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Drunk driver seriously injures two of Pohnpei's top athletes

Team members requesting donations for medical and other expenses

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

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Dolonier, Pohnpei, FSM—On the evening of Tuesday, August 31, Joseph Welson and Johnathon "Mikey" Laurdine were watching a basketball game that was going on inside the ramshackle Pohnpei Island Central School gym from outside of the gym when tragedy struck. At approximately 9:00 a car coming from the direction of the Seventh Day Adventist School past the gym swerved off the road and struck both of the young men.

Witnesses said that one of the tires ran completely over the midsection of Welson's body. Laurdine told his friends that he tried to get out of the way but was too late. The car hit him in the face and threw him into the street.

Dr. James Yaingeluo had just been talking with the two young men and was in his car preparing to leave when the other car swerved around his. He thought that the
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During a typical sporting event at the PICS Gym, spectators line the streets to watch

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Pohnpei Supreme Court denies motion for an order to stop the Pohnpei School Lunch program

By Bill Jaynes
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Pohnpei, FSM—A preliminary motion of the Pohnpei State Legislature to put a temporary stop to the partially implemented Pohnpei School Lunch program has been

denied by the Pohnpei State Supreme Court. The ruling was made pending a final hearing on the merits of the case which was held on the 18th of August. No ruling has yet been made on the substance of that hearing.

The legislature sought to put a stop to the program because they say that it has been inequitably implemented. Not all schools and not all students are receiving lunches from the Government under the School Lunch program. The Legislature named in its court complaint (108-10) 11 different ways in which they feel the executive branch, led by Governor John Ehsa, violated the law when the school lunch

program was only partially implemented.

In addition to asking the court to put a stop to the Pohnpei School Lunch program the complaint asked the court to find Governor John Ehsa, Lt. Governor Churchill Edward, Director of the Department of the Treasury and Administration Thomas Pablo, and Director of the Department of Education Joseph Villazon guilty of misconduct in office and criminal conspiracy. Those matters have yet to be heard by the court.

A hearing was held on August 6 at 2:30 in the afternoon with Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez presiding. Huddy T. Lucas from the Office of Legislative Counsel represented the legislature and State Attorney General Scott Garvey represented the defendants.

The hearing was held to consider the matter of whether or not the court should is-

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Australia donates racing canoes



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Chuuk teacher reclassification policy did not violate any rules regulations or funding agreements

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—When the implementation of a salary reclassification plan for Chuuk State teachers was called into question, the Office of the National Public Auditor (OPA) was asked to conduct an audit. The audit, released in late August, concluded that though there were some problems with the reclassification process the Chuuk Teacher Reclassification Policy had accomplished its goals and had not violated “any rules, regulations, and (or) funding agreements.”

315 Chuuk teachers applied for salary reclassification in 2009 after the Chuuk Public Service Commission Board (PSC) approved a teacher salary reclassification plan in 2008 that would allow teachers with degrees to apply for a higher salary. PSC decided to make the reclassification pay retroactive to the beginning of the 2009 fiscal year which began in October of 2008. The Chuuk Department of Education spent over \$1 million on retroactive payments to approximately 300 teachers.

The audit said that the motive behind the reclassification scheme was to attract more teachers with college degrees by increasing salaries for teachers who have them and to provide a financial incentive for existing teachers to obtain college degrees. Of the 31 teachers hired between May 1, 2009 and March 11, 2010, 29 (94%) of them had degrees. Of Chuuk’s 592 school teachers 368 (62%) of them have degrees including the new hires.

OPA reviewed a total of 66 of the files for teachers who had been reclassified under the plan. 30 of the files were selected based on informal information brought to auditors’ attention that the individual might not be college graduates. 36 were random-

ly selected.

One of the files contained a copy of a diploma that appeared to have been forged. Auditors contacted the college where that teacher supposedly graduated and was told that the teacher had not graduated from that institution. That matter has been referred to the Compliance Investigation Division.

The Chuuk Department of Education told the auditors that it requires teachers to bring an original diploma to the DOE personnel office as proof that the individual earned an AA or BA degree and that DOE staff then make a copy of the diploma for the employee’s personnel file and return the original diploma to the employee.

Auditors said that because of social pressure, DOE staff members might be tempted to accept a copy of a diploma which might be real or might be fictitious. “Given that access to copy machines, computers, and printers makes it easy to create falsified records. They recommended that either DOE or PSC verify teacher graduation status directly from the university or college.

Auditors verified the graduation status of the 65 other teachers sampled from the Chuuk DOE records and concluded from their analysis that the problem of teacher’s submitting fictitious diplomas has not been widespread. Their recommendation was to made in order to eliminate the possibility.

The audit said that there were seven cases in which teachers were incorrectly reclassified based on their number of years of experience. They ruled out fraud because in five of the cases the teachers were underpaid a total of \$4,376 for the year. One teacher was overpaid \$676 for the year and the seventh individual’s pay was not affected by miscalculations in reclassification.

Habele Outer Island Education Fund provides scholarships for FSM “outer islanders”

Habele press release

Twenty-one students from across Micronesia will enroll in prestigious private schools this fall with the help of scholarships from the Habele Outer Island Education Fund.

The students, whose families come from isolated islands and atolls throughout Yap and Chuuk States, have been awarded tuition assistance covering 75 percent of the cost of their 2010-11 enrollment. They will be attending independent K-12 schools on the islands of Yap, Chuuk and Pohnpei, where most will live with relatives or sponsors for the length of the school year.

Habele is a US-based charity that awards scholarships to Micronesian students each fall. Since 2006 the organization has provided over \$17,000 in tuition assistance, as well as hundreds of boxes of donated books for public school libraries. The group also published a comprehensive Ulithian-English Dictionary earlier this year for island educators.

“Every child from every island deserves access to an effective and appropriate classroom,” explains Alex Sidles, a Habele board member. Sidles observed that scholarships for low-income and isolated students also had a broader impact. “We are working to change attitudes and expectations... when parents see that students from their community can excel academically they come to expect—even demand—more from all types of schools.”

Sildes and other former teachers established Habele to meet the strong local demand for greater educational access. This year’s scholarship win-

ners come from the islands of Ulithi, Fais, Eauripik, Woleai and Satewal in Yap State and from Ta, Lekinoch and Kutu in Chuuk State.

More than 50 students from throughout Micronesia applied for tuition support for the 2010 school year.

“My parents and I really want to thank Habele for everything they’ve done for us,” writes Maia Lesarof, a fifth grade student from Falalop, Woleai who attends Saint May’s School in Yap.

Rising High School senior Parkey Mwarike of Kuttu in Chuuk echoes Maia’s enthusiasm: “Again, this year, without the help, I could not afford to attend Saramen Academy.”

The “Outer” or “Neighboring” Islands are a loosely connected group of islands and atolls that stretch across the Central Pacific Ocean, slightly north of the Equator. The term “outer” derives from their location outside of the larger, more densely populated islands now serving as the state capitals of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). A strong traditional culture, focused on fishing, weaving and gardening still guides daily life in the Outer Islands of Micronesia.

“These islands remain some of the most isolated and underdeveloped areas on the planet,” said Neil Mellen, another Habele board member.

Nationwide, one-in-three Micronesians live below the basic needs poverty line, but the rate is much higher in the Outer Islands. “Families and island leaders keep telling us that education is the key for the lives of their children and the future of their communities.”

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Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police meet to discuss “Local Issues, Local Solutions, Regional Cooperation”

FSM Information Services

September 2, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei (39th Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Conference Communique) – The annual meeting of the 39th Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP) was held in Brisbane, Australia on August 24-26, 2010. The theme for the conference was “Local issues, local solutions, regional cooperation” and was hosted and chaired by the Australian Federal Police (AFP). FSM Chief of National Police, Pius Chotailung, attended this conference as a representative of FSM.

The conference was officially opened by AFP Commissioner, Tony Negus, who stated in his opening address that it was important for jurisdictions in the Pacific to take a whole-of-Government approach at a national level, as well as cooperate between jurisdictions, to fight transnational crime.

Policing the Pacific often presents unique challenges. Forums such as the PICP promote regional cooperation in

addressing the criminal environment, managing emergencies and disasters, and policing in general. During the conference a range of issues were discussed including criminal deportees and their impact on Pacific nations, sharing of information and data regionally, police forensic support, and youth issues.

The conference had presentations from the Tongan Police Force, Commander Chris Kelley, relating to the sinking of the Princess Ashika Ferry in 2009; and from the Samoan Police Force, Commissioner Lilomaiava Fou Taialo, relating to the tsunami tragedy in September 2009. These presentations highlighted the importance of agency and international coordination in disaster response. It provided the opportunity for Pacific nations to share lessons learnt in responding to these types of incidents.

The Chiefs took part in a workshop and began work on developing a set of broad principles that would guide them and their organizations when dealing

with disasters and emergencies.

The Chiefs further endorsed the work of the Pacific Police Domestic Violence Programme and the work it has completed over the last four years. The Chiefs’ desire to have this work continue was reinforced during discussions at the conference.

The conference reconsidered the suspension of Fiji Police from the PICP and resolved that this should continue. The effect of the suspension has been that PICP continues to interact with Fiji Police on humanitarian and operational issues such as HIV/Aids and Human Rights as well as disaster response development. The PICP has not engaged with Fiji Police on any new projects or initiatives.

The outgoing Chair, Commissioner Gari Baki of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary, awarded the chairman’s award for outstanding service to Police Officer 1 Virginia Gay Umayan from the Bureau of Public Safety in Palau. The award recognized her commitment

and outstanding service in the area of public safety and transport reform. It also acknowledged her exceptional performance and dedication to the United Nations Mission in Darfur whilst deployed in 2008 and 2010.

Regional organizations including the Oceanic Customs Organisation, Pacific Immigration Directors Conference, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the Pacific Islands Law Officers Network also attended the conference and provided updates on their activities over the past twelve months. They identified opportunities for these regional bodies to work together on regional issues such as deportees and border security and common training needs. Representatives of the International Association Chiefs of Police from the United States also attended the conference to further develop their relationship with law enforcement organizations in the region.

The Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police will meet again in the Federated States of Micronesia in 2011.



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driver was a friend of the young men playing dangerous games at least until the car hit them both, and then hit a concrete utility pole before continuing down the road.

Two days later, Dr. Yaingeluo said that he took off after the driver hoping to at least get a license tag number. Meanwhile he called the police on his cell phone. He said that about 100 yards down the road the car stopped.

Other witnesses said that the car had stalled.

Yaingeluo discovered that the driver was his brother in law, Paul Salvador. "I don't think he was trying to run," Yaingeluo said. When asked how Salvador got that far down the road after hitting two people and a utility pole Yaingeluo said, "It was probably just the momentum of the car."

He said that a crowd of angry people ran up to the wrecked and Yaingeluo, a large and powerful man had to tell them to back away. He stayed by the car until police came, then he went to help Welson and Laurdine. Yaingeluo said he was at the hospital until 4:00 in the morning helping to treat the two young men.

Police said that Salvador was intoxicated and arrested him. He spent the night in jail but was released on bail the following day.

Doctors took Welson into emergency surgery. His pelvis was broken and he had suffered substantial internal injuries. He is in critical condition awaiting clearance for an air evacuation to the Philippines for medical treatment. Family members say that they have been told that he still is suffering from internal bleeding and needs treatment not available in Pohnpei as soon as possible.

Laurdine's face was cut up and several of his teeth were broken off at the gum line. His body was covered in bruises. Doctors stitched the wounds in his lips and his eyes after his admission but according to family members they were not seen again. Laurdine has since been transferred to the private Genesis Hospital.

Both Welson and Laurdine are outstanding athletes in Pohnpei.

Laurdine recently returned from the Micro-Games in Palau where he scored a silver medal in competition on behalf of Pohnpei State.

Welson is one of the star players of the fledgling Pohnpei soccer team that is scheduled to compete in Guam beginning on September 30th (*see article on page 16*).

Neither of the two have health insur-

ance. Welson, who is 17 years old, lives in Dolonier with his big brother Charles who is only 20, in the house that their grandmother, who raised them, left them when she died last year. Charles has not left the hospital and has eaten very little since Joseph was admitted on Tuesday night.

The team members of the Pohnpei Soccer team and the Pohnpei Track team have rallied around their downed team mates.

Dilshan Senarathgoda said that the Soccer team will be working at the Seventh Day Adventist School this weekend to begin the process of raising funds to help their teammate, their brother, with expenses.

This evening a donor from outside of Pohnpei was located who is willing to cover Welson's airfare when and if he is stable enough to go. Doctors have already filled out the paper work required in order to get Welson onto a Continental Micronesia flight. Still, the earliest time that Welson might be able to leave is Tuesday the 7th of September if all goes well.

The track team will also be working to raise funds for the two athletes and has already committed what little money was left from that raised for their trip to the Micro-Games in Palau to help cover medical expenses that will be incurred at Genesis Hospital.

What the team members most want to do in addition to ensuring that all of their teammates' medical and incidental expenses are covered is to send a family member to the Philippines to accompany Joseph. "It would be terrible for him to wake up in a foreign country completely alone. He'd freak out," a friend exclaimed!

Donations to assist Joseph Welson and Mikey Laurdine can be made through the Seventh Day Adventist School. Johnson Masilamony, long time accountant at the school will ensure that the donations are properly directed.

Michaela Corr will be competing in the INS Marasong, a half marathon this Saturday. She has coached both track and soccer in Pohnpei and knows and respects both young men. She has coached both of them at one time or another during the last several years. If she wins a cash prize in the race this Saturday she will be donating all of it to help cover expenses for her two athletes.

Though Corr is only 25 years old her team members often call her mom—the head of the family—the team.

"I'll be running for these two boys and I'm going to run until I freakin' drop," she said during an interview at the Pohnpei State Hospital where she stood vigil with Joseph Welson's family members. She had her strong face on but it was a pretty thin veneer.

Pakin Island basketball court opening ceremony



Above: This banner donated by Pohnpei Arts and Crafts hangs near the new basketball court in Pakin

Left: Australian Ambassador Susan Cox cuts the ribbon at the entrance to the basketball court during the ceremony on August 19, 2010.

Below: John Ehsa presents his speech at the opening ceremony



New Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development, Marion Henry, Sworn In by President Mori

FSM Information Services

August 27, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei – Marion Henry was sworn into office as the Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development for the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia on August 13, 2010.

President Mori administered the Oath of Office to Henry in a short ceremony on the second day of the Mortlocks Islands Leadership Conference in Lekinioch, Chuuk State. The Oath of Office was witnessed by the Leadership of the Mortlocks and the President's Cabinet Members who were accompanying the President on his state visit to the Mortlocks Islands.

Henry replaces former Secretary Peter Christian who was recently elected to the FSM Congress. Henry has been working for the government, for Chuuk State, since 1985; and for the FSM National government since 2004, when he became the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Fisheries Unit with the FSM Department of Economic Affairs. From 2005 to 2010, Henry was the Assistant Secretary for the Department of Resources and Development.

The new Secretary is the FSM Point of Contact for the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, he is a member of the FSM Council for Sustainable Development and Chairman of the Micronesia Challenge Steering Committee. Henry is married and has 6 children between the ages of 6 and 19.

... School Lunch

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sue a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) or a Preliminary Injunction Memorandum to close the school lunch program before the 2010 school year began.

The court gave both parties an opportunity to give oral arguments on the motion. Both parties said that their written pleadings contained their entire argument and no oral arguments were necessary. On August 11, Chief Justice Rodriguez ruled to deny the issuance of a temporary restraining order. He did so based on the rule of law which requires the judge to consider four factors: 1) the likelihood of success on the merits of the party seeking injunctive relief, 2) the possibility of irreparable injury to the moving party, 3) the balance of possible injuries or inconvenience to the parties which would flow from granting or denying the relief, and 4) and impact on the public interest. "The object of a preliminary injunction is to preserve the status quo pending the litigation on the merits."

For instance, a judge hearing a case where a plaintiff is suing a developer to keep them from destroying a historical landmark might issue an injunction prohibiting the developer from demolishing the landmark until the entire case is heard and ruled upon. If the judge allowed the developer to continue work including the tearing down of the historical landmark then there would be no way to restore the landmark if the plaintiff's interests prevailed in the matter. In the example case, money would not compensate the plaintiffs. The historical landmark would have been gone forever with no chance of restoration by money or any other means.

In complaint 108-10 the plaintiff Pohnpei State Legislature argued that "The irreparable injury to the Plaintiff is the raising of campaign issues above the Rule of Law."

Chief Justice Rodriguez said, "Campaign promises are simply statements and by themselves do not rise to the level of irreparable damage."

The ruling said that the plaintiff also argued that "an alleged violation of the Constitutional separation of powers through the executive allegedly amending the education law and allegedly appropriate(ing) monies by using funds appropriated for other purposes as irreparable damage." But the plaintiff didn't present evidence of those accusations for the court to review with their motion for a TRO.

"This court is of the belief that money damages would be sufficient to cure any damage from continuing the school lunch program," Rodriguez ruled.

On the matter of the impact on public interest Rodriguez said that the Plaintiff's motion itself states that it is in the public interest that elementary school children have lunch.

On the matter of the balance of injuries between parties, again, the Plaintiff's motion states that neither party would be injured by maintaining the status quo.

On the movant's likelihood of success on the merits of their case Rodriguez said that the fact that the legislature has not allocated any money

to the school lunch program for the coming school year does not indicate that the legislature will be successful on the merits of its case.

"The Court believes that it is too early in this case and the issues too complex to make any comment on which party is likely to be successful on the merits," Rodriguez ruled.

Chief Justice Rodriguez would not issue the TRO since three of the four standards for the issuance of a TRO were in favor of denying plaintiff Pohnpei State Legislature's motion.

"Plaintiff's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order or in the Alternative a Preliminary Injunction is hereby denied pending a final hearing on the merits," Rodriguez ruled. That hearing was set for August 18 and was held on in the Chief Justice's chambers.

At press time the judge had not yet entered a final ruling.

Annual Bilateral Meetings Between the U.S., Marshalls, and Micronesia

US Department of the Interior

August 30, 2010

Honolulu, HI- US Government officials and representatives from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) will be meeting this week in Hawaii at the annual Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) and the Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee (JEMFAC). The meetings will evaluate FSM and RMI progress in achieving the objectives specified within their development plans, implementation of economic policy reforms, progress toward budgetary self-reliance and long-term economic advancement. The JEMCO and JEMFAC were established under the 2003 Amended Compact agreements between the

U.S and the RMI and FSM, respectively, to strengthen management and accountability of U.S. assistance and to promote the effective use of compact funding. Each committee has five members, three from the United States and the other two from the FSM for JEMCO and from the RMI for JEMFAC. The Departments of the Interior, State, and Health and Human Services represent the three U.S. members. Interior representative from the Office of Insular Affairs, Mr. Nikolao Pula presides as Chairman. Other officials in attendance include: Hon. Anthony M. Bauta, Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, H.E. Peter A. Prahar, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM and H.E. Martha Campbell, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI. The 2010 Honolulu meetings marks the seventh convening of JEMCO and JEMFAC.

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Kolonia Town Receives Racing Canoes with Australian Aid

Australian Embassy

On Wednesday, 25 August, there was a small ceremony to welcome two not so small racing canoes to Kolonia Town's municipal government. Kolonia Town Mayor Marcelo Peterson and First Secretary and Consul Janet Whitaker from the Australian Embassy met with a small audience to officially handover the canoes to Kolonia Town.

The canoes were obtained through the Australian Sports Outreach Program, commonly known as ASOP, which is managed by the Australian Sports Commission. The goal of the program is to increase capacity to deliver inclusive sports based programs that contribute to social development. Approximately AU\$150,000 is available each year for the program, which is run in Pacific and non-Pacific countries wherever there is an Australian diplomatic mission located, so competition for the grants can be fierce.

Mr. John Obed, the Chief Financial Of-

ficer for the Kolonia Town Government, was the person responsible for writing the grant proposal for the purchase of racing canoes to promote the participation of youth and other interested parties in the traditional sport of canoeing.

According to Ms. Whitaker, "When we received the ASOP application for the Kolonia Town Canoeing project, we were very impressed. We fully supported the application, and my colleagues in Canberra, from the Australian Sports Commission, were equally impressed so the project was successful in receiving the funding."

The canoes were purchased from the Palau National Olympic Committee, who was looking to sell two of their canoes. They were then shipped to Pohnpei. They currently sit on the front lawn of the Kolonia Town municipal office, but Mayor Peterson indicated that these canoes will likely be stored on the waterfront, hopefully at the Pwohmaria Beach Resort property in Dekehtik, for the community to use. The Mayor said that he knows the people will enjoy using the canoes and that hopefully this will help the youth to carry on the tradition of canoeing and canoeing as a sport.

Now that Pohnpei is slated to host the 2014 Micronesian Games, there will be ample time for people to train on the canoes and get in shape.



New AM transmitter tested

Yap Department of Youth and Civic Affairs

August 24, 2010

At exactly 9:00am today, the Media Division began a simulcast through both AM and FM stations and informed people who were tuning in on the FM to switch to the AM and monitor how they are receiving the signal.

At the same time the Governor's Office also contacted the neighboring islands and requested them to check on their area reception and report back so the Media Division could do fine-tuning adjustments on the new AM transmitter in order for better reception. Because of the lengthy distance between the Yap main islands and the neighboring islands, AM transmission is required for better reception in the neighboring islands; with AM the neighboring islands can tune in to important government information and other broadcasted matters.

Most of the neighboring islands have responded back to the Governor's Office within one hour from the call this morning and reported that they each have received fine reception on the radio signal in their respective areas; but in the meantime the

Office is still waiting for confirmation from those islands that have not been able to send in their reports via SSB Radio.

Following a thorough inspection of the new AM transmitter by technical engineer who installed the transmitter, nothing suspicious has yet been detected as a sign that something could be wrong; but he will continue to monitor the AM transmitter until he is sure that there will be no problem.

In the meantime, the AM radio will not be in full operation and may discontinue broadcasting from time to time until such new programs are produced and an approved schedule is in place.

The AM station stopped broadcasting on January 20, 2009 after the former AM transmitter malfunctioned. Since then, the majority of the people of Yap, especially those in the outlining villages and the neighboring islands, have had no radio reception from the government for over 19 months now.

The Department of Youth and Civic Affairs had acquired the new XR-12 Transmitter with capacity to broadcast at 1500 watts from Nautel, Inc.

APAFS organizes Pohnpei Country Conference on Managing Trust Funds as a Fiduciary

FSM Information Services

August 24, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei (APAFS, Guam) – The Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies (APAFS), headquartered in Guam, a non-profit association which aims to raise the level of understanding and standards of practice among fiduciaries in the region, is hosting the 2010 Pohnpei Country Conference on Thursday, September 9, at the COM-FSM Main Campus Multi Purpose Room from 8am to 4pm.

APAFS aims to simplify the current investor environment to anyone involved in managing public and private trust funds in Pohnpei via this specially arranged Country Conference.

This year, the Pohnpei Country Conference will focus on Managing Trust Funds as a Fiduciary.

With this, Participants will be well equipped and informed on the following:

- Program of Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF) Training and "The Prudent Process" by Philip Mendiola-Long
- Equity Markets discussion moderated by Jason Miyashita, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney featuring Kamani Kuala'au, Atalanta Sosnoff Capital, LLC, and Mark Heath, Metropolitan West Capital Management, LLC
- Financial Crisis on a Global Scale/

Behavioral Finance by Jason Miyashita, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

In this regard, APAFS would like to invite interested persons to attend the 2010 Pohnpei Country Conference. Registration for the Country Conference is free, and participants will be awarded a Certificate of Completion qualifying for continuing education credits. All participants will be served a light breakfast and lunch.

Request for absentee ballot available on government website

Yap Department of Youth and Civic Affairs

To those registered voters in the State of Yap who are currently living abroad, this is to inform you that the request form for the absentee ballot for the November 2nd Yap State General Election is now available for download on the government website.

All registered voters are urged to submit their request form before the deadline of October 28, 2010.

The form can be found here, http://www.yapstategov.org/downloads/Absentee_Ballot.pdf

Portrait of the Yapese Dance Troupe at the Shanghai World Expo

FSM Information Services

Shanghai, China

August 29, 2010 – Martin Ruwniyol has coached, organized and supported dancers from Nimar Village of the Weloy Municipality in Yap for close to 30 years. On August 28 and 29, he was able to participate in the opportunity of a lifetime: lead his 16 dancers into a series of phenomenal performances at the Pacific Pavilion of the Shanghai World Expo to celebrate the FSM National Day.

On August 28, the Yapese dancers showcased their performance 4 times throughout the day. The performances were enthusiastically received by several hundred visitors at each session. Chen Lei, one of the Performing Arts Managers of the World Expo, called them “the rainbow dancers,” a thought triggered by the colorful costumes of red, yellow, blue and green, worn by the dancers. Leo Pugram, one of the 5 male dancers, explains that the colors of the costumes “represent the beauty of the island of Yap.”

The Yapese dance involves dancing with bamboo sticks; hence, it is also appropriately known as the “Bamboo Dance.” Ruwniyol explains that the dance, through the words sung and the gestures performed by the dancers, talks of the skills that young boys and girls will need to master in order to protect themselves and the entire village against aggression from outsiders. The dance and song emphasizes the need to maintain peace at all times in the village. A perfect message for the Shanghai

World Expo, an event which seeks to both promote worldwide cultural exchanges and support worldwide peace.

The Yapese Dancers also performed for the FSM Delegation and Vice Mayor Tu Guangshao of Shanghai on August 29, in honor of the FSM National Day. When asked what he thought of performing at the Shanghai World Expo, the youngest of the Yapese dancers, eleven year old Dexter Fal’Niyon’ said: “it was really fun!”

Portrait of the Chuukese Dance Troupe at the Shanghai World Expo

FSM Information Services

August 29, 2010

Shanghai, China – The 17 Chuukese Dancers from Namoluk Island of Chuuk State performed the “Tokia” dance, also known as the Stickdance, at the Pacific Pavilion of the Shanghai World Expo throughout the weekend of August 28 and 29, in honor of the FSM National Day being celebrated by Vice President Alik and the 16 member FSM Delegation.

Contrarily to the Yapese dance tradition which is passed on from one generation to the next, within only certain family members of the village; the Chuukese dance is danced by all boys in Namoluk. Traditionally the dance, performed with bamboo sticks, was part of a form of intense physical training for the village warriors. Today, the dance is an integral part of the children’s cultural studies classes in school.

Lander Elieisar, coach of the dancers and their chaperone for the Shanghai trip, selected the lucky few to participate in the performances for the World Expo. “We have been practicing every single day since mid July, in preparation for this event,” said Elieisar proudly. When asked how the dancers felt about performing at the Shanghai World Expo, Elieisar said they were “happy, excited, overwhelmed and shocked!” For more than half of the Chuukese dancers, this is the first

overseas trip they have ever participated in.

The Chuukese dancers became highly acclaimed at the Expo, especially their evening performance on the outdoor stage located in front of the Pacific Pavilion. The Chinese audience, present by the thousands on the evening of August 28, were themselves in awe, as they observed the raw intensity of the Tokia.

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Operation Island Chief conducts Surveillance across FSM, PNG, RMI, Nauru and Kiribati Waters

FSM Information Services

August 24, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei: (FFA Regional Headquarters, Honiara, Solomon Islands) – This year's Operation Island Chief, a surveillance operation involving FSM, PNG, Palau, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Kiribati and the US, coordinated by the FFA Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre, ended yesterday with success in the region's activities to deter illegal fishing.

Over the past 7 days, Pacific patrol boats, US Coast Guard vessels and a US Navy aircraft have surveyed approximately 12,000,000 square kilometers of ocean, sighting numerous vessels and checking their compliance with a range of fisheries regulations.

Approximately 200 people were involved in the surveillance effort and 350 fishing vessels were monitored during the operation, 99 vessels were sighted and 20 boarded. Two vessels were found to be apparently fishing in contravention of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission regulations and thus conducting illegal activity in the high seas.

Operation Island Chief 2010, involved aircraft and surface vessels from FSM, PNG, Palau, RMI, Kiribati and the US conducting surveillance and boarding operations in the participating Pacific Island Nations' Exclusive Economic Zones and the surrounding high seas.

Pacific Patrol boats from all these nations complemented the surveillance by US Coastguard Cutters, Sequoia and Assateague, based in Guam and a P3C Orion surveillance aircraft provided by the US Navy based in Okinawa, to conduct patrols targeting illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing vessels. The US Coastguard vessels had Shiprider personnel from Palau and FSM embarked, which authorized them to conduct boardings within the EEZ's of those member nations. Officers from the Australian Fisheries Management Authority also used the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in Pacific Patrol Boat operations by sailing with the FSM and Kiribati vessels.

Using satellite tracking of vessels and other data, the FFA Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre produces interactive maps of vessels in

the region which can show vessels that might be engaging in illegal fishing or have a previous history of illegal fishing. This increases the efficiency of surveillance operations and has led to several successes such as Operation Kurukuru 2009, and Operation Rai Balang 2010, where a number fishing vessels were boarded and apprehended and, in some cases, significant fines imposed. For this operation the surveillance centre was complemented by personnel from the PNG Defense Force, PNG National Fisheries Authority and observers from New Zealand, United States and Australia.

Operations Officer and Coordinator of Operation Island Chief, Martin Campbell said: "During Operation Island Chief we have observed a significant reduction in the number of vessels conducting illegal activities. This is consistent with what the Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre has been seeing for some time now. It is clear that the concerted effort to continuously survey the regional waters is proving an effective deterrent to illegal fishing. Credit must also be given to the foreign fishing vessels which operate in the region, most of whom are abiding to their registration and license conditions, and the Pacific Island leaders who have created conservation and management measures."

PPA announces appointment of Mr. Nelperson Etse as its General Manager

By Pohnpei Port Authority Human Resource Manager

The appointment was made during an executive meeting of the Board held on the 4th of August 2010.

Mr. Etse is among various applicants who applied for the position which became vacant since March of 2010.

Prior to his appointment Mr. Etse served as Seaport Manager for the Authority for the past 15 years during which time he also served from time to time as acting general manager.

During a meeting with Governor Ehsa on August 24, 2010, Governor expressed his full endorsement of Mr. Etse's appointment. Mr. Etse's becomes the 4th General Manager for the Authority since its creation in 1991.



President Mori establishes a Public Education on Constitutional amendments Committee

President Manny Mori has established a 'Public Education on the Constitutional Amendments Committee' subsequent to issuing a Presidential Order to place the proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot for the general election of March 2011.

The Committee is comprised of Chairman, Dr. Rufino Mauricio (Pohnpei), Vice Chairman, Samari Suta (Chuuk), Secretary, Jesse Giltamag (Yap), Treasurer, Arthy Nena (Kosrae), Dionis Saimon (Pohnpei) Kandhi Eliezer (Chuuk), Mathew Chigiyal (Yap), and Arthur Albert (Kosrae).

The Committee is tasked with conducting public educational programs and activities throughout the FSM States and abroad. The public education programs and activities will ensure that all FSM citizens are well informed about the proposed constitutional amendments prior to the plebiscite which is slated to run concurrently with the general election in March 2011.

The first constitutional amendment, as provided in Public Law No. 15-61, proposes to repeal Section 3 of Article III of the FSM Constitution which deals with citizenship. It aims to do away with a constitutional requirement imposed upon a FSM citizen who is also recognized as a citizen of another nation to register intent to remain a citizen of the FSM. If this proposed amendment is passed, a FSM citizen who is a citizen of another country will be allowed to retain that dual citizenship.

The second constitutional amendment, originating out of Public Law No. 15-60, proposes to amend Section 8 of Article IX

and Section 4 of Article X of the FSM Constitution. The amendment to Section 8 of Article IX, which sets the terms for congress members, proposes to make uniform the terms for all members of the FSM Congress to 4-years. As a consequence, Section 4 of Article X, which defines eligibility criteria for the Presidency, will need to be amended to clarify who is eligible from among the members of Congress to become President of the FSM – that is, that only those members elected at-large from each state are eligible to become President.

While Congress has appropriated \$150,000 as the initial funding for the necessary public education on these proposed amendments a supplemental request for an additional \$200, 000 has been submitted by the President to the FSM Congress. The additional funding is derived from a budget plan developed by the Committee and is based on the level of public educational activities necessary to reach and inform at least 75% of the citizens of the FSM. This additional funding will enable the Committee to conduct effective public educational activities on the proposed amendments to the supreme law of the Nation not only in the FSM, Guam and Hawaii but also in various areas in the U.S. mainland where many FSM citizens and nationals are residing.

The Committee wishes to inform all FSM citizens residing in the FSM and abroad to anticipate visits in the coming months by the Committee members and other educators to inform them of the proposed constitutional amendments before they go to their polling places to cast their votes on March 2011.

Astronomical Tide Prediction September 6 - September 19, 2010

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	09/06		09/13		09/06		09/13	
	01:41AM	4.2	05:29AM	3.1	01:04AM	2.1	02:33AM	0.7
	08:27AM	0.7	11:15AM	1.2	08:45AM	-0.3	08:29AM	0.0
	02:26PM	3.3	05:58PM	4.1	02:55PM	0.9	04:28PM	2.0
	07:58PM	1.1			06:42PM	0.6		
Tuesday	09/07		09/14		09/07		09/14	
	02:20AM	4.5	12:39AM	1.6	01:39AM	2.2	08:22AM	-0.2
	08:52AM	0.5	05:49AM	2.6	08:56AM	-0.2	04:51PM	1.8
	02:52PM	3.7	11:26AM	1.4	02:48PM	1.0		
	08:39PM	0.8	06:37PM	3.7	07:31PM	0.4		
Wednesday	09/08		09/15		09/08		09/15	
	02:56AM	4.6	01:58AM	2.0	02:10AM	2.1	08:25AM	-0.3
	09:18AM	0.5	05:46AM	2.2	09:05AM	0.0	05:13PM	1.7
	03:21PM	4.0	11:12AM	1.7	02:54PM	1.3		
	09:17PM	0.6	07:35PM	3.4	08:15PM	0.3		
Thursday	09/09		09/16		09/09		09/16	
	03:30AM	4.6	08:46AM	1.8	02:38AM	1.9	08:33AM	-0.3
	09:45AM	0.5	10:41PM	3.2	09:09AM	0.1	05:37PM	1.5
	03:50PM	4.3			03:08PM	1.5		
	09:55PM	0.6			08:57PM	0.3		
Friday	09/10		09/17		09/10		09/17	
	04:03AM	4.4	07:51AM	1.5	03:00AM	1.6	08:41AM	-0.3
	10:10AM	0.6	03:12PM	2.5	09:08AM	0.2		
	04:21PM	4.4	05:42PM	2.4	03:25PM	1.8		
	10:33PM	0.6			09:39PM	0.3		
Saturday	09/11		09/18		09/11		09/18	
	04:34AM	4.0	12:27AM	3.4	03:12AM	1.2	12:09AM	1.5
	10:35AM	0.7	07:56AM	1.3	08:59AM	0.2	08:45AM	-0.2
	04:52PM	4.4	02:21PM	2.8	03:45PM	1.9		
	11:11PM	0.9	06:59PM	2.2	10:22PM	0.4		
Sunday	09/12		09/19		09/12		09/19	
	05:03AM	3.6	01:12AM	3.7	03:07AM	0.9	12:38AM	1.6
	10:57AM	0.9	08:08AM	1.2	08:44AM	0.1	08:42AM	0.0
	05:24PM	4.3	02:21PM	3.1	04:06PM	2.0	03:30PM	1.0
	11:52PM	1.2	07:35PM	1.9	11:07PM	0.6	06:40PM	0.8

Vice President Alik celebrates FSM National Day at Shanghai World Expo

FSM Information Services

August 30, 2010

Shanghai, China (FSM Public Information Office): As the Chinese Military Band was playing, the flag of the Federated States of Micronesia was raised at the East Square of the World Expo Center in Shanghai at 10:30AM on August 29, 2010; in an official ceremony observed by Vice President Alik; Tu Guangshao, Vice Mayor of Shanghai; and the FSM and Chinese Delegations.

Following the Flag-Raising Ceremony, the officials regrouped for an informal gathering at the Welcome Hall of the Expo Center. Alik thanked the Chinese Government for their financial and technical support which made FSM's participation in the World Expo a reality. "We truly appreciate the opportunity to be part of the World Expo," said Alik, "and we continually look forward to working with the Chinese Government for future projects."

"Our cooperation at the World Expo is a symbol of the good relationship between our two countries," said Guangshao, "this year marks the 21st anniversary of the diplomatic ties between FSM and China; we hope this World Expo will continue to enhance our relationship."

From the Welcome Hall, the delegations proceeded to the Central Hall where both Guangshao, and then Alik, delivered their official speeches to the crowd of spectators in attendance to watch the cultural performances by the Chuukese and Yapese Dancers.

"In showcasing these performances, we hope to impart to our visitors some knowledge and appreciation of the uniqueness of our island country and the fact that it is a peaceful, culturally rich and freedom-loving society with great potential and opportunities for development cooperation," said Alik.

Alik also highlighted that FSM is seeing in-migration of people from small villages to state centers and therefore could relate to the theme of the 2010 World Expo: "Better City, Better Life." "We can take this opportunity not only to showcase who we are and what we are, but also to learn about others and their dreams and hopes of making a better living environment for themselves in an urban setting."

After the Chuuk and Yap dance performances, Guangshao hosted a luncheon for the FSM and Chinese delegations, followed by a visit to the Chinese and Pacific Pavilions. The theme of the Chinese Pavilion, "Chinese Wisdom in Urban Development," saw the creation of exhibitions which take visitors on a quest, encouraging them to discover and learn about the Chinese wisdom in the evolution of its cities. The last exhibit within the Chinese Pavilion, focuses on a low-carbon lifestyle, with an emphasis on recycling, to shape the development of Chinese cities in the future.

Alik then toured the 16 booths of the countries and organizations representing the Pacific Pavilion: FSM, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and the South Pacific Tourism Organization. Within the theme "Pacific, an Inspiration for Better Cities," FSM chose its own theme: "Micronesian Traditional Knowledge: a Foundation for Better Cities."

To date, the Pacific Pavilion has seen 5 million visitors and is hoping to cross the 7 million visitor bar by the end of the World Expo on October 31, 2010.

29 Students Receive Scholarships for Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

FSM Information Services

August 24, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei: The FSM National Scholarship Board (the Board) convened on June 2, 2010, to review scholarship applications submitted by undergraduate students attending the 2010-2011 Fall, Spring and Summer terms. The Board, pursuant to its selection requirements, reviewed the priority fields, dates of graduation and GPAs of the 18 candidates who submitted their applications and found that 15 applicants were qualified to receive a scholarship. The 15 scholarship recipients have chosen to major in the following areas: Law, Elementary Education, Economy, Accounting, Computer Information System, Marine Science, Liberal Arts and Micronesian Studies. The scholarships were awarded from funds made available under the National Scholarship Program, the US Sector Grant and the "Sin Tax" Scholarship Program, and totaled \$39,234.

On August 12, 2010, the Board again met and awarded 12 graduate applicants a total of \$163,389 from the "Sin Tax" Scholarship Program. At this meeting, two new undergraduate applicants were also awarded a total of \$9,049 from the National Scholarship Program and the Sector Grant.

The 17 undergraduate scholarships will be awarded to the successful applicants by the Board after Congress convenes in September 2010, and hopefully confirms the allocation of these scholarship funds. With regard to the applicants who qualified for the scholarships covering graduate studies, the funding comes from a percentage of the collected "Sin Tax" from all four FSM States; the Board is able to immediately disburse the funds from the revenue directly collected and made available by the States.

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New Weather Service buildings to be built in Pohnpei

FSM Information Services

August 25, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei - A one year Lease Agreement, automatically renewable for a maximum period of twenty years, was signed on August 20, 2010, between the FSM State of Pohnpei and the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on behalf of the National Weather Service, Pacific Region. This lease authorizes the NOAA to build, operate and maintain a U.S. National Weather Service Office on the three parcels of land located in Kolonia Town, which it currently occupies.

the collected data to create a "snapshot" of the current state of the atmosphere.

In exchange for the lease, NOAA will make available to the State of Pohnpei, without compensation, the services and related programs of the U.S. National Weather Service. Such services include supporting the FSM National Weather Service; and providing equipment, training and maintenance support for the FSM personnel. The Weather Service Office in Pohnpei currently employs 12 people and no change is expected as a result of the new construction.

As a result of this Agreement, the State of Pohnpei agrees to make available the land to NOAA at no cost. The NOAA plans on building two new structures, removing the old ones as they build the new ones. One of the new buildings will function as the office and operations center and the other will be a new upper air inflation building. The latter allows for atmospheric soundings and weather balloon launches to gather data; the weather service personnel can then use

The Agreement was officially executed by John Ehsa, Governor of Pohnpei, and Ralph "Jeff" Ladouce, Director of the U.S. National Weather Service Office Pacific Region; witnessed by Eden Skilling, and Robert MacCallum, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in FSM. At the end of the 20-Year term of the Agreement, NOAA will have the option to request a succeeding lease agreement of up to another 20 year period.

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Letters to the Editor

Australian Aid highlights importance of sports in the FSM

Although there are various aid programs offered by the Australian Government, one area of focus they specialize in is aid for sports. Some of this comes through in Australia's Direct Assistance Program (DAP), as was illustrated by Pakin island getting a new basketball court. This was the first ever court built in Pakin and was done so to promote health and sports on the island.

Another example of promoting sports in the FSM is the recent handover of two racing canoes to the Kolonia Town Government through the Australian Sports Outreach Program, commonly known as ASOP. Not only does this allow for youth to carry on the tradition of canoeing, but promotes a healthy lifestyle since the canoes will be made available to the community at large for practice and exercise.

Finally, what didn't make headlines in the papers was a welcome home appreciation BBQ that the Nahnmwarki of Sohkes, H.E. Hurculano Kohler, held for the ath-

letes, coaches and officials that represented Pohnpei at the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau. This event was cosponsored by the Australian Embassy and Ambassador Susan Cox attended the event on Saturday 21 August and provided some refreshments for the participants.

There are other successful ASOP and DAP projects out there that other FSM community groups have been awarded, but getting the word out about the grants is the hardest part. Hopefully people who read this will also talk about it and fill out a grant application for DAP and ASOP next time around. For ASOP, the applications are out in April and are due in May. It's a great way for communities to come together and promote sports programs to the youth of FSM. Please contact the Australian Embassy in Kolonia for more information.

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Lukop Area Four Star Resort?

Dear Editor:

Pohnpei needs to develop tourism. Madolenihmw desperately needs to expand our economic base but not this way; not at the cost of losing Land, overstressing our infrastructure, and most certainly not by damaging our environment, or degrading Pohnpeian culture by introducing Gambling morals and values into it. There are several questions that need to be asked:

Is this project too large, in too small of an area?

Will our present infrastructure be able to provide for it? How well does it provide for us now? We can't even keep the Perimeter Road maintained!

Where will all the people come from? Why will they come? For the beauty of Pohnpei?

Do we want to expose our citizens to the gambling mentality? What effect will a large gambling casino have on our people, and on our children's, morals and values? What will happen after the first major jackpots start to pay out? Do the People of Madolenihmw Want to go from a Dry Municipality to a Gambler's Haven? Can the project be successful without the Gambling Casino? Is this the major driving force?

The proposal says that it will be 'at

Least a 1000 unit Complex.' In a four-star hotel, most rooms would have two large size beds and accommodate four people. That would be enough capacity for the entire population of the municipality—in one small location—and that is just for guest accommodation only. How many additional employees will be required? How much larger will it become in the future?

Providing four-star quality and service will require a large number of skilled employees—with many years of experience. Where will those employees come from? Where will they live? How will they get to and from work? Will this be a 24 hour -7 days a week operation?

Where will the electricity for servicing all of these people come from? Can a four-star hotel tolerate the present power outages? How much more power will a complex of this magnitude require? Can PUC even supply it? How large of a generating plant would they need to build?

Where will the water come from? A complex of this size will require a constant source of reliable, steady, and clean potable water; at least a dedicated 4 inch water supply line—at high pressure! Where will it go when it is released? A 1000 unit hotel will have how big of a sewer pipe? Is a Sewer Processing plant included in the project? How large will it be? Where will

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Draft FSM School Accreditation System available for public review

FSM Information Services

September 2, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei (National Department of Education) – In order to meet the mandatory requirements of the FSM Code Title 40, Chapter 1, subsection 108, on the Accreditation of Elementary and Secondary schools, the FSM National Department of Education (NDOE), in collaboration with State Departments of Education, FSM College of Micronesia and representatives of private schools, has developed a draft FSM School Accreditation System.

The system includes a policy on accreditation as well as supporting documents for school evaluation and school self-study. The system is outlined in a draft FSM School Accreditation Guidance Handbook available for download on the NDOE website: <http://www.fsmed.fm/>. The Secretary of Education invites comments from educators and the general public on the draft document to Casiano.Shoniber@fsmed.fm by October 2nd 2010.

it discharge? Has EPA approved it?

Look at our perimeter road — can it handle much more traffic than it already does? In many places the road is already falling apart. PTA is unable to keep it repaired at present. The system barely handles traffic congestions near town in the morning and evenings. This new complex will require a tremendous amount of additional heavy construction traffic, added employee as well as tourist traffic, and the continuous movement of provisions. They may need to build a Seaport due to the present limitations of our surface roads.

Pohnpei needs economic development, but it must be done properly, so that it will benefit all of the people of Pohnpei and our children, both now, and in the future. A complex of this scale cannot be safely achieved without serious study and planning from all of our economic development and environmental protection departments and agencies, as well as the local community.

We have been talking about a four star complex on the state owned property at Lukop for over 15 years. Have the serious study plans been completed? Have they even been started? All of these questions should have accurate answers by now.

*Allen Barnard
Temwen, Madolenihmw*

Guest Perspective

Pacific concerns on Climate Change ignored

By Ben Namakin
WWF Climate Change Policy Officer

"We feel vulnerable seeing our climate change concerns being brushed aside by the more developed nations.

It is only when our voices are heard and issues are discussed by these developed nations that it feels like we're escaping from drowning"

An important factor that needs to be reflected in any global agreement to address climate change is the need to keep temperature increases "well below 1.5 degree Celsius" above pre-industrial levels.

The push by the Alliance of Small Islands States (AOSIS) of '1.5 to stay alive', sadly was not reflected in the Accord.

The current pledges under the Accord would lead to a world warmed up by 3.5 degree Celsius which would have serious devastating impacts on Pacific Islands.

As a proud citizen of a low lying atoll of Kiribati, one of the frontline states that is witnessing first-hand the negative effects of climate change on food security, water resources, and livelihood, these pledges dash any hope of survival for my children and my grandchildren.

The last session of the United Nations Climate Change negotiation in Copenhagen was criticized for being unfair to the most vulnerable countries.

It did not produce outcomes that will ensure our survival. Even the most recent negotiations in Bonn, Germany have not come up with a text that will create a legally binding agreement that will address climate change.

Because world leaders couldn't come up with a legally binding instrument in Copenhagen in 2009, governments decided to extend the mandate of the negotiations for another 12 months.

This means that there is now an expectation that the work should be completed by the UN Climate Change talks, known as COP16, in Cancun, Mexico in December 2010.

The proposed negotiating text is being 'scrubbed' by negotiators.

The Pacific's position mirrors the position of like-minded small island states in the Caribbean & Indian Ocean.

While they are recognized as some of the most vulnerable nations as a direct result of the impact of rising global temperature and sea level rise, their concerns are still NOT reflected in the current text now before negotiators.

At the Copenhagen conference, the largest gathering ever of world leaders at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

(UNFCCC), negotiators weren't able to agree on a legally binding framework that will potentially reverse the adverse impact of climate change.

Instead, a compromised agreement, now termed the Copenhagen Accord was hammered out by an exclusive group of leaders from industrialized nations.

To date, only a handful of Pacific Island countries have put their signatures to the Accord. WWF together with AOSIS had proposed an international mechanism to address loss and damage from climate change and called for the establishment of regional centers to deal with adaptation.

This sadly was missing in the Accord.

The international mechanism to address loss and damage would ensure that the vulnerable communities are compensated or given assistance due to impacts such as sea level rise, flooding and changes of weather patterns. In a worst case scenario, the impacts will lead to resettlement and migration.

An Ecosystem based approach recognizes that the only way for the Pacific Indigenous communities to adapt to climate change is through the protection and conservation of their natural resources.

This is critical for the Pacific, as its natural resources form part of its unique culture.

The most recent climate change talks in June this year in Bonn, Germany were meant to resolve some of the "crunch issues" ahead of the next major meeting, which will be in Cancun, Mexico in December this year. Sadly, many of key issues extensively lobbied by the Pacific remain unresolved.

One of the issues includes a technical paper on how to keep temperature level increases "well below 1.5 degree Celsius". AOSIS had asked that the UN Climate Change Secretariat prepare the technical paper but this proposal was shot down by a few countries.

According to scientific findings, a temperature increase of 2 degree Celsius is too high and not safe for small island states, so for us in the most vulnerable nations of the Pacific, lowering the global temperature to 1.5 will give us a greater chance of survival.

The oil rich Gulf States are continuing to use adaptation discussions as an avenue to seek compensation for loss of revenue from oil sales.

They described this as 'response measures' and are insisting that any decision that pro-



This picture of Dekehtik Atoll, used to be one island but is now two because of the crack between due to storm surges. Where the trees used to be is where the water is now.

vides resources to vulnerable countries to address adaptation-must also include resources to help them to address the 'impacts' of losing revenue from their oil resources.

While Pacific countries are sympathetic to their concerns, the issues can be better addressed as mitigation against climate change.

Despite the setbacks, it is critical that we work closely with existing institutions such as the Climate Action Network (a coalition of civil society groups working on climate change, which includes national nodes now in Tuvalu, Cook Islands, Kiribati and the Federated States of Micronesia), the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC), Indigenous groups, and regional institutions such as the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

There is a great need for a regional center to be established in the Pacific to assist the region with capacity building and technology transfer to address all aspects of climate change, adaptation in particular.

WWF is willing to work closely with civil society organizations and Pacific delegates to ensure our concerns are reflected in the upcoming COP16 in Cancun, Mexico with the hope that this negotiation will be fair and transparent and seriously take action on the concerns of the most vulnerable nations.

The Pacific has waited for far too long for a positive outcome from the global negotiations on climate change to save our island homes.

We now rest our hope on the Cancun meeting. As negotiators prepare for the December meeting, my people in the Pacific are already paying the price of living with the devastating impacts.

We just can't wait any longer, and there should be no more excuses by the most developed countries but to get this done as

we do have the right as Pacific Islanders to continue to remain and exist on our Pacific soil.

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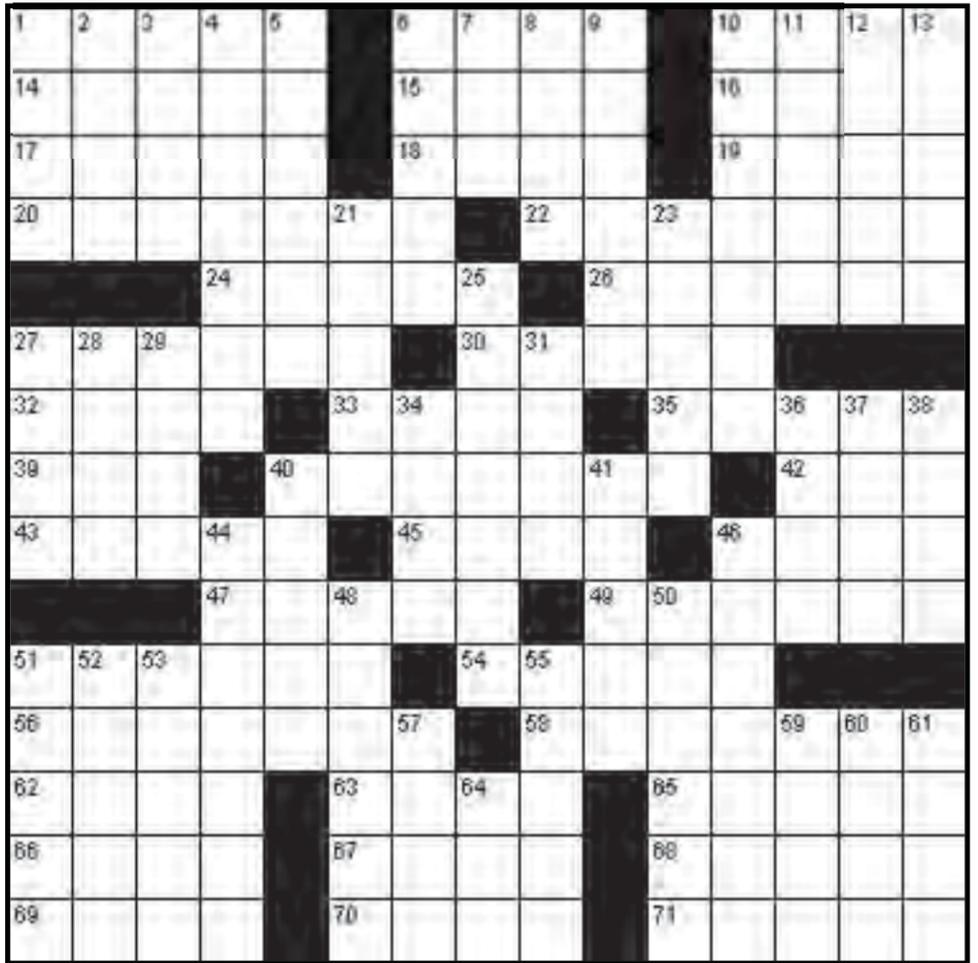
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Crossword



Across

- 1 Taj ___
- 6 Five-star Bradley
- 10 Counterfeit
- 14 Speedily
- 15 Augur
- 16 Mata ___
- 17 Basket for jai alai
- 18 Neighbor of Yemen
- 19 First family member
- 20 Sweep
- 22 Ancient Greek soldier
- 24 "The Cat in the Hat" author
- 26 Actor Matthau
- 27 Attest
- 30 Zaire, formerly
- 32 French singer Edith
- 33 Tell secrets
- 35 To the left
- 39 Business abbr.
- 40 Lizard
- 42 Chinese principle
- 43 Composer Bruckner
- 45 Prevaricates
- 46 Axis leader

- 47 Swiss city on the Rhine
- 49 Breakfast dish
- 51 Virtuous
- 54 Valerie Harper series
- 56 Type of ax
- 58 Lombardy's lingo
- 62 Downwind
- 63 Hard wood
- 65 Poisonous snake
- 66 Exert restraint
- 67 Fabled fast starter
- 68 Inventor Howe
- 69 Daly of "Cagney and Lacey"
- 70 Lodge members
- 71 Christmas visitor

Down

- 1 Riot queller
- 2 Peak
- 3 Lock part
- 4 Pretend
- 5 Not so hefty
- 6 They're found among the reeds
- 7 Small business co-owner
- 8 Wife of Esau
- 9 Fame
- 10 Small open boat
- 11 Religious costume
- 12 Alpine feature
- 13 Distance runner
- 21 Indonesian island west of Timor
- 23 Heathen
- 25 More alarming
- 27 Western Samoa's capital

- 28 Twain's Huck
- 29 Actuality
- 31 Theater award
- 34 Respite
- 36 Oklahoma Indian
- 37 Hindu prince
- 38 Implement
- 40 Scythe handle
- 41 A "My Fair Lady" setting
- 44 Lewd
- 46 Refrain syllables

- 48 Boil
- 50 "My Cup Runneth Over" singer
- 51 Nautical reference
- 52 "Roots" author
- 53 Dined at home
- 55 Raises
- 57 Dabbling duck
- 59 Poker declaration
- 60 Like ___ out of hell
- 61 Cape Canaveral org.
- 64 Covenant holder

Riddle Me This!

See if you're sharp enough to solve the 5 riddles below.
...Give up yet? Check your answers at the bottom of the page.

I am taken from a mine, and shut up
in a wooden case, from which I am
never released, and yet I am used by
almost everybody.

What goes round the house and in the
house but never touches the house?

What is it that you can keep after
giving it to someone else?

What walks all day on its head?

What gets wet when drying?

Word Search - So Soon

- Soak
- Soapbox
- Soccer
- Society
- Socket
- Socks
- Sodium
- Solace
- Solid
- Solo
- Solver
- Sonata
- Sonnet
- Sorbet



- Sorrel
- Sorrow
- Sortie
- Sound
- Source
- South
- Soviet
- Sower

K.P. Crazy Korner

Me Time:

My train of thought has been derailed!

THINK ABOUT IT: Tact is for people who aren't witty.



Island Inspiration:

English 101: Don't mispronunciate your words

Misfortunes and twins never come single

Daffy Definition: Deja Moo - The feeling you have heard this B.S. before.

Good judgement comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgement.



If you don't get what you want -- change your mind



Mama Says:

Papa Says:



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- 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.
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RP seeks lifting of ban on tuna fishing

CEBU, Philippines — The Philippines plans to take the lead during the annual meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission in December this year to push for the lifting of a high seas tuna fishing ban that was imposed only this year.

Bureau of Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources (BFAR) Director Malcolm Sarmiento said the Philippines would spearhead the move which he said would be supported by several other countries.

The Philippines, which has been experiencing a drop in its tuna fishing industry, has been actively negotiating with Papua and New Guinea (PNG) and Tonga for access to their fishing grounds.

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission is a body that groups Pacific island nations with fishing countries to agree on measures

to conserve what scientists have warned are fast dwindling tuna stocks.

Tuna varieties such as big eye and yellow fin are in great demand for sashimi and sushi, while the skipjack variety is used for canning.

While the Philippines consumes tuna, most of its catch is exported to Japan which accounts for almost 90 percent of tuna consumption of sashimi and sushi.

The Philippine move runs counter to a proposal from a group of Pacific Island nations known collectively as the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) to extend the areas currently covered by the ban.

The PNA includes PNG, Palau, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Tuvalu and the Solomon Islands.

“Go Local” is Presented at the 28th International Horticulture Congress in Portugal

By Dr. Lois Englberger

The 28th International Horticulture Congress (IHC), held 22-27 August, 2010, focusing on scientific topics of horticultural science, expected over 2000 participants from over 80 countries, but in fact had 3300 participants. This congress is held every four years and is considered the most prestigious horticultural science conference in the world.

How exciting that our abstract titled “Micronesia Go Local Campaign for Preserving Plant Genetic Resources” was selected as an oral presentation at the symposium for preservation of plant genetic resources, August 25, 2010. Preservation of plant genetic resources refers to preserving neglected crop varieties, such as Karat and Utin Iap and other banana varieties, breadfruit, giant swamp taro, pandanus and local food crops.

Unfortunately, only a few days prior to the meeting, Dr. Englberger, Island Food Community of Pohnpei, (IFCP) had to decline participation due to a medical condition. However, we were very happy that Dr. Mary Taylor of the Secretariat of the Pacific Com-

munity (SPC) Centre of Pacific Crops and Trees (CePaCT), also attending the meeting, could present the presentation on our behalf. Dr. Taylor, based in Suva, Fiji, has closely worked with FSM on plant genetic resources topics and enthusiastically supports the “Go Local” work. Dr. Englberger had been invited to present at an additional workshop, which had the theme “Prospects for Horticulture in the Pacific Islands” on the evening of the 23rd August, 2010, and Dr. Taylor also presented this for IFCP.

Dr. Taylor reported that the papers and presentations “went down really well.” She also added that at the end of the presentation in the symposium, she received several comments regarding the consumption of white rice. A number of participants were unaware of the poor nutritional value of white rice and will endeavour to stop eating it.

Thanks are extended to Dr. Taylor and SPC CePaCT for assistance and support and to fellow co-authors, Adelino Lorens, Podis Pedrus, Kiped Albert, Laura Kaufer, and Harriet V. Kuhnlein.

See http://www.freshplaza.com/news_detail.asp?id=50250 for more information on the 28th ICH and the abstract below, which will be published in the 28th IHC proceedings.

“Micronesia Go Local Campaign for Preserving Plant Genetic Resources” Abstract

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has experienced a drastic shift to imported processed foods since the 1970s. These dietary and lifestyle changes have led to a neglect of the traditional food system and an epidemic of nutritionally-related diseases (e.g. vitamin A deficiency, diabetes, heart disease, cancers). In Pohnpei State alone, there are over 48 documented giant swamp taro, 50 banana, 133 breadfruit, and 171 yam varieties, but there is concern about the loss of traditional knowledge and plant genetic resources. Many local yellow-fleshed banana and giant swamp taro varieties and other foods have been analyzed and are rich in provitamin A carotenoids and other nutrients and have important health benefits, but are neglected. As part of a global health project led by the Centre for Indig-

enous Peoples’ Nutrition and Environment (CINE), a Pohnpei case study was implemented in a target village aiming to increase local food production and consumption. In the first phase of the project, the traditional food system was documented and compiled in a book along with the other CINE case studies. The Pohnpei intervention implemented from 2005 to 2007 was successful in increasing the number of banana varieties consumed, frequency of banana and giant swamp taro consumed, dietary diversity and improving the attitude in the community towards local food. Methods used included: a participatory, inter-agency, ethnographic approach including social marketing, slogans and acronyms, workshops, container gardening, mass media (radio, newspaper, email, video), postal stamps, genebank collections, posters, charcoal oven production, competitions, recipes and leaflets. The “Let’s Go Local” campaign promoted local foods for their “CHEEF” benefits: Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food security. Efforts have now been initiated to expand the project to other communities in Pohnpei and FSM, and there is interest also in establishing “Go Local” campaigns in other Pacific Island countries.

Pumpkin is healthy, and saves you money

Kathay Larsen
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Pumpkin is rich in nutrients and helps you stay healthy and happy. Not only that, but pumpkin is easy to grow and can save you money.

Pumpkin falls in the “protective foods” category and contains vitamins and minerals that protect you from disease. The fruit, flowers and the leaves can be cooked and eaten and even the seeds can be boiled or roasted and eaten as a yummy snack. Pumpkin contains provitamin A carotenoids, Vitamin C, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Niacin (another B vitamin), essential minerals (calcium and iron) as well as energy. The seeds are rich in protein and iron.

We need these vitamins and minerals to stay healthy and strong. We need provitamin A carotenoids for healthy eyes and skin, to protect against infection, cancer, heart disease and diabetes. Vitamin C protects against infection and helps the body use iron, which is important for healthy strong blood. Calcium makes your bones strong. Protein builds up your body and muscles. Energy keeps you active.

Pumpkins are easy to grow as they don’t need much attention or deep soil. They are a creeping vine type plant, and just

need to be trained so they don’t encroach on other parts of your garden. You can plant pumpkins from either the seeds which are found inside, or from cuttings that have grown roots.

Pumpkins like loose, rich soil. If you compost, use some of this soil, or plant them in this area, so that they have plenty of nutrients. Once they start, there is hardly any maintenance involved.

Seeds can be obtained free of charge from the Island Food Community of Pohnpei. Drop by at their Training Center in the Botanical garden in Kolonia.

In America pumpkin is harvested in the Fall season of the year but in Pohnpei and the rest of the Pacific pumpkin can be grown throughout the year. We don’t have to wait for a particular season in order to enjoy the goodness a pumpkin has to offer.

Because you are able to eat the flowers, leaves and the fruit, and contain so many vitamins and minerals, pumpkin is a good investment. You do not need to look to so many other foods to complete your nutritious meal.

As pumpkins contain so much food you can be creative and add it to your families dishes in different ways. Why not try some pumpkin tonight for dinner?



Pumpkin Flowers

1. Take out the centers and stems and wash.
2. Put a bit of oil in a pan and stir fry with a bit of garlic and onion.
3. Add any kind of fish and cook lightly until tender.

Pumpkin Fruit

1. To maintain the flavor, cook with the skin still on.
2. If the fruit is young, you can eat the skin. If it is older, it is best to peel off the skin and discard.
3. You can boil or steam or bake the fruit and serve as a side dish to your meal.
4. Also you can add to your soup or cook in a curry or in many other recipes.

Pumpkin Leaves

1. Pick the top tender leaves.
2. Cook in boiling water until tender and serve along with fish.
3. Or, cook in coconut cream until tender and serve as a side dish to your meal.

Palau seeks agreement on U.S. Compact

Provided by the Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

A Palau delegation led by President Johnson Toribiong will fly to Hawai'i for another meeting with United States officials in an attempt to bring to conclusion the Compact of Free Association agreement review which has been delayed for months.

Toribiong and his team of Compact advisors are set to meet the U.S. review team led by Frankie Reed in Hawai'i from Sept. 1 to 3.

The president said he wants to see the agreement finalized.

Palau accepted a US\$250 million financial package in January for the next 15 years. The signing however of the agreement is still pending.

The U.S. team wants the Fiscal Year 2010 funding in the amount of US\$13.27 million be counted as part of the US\$250 million package.

The U.S. also stated during the review that a US\$21 million subsidy for the United States Postal Service is included in the

package, the US\$16.8 million however of which is unrelated to Palau as it is intended for postal services to Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The final element stated in the review was that US\$28 million of the US\$250 million package over the next 15 years to be provided as annual contributions to an infrastructure maintenance matching fund.

In earlier interviews, the president said that the U.S. team are making demands that are highly intrusive such as requirements that tax deductibility for charitable contributions be totally eliminated and requirements as micromanaging as increasing the tax Palau charges on its fish exports to US\$.85/kg.

The president said the team also refused to amend the Compact which is inconsistent with the treaty.

He also noted that the U.S. position on this issue is also inconsistent with the precedent established by packages provided to the other two Freely Associated States, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Team Yap applauded during luncheon

Yap Department of Youth and Civic Affairs

The State Leadership has hosted a special luncheon in honor of all the Yap athletes at the Colonia Community Center today, August 20, 2010. The State Leadership had organized this luncheon in order to officially congratulate the athletes for their achievements and effort during the 7th Micronesian Games.

All the speakers at the luncheon today have shared the same sentiment by encouraging the athletes and their coaches to train and be prepared for future games, one will be the FSM Games which will be in two years from today and the 8th Micronesian Games in another four years from now.

During his remark, Governor Sebastian Anefal presented to the athletes and the Sports Council the awards he had received from the Government of Palau during the 7th Micronesian Games. Those were presented to him for Yap's participation in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

Speaker Charles Chieng also presented a Resolution to the Sports Council on behalf of Team Yap during his remark. The Resolution which the State Legislature recently adopted during its last Session conveys a message which expresses deep gratitude and sincere congratulations to the athletes and members of Team Yap in the 7th Micronesian Games in the Republic of Palau, which took place from 1-10

August 2010 for their achievements in the Games. They "have made the people of the State of Yap proud, not so much for the number of gold, silver and bronze medals they brought home, but for having done their best in the sport competitions they participated in and represented the State of Yap."

The Resolution stated that the Legislature and the people of the State of Yap warmly congratulate and thank the coaches of the Athletes to the 7th Micronesian Games and all who supported them, including Continental Micronesia, which allowed the Sports Council to charter the plane that transported Team Yap to the Games and back. It is the quality of their care that helped the Athletes of the State of Yap accomplish what they did, and to set the stage and their sights on future successes in future games.

Other Representatives from the Traditional Councils and Yap Congress Delegation Office also spoke during the luncheon today.

Prior to the speeches, the Master of Ceremony, Youth & Civic Affairs Director Larry Raigetel gave a welcoming remarks and highlighted team Waab's performance in Palau and also, as background, shared Yap's standing since the inception of the 1st Micronesian Games in Saipan in 1969. He said this is the first time for Yap to have collected that many medals from the games.

Pohnpei soccer team headed to Guam

The Pohnpei State soccer team flies to Guam on September 30 for a week long tour that will end with a tough match against the highly-rated Guam national team.

Pohnpei's up and coming soccer stars have been training at PICS Field five days a week since their selection at the end of the Pohnpei Premier League competition back in December 2009.

Now the island's best players will have the chance to represent their state in the first overseas fixture in a decade.

The players are currently fighting for their seats on the plane to Guam. Sponsors Coyne Airways stepped in to make the tour possible by financing 15 tickets to Guam, but not everyone in the provisional squad can be included.

The final squad announcement will be made on September 21, giving the chosen players 10 days of hard training before they travel.

The tour of Guam is the first stage in the development of soccer throughout the Federated States of Micronesia.

Projects in Chuuk and Yap have begun, building towards the 2011 FSM Games where state teams from Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap will compete at soccer. The outstanding players at that competition will be chosen to compete internationally.

The Pohnpei Soccer Association hopes that the state soccer team will be supported by the community on island before their departure and also receive help from the large Pohnpeian community in Guam.

Fans will be very welcome at the games in Guam to cheer on the Pohnpei players and any assistance in feeding the squad would be extremely helpful.

Please contact pohnpeisoccer@gmail.com if you think you can assist in any way or for details of the match schedule in Guam.

Micronesians in Hawaii sue over health

coverage New plan limits critical care treatments

HONOLULU, Hawaii (Pacific Islands Report, Aug. 24, 2010) – Micronesian migrants living in Hawai'i have reportedly filed a lawsuit against the state over a new health plan that limits their health benefits, particularly coverage for dialysis and chemotherapy.

According to the Star Advertiser, the state's new Basic Health Hawaii (BHH) plan affects over 7,500 non-resident Micronesian migrants with less than five years of residency.

The plan is administered by the state's Department of Human Services which, according to the Star Advertiser, was required to cut services because of a "critical revenue shortage".

Director Lillian Koller states that funding for the migrant population should be acquired from the federal government, not the state, because of a national mandate.

The Lawyers for Equal Justice, and law firms Alston Hunt Floyd & Inc, and Bronster Hoshibata filed a lawsuit yesterday alleging that the new health plan is unconstitutional and does not follow federal policies.

The Micronesian migrants' Compact of Free Association with the United States permits them to reside in any U.S. state for an indefinite period of time.

STAP awards scholarships to COM-FSM students

College of Micronesia-FSM

National Campus, Palikir –The STAP Filipino organization based in Pohnpei gave scholarship awards to seven COM-FSM students. The ceremony took place on August 24, 2010. STAP stands for Samahang Tagalog ATBP at Pohnpei.

Out of 11 scholarship applicants, seven were chosen to receive the scholarship awards amounting to \$500 each. The seven students were Laura Fujimoto, Venessa James, Anthony Lukogfunay, William Piki, Fitzgerald Weilbacher, Mylee Mario and Lashauna Wilson.

According to Jojo Pulmano, president of STAP, the organization has been giving away scholarships to COM-FSM students for the past 10 years. He said that the scholarship foundation started on September 2000, with the aim to help COM-FSM students finance their college education. Every year the organization gives away four scholarship awards. This year the STAP leadership decided to give away seven awards instead of the usual four.

College of Micronesia-FSM president, Mr Spensin James along with the vice president for instructional affairs, Ms Jean Thoulag welcomed the STAP officers. President James thanked them on behalf of the College. The STAP officers who visited the National Campus included Jojo Pulamno, Vida Ricafrente, Ramil Ilagan and Rafael Pulmano.