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FSM Congress votes to keep FSM leadership in place

President Manny Mori, Vice President Alik Alik, and Speaker Isaac Figir returned to their roles



Former President Falcam, first Speaker of the FSM Bethwel Henry, Former President John Haglegam, President Mori, Vice President Alik and Chief Justice Yinug seated in the gallery of the FSM Congress Chamber

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Palikir, Pohnpei—Today was a gray and blustery day in Palikir, Pohnpei. Rain fell on the hundreds of spectators as they arrived. Those spectators who didn't rate reserved seating jostled for position both inside and outside of the Congress chamber of the Federated States of Micronesia. In the rest of the world thousands of listeners tuned in to FSM radio stations and to the streaming Internet content for the opening day procedures of the 17th Congress of the

FSM during which three Senators would be named to occupy three of the four top seats in the FSM government.

One of the four top seats in FSM government was officially filled on May 5 when President Mori administered the oath of office to Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court Martin Yinug.

Conversation amongst the citizens and leaders of the four States in the gallery was jovial but there was just barely discernable underlying tension.

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Monstrous grouper caught at Pohnpei anchorage site

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei, FSM—On May 2, 2011, Bronson Solomon of Sapuafik was a guest on a fishing boat belonging to friends. His friends boarded a purse seiner at the Pohnpei anchorage site to pick up some bait fish and Solomon nonchalantly baited a hook with a whole fish and dropped it into the water. It was just something to do and he never expected that he would catch a fish quite as soon as he did. Suddenly a fish struck hard and his friends watched in amazement from the deck of the purse seiner as their boat was towed hundreds of yards across the lagoon with Solomon holding onto his hand line for dear life, a huge grouper on the other end.

Over an hour later the fish relented. Unable to lift the fish into the boat Solomon towed it back to pick up his friends who were still stranded on the purse seiner. Even their combined muscle wasn't enough to get the fish into the boat and they had to tow it back to shore.

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Chuuk State Legislature decimated in early morning inferno

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Weno, Chuuk, FSM—A fire that broke out in the early morning hours of April 30 ended in the complete destruction of both houses of the Chuuk State Legislature. Reports say that the fire or fires began some time between 1:30 and 2:00 in the morning. Island power was not operating at the time which excludes the possibility of an electrical fault as the source of ignition.

The building was unoccupied at the time of the fire and no injuries were reported in the blaze.

Arson is suspected and an investigation into that matter is ongoing. Some persons of interest in the matter were arrested, questioned and released. At press time one potential suspect who might have been involved in the suspected case of arson was still in the custody of Chuuk State Police.

To add insult to injury, even while the fire was going on some local residents took advantage of the fire to grab what they could from the burning building.

One witness who was hesitant to speak and asked to remain anonymous due to an ongoing investigation said that he “was at the Legislature and unbelievably watching people taking air-con units.” Some of the items stolen from the building have apparently turned up at a local scrap yard, the “Chuuk Recycling Company.”

The witness said that the Chuuk Recycling Company is set to close this week due to an ongoing investigation into another matter unrelated to the Chuuk Legislature fire.

At least one of the airport’s Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) supplied, highly technical fire trucks (strikers) arrived on the scene of the Legislature fire by 2:30 in the morning. The FAA fire trucks are extremely versatile and can easily negotiate Chuuk’s deplorable road but their height



Photo by Clark Graham

is a problem. The front bumper of the vehicle stands seven feet off the ground and overhead obstructions are a problem.

Further, the vehicles, which cost several hundred thousand dollars each were provided by the FAA for the express use of the airport and its fire fighters should an emergency arise there. They were never intended to serve fires in town. The FAA provided strikers to all of the nation’s major airports. The strikers in Pohnpei have been used in town fairly often.

The Chuuk Department of Public Safety has a few fire fighters on its staff but in terms of fire fighting “tools” the fire fighter personnel are all that CDPS has in its fire fighting arsenal. CDPS does not own a fire truck.

Several years ago a new building was erected for the use of the Chuuk Legislature but they never moved into what was once a beautiful building with scenic views of the Chuuk La-

goon. A passable road was never built to the site of what was supposed to become the new home of the Chuuk Legislature.

More than two years ago we used a four wheel drive vehicle to gain access to the building which after we reached it we were then able to thoroughly explore freely. We took photos of the building which by that time had fallen into a condition of serious disrepair. The building had obviously been used as a clandestine meeting place for ne’er-do-wells who broke doors and glass and who had also obviously used the floors as a place to dispose of their bodily waste products.

We were unable to determine by press time where it is that the Chuuk Legislative bodies will meet in the aftermath of the tragic fire.

The fire at the Chuuk Legislature burned both the House and the Senate buildings. All that was left of the structures was the concrete walls. Reportedly, every single document in both buildings was completely destroyed by the blaze.

“It’s a terrible loss for Chuuk’s history,” one observer lamented.



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“Micronesian Tourism Complex” bill passes Pohnpei Legislature

Governor Ehsa says media should stop calling it the “Casino” bill because the casino aspect may never be developed

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM—The Pohnpei State Legislature, on the last day of its April special session passed the controversial “Micronesian Tourism Complex Omnibus Act of 2011.” (L.B. 238-09 – L.D. 2).

The bill has been passed to Governor John Ehsa whose signature is required in order to make the bill a law. No one at the Governor’s office could answer the question of whether or not Governor Ehsa had already signed the bill into law by press time.

On Friday, May 6, Governor Ehsa called a press conference not to discuss the “Tourism Complex” bill but to discuss new proposed fishing regulations and the Foreign Investment Act that passed Legislative scrutiny on March 10 and was signed into law on March 18. He said that he would call a press conference in the future to discuss the “Tourism Complex” bill.

During his press conference Governor Ehsa additionally allowed for questions on any subject including the passage of the Tourism Act. We asked him whether or not Unicorn Star International Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of Hotung International Group had expressed any

renewed interest in a proposed development considering that the Pohnpei State Legislature had decreased the number of hotel rooms from 1000 to 300 and tripled the minimum investment from \$50 to \$150 million.

Governor Ehsa said that he wrote a letter to Unicorn Star International to let them know about the passage of the bill. He said that the company expressed an interest in further communication and a willingness to work together with the State in the future.

A Memorandum of Understanding signed between Pohnpei State and Unicorn Star International Holdings Limited (USIHL) expired on Christmas Day of 2010. That MOU called in part, for the passage of a bill like the one the Pohnpei State Legislature passed on April 29.

Governor Ehsa signed the MOU in Taiwan on June 25, 2009.

During his press conference, Governor Ehsa said that the bill allows him to put out a request for proposal for the project. He said that there is at least one other interested investor besides the Hotung group.

Later he chided members of the media for referring to the Tourism bill as the “Casino” bill reasoning that a casino is just one part of the bill and that it may not ultimately actually end up being implemented as a part of a Microne-

sian Tourism Complex.

A large portion of the language of the bill that was passed by the Pohnpei State Legislature was devoted to the complexities of regulating gaming activities in Pohnpei including the establishment of a “Gaming Commission” and other associated law enforcement activities.

The Governor’s website (www.pohnpeimet.fim) has only been active since July 5, 2010. Immediately following its first “Latest News” item that welcomed Governor Ehsa back from his trip to South Korea the website has carried as its “latest news,” an article released by the Office of Public Affairs. The undated article talks about a visit of members from Unicorn Star to Pohnpei State along with high level diplomatic officials that occurred “last week.” It mentions an invitation for Pohnpei Legislators to visit Macau in mid June 2010, a date that precedes the date of the release of the Governor’s website.

The Kaselehlie Press ran the Pohnpei State press release under the mid June date-line of June 15, 2010 with a Public Affairs provided headline of, “Unicorn International Still Pursuing Hotel and Casino in Pohnpei.”

The press release is ambiguously worded. “At the helm of the group, is a world renowned philanthropist, world leader and industrialist, accompanied by the President of the company,

Ambassador-at-Large Kerri Zhou and Ambassador-at-Large Tzeng Cheng who through his indefatigable efforts brought this project into fruition,” the press release said in its first paragraph. The wording leads a casual reader to believe that in the middle of last year the project was already accomplished which of course is the meaning of the word “fruition,” and which also was not the case. It also unclear whether it was Mr. Eric Hotung, the President of USIHL, Ambassador-at-Large Kerri Zhou, or Ambassador-at-Large Tzeng Cheng who brought “indefatigable efforts” to the project.

The tourism complex bill passed its second reading in a 14 to 7 vote. Two Senators of the 23 were absent from the session when the bill passed.

Senator Magdalena Walter of Sokehs said that she questions the validity of the vote in the Pohnpei Legislature. She said that she registered her complaint with Speaker Nelson Pelep. “I think we do need to develop tourism and I think the hotel part of the idea is good but I still have a problem with the casino part,” she said.

See page 16 for a reprint of the summary of the bill that we printed in The Kaselehlie Press on December 27, 2010. Other than technical amendments regarding title and date the bill has not changed since that time.

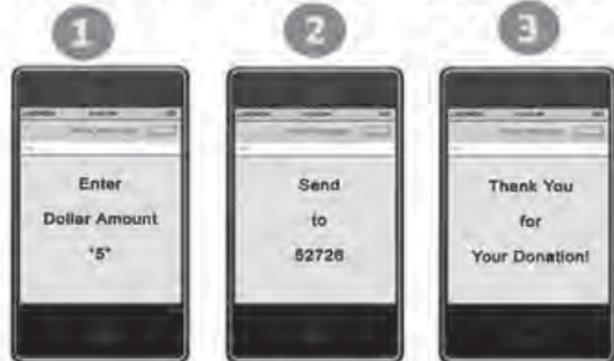


Japan was hit by one of the largest earthquakes ever recorded on March 11. The earthquake triggered a deadly tsunami that slammed into the east coast of Japan, leaving a huge swath of devastation in its wake. Thousands of people are dead and many more are still missing or injured; almost half a million people are homeless.

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Police beef up patrols in hopes of ending Pohnpei crime spree

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

April 11, 2011

Kolonia, Pohnpei, FSM—A joint law enforcement task force has been created in Pohnpei in order to tackle an increase in Pohnpei theft and breaking and entering crimes specifically in the Kolonia and Nett areas of the State. Pohnpei law enforcement officials began to notice an increase in the number of crimes particularly in those two areas that began in December of 2010 and has ramped up to seemingly epic proportions since that time.

“They (thieves) need something and they’re coming to where they think they can get it,” said Pohnpei State Police Chief Joe Roby referring to the business and residence areas of Kolonia and Nett. Roby said that though the other municipalities are not 100% free of breaking and entering or theft crimes the incidence rate of those crimes in other municipalities is much lower than in Nett and Kolonia.

“They’re going where they think the money is,” Roby said.

On occasion thieves are getting precisely that; a great deal of cash. Police provided a list of 32 cases in the Kolonia and Nett areas for which they apparently have no leads. That list does not include the many cases that were reported that were either solved or for which they have solid leads including forensic evidence gathered at crime scenes.

The biggest cash theft since December, at least according to the currently unsolved list of cases was \$6000 in cash taken from Sea Breeze in December. Other cash thefts from unsolved break-ins since December amounted to nearly \$8000, a total of nearly \$14,000 in cash in only 32 currently unsolved burglaries. That amount doesn’t even include the eleven cases on the list where investigating officers did not fill in the blank on their report for what precisely what items were stolen.

Victims of the unsolved crimes have also lost laptop computers, digital cameras, cell phones, tools, watches, underwater cameras, computers, diving equipment, and an iPod. Club Kintaro reported the theft of four bottles of whiskey of varying quality and expense, and a bottle of tequila. One crime report listed only a black and white towel as having been stolen.

Not included on the list is Saturday night’s burglary of Medpharm on the main street in Kolonia. Apparently it has been the habit of employees to leave a high sliding window open half way for ventilation. A burglar apparently climbed a bread fruit tree to reach the window and then crawled in. Once inside he went on a search for cash. He broke open locked drawers and a cash box and left with over \$1000 and a Blackberry cell phone.

Operations Manager Arthur Adriano said that thief didn’t touch the high dollar electronic gadgets like laptop computers. “They just went for the cash,” he said. “My first thought was about our accountant who lives in an apartment inside Medpharm.” Apparently she slept through the burglary and was unharmed. “It could have been worse,” Adriano said. “I don’t know what would have happened if she had woke up. It’s been a real wake up call for us.”

Medpharm has since installed security mesh.

“It’s really gotten bad,” Adriano said. “Every office in this building has been broken into in the last few months. I hope police are doing something!”

Chief of Police Joe Roby assured us that they are doing something and that they’re taking the problem very seriously. The recently formed task force includes Pohnpei State Police, Nett and Kolonia Police Departments and the National Police. In a meeting held this afternoon the task force members explained what they have been doing and what they will be doing in order to

eliminate the threat of crime.

Since the end of April the police departments have been positioning stationary patrols in Kolonia, and Nett. National Police officers have been covering their properties between Palikir and Dekehtik. Each of the stationary patrols is responsible for a certain geographic area. The crime stopping patrol technique, while it has been in its analysis stage has only been operational on the weekends when most of the crimes are taking place. Task force members say that they will be stepping up that patrol program for seven day a week coverage beginning immediately.

It was one of those patrolling officers who noticed that the back window was open at Medpharm and went to investigate. Apparently while officers were checking the front of the building the thief dropped out of the back window and disappeared, according to a witness who provided police with the name of the thief. Though that person has gone into hiding police expect to make an arrest for the crime very soon.



A burglar didn't bother with the barred front door of Medpharm but went in the back window

Lt. Patrick Carl of the State Police has been tasked with putting the patrol program into action and was also tasked to perform a causal analysis of the current peak in crimes. “What we found is that parental control seems to be the biggest factor in the crimes,” Carl said. During the last few weekends officers were required to patrol their geographic area approximately every 15 minutes and to interview and take the names of people they found on the streets during their patrol.

What they discovered was interesting. “I used to think that there was no night life in Pohnpei but that’s not true,” Carl said. Up until approximately 1:00 in the morning police most often interviewed adults over the age of 21. After the bars closed and adults apparently went home or at least cleared the streets, officers most often interviewed teenagers. Carl said that some of the teens were consuming or were under the influence of alcohol but he was surprised that some just seemed to be “hanging out” on the street.

“I think that the interviews were a deterrent to crime. They knew that if anything happened in that area police already had their names and they would be questioned about it,” Carl said. “But it really demonstrated that parents aren’t keeping track of their own children. It’s a big problem.”

Kolonia Town Chief of Police, Sarpine Clerans said that his officers, along with Pohnpei State Police officers will begin to strictly enforce the 9:30 Kolonia Town curfew for people 17 years of age and under.

Task Force members said that law enforcement for juveniles is difficult but

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Members of the police task force prepared for action

Pohnpei Public Library celebrates 24th anniversary with "Library Week"

By Cori Jo Jahnsen

This year Pohnpei Public Library celebrated its 24th anniversary with a "Library Week," from April 11 through 15. It was the first time since 2008 that celebrations happened for a week. In 2009 and 2010 the anniversary celebration took place for just one day, but this year "Library Week" was brought back. The theme for this year's celebration was "One World, Many Places."

There was an event each day at the library to celebrate Library Week.

On Monday through Thursday, four elementary schools had the opportunity to come to the library for a tour, story, and a scavenger hunt. Fourth graders from Awak, Pehleing, Nett and Sekere heard stories from guest readers, Truleen Joseph, Tanya Suficool, Amy Prahar, and Jean Thoulag. The Island Food Community of Pohnpei also gave a short presentation and provided a healthy snack to the students for their trip home.

On Friday evening, the library held a special celebration to commemorate the anniversary and to recognize essay and art contest winners. The program began with an invocation from Mr. Bruce Robert. Penny Weilbacher, President of the Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library spoke next thanking everyone for their support of the library. She also talked about future goals and needs of the library including repairing the roof. Dr. Lois Engleberger from Island Food Community of Pohnpei then gave a keynote address stressing the importance of eating local foods in order to maintain Pohnpei's culture which, she said is something that makes Pohnpei a unique place in the world. The library was then presented with a first aid kit from the Pohnpei Rotary Club. Rotarian Jean Thoulag presented the kit to Weilbacher who accepted it on the library's behalf.

The program ended with the presentations of awards to the students who were selected as winners for the art and essay contest. Art winners were Surlinda Ardos, Nett ECE; Taihina Weital, Ohmine School, 1st grade; Nelly Ann Artui, Ohmine School, 2nd grade; Yasmine Ehpel, Ohmine School, 3rd grade;

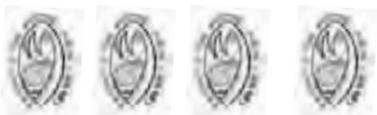
Yuchie Leopold, CCA, 4th grade; George Frolich, Awak School, 5th grade; John John, ESDM School, 6th grade; Swanson Amson, Kolonia School, 7th grade; Leimonmie, Mae Saimom, Seinwar School, 8th grade; and Nelsin Mack, Madelenimw High School (MHS), 9th grade.

Essay winners were Janity Hainrich, Ohmine School, 4th grade; Prieta Edwin, Awak School, 5th grade; Kingston Route, Seinwar School, 6th grade; Denzel Odys Ligohr, Nett School, 7th grade; Danielle Adams, CCA, 8th grade; Jefferson Redes, MHS, 9th grade; Negizia Elio, MHS, 10th grade; and Daynard Shelten, MHS, 11th grade.

Prizes included gift certificates from local businesses Ace Commercial, Leo Store, Ace Hardware, Ace Office Supplies, Perfume and Things, Amcres, Bank of FSM, Blue Nile & Hideout, China Star Restaurant, En's Seven Star Store, FSM Telecommunications Corporation, JG Store, Joy Restaurant, KCC Store, LP Gas Company, Movie Land, Neime Company, Palm Terrace, Pohnpei True Value, Best Buy Enterprises, Black Sand Store, and Pohnpei Cinema.

In addition to the gift certificates FSM Telecom also donated a cell phone, and True Value donated an iPod. Those prizes were given to two of the winners selected by random draw.

Pohnpei Public Library wants to express its gratitude for everyone who helped make Library Week possible. Head Librarian Lester Ezekias said, "Thank you to all of the schools and businesses for all of their support."



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they aren't shying away from it. They said that in the case of underage alcohol consumption police practice is to notify parents to pick up their child even in the middle of the night and return them to the police station the next day. Chief Clerans said that in special cases where the child is visiting Kolonia from another distant municipality or where parents can't be contacted, Kolonia Town has a nice little room where the child can stay for his or her own protection; a nice little room with bars on it.

They said that the Police Departments have begun to work more closely with companies that provide security services and with businesses who hire their own security guards so that security guards know how to properly respond to criminal situations. He told a story about a late night patrol during which officers discovered a back door open on a local business. Officers got out of their car to investigate the matter during which time the security guard never woke up or stirred. "A security guard who is asleep isn't much of a deterrent," Carl said.

They said that some security guards do have cell phones but quite often complain that they have no minutes left on their phone so they can't call police when they need them. Carl said that he constantly tells them that if there is a problem they should call the police even if they have no minutes on their cell phones and that they can do that by dialing 320-2221 which will go through even without sufficient funds on the cell phone.

While forensic investigation capabilities of the Pohnpei State Police have dramatically increased in recent years and arrests have been made based on some of that evidence it doesn't work if victims disturb the crime scene before forensic investigators can access the area. They said that victims of crime should not start to clean up or disturb anything until forensic examiners have had an opportunity to do their jobs.

"Community members need to do their part," Chief Roby said. "It's not possible for us to do the job without the help of the community." He suggested that businesses should deposit cash in the bank rather than leaving it in their offices over night. After a while thieves will realize that they won't find cash no matter how hard they look and they'll stop trying.

He said that parents should also exercise more responsibility and supervision over the activities of their children.

The police task force has asked that we print the list of reported crimes for which they currently have not leads. They are asking that any one with knowledge that would help to apprehend the criminals for any of these crimes call the police department to help. The information the task force provided is sketchy at best. The department is trying to assemble more helpful information like time and date but at press time they had not yet provided that information:

- 01-11-92 Kolonia - China Town residence, Amanda John, \$600
- 12-10-45 Kolonia - Sea Breeze, \$6000
- 01-11-60 Kolonia - INS Store, amount unlisted
- 01-11-86 Kolonia - Joy Hotel, amount unlisted
- 01-11-101 Kolonia residence - Ronbel Tiburcio, amount unlisted
- 01-11-158 Kolonia - DJ's Store, amount unlisted
- 01-11-157 Nett - Pohnpei Cinema, \$793.50
- 01-11-150 Nett - Club Kintaro, various bottles of alcohol
- 01-11-105 Sokehs, Nandaku residence - Merleen Krispin, amount unlisted
- 01-11-51 Kolonia - Development Bank, amount unlisted
- 02-11-154 Kolonia, Kepinle R. Jano Residence - Elike Ravia, \$500
- 02-11-190 Dekehtik - Caroline Islands Air, amount unlisted
- 01-11-168 Nett, Liwi residence - Mary Ann Johnny, amount unlisted
- 03-11-14 Kolonia - UCCP China Town, \$350
- 03-11-65 Kolonia-Tailor Shop P.C.R., \$3000
- 03-11-77 Kolonia - JICA Office, amount unlisted
- 03-11-78 Kolonia, Likin Kel residence - Masangni, cellphone
- 03-11-98 Kolonia - Sei Restaurant, \$50
- 03-11-97 Kolonia - A-One Souvenir, \$1956.29
- 03-11-80 Kolonia, Pacific Missionary Aviation, \$60
- 03-11-118 Nett, Flamingo Parking lot - Sven Muller, Lap top computer
- 03-11-85 Nett - Mormon Church, amount unlisted
- 03-11-190 Kolonia - Catholic School Office, \$150
- 03-11-172 Kolonia, Ohmine Residence - Juda Johnny, \$300
- 03-11-62 Kolonia, Phillip's apartment residence - Merinda Medlla, cell phone and ladies watch
- 04-11-20 Kolonia, China Town, H&E apartment residence - Dan Norton, underwater camera, diving knife, white IBM laptop, 12 inch screen Lenovo brand, and one iPod
- 04-11-79 Kolonia - Catholic School Office, \$32
- 04-11-144 Kolonia, China Town - Napa Auto Parts, Digital camera and tools
- 04-11-24 Kolonia, China Town - The Salvation Army, \$600
- 04-11-185 Nett, Etscheit's Apartment residence - Chris Ryide, amount unlisted
- 04-11-99 Nett, Dekehtik - DHL Express Office, \$120 and laptop computer

Pohnpei Public Library launches the SUMMER READING PROGRAM!



Readers of all ages will travel the globe this summer as the Pohnpei Public Library presents "One World, Many Stories" during their summer reading program. Children will explore places from Oceania to Russia through stories, crafts, music, dance, and other activities. The 2011 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, first grade through eighth grade, with programs, prize drawing, story hours, a reading club and more.

Registration for "One World, Many Stories" begins on May 9 and ends May 31. Total price is only \$3.50. For more information, call the library at 320-2423.

Governor Ehsa discusses Foreign Investment and Fishing regs with media

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

May 6, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—Governor Ehsa held a press conference at the State Government Complex at 11:00 this morning. The Press Conference was broadcast live on the State Radio Station V6AH – AM. His two main topics were proposed new commercial reef fishing regulations for the State and the “new” Foreign Investment Act that he signed into law nearly two months ago.

This newspaper (see December 27, 2010 issue for complete summary of the Act and March 21, 2011 issue on the passage of the Act) and other media sources have extensively covered the passage of the Foreign Investment Act. The Governor didn’t have much to add to the details of that coverage. He did add his administration’s view of the importance of the Foreign Investment Act saying:

“The biggest benefit of the new foreign investment law can be summed up in one word—jobs. Foreign Investment means new businesses and new businesses mean new jobs. New jobs mean more for everybody in Pohnpei. New jobs mean the youth can stay here in Pohnpei to work and live with their families.

“Investment is when people spend their money to build new infrastructure and new businesses. Think about how many people live in FSM and how many in the rest of the world. If only people from FSM can have businesses in Pohnpei, then we are stopping all those other people in the world from using their

money to invest in Pohnpei.

“It is important to understand that it will take time for new businesses to open up, and we will have to evaluate the new law to make sure that it is working like we expect. We also have to make sure that the economy grows in a healthy way, and that the new abundance is used to honor and protect our culture and preserve the natural resources and beauty of our island.”

Along the lines of preserving Pohnpei’s natural resources Governor Ehsa also discussed the proposal of regulations “designed to protect and preserve our precious stock of reef fish.” He said that scientific studies conducted over the last dozen years have thoroughly established the fact that Pohnpei’s reefs are being overfished by 150%. “If we do not take immediate action, we risk the total collapse of Pohnpei’s reef fishery,” he said.

Unlike the FSM wide Exclusive Economic Zone which is extensively fished and often over-fished by foreigners who, unless they are fishing illegally, are licensed by the National Oceanic Resources Management Authority, Pohnpei’s reef fish are harvested by residents of Pohnpei itself.

Ehsa said that Community outreach efforts have already been conducted with fishing communities in Pohnpei. The regulations will be announced on the State radio station V6AH and will be posted at municipal offices. He said that the usual practice is to provide 30 days for feedback from the people of Pohnpei to comment on the proposed regulations before they become effective.

He said that based on solid current sci-

entific opinion the proposed regulations are critically necessary for conservation and management of reef fish, and that they are in accordance with optimum sustainability and development of stocks of regulated fish species.

While the Governor did not provide a detailed copy of the proposed regulations he did summarize them and said that the proposed regulations would pertain to size limits on fish to be sold and that the size limits would not apply to fish caught for personal or family consumption. He said that certain fishing gear would be regulated.

He said that an easy to read chart including all regulations and size limits would be prominently posted and distributed in Pohnpei. Humpback Snapper, known in the local vernacular as Pwalahl would need to be at least 10 inches long before they could be sold. Rudderfish (Kerker) would need to be at least 8 inches; Unicorn fish (Pwilak) 12 inches long; Pacific Longnose Parrotfish (Pahme) 16 inches; Steephead Parrotfish (Mahu lik) 16 inches; Trevally (Arong) - 16 inches. Grouper (Mwanger) – 16 inches; Sweetlips (Kohng) – 18 inches; Mangrove Crab (Elimong) – 7 inches; and Lobster

(Urena) – four inches. It would also be illegal to take and sell egg bearing female lobsters (urena).

The regulations include the ban of any form of any underwater breathing apparatus other than a snorkel for fishing. SCUBA would not be able to be used for fishing.

It would be against the law to fish with a gillnet, surround net, or seine net having a mesh size of less than three inches when measured diagonally or longer than 100 feet. Fishing with nets would still be allowed so long as the nets meet the requirements. He said that the latter regulations are similar to current regulations in Palau.

Since harvesting gravid lobster (female lobsters with eggs) would be prohibited there also would be a ban on harvesting lobster by any other method than by hand. “If we kill mothers with eggs there will be no lobster left in Pohnpei.

The Governor said that enforcement of the regulations would be the responsibility of the newly established Division of Wildlife and Rescue.



Governor Ehsa addresses the small crowd during his live broadcast

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President Emanuel "Manny" Mori



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Despite the name tag, this is Speaker Isaac Figir



Chief Justice Martin Yinug

...Congress

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Yapese citizens hoped that Senator Joseph Urusemal would be successful in a repeat bid for the Presidency. Pohnpeians, whose candidate Senator Peter Christian ran unopposed because many people thought that he was the State's most likely candidate for the Presidency, were cautiously optimistic. Kosrae's, who have never had a representative serve a full term as President hoped against hope that this would be Senator Alik Alik's Presidency. Chuukese, whose population numbers just less than half of the entire FSM knew they couldn't absolutely be assured that Senator Manny Mori would be re-elected for a second term. Even they appeared to be just the tiniest bit nervous as the session began.

FSM Senators Elect were introduced one by one to the applause of the spectators. Temporary Speaker Senator Peter Christian gavled the session to order and asked the gallery to stand for the national anthem.

If what radio listeners in Pohnpei heard is any indication, the international gallery listening online heard only the first four notes of the anthem. The singer's keyboard and microphone were apparently on a separate sound system from that utilized by those facilitating the live radio broadcast. Pohnpei's radio station V6AH quickly substituted a 1950's Country and Western song in place of the national anthem.

Temporary Speaker Christian told the gathered spectators that he expected that the opening session would be a short one but before he could finish speaking Pohnpei Utilities Company power failed, as it often does in Palikir. Power was down in the chamber for nearly 20 minutes. Meanwhile the world waited with baited breath and Senators Elect circulated on the periphery of the chamber floor shaking hands and greeting supporters.

When power was restored the credentials committee which included Senator Elect Paliknoa Welly as Chairman, and members Senators Elect Joseph Urusemal, Tiwiter Aritos, and Dohsis Halbert did its job and confirmed the credentials of all 14 Senators Elect.

FSM Supreme Court Justice Martin Yinug issued the oath of office to the new Senators of the 17th Congress.

Temporary Speaker Christian called the session into recess so that Senators could retire to the back room for the caucus that would result in nominations for the top FSM leadership positions.

When Senators emerged from their caucus ten minutes later a hush that had not previously been experienced during the session fell over the crowd.

The temporary speaker called on Senator Aritos for a nomination for the position of Speaker of the FSM Congress but before he could make that nomination, Senator Urusemal, operating in the position of temporary Floor Leader was recognized by the temporary Speaker. He rose on a point of privilege to recognize the FSM traditional leaders, former FSM Presidents John Haglelgam, and Leo Falcam. He recognized the first Speaker of the FSM government, Bethwel Henry, the Governors of each FSM State, the spouses of the FSM Senators, the members of the diplomatic corps, and all of the other assembled dignitaries that he could name within the bounds of propriety.

By the time Senator Urusemal finished with his recognitions of dignitaries those people in the gallery who were fortunate enough to have seats were on the edge of them and the many people who were standing seemed nearly ready to collapse in anticipation.

Finally, temporary Speaker Christian called on Senator Tiwiter Aritos for his nomination for Congress Speaker. Aritos nominated Speaker Isaac V. Figir of Yap for a third term in the position. Senators unanimously approved that nomination.

Temporary Speaker Christian stepped down from the chair and took Speaker Figir's chair on the floor and Speaker Figir assumed his rightful place as the elected permanent Speaker.

Temporary Floor Leader Urusemal nominated freshman Senator Berney Martin of Pohnpei for the position of Vice Speaker, a nomination that was also approved by the Senators.

Urusemal nominated Florencio Singkoro Harper of Chuuk to the position of Floor Leader, a nomination which Senators also approved.

Liwiana R. Ioanis was Urusemal's nomination for Chief Clerk and Senators confirmed that she will continue to serve in that position.

Speaker Figir called for a nomination for the President of the FSM. After an uncomfortable silence during which members of the gallery held their breath and shuffled their feet, Pohnpei's Senator Christian broke the silence and ended the guessing. He said that he was proud to nominate Senator Emanuel "Manny" Mori for the position. The nomination was unanimously approved by Senators according to the caucus agreement.

Senator Alik Alik will continue in the position of Vice President of the FSM.

Chief Justice Yinug issued the oath of office to President Mori and Vice President Alik both of whom stood with their backs to the gallery as the swearing in ceremony

was performed. Their wives held the Bibles on which they placed their left hands during the ceremony.

Speaker Figir assigned Senator Dohsis Halbert to continue as the chairman of the Ways and Means committee. He assigned Senator Roger Mori to continue as the chairman of Resources and Development. Senator Joseph Urusemal will continue as chairman of the Committee on Education. Freshman Senator David Panuelo is the chairman of Judicial and Governmental Operations. Senator Paliknoa Welly will continue as chairman of External Affairs. Senator Tony Otto will be the chairman of Health and Social Affairs.

Before Speaker Figir had finished assigning the Committee Chair positions at least half of the gallery had disappeared.

Speaker Figir declared the At Large seats formerly occupied by President Mori and Vice President Alik to be vacant.

President Mori is required by law to call for a special election in Chuuk and Kosrae in order to fill those seats.

The May session of the FSM Congress is the budget session and is scheduled for a minimum of 20 days.



Temporary Floor Leader Former President Senator Joseph Urusemal has the floor as then Senators Mori and Alik listen attentively

Hilo to host U.S. Peace Corps 50th anniversary celebration

By **Bill Sakovich**

The Peace Corps is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year with celebrations taking place around the world. The Peace Corps volunteer organization working in 139 countries, was established by former President John F. Kennedy, who selected Sargent Shriver as its first Director.

The Big Island of Hawaii played a major role in Peace Corps Training from 1962 thru 1971, when training was moved in country to Micronesia and other Pacific Island nations. An organizing committee has been set up in Hilo to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps and the almost 10 years of Peace Corps training in Hilo and other Big Island communities.

Activities are happening from November 18 - 21, 2011 with welcoming and farewell BBQ's, the rededication and relocation of the JFK Monument and plaque to the University of Hawaii, Hilo, a dinner with guest speaker, preview of a Peace Corps Training in Hawaii documentary film and silent auction of souvenirs from the respective countries in attendance. In addition there will be a tour to those former Peace Corps sites, of which some buildings no longer exist but the villages are pretty much the way they were in the 60's, and to Waipio Valley as requested.

On November 16th, there will be a big gathering of RPCV's in Kona and you are welcome to join all.

We are making a documentary film of training and it has been very interesting interviewing different people in the communities involved and the stories they have to tell. We are asking if any of you have photos, bio-books or other Peace

Information, or stories that you would like to share please contact Bill Sakovich at <swimsak@yahoo.com> or Mike Malinowski at <mikem@regaltravel.com>. We are really looking at information pertaining to your training groups while in Hawaii, let us know what you have and we will let you know if we have it. Also, any great stories of training that you feel appropriate and would like to share, please print them out and send it to us.

Our celebration is open to EVERYONE, whether you trained in Hawaii or not, or served in Asia or the Pacific, if you are interested, you are welcome. In addition to the 50th Celebration and activities noted earlier, a few groups will also be having their own groups reunion at the same time, so please join us. We have over 300 RPCV's living on the Big Island, and they are from all continents around the world, so you are sure to hook up with someone you knew.

The schedule of activities planned are: Nov. 16, BBQ in Kona, Nov. 18 Welcome in the evening, Nov. 19 Dedication and Dinner, Nov. 20 Site tour and Farewell BBQ, and Nov. 21, visit to Waipio Valley. All activities except Nov. 16th will be in Hilo.

We have also made contact with a couple hotels who are giving discounts and there are many B&B's in the area if you need a place to stay, let us know and we can help you.



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- Developing and executing business strategies with the objectives of identifying and sourcing viable export capable and ready clients, and the establishment and management of close professional relationships with the Pacific and Beijing private sector; and
- Identifying, developing and maintaining strategic partnerships with relevant Government, private sector agencies and/or non-Government organizations in Pacific island countries and China

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Applicants should have experience working in an export promotion agency and/or experience working with private sector enterprises, particularly in export promotion or facilitation. The ability to focus on contemporary private sector issues within the region, including an understanding of broader development and sectoral issues (e.g. trade facilitation, business enabling environment) is essential. Applicants should be willing to travel economy class.

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...Grouper

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The group contacted Simon Mix who owns a fish and produce market in Nett. Mix in turn called Paul Thomas, the official weigh master of the Pohnpei Fishing Club who brought the club's scale for an official weight on the fish. When they hoisted the monster into the air it weighed an incredible 445 pounds which, depending on what species of grouper it was may well be a world record catch. That will require some careful



Grouper dangles out of the back of a flat bed truck while a curious bystander gawks

research but Mix thinks that Solomon should apply.

In July of 2010 The Kaselehlie Press ran another story about a large grouper catch that was impressive then but it was only 280 pounds.

Mix said that another person caught a 140 pound grouper in the same area just the week before Solomon landed his monster.

Groupers can get huge. The world record Goliath Grouper catch was 680 pounds in Key West Florida but from our research it doesn't appear that Goliath Groupers inhabit waters in this area though we are certainly not taxonomists. From web research we did seems to suggest that the current world record grouper, which was caught in 2004 was slightly less than 395 pounds. Perhaps someone with much more knowledge about fish species will be able to look at that picture and know immediately what species of grouper that monster fish was.

World record or not the grouper was still a remarkable catch especially on a hand line. From the photos that Mix supplied everyone who was in the vicinity wanted their picture taken with the huge fish but Solomon gets the right of publication. His were the hands that gripped that hand line and it was his catch.

Mix said that one customer bought the whole fish on the next day.



Paul Thomas, the official weigh master of the Pohnpei Fishing Club is dwarfed by the fish (Paul is the man in the striped shirt in the background, not the monster with scales in the foreground)

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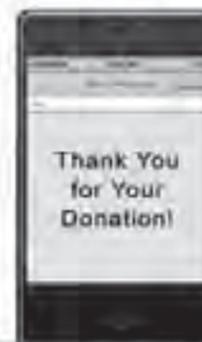
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Governments need to get tougher on road safety, says WHO

World Health Organization

MANILA, 11 May 2011—The World Health Organization (WHO) today called on governments to come to grips with the problem of traffic accidents as the number of people killed or injured on roads continues to climb, particularly in developing countries.

"Many countries see traffic accidents as an inevitable part of everyday life, but they're not," said Dr Shin Young-soo, WHO's Regional Director for the Western Pacific. "These accidents are predictable and can often be prevented. But to do that, you need commitment and informed decision-making by governments, industry, nongovernmental organizations and international agencies."

In a statement to mark the launch of the United Nation's Decade of Action for Road Safety, Dr Shin said: "Many countries lack appropriate legislation, and even if they do have the laws, enforcement is lacking."

The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed the period 2011–2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety with the aim of stabilizing and then reducing road deaths by 2020.

It is estimated that about 300 000 people die on the road each year in the Western Pacific Region, home to nearly 1.8 billion people. Millions are injured, some of them left disabled for life. Traffic injuries are the leading cause of death and disability among people aged between 15 and 44 years.

For families, the consequences can be poverty caused by having to pay for prolonged medical care of an injured loved one or by the loss of a breadwinner. Road accident survivors and their families and friends often suffer adverse social, physical and psychological effects. For countries, the economic cost can be up to 4% of gross national product (GDP).

WHO said the number of road accidents in the Western Pacific can be expected to increase as growing prosperity allows more and more people to purchase their own form of transport, making roads more congested. "There is no time to waste," said Dr Shin. "Governments should act now."

ANZACs Honoured in Pohnpei

Australian Embassy

This year's ANZAC day dawn service commenced precisely at 5:30 AM on Monday 25 April 2011 at the Royal Australian Navy's residential compound (Kangaroo Court) located on the western bank of the Nett River, in Nantelik in Pohnpei State.

The 25th of April, ANZAC Day, is one of Australia's and New Zealand's most important national commemorative events marking the anniversary of the first major military action involving Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Around the world and in every city and town in Australia and New Zealand, commemoration services are held at dawn, the time of the original landing by the ANZACs on the beaches of Gallipoli, Turkey in 1915. It is a day when all Australians and New Zealanders alike reflect on the many different meanings of war from the First and Second World Wars and all conflicts up to and including the conflicts of today.

The dawn service began with welcome remarks from Lieutenant Commander Geoff Hart-Davies and then Australian Ambassador Martin Quinn gave some brief remarks. Ambassador Quinn stated that, "the fundamental purpose of today has been, and should continue to be, to pay homage to our veterans and especially those who gave their lives, and the families they left behind. Those we honour have left to Australia and New Zealand, a fine example to follow for the future."

Following the address Father Joseph E Billotti provided a heartfelt prayer and then to the sound of bagpipes wreaths were laid at the Kangaroo Court Anzac Memorial. CPOET Scott Campbell laid

a wreath in the memory of all servicemen and women who have paid the supreme sacrifice; Australian Ambassador H E Martin Quinn on behalf of all Australians; Mr. Kevin Mulholland on behalf of all New Zealanders; Senator Loren Robert on behalf of the National Government and people of FSM; American Ambassador The Hon Peter Prahar on behalf of all Americans; Mr. Genichi Terasawa on behalf of the people of Japan; Mr Qin Jian on behalf of the Peoples Republic of China; CPOMT Dean Moore on behalf of the Australian Defence Force; Maj Frank Semens (Rtd) on behalf of Micronesian members of the US Armed forces and Micronesian service Veterans; The Hon Marcelo Peterson on behalf of all other Pacific Island service Veterans and non-ANZAC servicemen and women; Miss Melissa Moore & Jaxon Campbell on behalf of the youth of Australia

The Ode of Remembrance was read by LCDR Hart-Davies, followed by the playing of the last post, one minute of silence, and reveille as the sun rose above the horizon.

The ceremony ended with the traditional "Gunfire Breakfast" hosted by the Royal Australian Navy members and their families who are posted to Pohnpei in support of the Australian Government's commitment to the Pacific Patrol Boat Program.

The event was open to all members of the public and past and present Micronesian members of the US Armed Forces were present to help celebrate the day. A good number of people attended ceremony and breakfast even though it was a working day in Pohnpei. The high numbers from within the local community was greatly appreciated by the Australian Navy personnel and their families.

The Secretariat is seeking to appoint suitably qualified and experienced person to work as Non-State Actor Liaison Officer

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- Reporting on and monitor Non-State Actor contributions towards regional frameworks, including the Pacific Plan and the Forum Compact; and
- Developing and delivering work programs and budgets, and prepare periodic reports.

Applicants should have a University degree in public policy, politics, development or a related discipline with at least 5 years relevant work experience dealing with policy advice and stakeholder coordination in the Pacific Island Countries or in a similar environment. Applicants should be willing to travel economy class.

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Congratulatory message from President Mori to President Obama

FSM Information Services

May 12, 2011

Few days after the successful U.S. special military operation in Pakistan against Al Qaida, which resulted in the destruction of Osama bin Laden, the world's number one terrorist mastermind, President Mori, on May 05, 2011, wrote to U.S. President Obama, congratulating him for his leadership in forever ridding the world of its most feared and elusive terrorist.

In his letter, President Mori echoed President Obama's advice to the world to remain vigilant and not to let its guard down, just because bin Laden is gone, since there are other equally dangerous terrorists out there who are dedicated to the cause and are willing to continue the fight, and who may wish to avenge the death of their dear leader.

President Mori also noted the special and unique relationship enshrined in the Amended Compact between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States, as a reason for FSM's support for the U.S. and its coalition partners in the war on terror. But he pointed out that the FSM believes strongly in the nobility of the cause against terrorism.

He assured President Obama of FSM's commitment to the U.S. and the fight against terrorism, noting that 15 of our young men and women have already made the ultimate sacrifice by dying on faraway battlefields in Afghanistan and Iraq, that others are fighting today side by side with young American men and women in those faraway lands and that others will join the fight in the coming months and years.

President Mori concludes his letter by saying "Again, Mr. President, I commend you for your leadership and for the much needed victory against the world's number one terrorist. We in the FSM are thankful that we can sleep well knowing the United States and our allies are relentlessly pursuing the fight against the enemy of the civilized world."

Alarming state of glaciers prompts workshop and report commissioned by Vatican

Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development

Glaciers are in rapid decline and loss of these glaciers will have profoundly negative impacts on climate and human life, according to a report published yesterday by a scientific working group that was commissioned by the Vatican's Pontifical Academy of Science.

The co-authors of "Fate of Mountain Glaciers in the Anthropocene" list numerous examples of glacial decline around the world and the evidence linking that decline to human-caused changes in climate and air pollution. The threat to the ways of life of people dependent upon glaciers and snow packs for water supplies compels immediate action to mitigate the effects of climate change and to adapt to what changes are happening now and are projected to happen in the future.

"This group's consensus statement is a warning to humanity and a call for fast action—to mitigate global and regional warming, to protect mountain glaciers and other vulnerable ecosystems, to assess national and local climate risks, and to prepare to adapt to those climate impacts that cannot be mitigated," reads the report.

Though scientists usually refrain from proposing specific action, Professor Ramanathan from the Scripps Institution, at the University of California, San Diego, and one of the workshop co-chairs, said the circumstances of climate change warranted advancing suggestions from the working group.

In "Fate of Mountain Glaciers in the Anthropocene" the working group – made up of glaciologists, climate scientists, meteorologists, hydrologists, physicists, chemists, mountaineers, and lawyers – makes three central recommendations to minimize climate impacts:

- Reduce emissions of carbon dioxide quickly and aggressively, including through protection of forests, wetlands, grasslands, and other carbon sinks, and through the development and deployment of strategies to draw down excess CO2 in the atmosphere, all within decades;
- Reduce concentrations of other climate warmers and air pollutants, including black carbon soot, methane, lower atmosphere ozone, and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) by as much as 50 percent, also within decades; and
- Prepare to adapt to climate change impacts that will undoubtedly occur even if mitigation measures are successful.

"Climate change is a moral issue, as well as a scientific issue," said Durwood Zaelke, President of the Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development and a member of the working group. "Hundreds of millions of the most vulnerable of the Earth will suffer needlessly," he added, "unless we take fast action to slow and ultimately reverse global warming."

Zaelke continued, "The Vatican's support for fast action to mitigate climate change is heartening. Religious leaders have the authority to build a groundswell of support that persuades even conservative political leaders to take the strong and fast action we need to protect the Planet."

Report authors met at the Vatican from April 2 to April 4, 2011 under the invitation of Chancellor Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo of the pontifical academy. The report was issued by the Vatican yesterday and will be presented to Pope Benedict XVI.

The report title refers to the term coined by Crutzen to describe what is considered a new geologic epoch that began when the impacts of mankind on the planet became a major factor in environmental and climate changes.

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The College of Micronesia-FSM Board of Regents will hold its meeting for the quarter in Pohnpei. The meeting will take place from May 18 - 20, 2011, at the COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus.

Board meetings are open to the general public.

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

1. Call to order; moment of silent prayer
2. Reading of mission statement
3. Roll call; declaration of quorum
4. Approval of minutes
 - a. March 14-15, 2011, special meeting
 - b. March 29, 2011, teleconference
5. Communications
6. Regents' reports
7. President's report (summary of progress and concerns)
 - a. President
 - i. Data Report
 - b. Instructional Affairs
 - c. Student Services
 - d. Cooperative Research and Extension
 - e. Administrative Services
 - i. Financial Information
 - f. Faculty/Staff Senate
 - g. Student Body Association
 - h. Accreditation
8. Old business
 - a. Update on implementation of streamlining and salary conversion
 - b. Options to move forward on all IDP projects
 - c. Options for construction of Chuuk Campus permanent site
 - d. Update on the presidential search
9. New business
 - a. Revised policy on Controlled Substance and Alcohol
 - b. Pohnpei State Business Development Center (PSBDC) fees
 - c. Pell Grant
 - d. Accounts Receivable
 - e. Investment options for reserves
10. Executive Session
11. Next meeting
12. Adjournment



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(L-R) Sam Brazys (4th Place), Rusty Layesa (2nd Place), Delina Ferdinand (3rd Place), Markina Fredrick (1st Place) and Steincia Otter (5th Place)

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1st ROUND	2nd ROUND	FINAL ROUND
Sam Brazys 127	Sam Brazys 120	Markina Fredrick 132.5
Mavie Puliran 119	Markina Fredrick 119.5	Rusty Layesa 131
Jennelyn Pascua 113.5	Delina Ferdinand 119	Delina Ferdinand 122
Rusty Layesa 115	Rusty Layesa 116.5	Sam Brazys 121
Steincia Otter 111.5	Steincia Otter 116	Steincia Otter 30
Markina Fredrick 110.5	Burdick Roby 111	
Cecilia Sodre 108.5	Mavie Puliran 110.5	
Burdick Roby 105.5	Kathleen Schaefer 105.5	
Delina Ferdinand 108	Jennelyn Pascua 88	
Tirso Dela Cruz 108	Tirso Dela Cruz 95	
Kathleen Schaefer 107		
Johnson Asher 102.5		
Maureen Curtin 97.5		
Emily Pedreau 96.5		
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Sam Upritchard 90.5		
Arnulfo Vilvan 89		
Jamie Brazys 85		
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 Kitty Pappas, College of Micronesia FSM
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SPC-UOG Signed MOU for Enhanced Collaborations

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

The University of Guam and SPC have entered into a platform of collaborations and partnerships with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the heads of the two respective institutions. Dr. Robert Underwood, President of the University of Guam, and Dr. Jimmie Rodgers- Director General of SPC, signed the MOU on Friday May 6, 2011 in Pohnpei, FSM. On hand representing the DG is Mr. Amena V Yauvoli, Manager of the SPC North Pacific Regional Office and staff members of the Regional Office witnessing a historical occasion as a first such establishing a framework of institutional partnership between the two institutions that will foster coherent and synergistic results and outcomes for both and contribute to the achievement of their respective mandates.

The University of Guam is a US accredited land-grant institution that has scientific expertise in the fields of marine ecology; freshwater resources, cultural resource management; invasive species mitigation, natural resources management, island sustainability in energy, environment, economy, society and education. UoG offers a highly developed knowledge-infrastructure and has a commitment to scientific research and human resource development bringing tremendous added value to regional development. Combined with SPC's mandates, both institutions covers a broad range of sectors, many of which influence the determinants of human development as well as socio-economic development.

The MOU therefore seeks to maximize the combined impact of the work of SPC and UOG and outcomes in scientific research, socio-economic develop-

ment and health, through an approach underpinned by the philosophy of 'two organisations, one team'. It aims to ensure that the benefits and outcomes of the assistance provided to their mutual beneficiaries by the two organizations working in synergy are greater than those possible through their individual strengths. The MOU have together identified eight programme themes on which they will pursue cooperation over the coming years. These eight themes, which reflect both existing and new opportunities for collaboration, are (1) communication for behaviour and social change; (s) higher education; (3) bio-security [invasive species ecology]; (4) diagnostic laboratory assistance; (5) biomedical sciences; (6) natural resources ecology including soils, forestry, agriculture and watershed restoration; (7) regional health communications and telecommunications; and (8) workforce development.

In supporting the MOU, Dr. Rodgers stated that "the signing of the MoU with UOG will open new doors for other members of SPC to engage and we (at SPC) will ensure they are aware about the MoU and the opportunities that come with it for them". The same sentiments was expressed by Dr. Underwood during the ceremony reinforcing his keen desire to link up UOG with SPC and Pacific Island member countries, and academic institutions such as the University of the South Pacific (USP) in the South Pacific.

The MOU enters into effect on May 6, 2011 and will have a duration of four years, with provision for a review every two years. After four years, it may be renewed with modifications that are agreed on between the Parties and recorded by way of an Exchange of Letters if the need arises.

Investiture Proceeding for Hon. Chief Justice Martin G. Yinug

FSM Information Services

May 12, 2011

Honorable Acting Chief Justice Martin G. Yinug took his Oath of Office as the Chief Justice of the FSM by H.E. President Manny Mori at the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir, Pohnpei on May 5, 2011. Chief Justice Yinug has been the Acting Chief Justice for the FSM Supreme Court soon after the passing of his immediate predecessor, late Honorable Chief Justice Andon L. Amaraich, on January 28, 2010.

Chief Justice Yinug was nominated to the post by President Manny Mori in March 2010 and was confirmed by the FSM Congress on August 2, 2010 in a unanimous vote of confidence by the 12 members present on that day.

A native son of Yap State, Chief Justice Yinug was born on October 18, 1949. He pursued and obtained his Bachelor's in Political Science at the San Francisco State University in 1972 and eventually his J.D. in 1980 from the Catholic University of America Law School in Washington, DC.

Upon returning home in 1972, Yinug worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Yap Delegation to the Congress of Micronesia and had served as an interpreter to the state's delegation to the Micronesian Constitutional Convention in 1975 before embarking on his second educational pursuit in the United States that would give him a decisive footing in the field of law and the court system in Micronesia not too many years afterwards. His two years leadership of the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation in Yap from 1980 to 1982 was succeeded by a six years tenure at the Yap State Legislature where he served as the legal counsel from 1982 to 1988. His last stint at state level spanned another 4 years in the capacity of Associate Justice that ended in January of 1992 when he was appointed to the same capacity but in a wider jurisdiction – FSM Supreme Court. Justice Yinug has been the longest serving justice on the bench in the FSM, the first native son to be seated as such, and now the third to ascend this highest leadership role in this branch after Edward C. King and the late Andon L. Amaraich.

After saying his Oath of Office, the new Chief Justice spoke to his audience in the nearly packed gallery at the FSM Supreme Court, which included H.E. President Manny Mori, Honorable John Ehsa, Governor of Pohnpei State and the First Lady of Pohnpei, Ruth Anna Layan, Chief Justice Yinug's wife, Senators Joseph J. Urusemal and Dohsis Halbert from FSM Congress, members of the Diplomatic Corp, members of the President's Cabinet, Honorable Justice Torres and Honorable Judge Barcinas from Guam Judiciary, judges of state and municipal courts in Pohnpei, Rev. Bethwel Henry, Senior Pastor of Kapinle Church, Fr. Julio Angkel, Vicar of the Vicariate of Pohnpei and Kosrae, representatives of the business community, and other well-wishers and friends of the Chief Justice. In his remarks, Chief Justice Yinug assured the nation that the FSM Supreme Court would do its best in "administering justice by upholding and interpreting the laws in accordance with the FSM Constitution and sound principles of the rule of law" – a direct quote from the mission statement for this branch of government in FSM. Furthermore, the Chief Justice pointed out that the administration of justice "is a very expensive commodity", in his own words, and appealed to the other two branches of the FSM National Government to properly equip the court system so that its mandated roles in rendering justice and resolving disputes can be upheld "in timely manner".

Chief Justice Yinug has been on the FSM bench for almost 20 years and distinguished himself among other colleagues for his respected views and opinions over the years and his amassing contribution to the nation's growing jurisprudence.

The Secretariat seeks a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the position of: Trade Policy Adviser (Aid for Trade)

The officer will be accountable to the Director of the Economic Governance Programme for:

- Managing a team of staff and consultants to deliver timely and high-quality technical advice and assistance to Forum Island Countries on Aid for Trade policy and implementation issues;
- Managing a team of staff and consultants to manage Aid for Trade projects, including Strengthening Pacific Economic Integration through Trade (SPEITT) programme;
- Manage a team to organise Aid for Trade Roundtable meetings; and
- Build strong relationships through Officials-level liaison with CROP agencies and other counterparts.

Applicants should have a University degree in economics, finance or international trade and with least 5 years relevant work experience dealing with trade and economic policy in the Pacific Island Countries or in a similar environment.

Applicants with experience working in a Forum Member Country policy agency and experience with development partner systems and processes, and good experience working in a regional or international environment would be desirable. Have the ability to work with a small team of professional staff, set priorities successfully, to work alone with other professionals with minimal direction and supervision and ability to meet tight deadlines is essential. Applicants should be willing to travel economy class.

The appointment will carry a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The salary will be in the range of SDR35,273 to SDR52,909 per annum. At the 1 March 2011 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to FJD100,664 to FJD150,996. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free. Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package containing the job description and remuneration details, which are available at www.forumsec.org. To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a national of a Forum member country, a national of an European Union Member Country, or a national of an Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Member country.*

Applications should be addressed to the Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Private Mail Bag, Suva and can be sent electronically to jobs@forumsec.org.fj. Applications should be received by close of business on Friday 27 May, 2011.

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Diplomatic Corps clean the causeway

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On April 30, the U.S. Embassy organized a post-Earth Day trash clean up on the Dekehtik Causeway in Pohnpei. The two-hour event included Japan Ambassador Eiichi and Mrs. Suzuki and Embassy staff, Australian Ambassador Martin and Mrs. Quinn and Embassy staff, and Chinese Chargé d' Affaires Qin Jian and Embassy staff. U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Prahar, U.S. Embassy staff, Peace Corps, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (USDA - NRCS) and USDA Rural Development (USDA-RD) participated on behalf of the U.S. Mission. The thirty-six participants collected approximately seventy 33-gallon bags of trash, which Kolonia Town disposed of in the Dekehtik dump.

The Clean the Causeway Initiative aligned with the 2011 Earth Day Theme: "A Billion Acts of Green."

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Japan Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Genichi Terasawa picks up trash on Dekehtik during the Clean the Causeway Initiative April 30.



Representatives from the U.S. Mission, and Embassies of Japan, China, and Australia gear up for the Earth Day Clean the Causeway Initiative in Pohnpei April 30.

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Samuel Johnson

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The Secretariat is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to work as:

Project Accountant

who will be accountable to the Director of the Corporate Services Programme, through the Team Leader Financial Services for:

- Managing all financial services required to undertake projects using the processes and rules of the Forum Secretariat or the funding partner as appropriate;
- Managing the validation process for all procurements undertaken by the Forum Secretariat under the assigned project; and
- Preparing and validating the project activity reports, including details financial reports for the assigned project.

Applicants should have a first degree in Finance or Accounting. Certified membership with a recognised professional accounting association would be desirable. Applicants should have experience in accounting for donor funded projects and have sound knowledge of donor financial and procurement policies, procedures and standards. Applicants should be willing to travel economy class.

The appointment will carry a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The salary will be in the range of SDR20,359 to SDR30,538 per annum. At the 1 April 2011 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to FJD58,875 to FJD88,311. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free.

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What's in the "Micronesian Tourism Complex Omnibus Development Act of 2011?"

Title I

to be implemented immediately upon passage of 238-09

Section 1-2 Thirteen points describing the purpose and intent of the bill

Section 1-3 Notices of Interest; Proposals for Development; Required Contents; Independent Review; Transmission:

1. Governor must make a public announcement inviting potential investors to submit Notices of Interest. A non-refundable fee of \$500 would be required with each filing.

2. After deadline for (NOI) submission Governor invites the submitters by certified mail to present a detailed proposal to Pohnpei Government which must include:

(a) A qualified professional environmental study covering the entire project;

(b) A comprehensive business plan for the operation of the project; proposed amount of investment; anticipated labor force for construction and operations phases broken down into resident and non-resident employees;

(c) Anticipated revenues on a 10-year schedule

3. Business plans must be returned to the Governor's office within one year of the post-mark on the certified invitation to do so. The deadline can be extended for good cause but no longer than one additional year.

4. After the receipt of the proposals the Governor is to hire an independent third party consultant to review all of the proposals. The consultant is to prepare a fully researched report on feasibility and soundness of the proposals to include economic, social and environmental impact of the project on Pohnpei, and to suggest refinements to the proposals and amendments to the law in order to optimize the purposes of the Act.

5. Upon receipt of the consultant's report the Governor is to transmit draft legislation for enactment of Title II of the Act. All received documentation is to accompany that legislation along with recommended amendments to the Act.

Section 1-4 Effective dates; requisite implementation statute; sunset provision

1. 238-09 takes effect upon Governor's approval with or without his signature

2. Title II takes effect after enactment of a statute of implementation and not until after the all requirement if Title I have been fulfilled

3. Any purported actions undertaken by any party on Title II provisions before Title II is enacted by statute are null and void

4. 238-09 is repealed in its entirety if Title II provision have not been enacted by statute before January 1, 2014

Title II

to be implemented by specific statute after Title I provisions of 238-09 are met

Part A - Land

Section 2-1 Amends Chapter 10 of Title 42 of the Pohnpei Code adding a new section 10-162

1. Gives authority to the Public Lands Trust Board of Trustees to execute a 55 year lease agreement for the designated land in Lukop, Sapwalap, Madolenihmw. Specifies that the hotel should have not less than 300 rooms and should be constructed in three phases. The minimum investment shall be not less than \$150 million.

2. Waives some land requirements

3. Requires a survey prior to execution of any lease

4. Lease term is 55 years

5. Requires the lease agreement to contain a reversion clause on cessation of active land use; another reversion clause if each phase of the construction is not commenced or completed within three years of schedule.

6. Improvements become part of real property and are subject to reversion, however the Public Lands Trust may at its discretion provide for reimbursement for value of all or a portion of any improvements

Section 2-2 Amends Chapter 10 of Title 42 of the Pohnpei Code adding a new section 10-163

1. The Public Lands Board is authorized and directed to designate and declare for lease certain public lands located in Madolenihmw for agricultural and residential-related uses (ostensibly this is land that could be used for squatter relocation purposes.)

Part B - Gaming

Section 2-3 Twenty five definitions including one defining "Hotel Guest" in the context of casino gamblers as any guest of the Micronesian Tourism Complex possessing a passport and who is not a resident of Pohnpei.

Section 2-4 Amends the Pohnpei code to allow for commercial gambling in Pohnpei ONLY for operators in possession of a license

Section 2-5 Amends the Pohnpei code in a similar fashion to Section 2-4 except in regards to the KEEPING of a commercial gaming establishment.

Section 2-6 Technical change to the code regarding Bingo Violations

Section 2-7 Technical change regarding local option to further restrict gaming to exclude a license holder from any further local restrictions

Section 2-8 Regards the establishment of a Pohnpei Casino Gaming Commission

1. It would consist of the Director of the Department of Public Safety; the Director of the Department of Treasury and Administration; the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources; the Administrator of the Office of Economic Affairs; and the Local Chief Executive from the municipality in which a casino is located.

2. A member of the Commission cannot have a financial conflict of interest

3. The Chairman of the Commission will be chosen from amongst the member

4. Majority decision rules except in the case of a casino or interim casino authorization which requires four votes

Section 2-9 Amends Chapter 1 of Title 70 of the Pohnpei Code add a new Section 1-110 entitled Power and Duties of the Pohnpei Casino Gaming Commission

1. Gives the Commission to the right carry out the provisions of the Chapter; Commission amongst other duties may

(a) Issue rules and regulations

(b) Issue licenses

(c) Conduct hearings, compel attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths and affirmations

(d) Impose license fees

(e) Issue and enforce administrative orders

2. Commission staff

(a) The Commission must hire an executive director who would be attached to the Office of Economic Affairs which office would provide primary technical assistance and staffing to the Commission.

(b) May hire other staff as necessary

Section 2-10 Above Pohnpei code amended to include a new section 110 entitled Rules and regulations

1. Rules and regulations established by the Commission shall take into consideration the social and cultural context of Pohnpei

2. At a minimum rules should include:

(a) A Code of Ethics for Commission members and staff

(b) A means to ensure the suitability of owners, operators, and employees of casinos

(c) Means to ensure that casino gaming has the least possible impact on the social and cultural life of Pohnpei

(d) Means to exclude non hotel guests at the casino and individuals who are under 18 years of age

(e) Removal of undesirable from the casino

(f) Civil penalties for violations

Section 2-11 New Section 1-112 added to above code entitled Licenses

1. Commission sets criteria

2. Only ONE license will be issued in Pohnpei State

3. Individual licenses

(a) May license or regulate the employment of individuals by or on the casino

(b) May determine which types of employment require licensing.

4. Term of licenses

(a) Good for 30 years unless surrendered or revoked

(b) License does not bestow property right

(c) Authorizes the Governor to enter into contracts with the licensee to set minimum guarantees regarding future changes to the law in terms of licenses and exclusivity arrangements.

(d) Allows for inspection and monitoring procedures

(e) No license may be sold or otherwise transferred

(f) Rules for abridgement, modification, suspension or revocation of license

(a) License is subject to such if:

(i) The application contains false information

(ii) The licensee bribed or unlawfully influenced any member of the Commission

(iii) The licensee presented false information to the Committee in support of

the application

(iv) Violations of Pohnpei national or local government law

(b) Describes the procedure by which license may be revoked, abridged modified or suspended.

Section 2-12 License fees

1. Casino License Fees

(a) Casino license fee, a one time charge not to exceed \$100,000 and is not refundable

(b) The municipality where the casino is located may charge and annual fee not to exceed \$50,000

(c) Commission may impose other annual fees not to exceed the amount necessary for the administration of this chapter

Section 2-13 New chapter "Investigations"

1. The Commission is to investigate the applicant for a gaming license. If they already hold a license in the U.S. that investigation shall be limited to determining the validity of that license

2. A license holder can request the Commission to investigate any person involved in the potential sale, lease, transfer, change in ownership, or other change related to the license

3. The Commission may require the applicant to reimburse them for above investigatory expenses

4. The Commission may at any time investigate the holder of any license with or without notice to the holder. Expenses of such an investigation would not be reimbursable

Section 2-14 adds a chapter "Detention of violators"

See "Omnibus Development Act" on next page

...Omnibus Development Act

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Section 2-15 adds a chapter "Exclusion or removal" which allows an operator to exclude or remove an undesirable person from a casino. A casino operator can establish and enforce a dress code.

Section 2-16 adds a chapter "Immunity for detention, exclusion or removal which provides that no civil or criminal action shall lie against any person for action reasonably taken under (2-14, or 2-15)

Section 2-17 adds a chapter "Entry by law enforcement officers" which provides officers a right of entry to enforce the law

Section 2-18 adds a chapter "Gaming by Commission and licensees prohibited."

1. No member, officer, employee, or agent of the Commission and no officer of the Pohnpei Government shall be allowed to gamble in any way that is associated with the casino

2. No member, officer, employee, or agent of the Commission and no officer of the Pohnpei Government can be an employee of or have any business or financial association with or interest in any casino or casino service provider licensee or any business reasonably related to the such licensee

3. No owner, lessee, operator, manager, officer, employee, agent, or other person associated with a casino is allowed to play any game in the casino.

Section 2-19 adds a chapter "Administrative Penalties"

1. The Commission may provide, by regulation, civil penalties of regulations. No penalty may exceed \$50,000 and a range of lesser penalties shall be provided for minor or intermediate violations. Regulations may provide that each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate violation.

Section 2-20 adds a chapter "Gaming Commission Revolving Fund"

1. Establishes within the Treasury a Gaming Commission Revolving Fund separate from other Government funds and administered by Treasury and Administration

2. All funds collected by the Commission would be deposited in that fund which would then be used to fund the activities of the Commission.

3. The sums in the fund would be continually appropriated as though incorporated in the annual Comprehensive Budget Act. The Chairman of the Commission must report to the Legislature on or before October 15 each year on all expenditures.

Sections 2-21 – 2-29 set forth criminal penalties for all manner of newly defined criminal offenses both for a "natural person" or an entity such as a casino operator.

1. Newly defined crimes include:
(a) Willful evasion of license fees; other acts an omissions, penalties include five years in prison and/or a fine of not more than \$100,000. The fine for other than a natural person could be as high as \$5 million

(b) False statements to the Commission: Five years and/or \$25,000

(c) Unlicensed gaming unlawful: Five years and/or \$25,000 fine. Fine for an organization \$100,000

(d) Keeping a commercial gaming establishment in violation of 238-09: Five years \$25,000 fine or \$100,000 for organization

(e) Swindling or cheating an amount \$75,000 or more: ten years and/or \$1,000,000.

(f) Swindling or cheating an amount \$10,000 or more: Five years and/or \$500,000

(g) Swindling or cheating an amount \$1,000 or more: Three years and/or \$100,000

(h) Swindling or cheating and amount less than \$1000: Three years and or \$10,000

(i) Unlawful use or possession of devices to obtain an advantage: Five years and/or \$25,000

(j) Possession of such a device inside a casino: Three years and/or \$10,000

(k) Unlawful operation of cheating games and devices by a licensee or employee of the casino: personal Five years and/or \$25,000; corporate \$100,000

(l) Unlawful manufacture, distribution, sale, or service of gambling device: Five years and/or \$25,000

(m) Employment without license or registration or knowingly employing such person: personal Six months and/or \$10,000; corporate \$100,000

(n) Gaming by certain persons prohibited: under 18 players: six months and or \$1000; allowing underage play: personal One year and/or \$10,000; corporate \$500,000; subsequent violations: Two years and/or \$50,000; corporate \$1,000,000

(o) Gaming by persons not hotel guests: Six months and/or \$1000; allowing such person to play: personal One year and/or \$10,000; corporate \$500,000; subsequent violations: personal Two years and/or \$50,000; corporate \$1,000,000

(p) Same types of jail time and/or fines for any personal prohibited from casino gambling

(q) Placing, sending, transmitting, relaying wagers to another person prohibited under certain circumstances: two years and/or \$25,000

Part C - Taxation

Section 2-30 adds a Gaming Tax to the Pohnpei Code

1. Definitions

2. Imposition of gaming tax – a 5% tax assessed on the sale of all gaming services in Pohnpei. The gaming tax shall be imposed on the entire amount made available for wagering in the casino to the purchaser of the gaming services. The Commission may issue regulations further defining those transactions that constitute a sale of gaming services which, upon concurrence of the

Governor shall have the force and effect of law.

3. Gaming tax allocation – 75% of taxes would be deposited into Pohnpei's general fund; 25% would go into a separate revenue fund to be available for future legislative appropriation for the maintenance of law, order, and public safety.

4. Tax to be stated and charged separately from gaming services

Part D - Concluding Provisions

Section 2-31 Establishment of Micronesian Tourism Complex with not less than 300 lodging rooms

Section 2-32 Agreement Authorized – Governor is authorized to enter into an agreement(s) with and investor to build the complex

Section 2-33 Omnibus Act – Foreign Investment Act is waived with respect to the Complex

Section 2-34 Liquor license – Local government will not have the power to regulate the manufacture, sale, or consumption of alcoholic beverages within the Complex

Section 2-35 Compliance with existing laws required except as provided within this act

Section 2-36 No financial interest of Pohnpei State – the State will have no financial interest in and will not act in any commercial capacity with the Complex. At all times the Government of Pohnpei shall act in it governmental, regulatory capacity with respect to the Micronesian Tourism Complex.

This "summary" is intended to give a fairly comprehensive summary of what is contained in the bill but it is no way intended to be a replacement for a reading of the actual bill. Summarizations by their very nature leave out details that might be important to know. 238-09 is 38 legal pages long.

The editor of The Kaselehlie Press has not been trained as a lawyer. It is possible that this summary has changed the meaning of some aspects of the proposed bill. Any errors or omissions introduced by my summarization are purely unintentional.

Unfortunately, the Pohnpei State Legislature does not have a website where constituents can read the original text of 238-09. The Chief Clerk of the Pohnpei State Legislature provided a hardcopy of the Committee Report supporting the bill as well as a hardcopy of the proposed bill with amendments that I used to summarize the bill's contents.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

ANNOUNCEMENT

PIDB Offers Scholarships

In its effort to contribute to the education and development of human resources, Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB) is again offering scholarships for the upcoming school year 2011-2012. An applicant must be a citizen of any of the following PIDB member jurisdictions: Guam, Palau, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the FSM States of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to one student each from the above jurisdictions. The applicant must be at least a junior in an accredited four year college or university majoring in finance, business, accounting, economics or related fields.

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Application Form may be downloaded from our web site: www.pacificidb.com. Submit the application with the following support documents:

- (1) proof of citizenship (copy of passport or birth certificate),
- (2) official college transcript,
- (3) acceptance letter or proof of enrollment for 2011-2012 school year;
- (4) essay describing your academic and career goals; and
- (5) photo ID or driver license.

Completed applications with supporting documents may be submitted to: Pacific Islands Development Bank, Suite 204 GCIC Building, Hagatna, Guam 96910; faxed to (671) 477-0067; or emailed to rosa@pacificidb.com.

Deadline:

Applications received after August 15, 2011 will not be considered.

U.S. creates Earth Day garden in Madolenihmw

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On April 29, representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services (USDA-NRCS) and the U.S. Embassy created an Earth Day cabbage garden with fifty students at Lukop Elementary School in Madolenihmw. Students employed both the traditional row and alternative raised-bed planting methods, and were provided calamansi fruit tree seedlings to plant at home.

In his remarks, the U.S. Ambassador Peter Prahar spoke on the history of Earth Day, an event which launched the modern environmental movement. In 1970, some twenty million Americans publicly denounced increased pollution and deterioration, and demonstrated for a healthy, sustainable environment. Rising environmental awareness led the U.S. government to establish the Environmental Protection Agency in late 1970, and to enact the Clean Air Act of 1970 and Clean Water Act of 1972.

After highlighting the importance of environmental preservation and protection, Ambassador Prahar spoke of the value of sustainable agriculture in environmental and health-related issues. Noting the U.S. Embassy's and Mrs. Prahar's gardening efforts, the Ambassador called for students to "take PRIDE in the healthy, locally-grown foods of Pohnpei... I hope all of you will continue to be interested all your lives in growing and harvesting some of the food you eat."

In closing, Ambassador Prahar provided students with a homework assignment: "to take all that you learn today to make your [calamansi tree] seedling grow into a big fruit-bearing tree. Show your tree love: give it the proper soil, water, and sunshine, protect it from dogs and weed eaters, and keep its area free from trash. I know that if you take care of this little seedling, it will take care of your family by providing healthy, nourishing food for the years to come."

USDA-NRCS Soil Conservation Technician Gibson Santos then educated students on the materials needed for gardening, focusing on those that could be procured locally and at a minimal cost. Students were then able to partake in various hands-on activities, including raised bed construction, soil-to-organic matter combination, and seedling care to promote effective growth.

The Lukop Elementary initiative aligned with the Earth Day Network's "A Billion Acts of Green" campaign. As the largest environmental service campaign in the world, "A Billion Acts of Green" promotes both simple individual acts and major organizational initiatives that reduce carbon emissions and support sustainability.

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EDUCATIONUSA holds first College Fair in F.S.M.

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On April 27, the EducationUSA Advising Center (EAC) at the College of Micronesia-FSM organized the first U.S. college fair in the F.S.M. Program participants included U.S. Ambassador to the F.S.M. Peter A. Prahar, COM-FSM Acting Interim President Joe Habuchmai, EAC Advisers Lore Nena and Mike Ioanis, COM-FSM faculty and staff, and U.S. college and university alumni. Nearly 200 students attended from COM-FSM, various public and private high schools, and the U.S. Federal programs Upward Bound (UB) and Educational Talent Search Program (TSP) in Pohnpei.

As geographical limitations restrict U.S. college representative traffic, the EAC solicited U.S. college and university alumni residing in Pohnpei to represent their schools. Volunteer representatives requested informational and marketing materials from their alma maters, which they then distributed to college fair attendees.

Citing his own international college experience in Japan, Ambassador Prahar explained that "the extra work involved in figuring out a foreign school system and dealing with life in a foreign country will prove of enormous value to you in the future." Identifying international study as a "life-changing experience," Prahar highlighted that U.S. President Barack Obama is "himself a product of international education": his parents, Ann Dunam of Kansas and Barack Obama Sr. of Kenya, met in Basic Russian class at the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

EducationUSA is a global network of more than 400 advising centers supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) fosters mutual understanding between the United States and other countries by promoting personal, professional, and institutional ties between private citizens and organizations in the United States and abroad. EducationUSA centers actively promote U.S. higher education around the world by offering accurate, unbiased, comprehensive, objective and timely information about educational institutions in the United States. Millions of prospective students learn about U.S. study opportunities through EducationUSA advising centers each year.

According to the Institute of International Education (IIE) Open Doors report, 609,923 international students studied in the United States in 2009-2010 academic year. Approximately thirty percent of those students come from the East Asia and Pacific Region.



NRCS Gibson Santos distributes cabbage seeds to students to plant in the "Girls' Row" in the Lukop Elementary Earth Day Garden in Madolenihmw April 29.



(L-R) Ambassador Prahar, Mrs. Prahar, and Peace Corps Volunteer Mollie Wright listen as NRCS Gibson Santos briefs students before the gardening portion of the Earth Day initiative April 29.

The Secretariat seeks a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the position of:

Trade Promotion Adviser, Geneva

The officer will be accountable to the Director of the Economic Governance Programme through the Pacific Islands Forum Permanent Representative to the WTO, in Geneva, Switzerland for:

- Independently developing and execute business strategies with the objectives of identifying and sourcing viable export capable and ready clients, and the establishment and management of close professional relationships with the Pacific and European private sector;
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Wow!! Wow!! Wow!! Wow!! Wow!!

Japanese volunteer says “Kammagar! Yap High School!”

My name is Chinatsu Nagashima and I am one of the volunteers of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) FSM, posted at Yap High School.

I will never forget what happened at Yap High school on March 16. The massive earthquake hit Japan on March 11. Furthermore big TSUNAMI swap away many houses and building and schools. It is the biggest disaster of Japan that I ever experienced in my life. The number of people who dead and are missing still has been rising. As one of Japanese, I can't ignore this event and I have still struggled what I can do for victims of Japan.

The very next week from that tragedy in Japan, our principal of Yap high school call all of Yap high school students to library for meeting. I didn't know what for the meeting was. One of American teacher called Tim began a speech.

****(please read his letter)****

I was totally moved and couldn't stop crying for unexpected meeting. The very next day at lunch time, there was one more thing that made me surprise. School prepared big paper that is around 1m×7m for message to Japan. On the top center, there is a big letter of “Yap High School We Care”. I prepared big panel which is attached with the pictures of affected areas. Then lunch time came. Many students visited library to fold the Crane. My students who are taking Japanese class were teaching many students how to fix crane without asking. The number of crane has reached in two days and big message paper for Japan has been filled with their warm messages in only two days. I appreciated that all of yap high school students and staff care about Japan. To be honest, I came here to help students learning something through Japanese and Japanese culture. But actually students gave a lot to me. They gave us big encouragement and made us cheer up. I'm very happy to know that Yap high school care something that happened outside of Yap, across the country. I'm very proud of being one of the teachers of Yap high school. Finally, I want to say big big “KAMMAGAR” to our principal who made such a opportunity and American teacher who made a very impressive speech to students and all of students and teachers who folded the crane and wrote a very warm message to Japan!!



A letter from Tim Bigelow Yap High School teacher



My name is Tim Bigelow and I am a teacher at Yap High School in Yap, Micronesia. Following the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan I wanted to do what I could to help. But I am just one man.

I asked the principal of Yap High School if I could speak to the students to discuss what had happened to Japan. He agreed to my proposal and the following day I met with all of the students and discussed what had happened and this is what I said:

Seven years ago we had a typhoon hit Yap that devastated the island. There were no trees left standing and many of

you lost your homes. Do you remember that time? Many of you lost all your clothes and everything you owned. Last week you know that a terrible earthquake hit Japan and was followed by a huge tsunami that only made everything worse. At this time there are estimates that there will be 10,000 dead in Japan. TEN THOUSAND!!!!!! That's more than all the people that live in Yap. So imagine that all the people in Yap died. Some of you lost some of your clothes in the typhoon. In Japan many people have lost all their clothes and have worn the same clothes for the past 5 days. Now remember there are no showers for these people and for many there is no food.

In Japan there is a high school that is four stories tall. A very nice high school with computers, books, desks, and everything needed for young kids in Japan to learn. That high school is now gone. GONE! Every desk, computer, book, window, door...EVERYTHING gone. Can you imagine one day going to school and the next day the school is GONE?

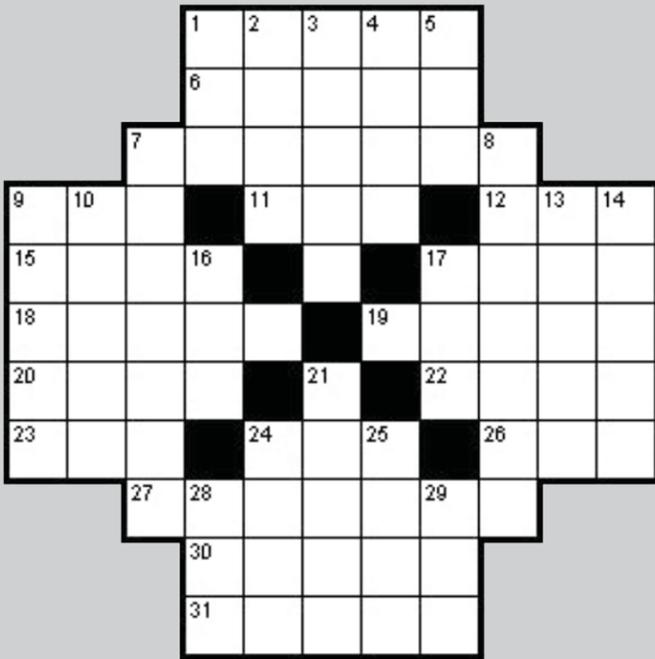
Now I look at what has happened in Japan and I ask myself...what can I do. Nothing really. Maybe I can't and maybe you want to do something and you feel the same as me and feel....what can I do. Nothing right? Well together we can do something. We can Care. Hey Yap High.....DO YOU CARE? A few students respond in a low voice YES! I yelled back at them....DO YOU CARE? The students roar YES WE CARE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I asked them to work with Chinatsu and make origami cranes, as that is culturally appropriate after someone dies in Japan and many have died. I then ask them...if you can't make a crane, can you sign your name and say WE CARE. The students roar back YES WE CAN!

You now have the cranes and the paper we signed. The students at Yap High School don't know anyone in Japan, but WE CARE! The hope is for sometime in the future when schools are rebuilt and life gets back to normal...if it ever will then maybe we can exchange students between our high schools and share our cultures and understand each other a little bit better.

What happens tomorrow is up to our governments. What happens to our students is up to us. I am only one man but today I opened up a few eyes to look outside of Yap and view the world we all live in and let the people in Japan know that there are people in Yap and WE CARE.

X WORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1. Oversight (5)
- 6. Stadium (5)
- 7. Teach (7)
- 9. Soaked (3)
- 11. Chart (3)
- 12. Taxi (3)
- 15. Pay close attention to (4)
- 17. Large and scholarly book (4)
- 18. Mistake (5)
- 19. Frozen region (5)
- 20. Railroad track (4)
- 22. Exude (4)
- 23. Small vegetable (3)
- 24. Was seated (3)
- 26. Obtain (3)
- 27. Sweepstake (7)
- 30. Type of farm (5)
- 31. Stingless male bee (5)

DOWN

- 1. Man or boy (3)
- 2. Type of starch (4)
- 3. Nut (5)
- 4. Break suddenly (4)
- 5. Consume (3)
- 7. Endless (7)
- 8. Branch of biology (7)
- 9. Pup (5)
- 10. Spooky (5)
- 13. Astound (5)
- 14. Cloth cap (5)
- 16. Female deer (3)
- 17. Also (3)
- 21. Paved area (5)
- 24. Celestial body (4)
- 25. Small gull (4)
- 28. Peculiar (3)
- 29. Cereal grass seed (3)

CARTOON CHARACTER FINDER

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| BARNEY | DUMBO | PLUTO | TOP CAT |
| RUBBLE | EEYORE | POPEYE | TWEETY |
| BETTY | ELMER FUDD | PORKY PIG | WINNIE THE-POOH |
| BOOP | FELIX THE CAT | ROAD RUNNER | |
| BUGS | FRED FLINTSTONE | SCOOBY-DOO | |
| BUNNY | GARFIELD | SNOOPY | |
| CHARLIE | GOOFY | SYLVESTER | |
| BROWN | MICKEY MOUSE | THE SIMPSONS | |

When I was a kitten

Can you fit the underlined words correctly into the grid? One letter has already been entered to get you started.

When I was a kitten
 I was smaller than a mitten,
 Everyone who saw me said, "Ah!"
 If I got in a muddle,
 I'd always get a cuddle.
 They'd never let me wander very far.

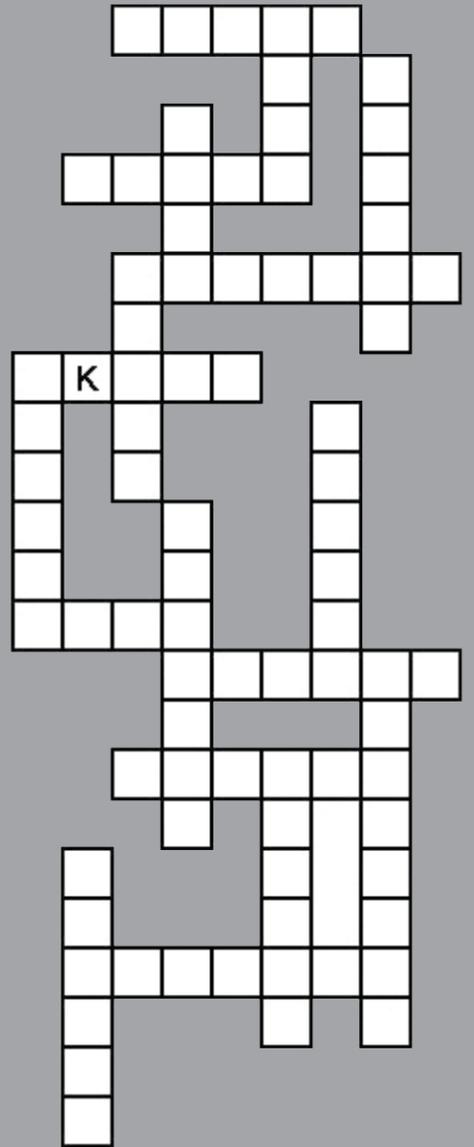
I remember being small
 I was the cutest of them all,
 They'd smile and call out my name.
 I'd play on the rug,
 They'd give me a hug,
 It was all like a wonderful game.

I was such a chubby thing
 I'd jump and spring,
 I had beautiful soft shiny fur.
 I was brave for my size,
 I'd chase spiders and flies,
 A tickle would always make me purr.

But the more I grew,
 The less people said, "OO!"
 I soon became worldly and wise.
 Now I hunt with skill.
 I enjoy the thrill,
 I'm a master of stealth and surprise.

I'm muscle and bone,
 I can stand on my own,
 I know how to sharpen my claws.
 I let my fur down,
 With nights on the town,
 I can wash my face with my paws.

Now that I'm grown
 I'm out on my own.
 I get to do things my own way.
 But I still enjoy fish,
 In my special dish,
 Served up for my dinner each day.

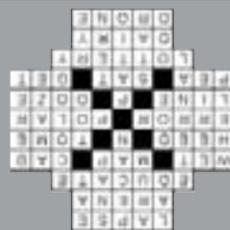


The So Kool Record company recently held auditions across the country to find four singers to form a new band. The four guys chosen are now super-stars but can you work out each guy's previous day job, his age (19,20,21,22) and home town?

- 1. Greg is exactly two years younger or older than the guy from Cleveland who used to be a truck driver.
- 2. Either Darren or the guy from Seattle (who may or may not be Patrick) used to deliver pizzas.
- 3. The guy from New York is younger than Daniel but older than the one who used to be a carpenter.
- 4. The 22 year old from San Francisco isn't the one who used to be a waiter.

NAME	JOB	CITY	AGE

SOLUTIONS



Name	Job	City	Age
Francis	waiter	New York	20
Greg	carpenter	Seattle	19
Daniel	pizza delivery	San Francisco	22
Darren	truck driver	Cleveland	21

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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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 Kia's 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**

Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon donates to Japan Relief

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Weno, Chuuk--At the end of April the Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon presented a cash donation through the Japanese Embassy for Japanese Relief in the wake of the horrific earthquake and tsunami that swept away so many lives.

the people of Chuuk through gracious donations of equipment, services, infrastructure and money," President of the Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon, Clark Graham wrote in a letter to Ambassador Suzuki.

"Now in Japan's time of need, the rotary Club of Truk Lagoon is making a small donation to Japan Relief that we hope will help relieve suffering in your country," he continued.

"For many years the Rotary Clubs of Japan, especially District 2750, the government of Japan, and private individuals have assisted

Rotarians held a fundraiser and also gather individual donations by club members and raised a total of \$1000.



Tadashi Miyagi accepts a donation from Rotarians Yvonne Pangelinan, Bersita Elimo and Myjolyne Kim

Astronomical Tide Prediction May 16, 2011 - May 29, 2011

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	05/16		05/23		05/16		05/23	
	02:08AM	4.4	06:31AM	3.7	01:32AM	2.3	04:29AM	2.0
	08:47AM	0.7	01:56PM	1.4	09:25AM	0.1	06:50PM	0.3
	02:36PM	3.2	08:05PM	2.4	02:38PM	0.6		
	08:12PM	0.9			06:09PM	0.4		
Tuesday	05/17		05/24		05/17		05/24	
	02:45AM	4.7	12:22AM	2.0	01:56AM	2.5	04:35AM	1.8
	09:29AM	0.6	07:15AM	3.3	10:04AM	0.0	06:43PM	0.4
	03:16PM	3.1	02:56PM	1.5	03:11PM	0.4		
	08:46PM	0.9	09:56PM	2.5	06:09PM	0.3		
Wednesday	05/18		05/25		05/18		05/25	
	03:22AM	4.8	01:54AM	2.3	02:24AM	2.6	04:16AM	1.6
	10:11AM	0.5	08:17AM	3.0	10:46AM	-0.1	06:03PM	0.6
	03:55PM	3.0	04:01PM	1.6	03:33PM	0.3		
	09:19PM	0.9	11:27PM	2.8	06:09PM	0.2		
Thursday	05/19		05/26		05/19		05/26	
	03:59AM	4.8	04:45AM	2.4	02:52AM	2.6	03:15AM	1.4
	10:52AM	0.6	09:50AM	2.7	11:30AM	0.0	04:31PM	0.6
	04:34PM	2.8	04:57PM	1.6	03:38PM	0.2		
	09:53PM	1.0			06:13PM	0.1		
Friday	05/20		05/27		05/20		05/27	
	04:36AM	4.6	12:13AM	3.0	03:21AM	2.5	02:04AM	1.4
	11:34AM	0.7	06:26AM	2.1	12:21PM	0.0	03:59PM	0.6
	05:14PM	2.6	11:22AM	2.6	03:19PM	0.1		
	10:26PM	1.2	05:41PM	1.5	06:21PM	0.0		
Saturday	05/21		05/28		05/21		05/28	
	05:14AM	4.4	12:44AM	3.3	03:48AM	2.4	01:18AM	1.5
	12:18PM	0.9	07:17AM	1.8	06:33PM	0.1	09:42AM	0.6
	05:59PM	2.5	12:25PM	2.6			11:47AM	0.7
	11:00PM	1.4	06:18PM	1.4			04:08PM	0.6
Sunday	05/22		05/29		05/22		05/29	
	05:51AM	4.0	01:12AM	3.6	04:12AM	2.2	01:01AM	1.7
	01:04PM	1.2	07:54AM	1.5	06:44PM	0.2	09:09AM	0.5
	06:51PM	2.4	01:13PM	2.6			12:59PM	0.6
	11:36PM	1.7	06:51PM	1.3			04:34PM	0.5

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Enipein community shares rare banana planting materials and information

By **Emihner Johnson**
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

As the "Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements" project goes toward the end of its two-year period, rare banana planting materials are being shared. Also new information on local bananas, their names and characteristics, is also being shared and this is being brought to the attention of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) and its partners, the College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Extension Services, Pohnpei Agriculture, and Pohnpei Forestry.

This project aims at planting and consuming more local food to gain their CHEEF benefits and broaden awareness on the importance of our local food and its nutritional values. This project initially selected six Pohnpei target communities including: Rohi, U; Enipein and Rohi, Kitti, Eirke, Nett; Mand, Madolenihmw and Mwoakilloa. A baseline survey collecting information on diet, tree crops and banana planted, and nutrition knowledge was conducted at the beginning of the project with households of all the target communities.

The results showed that most households consumed less local food than imported processed foods. This is a problem as the imported foods have a low nutritional value and can contribute to increasing

non-communicable diseases, including diabetes. The results also showed that few households had a diversity of the rare yellow-fleshed banana varieties. Yellow-fleshed banana varieties, similar to yellow-fleshed taro, breadfruit and pandanus, are rich in beta-carotene and other carotenoids and help protect against diabetes and other non-communicable disease.

When IFCP presented the results to the communities, along with the information on the benefits of local foods and nutritional values of our yellow-fleshed bananas and other local crops, the communities decided to plant more yellow-fleshed banana varieties. To help increase the planting of yellow-fleshed banana varieties, target communities decided to share resources among themselves. On April 29 and May 5, visits were made to Enipein Community, which had the rare varieties including Utin Iap, Karat en Iap, Ihpali en Saipan, Mangat Pwetepwet, and Mangat en Alokapw. That community was happy to share these bananas with households of target communities that do not have these.

There has been active discussion about the documentation of banana varieties and their names and characteristics. For example, Kudud, Utin Rais and Kirihmwere given as different names for the same banana, but Enipein farmers say that Kudud is different from Kirihm or Utin Rais as its fruit is bigger and the color of the pseudostem (the banana plant trunk) is different. This has led to the need to review the Pohnpei rare banana names and characteristics.

IFCP thanks the Enipein Community for sharing their rare variety suckers. Thanks are given also to the College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Research Extension (CRE), FSM Sustainable Land Management Fund, Pohnpei Forestry of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Pohnpei Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs for support and to US Forestry, Secretariat of the Pacific Community Centre for Pacific Trees and Crops and Australian Embassy Small Grants Scheme for funding support.



Rufino Simon shows his banana planting materials



Enipein Community Shares Rare Banana Planting Materials and Information

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Fun runs and walks are fun ways to promote local food and health

By **Emihner Johnson**

The 15th Annual College of Micronesia-FSM 2011 5K Fun-Run/Walk sponsored by FSM PetroCorp was held on the morning of May 7, 2011 at Palm Terrace in Kolonia, Pohnpei, along with coordination by the FSM National Olympic Committee. Over two hundred participants attended this activity. The fun-run and walk started at Palm Terrace going towards Center Point, proceeding toward Amcres Gas Station, then turning right towards 4TY where it turned left towards the airport and turning around at Litakika Beach back towards the Spanish Wall Field and back to Palm Terrace. Before the walk started, the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) presented its Standard Talk emphasizing the importance of eating local food for its health benefits like preventing Diabetes, Cancer, Heart Disease and Vitamin A Deficiency. They also provided these local Healthy snacks: pandanus, and four yellow-fleshed banana varieties: Karat, Daiwang, Akadah and Karat en Iap. We were fortunate to find these in the markets for this event. This is the first time Karat en Iap was available and presented at an FSM National Olympic Fun Run. The next FSM National Olympic Fun Run will be on Saturday, June 11, 2011.

Another Fun-Run was held on the morning of May 10, 2011 by the Nurses Association of Pohnpei, as one of the activities of the Nurse's Week. It started at the Pohnpei State Hospital parking lot, headed towards Litakika Beach, turning around there back towards the Spanish Wall and onward to Amcres Gas Station, and back to the Pohnpei State Hospital as the finishing point. Over ninety participants attended this fun-walk. The Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) pointed out the importance and the benefits of eating local food and exercise as these will help fight Non-Communicable diseases like Diabetes, Cancer, and Heart Disease. The healthy snacks provided at the Nurses Fun Walk were Pandanus, and two yellow-fleshed banana varieties: Daiwang and Akadah. The pandanus was so popular that the last finishers complained that they did not have the chance of eating pandanus as it was all gone. This is a good news and recommendation to IFCP to bring more pandanus to fun-walks in the future.

U.S. Coast Guard donates books to Yap

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On April 15, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Cutter Assateague arrived in Yap State. In addition to its routine international engagement efforts, the Guam-based cutter delivered twenty packages of books to the Yap State Public Library. Ranging from novels to encyclopedias, the book donation was facilitated by Assateague crewmembers and USCG Sector Guam sub-units. The cutter also provided additional clothing and assorted donations for missionaries serving Faith Baptist Church on Yap.



Yap State Public Library received 20 boxes of literary materials, which ranged from novels to encyclopedias.

While in Pohnpei during the 2010 USCG Sea Guardian Exercise, the Assateague also donated light weight clothing, shoes, sports equipment, and toys to the Micronesia Red Cross Society (MRCS). Speaking on behalf of MRCS, Executive Director Suzie Yoma thanked the USCG for its generous contribution, calling it "the first of its kind." Director Yoma assured that the donation would benefit those truly in need.

Operating in the Coast Guard 14th District (Honolulu), the Assateague is assigned Search and Rescue, Maritime Law Enforcement and National Defense missions and has an operating range of exceeding 2,000 nautical miles.

The Assateague's Commanding Officer is Lieutenant Lisa M. Rodman.



OLYMPIC DAY 5K WALK/RUN

Saturday, June 11, 2011

7:00a.m., Saturday

Pohnpei - start and finish at Palm Terrace Shopping Center.

\$5.00 registration fee, with t-shirts to all finishers



Deadline

For submissions of articles, advertisements, community service items and other items for the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press is:

May 25, 2011



USCG Assateague crew, Yap Public Library Staff and Faith Baptist Church missionaries congregate with book and clothing donations in Colonia April 15.

K.P. Krazy Corner

Island Inspiration: If all else fails lower your standards

English 101: Why isn't "phonetic" spelled the way it sounds?

THINK ABOUT IT: Half the people in the world are below average.

Me Time: Me-topia better than u-topia.

Mama Says: i'm young at heart but slightly older in other places.

Daffy Definition: Karaoke Japanese for "tone deaf"

Papa Says: Nostalgia ain't what is used to be....