargaining units that are fair to the company and fair to the employee.

On a pro forma basis, the combined company would have annual revenues of approximately \$29 billion based on 2009 financial results, and an unrestricted cash balance of approximately \$7.4 billion as of the end of first quarter 2010, including United's recently closed financing transaction.

In the merger, Continental shareholders will receive 1.05 shares of United common stock for each Continental common share they own. United shareholders would own approximately 55% of the equity of the combined company and Continental shareholders would own approximately 45%, including in-the-money convertible securities on an as-converted basis.

The merger is expected to deliver \$1.0 billion to \$1.2 billion in net annual synergies by 2013, including between \$800 million and \$900 million of incremental annual revenues, in large part from expanded customer options resulting from the greater scope and scale of the network, and additional international service enabled by the broader network of the combined carrier. Expected synergies are in addition to the significant benefits derived from the companies' existing alliance and expected from their future joint venture relationships. The combined company is also expected to realize between \$200 million and \$300 million of net cost synergies on a run-rate basis by 2013. One-time costs related to the transaction are expected to total approximately \$1.2 billion spread over a three-year period.

The combined airline will have the most modern, fuel-efficient fleet (adjusted for cabin mix) and the best new aircraft order book among major U.S. network carriers. It will have the financial strength to enhance customers' travel experience by enabling it to invest in glob-

ally competitive products, upgrade technology, refurbish and replace older aircraft, and implement the best-in-class practices of both airlines.

The merger will create the industry's leading frequent flyer program, offering vast opportunities for customers to earn and redeem miles, including on Star Alliance partners.

United and Continental are members of Star Alliance, the world's largest airline network. Star Alliance customers will continue to benefit from service to over 1,000 destinations, more connecting opportunities, additional scheduling flexibility and access to leading reciprocal frequent flyer and airport lounge benefits with Star Alliance's 24 other member airlines around the world.

The merger, which has been approved unanimously by the Boards of Directors of both companies, is conditioned on approval by the shareholders of both companies, receipt of regulatory clearance, and customary closing conditions. The companies expect to complete the transaction in the fourth quarter of 2010. During the period between signing and closing of the merger, the CEOs of both companies will lead a transition team, which will develop a specific integration plan.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Goldman, Sachs & Co. acted as financial advisors and provided fairness opinions to United, and Lazard and Morgan Stanley acted as financial advisors and provided fairness opinions to Continental. Jones Day, Vinson & Elkins LLP, and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP acted as legal advisors to Continental, and Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP acted as legal advisor to United.



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Forum Trade Ministers' meeting critical to pacific economies

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

29th April 2010

Pohnpei, FSM - The meeting of Forum Trade Ministers' underway in Pohnpei, in the Federated States of Micronesia is of critical importance to the economies of the Pacific region.

"This meeting provides Ministers with an opportunity to progress the PACER Plus negotiations by providing direction on the timing of future meetings and issues for further consideration," said Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat at the opening of the meeting today.

PACER is the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations between the Forum Island Countries with Australia and New Zealand. PACER Plus is a further negotiation process towards a possible free trade agreement among Forum members.

"Remaining outstanding is the necessary issue of national consultations by Forum island countries. These consultations are an integral and vital part of preparations for PACER Plus negotiations. But we need to establish balance and find rational accommodation between national preparations and the progression of agreed regional endeavours. National consultations and the enhancement of capacities are ongoing never-ending and must remain ongoing activities. They cannot hinder and become or be seen as impediments to progress," said Mr Slade

Secretary General Slade said the Pacific is currently experiencing an important transition phase as the region recovers from the global economic crisis, and makes effort towards increased involvement in global trade.

"Trade is a crucial component of regional economic integration. Forum Leaders have long recognized economic integration as a priority and has been one of the important standing items on our Leaders' agenda," said Mr Slade.

Secretary General Slade told the meeting the Chief Trade Adviser for PACER Plus has commenced work in Port Vila, Vanuatu, and earlier this month, PACER Plus Officials met to engage in detailed discussions on priority matters, in accordance with the Trade Ministers' direction from the Special Meeting on PACER Plus in October 2009.

"Your further direction is now required to move ahead with the negotiations. Your further direction is also necessary to clarify key issues such as when negotiation meetings will take place, what outcomes are expected from these meetings, and what support is required to ensure Forum island countries' full participation."

PACER Plus issues will be high on the agenda of the two-day meeting. Other issues include trade-related activities undertaken by the Economic Government Programme at the Forum Secretariat, a strategy for the Pacific Investment and Trade Commissions to create more business opportunities for the private sector in Forum Island Countries assist the private sector in the region become more efficient so that they are able to compete in the global market. The Trade Ministers will also consider options to ensure the long-term funding and sustainability of the Forum WTO Office in Geneva.

The Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Hon. Alik L.Alik opened the two-day meeting. Hon. Alik is chairing the meeting.

Forum Trade Ministers endorse measures to boost investment and trade integration

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

30th April 2010

Pohnpei, FSM - Pacific Islands Forum Trade Ministers ended their two-day meeting in Pohnpei, in the Federated States of Micronesia(FSM) with agreement on measures to boost trade and investment to help increase growth and development in Pacific island countries.

Ministers from Australia, FSM, Kiribati, New Zealand, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga attended the meeting. Cook Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea and Tuvalu were represented at Senior Officials level. Governor of the State of Pohnpei, Hon. John Ehsa welcomed the Ministers and delegates to Pohnpei.

"This was a critical Forum Trade Ministers' Meeting (FTMM) for the economies of our region as we considered measures to address the challenges posed by the global financial crisis on our fragile developing economies," says Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Hon. Alik L. Alik, who chaired the meeting.

"I believed that our meeting achieved its objectives with the decisions we made on how to progress the arrangements towards the negotiations of PACER Plus, the new strategy for the Pacific Island Trade and Invest Offices, funding arrangements for the Forum World Trade Organisation (WTO) Office in Geneva, developments relating to traditional knowledge and intellectual property, and Aid-for-Trade."

Vice President Alik states: "As Leaders of the region, it is our responsibility to come up with real solutions that will address the

global challenges such as the impacts of climate change, food security, high energy cost and high level of unemployment, to name a few."

On PACER Plus, the Ministers noted the progress made towards the establishment of the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser and agreed to further meetings of PACER Plus Officials, including a workshop on Rules of Origin and Customs Procedures.

Ministers further noted the fundamental importance of shipping, aviation, telecommunications and other infrastructure to increased trade in goods and services between member countries and agreed that these were priority issues for PACER Plus.

Forum Island Countries who are Members and Observers of the World Trade Organization pledged their financial support for the Forum's WTO Office in Geneva, and will commence direct support of the Office from 2011. The Office is critical in helping Forum Island Countries build capacity on WTO matters and ensures countries have a voice in negotiations undertaken in Geneva. Ministers also thanked Forum Resident Representative Paulo Kautoke, who heads the Geneva Office, for his service to the Forum as he leaves the Office to take up a new position with the Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States.

Decisions of the FTMM will be submitted to the Forum Leaders at their meeting to be held in Port Vila, Vanuatu in August.

The next FTMM will be held in the Kingdom of Tonga in April 2011.



Pacific leaders and policy makers urged to address challenges facing the region

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Pacific Leaders and policy makers have been urged to come up with real solutions that will address challenges currently facing the small nations within the region.

When opening the Forum Trade Ministers' Meeting (FTMM) in Pohnpei, in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) today, the FSM Vice President, Hon. Alik L. Alik said: "As small Pacific island na-

tions, we are constantly faced with global challenges such as the impacts of climate change, food security, high energy costs and high level of unemployment, to name a few."

"These challenges are often beyond our control but nevertheless the responsibility is ours as leaders and policy-makers to come up with real solutions that will address these challenges."

Vice President Alik stated: "The development of sub-regional and regional arrangements of common interests and the

improvement of trade and trade-related infrastructure will undoubtedly aid in the creation of new market opportunities, and will enhance trade among the Forum Island Countries to generate economic growth and income for our people."

"In this regard, our discussions and deliberations on regional integration, especially on trade and trade-related issues, should be fully inclusive of all the components of our Pacific Region."

In reference to FSM, Vice President Alik said his country attached importance to trade arrangements that would bear much economic potential for the country and to the Pacific region as a whole.

"As small islands states, trade engagements are important, but must be addressed with due diligence with consideration of social and economic fragilities.

On the issue of PACER Plus, Hon. Alik expressed his Government's satisfaction that the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser has been established and operational in Vanuatu.

"My own sense is that the PACER Plus could become an important tool for achieving economic growth and sustainable development in our region, as we all are committed to give sense to the "Plus"

reflected in the PACER."

He added: "The FSM is currently embarked in a process of state-wide and national consultations, which will begin next month and will be conducted throughout our four States.

"It is now our responsibility to demonstrate that our national interests are not mutually exclusive and to identify realistic options and approaches that will ensure mutual gains and benefits for all our countries and people."

PACER is the Pacific Agreement for Closer Economic Relations between Forum Countries. PACER Plus is a further negotiation process towards a possible free trade agreement among Forum members.

During the two-day meeting Forum Trade Ministers will discuss how to move forward on the negotiations of PACER Plus, funding arrangements for the Forum World Trade Organisation (WTO) Office in Geneva, the strategy for the Pacific Island Trade and Investment Commissions (PITICs), developments relating to Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property-related issues, Aid-for-Trade (AFT) and the trade related activities of the Forum Secretariat's Economic Governance Programme.



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K Press Perspective

“If not now, when? If not you, who?”

I arrived in Nadi, Fiji just before 7:00 this morning. It is the first time I've been to this country; the first time in my life I've ever traveled to “the other side of the equator.” The sunrise from above the clouds was startling in its beauty. From the air the island appeared to stretch on and on into the horizon; not like the island I left just a few days ago.

I was exhausted, having checked out of my hotel room in Guam at 10:00 the previous morning. I was also a bit nervous as I approached immigration booth with my passport in hand and the job description of “journalist” on my immigration form but I got through that with nary an eyebrow raised.

Next was baggage and customs. No, I had nothing to declare and I passed into the main terminal expecting to see someone from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community with a sign in their hand that said, “Bill Jaynes,” but there was no one; no sign of what I should do next at all. I went outside thinking that perhaps someone was waiting there, but again there was no indication that anyone but the anxious Hindi Fijian taxi drivers noticed that I was here.

I had no contact phone number. The only two people I know in Fiji live across the island in Suva and even if I knew how to contact them it would have done no good. I wandered around looking as lost as possible and staring imploringly into the faces of each person I met but there was no one looking for me. I was on my

own and exhausted. I had none of the local currency. That was to have been delivered by the person who met me at the airport, or at least that was what I understood. After an hour and a half of waiting and wandering I pictured myself still sitting at the airport at the end of the day and I was more than a little bit... Okay, I admit it. I was torqued off, bent out of shape, and verging on irate. I've never been on a sponsored journalism trip to another country and not been met at the airport or at least known what I should do.

An hour and a half later I went to the tourist office at the airport. They were very helpful and called the hotel's shuttle bus. Within 10 minutes I was out of there feeling more than a little sheepish that I hadn't done that nearly two hours earlier. But after all, though my hosts communicated very little and very late about the seminar I am attending, even now I could swear they said someone would meet me at the airport. I remember that distinctly, but since I'm writing this K-Press Perspective at 8:30 on the evening of my arrival and I haven't heard “boo” from anyone representing my hosts I can't absolutely guarantee that I am right about that.

I could have been obstinate and insisted that it was their job to take care of me since they invited me here but I'd still be sitting at the airport this 14 and half hours later. If I had waited for them to provide the per diem in Fijian dollars that they said participants would receive on arrival I'd still be sitting here, wasting away, and waiting for them to let me know what the heck is

going on. Instead I figured I'd better make some arrangement of my own and discovered that the hotel can exchange currency. I was able to eat late this afternoon.

Too often many of us sit around “helplessly,” waiting for someone else to do for us what we are perfectly capable of handling on our own if we will only just take some initiative and do it for ourselves. It's axiomatic around the world. In the Federated States of Micronesia the results of each of us waiting for someone else to do something instead of doing something ourselves are quickly seen even if some of us have become so used to seeing what we're seeing that we no longer see it anymore.

In Pohnpei, Kepirohi Falls, one of the most recognizable natural features on the island is listed by the Environmental Protection Agency as being dangerously polluted. I would venture to guess that every owner of a pig pen situated along the river above knows about that. Everyone that has a benjo, an outhouse, sitting next to a river knows about it, I'm sure. It must be someone's job to clean that all up but apparently it's not theirs because Kepirohi is still listed as polluted and there are still piggens and benjos situated along the river banks and there are still people who refuse to do anything about that problem because, after all “It's EPA's job.”

But it's not EPA's job really. It's your job. EPA's job is to enforce environmental laws. In other words they're supposed to tell you to clean it up

and obey the law and to hound you and to fine you into the ground until you do if you don't do it. Whether or not they are doing that job is an argument for another day. The ultimately responsibility lies with each person who calls Pohnpei their home.

What about discarded trash?

I often sit near the river at my house in the mornings before I go to work as I did on the morning of the day I left Pohnpei for Fiji. It's truly beautiful. I love the sound of it in contrast to the sound of the vehicles that stream by on the circumferential road above. My dog was sitting with me on that morning as he often does, watching the river and being with “his Dad.” It was a peaceful morning and all was right with the world.

Just as I was turning back toward the house to get my things together and head out the door, I saw a woman on the other side of a bend in the river walk nonchalantly over and throw several large boxes into it. She turned and walked back as if she had merely thrown her trash into a dumpster. Within moments the soda cases and cardboard boxes floated down to where I was sitting. I was offended and incensed knowing that trash will head past every neighbor's home along the river. Some will care about that fact and some might not. Ultimately, it will land in the mangrove or rot on the bottom of the river.

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NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

By FSM Development Bank

Public notice is hereby given that the lots and parcels described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Lot No. 70154, land situated in Tunnuk, Weno Municipality, Chuuk State, with an area of 467 square meters ±, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 6013/08, registered as Doc. No. 1111330 at the Chuuk State Land Commission.

Lot No. 004-A-14, land situated in Mechitiw, Weno Municipality, Chuuk State, with an area of 1,206 square meters ±, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 004-A-00, registered as Doc. No. 1111360 at the Chuuk State Land Commission.

Parcel No. 096-D-01, land situated in Edienleng, Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an area of 18,939 square meters ±, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 096-D-01, registered as Doc. No. 22438 at the Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure.

Parcel No. 059-E-09, land situated in Enipoas, Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an area of 12,063 square meters ±, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 059-E-00, registered as Doc. No. 22439 at the Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure.

- There is no minimum bid amount for any parcel.
- Bids may be placed on one or more parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “July 1, 2010 Land Auction” by personal delivery to FSM Development Bank, Corporate Office, Namio Building, 2nd floor, Kolonia, Pohnpei or to at any Bank branch in Kosrae, Chuuk or Yap, on Thursday, July 1, 2010 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m. Bids may also be mailed to FSM Development Bank, Attn: Nora E Sigrah, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941
- The deadline for receipt of bids by the Bank will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2010.
- 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 separately for each parcel.
- The winning bidder for each parcel will be notified in writing. Payment by cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the “FSM Development Bank” must be made no later than ten (10) days after notice is given. The winning bidders 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.
- The lots and parcels are offered for sale “as-is” with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- Bids may be rejected at the discretion of the Bank.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to 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, or Ricky Jano at rickyj@fsmdb.fm

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Toward a World Free from Nuclear Danger

U.S. Ambassador Peter Alan Prahar

May 3, 2010

"Together we will strengthen the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as a basis for cooperation. The basic bargain is sound: Countries with nuclear weapons will move towards disarmament, countries without nuclear weapons will not acquire them, and all countries can access peaceful nuclear energy. To strengthen the treaty, we should embrace several principles. We need more resources and authority to strengthen international inspections. We need real and immediate consequences for countries caught breaking the rules or trying to leave the treaty without cause."

--President Barack Obama, Prague, Czech Republic, April 5, 2009

President Obama delivered these words a year ago in Prague and challenged the world to pursue a future free of nuclear weapons. A year later, the United States and Russia signed an historic new START

agreement, further reducing our nuclear arsenals and enhancing international security. This week, I urge the Federated States of Micronesia to join us as we work with our partners to reinvigorate the NPT, the cornerstone of the international nonproliferation regime and an essential foundation for eventual nuclear disarmament.

Nearly 190 nations, including the FSM, will meet in New York for a month long conference to review how well all of us have implemented the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and to consider an agenda for future work to strengthen the barriers to nuclear proliferation, advance the nuclear disarmament agenda, and expand access to the peaceful benefits of nuclear energy, especially to developing countries, under international safeguards.

We are at a crucial point in time and must ensure that all NPT parties step up to their obligations. The growing availability of sensitive technology increases the possibility of access to weapons of mass destruction by state and non-state actors, alike. And the signifi-

cant failure of some states to comply with their NPT obligations undermines regional and global security.

All NPT Parties, nuclear weapon states and non-nuclear weapons states alike, have a responsibility to take steps to fulfill the objectives of the Treaty. The United States is doing its part to reduce its nuclear weapons, and to support efforts to curb the spread of nuclear weapons and material. In the past few weeks, we have signed the new START Treaty, reducing nuclear weapons and increasing stability, predictability and trust. We announced a new U.S. Nuclear Posture Review that reduces the roles and levels of nuclear weapons in our defense strategy, and provides assurance that the United States will not use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapons states that are party to the Nonproliferation Treaty and in compliance with their nuclear nonproliferation obligations. At the Nuclear Security Summit, the United States and 47 other nations agreed on the critical importance of securing all vulnerable nuclear materials as swiftly as possible to prevent them from falling into the hands of terrorists.

All NPT Parties must work together to ensure the fulfillment of the Treaty's nonproliferation provisions. For starters, we should ensure that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has the tools and authorities it needs to carry out its critical safeguards mission, and deal honestly and seriously with cases of Treaty noncompliance. We must work together to dissuade those states that would threaten Treaty withdrawal to escape accountability for noncompliance.

No less important is the third Treaty pillar regarding the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Here, the United States is also doing its part as the world's largest donor to the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) efforts to provide developing countries the benefits of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in areas as diverse as medicine, agriculture and hydrology.

In this spirit of cooperation and mutual responsibility, we call on the FSM and the other nations of the world to join us in revitalizing the global nonproliferation regime. We ask you to join us in strengthening the NPT and starting down a path that leads us ever closer to realizing the NPT's ultimate goal -- a safer world without nuclear weapons.

A Milestone in Conservation History

By U.S. Ambassador Peter Alan Prahar

On April 27, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS, originally known as the Soil Conservation Service or SCS). The

NRCS has played a major role in shaping and guiding U.S. and global conservation of soil and water resources for nearly three quarters of a century. Additionally, for the past twenty-five years, NRCS has extended conservation technical support to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia.

You may be surprised to learn that the NRCS operates outside the U.S. in only three countries: the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and here in the FSM. I am proud that this unique and valuable organization is part of the U.S. Mission to the FSM and that its technical

assistance and expertise is available, free of charge, to FSM residents through their national, state and local governmental agencies and organizations.

We all understand that land issues are of great importance in the FSM. In an effort

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I have decided that my former excuse for such behavior which was that there was once a time when all trash discarded in Pohnpei was biodegradable, is absolute bullsugar. That time is so long gone that it is no longer an acceptable excuse. It hasn't been a good excuse for a long dang while. There is no excuse and no one is going to clean up our junk after we're done with it. We'll have to do it ourselves in a responsible way.

I've written about this subject before and it changes nothing. Some of my friends say that nothing I write makes any difference and perhaps they're right. I'm just an outsider who is passionate about his love for an adopted land. I wouldn't keep writing if I thought that was the case.

So maybe you'll listen to a native FSM citizen. The following comes from one of Pohnpei's own. He goes by the pseudonym "Subliminal" but we have had email contact and I know him to have been born and raised in Pohnpei. I promised him that I would not divulge his name so that he can continue to use that name anonymously on the Micronesia Seminar Forum. I have not edited it. Maybe his words will have some kind of real impact on you as you think about discarding whatever you've used up on Pohnpei's stone altar and whose responsibility it is to clean it up.

"On a slow day at my office in Majuro, I decided to "surf" the web to see things about Pohnpei. I have been reading up on the captain's log and the testimony of the surfers that visited and surf Palikir Pass and I can't help but feel very proud of the comments that they left behind. Yet, I was wondering how much people praise our beautiful island and we, ourself, are very reckless in how we take care of one of the only left paradise

U.S. Presidential Proclamation--Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

A PROCLAMATION

For centuries, America's story has been tied

on earth. I always look forward to visiting my family in Pohnpei and I am in awe of its beauty and saddened by the trash that we are leaving on our land and our ocean.

"If all Pohnpeians read the things I've read or just take the time out to appreciate Pohnpei sarawi, how better do you think we can start taking care of our island. We need to be fiercely proud of our culture from the old to the youngens. Sow the pride of keeping our land into the fabric of our culture so that from birth our young ones can grow and see that we not only tell but we act upon keeping the land and ocean pristine. Only then, the practice will carry on to the next generation and the next and the next.

"For those who came here, they are very impressed with the beauty, but for us the old ones, we knew Pohnpei then and now. If only they know what Pohnpei was like twenty years ago or even thirty. They would be saddened by decline in the change. However, it is not too late. We have a calling to reverse Pohnpei back and keep it the way it was. Stop looking to the government for solution, the solution is in us."

--Subliminal on Micronesia Seminar Forum

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

(Now I just have to figure out how to send this opinion piece back to Pohnpei. SPC said there was Internet available at the hotel and there is. They didn't say it would cost 40 Fijian dollars (just over \$20 per day.) I'm so glad that Internet services are so inexpensive in the FSM but that's yet another story for yet another day.)

to the Pacific. Generations of brave men and women have crossed this vast ocean, seeking better lives and opportunities, and weaving their rich heritage into our cultural tapestry. During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we celebrate the immeasurable contributions these diverse peoples have made to our Nation.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have shared common struggles throughout their histories in America -- including efforts to overcome racial, social, and religious discrimination. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco Bay, a milestone that reminds us of an unjust time in our history. For three decades, immigrants from across the Pacific arrived at Angel Island, where they were subject to harsh interrogations and exams, and confined in crowded, unsanitary barracks. Many who were not turned back by racially prejudiced immigration laws endured hardship, injustice, and deplorable conditions as miners, railroad builders, and farm workers.

Despite these obstacles, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have persevered and flourished, achieving success in every sector of American life. They stood shoulder to shoulder with their fellow citizens during the civil rights movement; they have served proudly in our Armed Forces; and they have prospered as leaders in business, academia, and public service.

This month, as we honor all Americans who trace their ancestry to Asia and the Pacific Islands, we must acknowledge the challenges they still face. Today, many Asian American and Pacific Islander families experience unemployment and poverty, as well as significant ed-

ucation and health disparities. They are at high risk for diabetes and hepatitis, and the number of diagnoses for HIV/AIDS has increased in recent years.

We must recognize and properly address these critical concerns so all Americans can reach their full potential. That is why my Administration reestablished both the White House Initiative and the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). These partnerships include leaders from across our Government and the AAPI community, dedicated to improving the quality of life and opportunities for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are a vast and diverse community, some native to the United States, hailing from Hawaii and our Pacific Island territories. Others trace their heritage to dozens of countries. All are treasured citizens who enrich our Nation in countless ways, and help fulfill the promise of the American dream which has drawn so many to our shores.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 2010, as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to learn more about the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

Opinion Editorial

Building stronger and more resilient economies in the Pacific

By Simon Crean
Australian Minister for Trade

The global financial crisis may seem like a strange time to launch negotiations on a new regional trade and economic agreement. But I am convinced that Pacific Islands Forum Leaders made exactly the right decision when they agreed in August 2009 – in the darkest days of the global financial crisis – to commence negotiations on a new trade and economic agreement known as PACER Plus.

Forum Island countries have faced particularly difficult economic challenges over the past three years. The ongoing and significant long term economic development challenges, such as limited access to income earning opportunities, have been made worse by the global financial crisis. In addition, the September 2009 tsunami in Samoa and Tonga, flash flooding in Fiji and the Solomon Islands, and recent cyclones remind us how environmental factors can contribute to the Pacific region's challenges.

The events of the past year have brought home the need to build the resilience of Forum Island country economies to international shocks. This does not mean that Forum Island countries should turn their backs on the international economy. I know that does not work and I'm very encouraged to see that Forum Island country Leaders have firmly rejected that course.

Australia welcomes the opportunity for further discussions on PACER Plus at the Pacific Islands Forum Trade Ministers' Meeting on 29-30 April 2010 in Pohnpei.

Building economic resilience means, above all, strengthening competitiveness to take advantage of international trade opportunities.

International trade contributes to economic growth by creating jobs, enhancing the private sector, and raising standards of living. This is why Australia, New Zealand and Forum Island countries have pursued greater economic integration and trade liberalisation as a regional priority for decades. In August last year the Leaders of Pacific Island Forum countries once again highlighted trade as a regional priority when they agreed to commence negotiations on PACER Plus.

I strongly endorse our Leaders' decision to start negotiations on PACER Plus. Of course, trade is not an end in itself. Simply opening markets is not enough: we also need to make sure that Forum Island economies are strong enough and competitive enough to take advantage of market opportunities.

That is why Australia supports the new trade and economic agreement being crafted in a way that takes account of the individual circumstances of Forum Island Countries and incorporates a substantial focus on development outcomes. We recognise that further development assistance will be crucial to build Forum Island country capacity to take advantage of the liberalisation opportunities created by this prospective new agreement.

As with anything worth doing, trade liberalisation takes courage and commitment. A number of people are worried about "free trade". People have told me, for example, that PACER Plus will destroy the revenue base of Pacific governments by removing tariffs on imports. This is simply not true. Forum Island country governments are already committed to reducing their tariffs as part of trade liberalisation already underway. Other trade agreements and prospective trade agreements, such as the Economic Partnership Agreement

negotiations with the European Union, are already addressing tariff issues. When negotiations begin under PACER Plus for future tariff commitments, Australia will take account of the individual circumstances of different Forum Island countries. Forum Economic Ministers have tasked the Forum Secretariat to facilitate a study on improving government revenue collection, with particular reference to addressing the impact of trade liberalisation. So that when PACER Plus tariff reductions finally come into effect – years from now, after the negotiations have concluded and the agreement enters into force – Forum Island countries will not only cope, but thrive.

Australia has already begun working with Forum Island countries to provide trade capacity and development assistance specifically relating to PACER Plus. The Australian Government funded Trade Fellowships program is providing training to Forum Island country officials to increase trade negotiating capacity.

Forum Island countries are also taking advantage of Australia's Trade Research Initiative, which provides \$65,000 to each country to commission independent research on trade priorities and needs for PACER Plus. Australia and New Zealand have each agreed to provide AUD 1.5 million over three years to fund the establishment of the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser to provide independent advice and assistance to Forum Island countries in the PACER Plus negotiations. The OCTA is being set up to serve the interests of Forum Island countries and will be answerable to the Forum Island countries. I am delighted that the Chief Trade Adviser, Dr Christopher Noonan, took up his appointment at the end of March.

PACER Plus provides the long term opportunity to create jobs, enhance private sector growth, raise standards of living and boost sustainable economic development in Forum Island countries.



Vice President Alik Alik shakes hands with Simon Crean Australian Minister for Trade while Australian Ambassador Susan Cox looks on

...Conservation History

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extending over several decades, the NRCS has completed a detailed soil survey of the islands. This survey provides scientific information that farmers, foresters, and agronomists can employ to evaluate soil potential and the maintenance it needs to maximize food production. Farmers, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, wildlife management, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the survey to understand, protect, and enhance the environment. The survey highlights limitations and hazards inherent in the soil, improvements needed to overcome limitations, and the impact of selected land uses on the environment. I expect that such information will become increasingly important as the FSM adapts to the inevitable effects of global climate change. Soon, this invaluable survey will be readily accessible free of charge in electronic format on the Internet.

In addition to their important work on soils, NRCS experts working in the FSM have addressed deforestation in the watershed through the Grow Low campaign, which

encourages sakau production be kept in the low lands. They have promoted taro patch restoration and solar water distillation to address food security and water supply issues on the outer atolls, and recently participated in a food security survey on atolls in Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap. They continue to promote a piggery waste management system that addresses surface water quality issues. They have worked to establish a tree seedling program to provide fruit and timber plants which will assist with food security and preservation of endemic species, such as the local cinnamon and the ais trees. NRCS experts also promote raised bed gardening, which enables people to raise a variety of vegetables and enhance their diet in a sustainable and affordable manner.

My pride in NRCS's contribution to the preservation of FSMs natural resources is shared by Lawrence T. Yamamoto, Director of the NRCS Pacific Islands Area. Larry told me that "NRCS Pacific Islands Area staff take great pride in providing conservation technical services to the people of the FSM. The U.S. Embassy, NRCS and

FSM partnership in shaping the transfer of conservation technology and traditional knowledge are the foundation of our successful twenty-five year relationship. The deep understanding of the FSM people and FSM Agency counterparts for the complex relationships of land, ocean and culture help NRCS staff to ensure we provide appropriate and relevant technical assistance to address local resource needs."

Across the United States, USDA-NRCS staff, partners, and community supporters celebrate an important national anniversary that recognizes the establishment of the USDA- Soil Conservation Service/Natural

Resources Conservation Service in 1935. In the FSM, this anniversary reminds us of the twenty-five year FSM-NRCS partnership that ensures harmonious efforts to guarantee a sustainable future for all FSM Citizens.

For more information on this milestone in conservation history, I invite you to visit the Office of History and Preservation, Office of the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives:

http://clerk.house.gov/art_history/highlights.html?action=view&intID=463



Agricultural Conservation Specialist Gibson Santos, discusses conservation in a local village in Pohnpei.

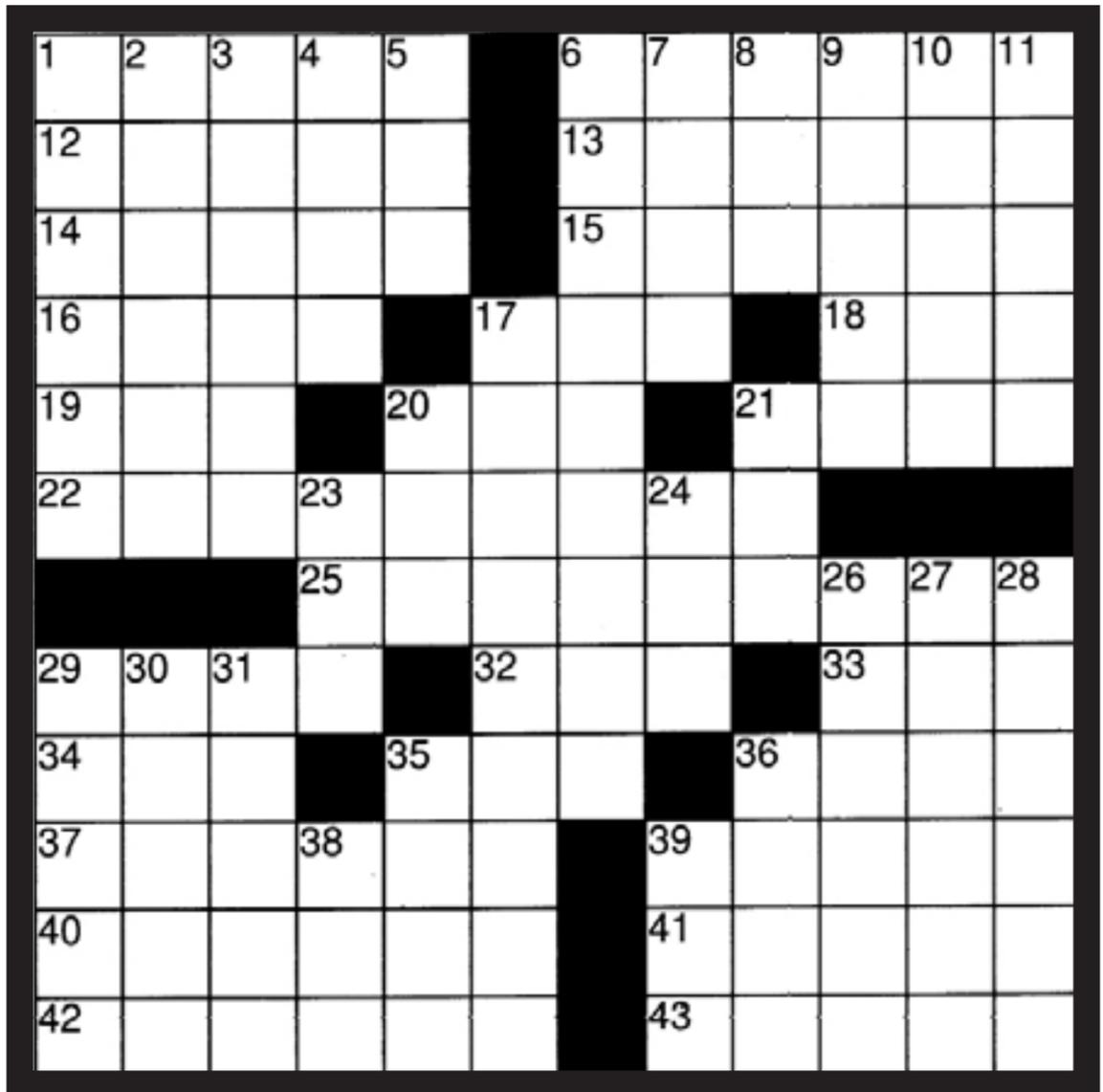
Crossword - Go Around

ACROSS

1. Like some vines
6. The ___ Game
12. Lunar lander
13. Got away from
14. Perk
15. Go around
16. Bush appointee of 2002
17. Busy one
18. Generation ___
19. Toothpaste form
20. Reading spot
21. Bombard
22. Local law
25. Change
29. Seek guidance
32. Dapper fellow
33. Cry about
34. Little boy
35. I will, shortly
36. Here or there
37. Broken apart
39. Played freeze tag
40. Maneuvers
41. More than good
42. Multitudes
43. Artificial

DOWN

1. Unhands
2. Hard worker
3. Ancient
4. Mistake
5. Thus far
6. Flower type
7. Red ender
8. Overhang
9. Maxim
10. Cold spot to not lick
11. Capable
17. Like the good Spock
20. Trial test?
21. caress
23. Creepy me
24. Knows how
26. Van Gogh work
27. Beat at the buffet
28. Record player
29. Opulent
30. Totaled
31. Type of snake
35. About
36. Tab, for one
38. Big reference, for short
39. Gladys Knight associate



K Press Puzzle Pleasure - K Press Puzzle Pleasure



HOT...!

Here's a puzzle to cool your heels with while you sit at the picnic table and munch on a HOT DOG or HAMBURGER. Each of the 34 words hidden in the puzzle below is the name of a food or beverage that is consumed hot.

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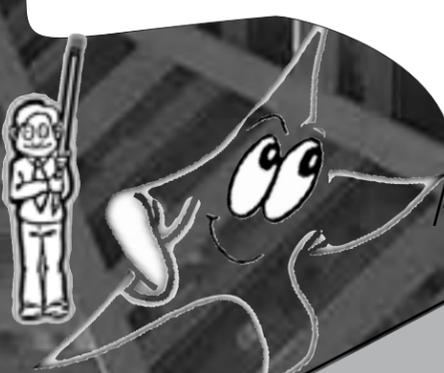
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| APPLE PIE | PANCAKE |
| BACON | PEPPER |
| BROTH | PIZZA |
| BURRITO | POTATO |
| CALZONE | ROAST |
| CHICKEN | SAUSAGE |
| CHILI | SOUP |
| COCOA | STEW |
| COFFEE | STIR FRY |
| FRENCH FRY | STUFFING |
| GRAVY | TACO |
| HAMBURGER | TAMMALE |
| HOT DOG | TEA |
| LASAGNA | TOAST |
| OATMEAL | TODDY |
| OMELET | WAFFLE |
| ONION RING | WINGS |

K.P. Crazy Korner

Daffy Definition:  **Baldness:** The cure for dandruff.

Think About This: Why is "abbreviation" such a long word?

Mama Says:  Life is short and you never know what is going to happen... So ... eat your dessert first!

English 101: Always us th spel cheker 

Papa Says: Smart is today Dumb is forever

Island Inspiration: Change is inevitable, except from a cashier at a government office!

K.P. Crazy Korner



Yapese Student Selected for UH Legislative Fellowship

Ms. Melanie Legdesog was this year's winner of the University of Hawaii Patsy Mink Legislative Fellowship. The Fellowship will enable Ms. Legdesog the unique opportunity to serve as an intern in a senate or congressional office in Washington, D.C. during the Summer of 2010. Ms.

Legdesog is currently a law student at the UH Richardson School of Law after graduating last year as the Chaminade University class salutatorian with her master's degree in Criminal Justice. She is the daughter of Pam Legdesog and the late Callistus Legdesog of Yap State, FSM.

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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at China Star Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: - rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service Invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too!. Call: 320-2496
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FSM Participates in the Pacific Food Summit Held in Port Vila, Vanuatu

By Dr. Lois Englberger

Three individuals from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) participated in the Pacific Food Summit, held in Port Vila, Vanuatu, April 21 to 23, 2010. These were Mr. Moses Pretrick, from the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs; Mr. Gibson Susumu, from the FSM Department of Resources and Development, and Dr. Lois Englberger, from the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, a non-governmental organization (NGO).

The purpose of the Pacific Food Summit was to focus on issues of food security, which is defined as follows: Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life (World Food Summit, 2009).

In total there were over 170 participants, coming from over 20 Pacific Island countries and territories, industry, NGO's, development agencies, faith-based organizations, consumers, the media and community groups. A major problem stressed was the dependence on imported food and lifestyle

changes, which have led to critical problems of non-communicable diseases, such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. This was also discussed at the recent FSM Food Summit (see KP article April 14-27).

A draft "Framework for Action on Food Security in the Pacific in the Pacific 2011 to 2015", developed prior to the meeting, was discussed in detail. On behalf of the FSM National Government, Mr. Pretrick presented comments on the draft Framework for Action on Food Security in the Pacific 2011 to 2015 on the first day.

Dr. Lois Englberger was invited to give a presentation titled "Going Local to Enhance Food Security." She was also asked to speak on a panel in a session titled "Consumer Em-



powerment and Mobilizing Partners." She stressed the importance of awareness, but also pointed out the importance of policy to support awareness.

She described the Pohnpei case study in Mand Community, Madolenihmw, in a global health study on traditional food systems supported by the Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment (CINE) and how the community achieved dietary improvements after a two-year program of awareness, agriculture and other activities. Also she explained how Mand Community

recently banned soft drinks in their community functions for health reasons. Many participants expressed interest in this.

The final changes in the draft Framework were agreed upon on the final day and an outcomes paper produced..

Thanks are given to the agencies supported the meeting, including the World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Global Health Institute, and the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat.

Astronomical Tide Prediction May 12 through May 25, 2010

		Pohnpei				Chuuk						
	Day	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide			
Wednesday	5/12	03:02AM	4.3	5/19	07:19AM	3.6	5/12	02:10AM	2.0	5/19	05:06AM	2.0
		09:19AM	0.9		04:04PM	1.7		08:54AM	0.3		07:01PM	0.0
		03:13PM	3.7					02:25PM	1.3			
		09:06PM	0.9					07:43PM	0.4			
Thursday	5/13	03:27AM	4.5	5/20	09:22AM	3.3	5/13	02:27AM	2.2	5/20	05:36AM	1.8
		09:51AM	0.8		05:43PM	1.6		09:29AM	0.2		07:03PM	0.1
		03:41PM	3.5					02:50PM	1.1			
		09:28PM	0.9					07:53PM	0.3			
Friday	5/14	03:54AM	4.5	5/21	12:27AM	2.6	5/14	02:49AM	2.3	5/21	10:29AM	1.5
		10:25AM	0.8		04:51AM	2.3		10:08AM	0.2		07:06PM	0.2
		04:11PM	3.3		11:22AM	3.4		03:12PM	0.9			
		09:51PM	0.9		06:28PM	1.4		08:00PM	0.3			
Saturday	5/15	04:23AM	4.5	5/22	12:50AM	3.0	5/15	03:12AM	2.4	5/22	02:50AM	1.4
		11:01AM	0.9		06:23AM	1.9		10:54AM	0.3		07:01AM	1.2
		04:41PM	3.0		12:31PM	3.6		03:29PM	0.7		12:01PM	1.5
		10:14PM	1.1		07:01PM	1.3		08:01PM	0.2		07:07PM	0.3
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FSM National Department of Health and Social Affairs Promotes Island Food

By Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Early this year 2010, the FSM National Department of Health and Social Affairs established a policy that only healthy and local foods can be eaten in their offices, as conveyed by Dr. Vita Skilling, Secretary.

Dr. Skilling pointed out that they encourage all local foods like banana, taro, breadfruit, fish, and coconut, but that no doughnuts, ramen, koolaid powder, turkey tail and no sodas or soft drinks are permitted.

The purpose is to promote health and to provide a model for a healthy workplace.

Dr. Skilling pointed out that this is a small-scale initiative, but an important beginning of a big step.

Our Island Food Community of Pohnpei is happy to share that we have also adopted this policy, following the model provided by the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs.

What an exciting move! We hope many other government and non-government departments and offices follow this initiative.

Thank you to the FSM

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