

GEAR UP participants celebrate their accomplishments

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM—This morning at the Spanish Wall Park, participants in the Pohnpei GEAR UP program celebrated their accomplishments at the end of GEAR UP week with a Fiesta featuring sometimes raucous entertainment from the students. The Fiesta ended with a salute by the young participants in the program as they shouted their motto and then released helium filled balloons into the air.



During the week, GEAR UP students raised \$1018.51 from sales of local produce. That check was presented to the Pohnpei State Hospital during the celebration.

GEAR UP is an acronym that stands for “Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs”. Several GEAR UP participants spoke about the importance of the program in their lives. One student said that he

had been a lackluster student before he got involved in Gear Up but that the program had changed his academic and even his young social life.

GEAR UP is a US Department of Education funded grant program that aims to prepare students who are from low income and first generation families to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP is a supplementary program that aims to increase the academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education, increase the



rate of high school graduation and participation in post-secondary education, and increase students’ and families’ knowledge of post-secondary options, preparation, and financing. It is the responsibility of the program to create effective after school tutoring, Saturday classes, the annual GEAR UP summer camp, college visits, test taking skills classes, computer classes, enrichment activities, and job shadowing presentations.

GEAR UP Pohnpei currently serves 360 students at three target schools: Pohnpei Island Central School (PICS), Madolenihmw High School (MHS), and Nahnpei Memorial High School (NMHS).



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Introduced Congress resolution does not mean cancellation of Compact with the United States

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Palikir, Pohnpei—An FSM Congress resolution requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to terminate the Amended Compact of Free Association with the United States of America has FSM citizens inside the FSM and most especially in the U.S. wondering what their future will be.

Resolution 19-155 (CR 19-155) was introduced by Senator Isaac Figir of Yap on November 19. Senator Robson Romolow and Senator Bonsiano Nethon asked to be included as co-sponsors and signed the resolution as well.

Senator Figir's resolution is essentially the same as resolution 17-61 which was introduced in 2011 by then Senator Peter Christian who is now the FSM President. (Kaselehlie Press Vol. 11, Iss. 23, October 17, 2011) That resolution was assigned to the Committee on External Affairs but never made it out of committee.

The text of both resolutions can be found on the Congress website at www.fsmcongress.fm. They are virtually identical, though Senator Figir's version left out the clause that said that a "recent" recommendation of the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations to the United States Department of Homeland Security to consider establishing a pre-screening process and requiring advanced permission for prospective travelers from the Federated States of Micronesia and other Freely Associated States to enter the United States violates the non-immigrant and visa-free status of travelers from the Federated States of Micronesia and places FSM citizens among 'terrorist factions'.

That recommendation was never acted on by Homeland Security or any other department of the United States.

Senator Figir's resolution hasn't been assigned to any committee.

Even if the resolution were to pass the scrutiny of the Congress it would not mean that the Compact of Free Association with the United States (COFA) would be automatically cancelled. The COFA is a treaty between two nations. Neither nation can unilaterally decide to cancel it. In the FSM, cancellation of the COFA treaty would require a plebiscite vote. Before the FSM could even propose cancellation of the COFA, 75% of the voters in 75 % of the FSM States would need to vote for cancellation.

Figir's resolution should not come as any big surprise. He is on record in Congress as having opposed the Amended Compact when it came before Congress for ratification in 2003. In his widely reported oppositional speech to the amended Compact at that time, he shared his misgivings about the establishment of the Joint Economic Management Committee.

"I am not saying that I do not appreciate the United States' concern for our well being. I do," Figir told his colleagues in Congress then. "A friend should offer assistance when he sees a friend in trouble. But a friend who sees a problem in a neighbor's house should not take over the running of his house. The help our friends offer is to supervise our Governmental Operations for the next 20 years.

"To a large extent, JEMCO [Joint Economic Management Committee, consisting of five members, three from the U.S. and two from the FSM] not our elected officials, will determine how our funds are spent and how our government will function," he said then.

"Will we sacrifice our freedom, our sovereignty, our very dignity? Will we trade these priceless ideals for more televisions to undermine our culture, for more cars to clog

and choke our roads, for more imported foods that poison us? Are we really so shortsighted? So weak? I say no."

He asked the members of Congress to join him in rejecting the United States proposal. "Sometimes dignity and honor require that one must simply turn and walk away," he concluded.

Senator Figir confirmed in an email that his resolution talks about canceling the entire COFA rather than just the financial provisions of it. "...that will give the FSM its full sovereignty. FSM will be dealing with any other country as a sovereign country. I think the FSM should start as early as possible," he wrote.

"I'm happy with the discussions the resolution has generated on the social media," he wrote in an earlier email. "I thank those who took the time to comment on the resolution. However, none of those discussions has changed my position, i.e., to terminate title II of the Compact. aka the economic assistance early because the Compact is not working, unless the approach in the implementation of title II is changed. It is the same position I had since the inception of the Amended Compact. I was the only one that pleaded to the leaders of the FSM to reject the Compact. The Fiscal Agreement was and is the sticking point or problem," he wrote.

"Yes, I agree with that person who said I have lost the plot. I need, as well as other leaders, feedback and solutions to make the Compact work, otherwise terminate title II early. I have my own ideas to make the Compact work, but no one agrees. We seem to prefer business as usual with no regard to the economic consequences," he wrote.

Senator Figir introduced CR 19-155 to Congress on the day after Stephen Schwartz, the newly appointed U.S. State Department

Director of East Asia-Pacific — Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands (EAP/ANP) departed the FSM for the Marshall Islands along with another U.S. member of the JEMCO. On the morning of November 17, Congress members said that they didn't know what the visit was about and expressed concern about it.

Schwartz met with President Peter Christian on that morning and with Speaker Wesley Simina that afternoon. He also met with other government officials while he was here and had a meeting of the Trust Fund Board on November 18 before he left. On the afternoon of November 17 he also met with The Kaselehlie Press. He said that his goal in the trip was to demonstrate to the FSM government how seriously the U.S. government takes the mutual relationship. It was his first trip to the FSM and he said that he felt that it was important for him to have been to the FSM early on so that he could get a feel for the environment. He will return and his next trip will take him to other FSM States.

As to whether the U.S. representatives have steamrolled their own agenda at its meetings because of their majority membership, Schwartz said that everything is talked about until they reach a consensus amongst all the members. "My understanding is that the votes have always been unanimous," he said.

"It doesn't mean that we don't sometimes have differences but we always find ways to settle on what we [the JEMCO members] think is the best that we can do," he said.

Schwartz said that many FSM government officials asked him whether the U.S. would consider renewing financial provisions after they expire in 2023. His answer was his very informed opinion and not an official answer

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FSM files response to former Weno road contractor and files a multi-million dollar counterclaim

By *Bill Jaynes*
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November 18, 2015

Palikir, Pohnpei—The FSM has filed its response to the wrongful termination of contract suit (CA 2014-046) filed by Pacific International, Inc (PII) in December of last year. FSM hired PII to build the road in Weno and in 2014 terminated the contract citing a variety of reasons including PII's inability to finish the road project on time and within budget. PII requested over \$14 million in specific damages and other money damages it asked the court to determine in order to cover the loss of the company's bonding capability that they said resulted from the termination of the contract.

The response that FSM filed today includes counterclaims for damages it says it sustained due to the incompleteness of the project and for other reasons including what it calls fraudulent claims. It is asking for over \$7 million in damages along with cost of defense of PII's civil action. They've also requested relief in the amount of \$3000 per day until the project is completed though FSM has hired another contractor to complete the project.

Nearly seven years ago, the FSM and PII entered into a contract for 4.11 miles of road improvements on Weno, Chuuk. The original project price was over \$25 million dollars and was to be completed in 1096 days. The original completion date for the project was March 24, 2012 but was extended by change orders to November 25, 2013, an extension from 1096 days to 1707 days.

FSM claims that by November 7, 2013, the project was 86.3 percent completed.

FSM claims that in November of 2012, Jerry Kramer, President of PII, notified FSM's Project Management Unit (PMU) that PII may not be able to complete the Weno Road Project.

FSM claims that on February 4, 2013, Stanley Consultants, an expert scheduler and contract turn-around specialist the FSM had hired, provided a document to PII that contained 52 recommendations for "improvement of production and mitigation of potential delays."

FSM claims that PII implemented six of them, partially



implemented 10 of them and made no implementations on the rest of the recommendations.

FSM claims that through the duration of the project, PII lacked sufficient numbers of operating equipment for the job and that some of what they did have was inoperable. They say that it didn't carry spare parts for some of its equipment, lacked maintenance personnel, and adequate supervision in the field. It also claims that during the duration of the project, PII failed to provide and maintain a work environment and procedures that safeguarded the public by failing to provide barricades and signs.

It said in its response that PII's crews were frequently idle due to the lack of availability of material and equipment. Further it claims that crews were scheduled

to work from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but they couldn't start until after water was pumped from the trenches. It says that PII did not have an adequate number of pumps to handle the project and that construction workers had to wait until the trenches were pumped out before they could begin work. FSM says that on October 17, 2013, PII had 27 gas powered "dewatering pumps" but that one 13 were operational.

FSM says that PII had an insufficient number of dump trucks which also delayed work.

FSM goes so far as to claim that PII also used inferior and substandard material, and that they also used inadequate testing protocols.

FSM claims that as of August 17, 2013 there was a remaining balance of 8,013 feet of concrete pavement to place, approximately 40 percent of the total amount of concrete pavement and sidewalk that was required under the contract. Previous to that time, PII's rate of accomplishment for placing concrete pavement was approximately 500 feet per month. FSM says that at that rate, as of August 17, 2013, it would have taken PII approximately 16 months to complete the project.

FSM also claimed that PII did not order supplies such as concrete on a timely basis.

They claim that PII was cleaning sewers manually using buckets and ropes when the cleaning of sewers in the construction industry is typically done using a "jet rodder" or a "sewer bucket-cleaning machine".

FSM claims that a buildup of sand in the sewers was caused by the absence of caps on the ends of the sewers, leaking manholes, loose manhole frames, lack of adequate lids on the manholes, and the absence of filter fabric beneath manhole lids.

FSM claims that equipment breakdowns, lack of spare parts, and orders of supplies caused PII to move more slowly on the project than it might otherwise have done.

In November of 2013, FSM terminated the contract with PII.

FSM says that it had suffered nearly \$8 million in damages as of May 15, 2015.

FSM also claims fraud on PII's 46th payment claim to the FSM. The amount of the claim was nearly \$500,000. FSM says that PII misrepresented to the FSM that approximately \$230,000 was for PII's material in its inventory but FSM claims that material was used in the project. FSM claims that PII knew they had misrepresented that figure when they submitted their invoice.

President Christian addresses UN climate change conference in Paris

President Peter Christian addressed the COP21 participants in Paris. With exception of his greetings to the distinguished delegates, the following is the transcript of his speech:

I was well prepared for this speech. After lunch all of my notes have been scratched up. Not only because I've heard enough said about Climate Change, it's causes, it's effects and what needs to be done, but because I believe that coming to Paris is part of the evolution of our effort to bring Climate Change to the right path. And so I trust that all of us have come to Paris feeling that this should be a pivotal point, whatever that means—a plateau upon which conclusions are made on the long standing issue of Climate Change.

But of course, you've heard this before.

The Secretary General of the United Nations in September encouraged small island states to raise their voices to speak up on the issue of Climate Change, its effect on the lives and people on the small atolls in the Pacific. We are very grateful to the Secretary General for his encouragement but hasten to point out the obvious. That people from the Pacific, people of the Oceanic cultures need no convincing. We are already convinced. We know that there is danger in the air and we ask the Secretary General to continue his efforts to convince the industrialized nation friends of the emergency nature of this planet and that the Secretary General should declare a global emergency to show that the world is in peril at this time.

Today we heard a great leader say that we have come to challenge ourselves. Indeed so, but this challenge is to save ourselves, not someone else, but ourselves. I also heard another great leader say that the economy had grown but the carbon emission had stayed flat. What I would give for that "flatness" to dip a little bit during my lifetime.

Someone else who spoke said that by 2030, ladies and gentlemen, by 2030 there are island communities in the Pacific, and in the Atlantic, and in the Caribbean which may not be there by 2030. The question is, "What do we do collectively?"

When I spoke at the United Nations in September, I said that I would not deal in

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MAD Moms March for Climate Change

By Stephanie Jano Edward

November 29, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—On November 29, 2015 Mad Moms of Pohnpei organized a March for Climate Change, joining in the international movement of marches in support of the COP21 in Paris, happening this week. The small group of mothers, children, and members of the Pohnpei Youth Council were given a police escort, courtesy of the Kolonia Town Police, and trekked 1.5 miles from Ambros Store to the airport.

Members of the Mad Moms group were able to log in miles in the Charity Miles app, where donors and sponsors donate funds for every mile you log. The proceeds from their charity walk were given to the Nature Conservancy, to help support our conservation and preservation work here

in the FSM.

As Mad Mom member Joyce Anson stated before the 1.5 mile march, this march was for the future of Pohnpei, for the children, as they will be the ones who inherit whatever is left of the earth.

The Mad Moms and the Pohnpei Youth Council would like to extend the invitation to support the fight against climate change, not just for the COP21 but for our own sakes and the future of Pohnpei. Whatever events or programs you may hold that support this movement, please share the information.

Even with a small gathering, a spark was lighted to continue the fight. As the Pacific Climate Warriors so passionately put it, "We are not drowning, we are fighting."





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of the U.S. Government.

"I can't predict the future but my personal view is that I don't expect that the U.S. Government and particularly the Congress would revisit either the Compact or something supplemental in the foreseeable future. I mean, we have our own funding constraints. Congress seems to be taking on less and less and to in a sense, volunteer to do something we're not forced to do that involves the spending of additional money; I don't see it unless it's critical for the defense of the republic," he said. "I've shared that view with FSM officials. I mean, it might happen but at some point, I think that the US, well what we need to do and what FSM need to do, I think, over the next few years is come to a much deeper understanding about all of the implications of 2023 and what will happen in 2024. Not just financially but in terms of everything relating to the Compact and all of the services."

The U.S. provides services to the FSM besides the Sector grants. It's unclear what would happen to those "ancillary" services if the Compact were to be terminated. As one example, Schwartz pointed out that the U.S. had already provided \$13 million in relief efforts for Typhoon Maysak which struck Chuuk and Yap's outer islands. He said that it expects that the U.S. will provide another \$25 million in relief aid for that typhoon disaster during the next year and a half.

One of the clauses in CR 19-155 says, "the United States derives many benefits from the Amended Compact, not least of which is its exclusive control over the military use of the Federated States of Micronesia's extensive territorial waters and airspace."

"In my opinion, the U.S. knew in the 1940's that Micronesia writ large, all of the FAS is very strategic, very important," Schwartz said when asked about the importance of strategic deniability in the region. "I think, one of the reasons that the U.S. is so committed to this relationship is that we knew in the 1940 and

50's what we sacrificed for it during World War II and the commitments and the losses to regain, to liberate, to take these very strategic areas. That's not something we want to have to do again. People here don't want to be in that position either, so we've established what we think is a very exceptionally strong commitment to them and that's going to last. And as this area of the Asia Pacific grows in importance, economically and strategically, I believe this area will remain and grow in importance to us as well.

"I've been very committed to trying to ensure that throughout the U.S. Government, people recognize the current and potential friction developing in this area," he said.

"What I'd like to say is that our relationship with the FSM is far more than the Compact, the Trust Fund. Those are very important and enduring, I think. But our relationship began decades before there was any Compact and we feel that we have a special relationship with FSM...and we're working together on climate change. We're working on IUU fishing. The Peace Corps is here, lots of things, defense, Coast Guard have relationships and activities. These things are enduring. They're important, pretty balancing in the Asia Pacific and our interest in the FSM and this area is only going to increase so I would just say that it's a wide ranging relationship. It's very important to us and we'll keep at it. We take JEMCO and the Trust Fund very seriously and our working partnership, both, but there's a lot more to a relationship."

During our interview I told Director Schwartz that I was recording his comments and that if he wanted to say anything off the record he should let me know. He didn't exercise that privilege.

Senator Figir wrote, "I have reasons for what I do, and for the resolution, I did not just introduce for the sake of introducing a resolution. On Compact II, aka Amended Compact, I have not changed my position..."



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The United States, which operates a fleet in the waters of the PNA, has written and asked Pacific Island countries to go back on the agreement signed in August in Brisbane in 2016. US now says it cannot afford to fish in PNA waters under the VDS scheme. They were given 5700 days under the signed agreement and are now asking PNA to take back 2000 days which will cut the deal considerably.

Non-PNA nations like Fiji, Niue, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu would benefit from this new initiative from the US and get an upfront payment of \$150,000 each plus a chance to benefit from access for US fishing vessels operating in their waters.

However, the Pacific Island Parties say they have signed a business agreement with the United States State Department and they want to maintain the arrangement for 2016.

PNA Chief Executive Officer Dr Transform Aqorau said the development simply reflected the issues he had been addressing for the last six years particularly, "the need for flexibility and anticipating that within the treaty there are different vessels with different levels of efficiencies and it is hard to operate these kinds of arrangements when you have a vessel day scheme that operates on market based conditions."

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Expressions of interest may either be sent or be delivered to the address below on or before December 23, 2015.

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details because that is where the Devil is king. I meant that I don't understand much about the percentages of climate change, and all the things that need to be said to convince people that we are in trouble. This world is in trouble. I will therefore remain with that principle and with great pain to be as brief as in three Parliamentary minutes to deliver my message to you.

I do not know much about Climate Change and the effects of it but I do know something about breadfruit trees and cars. So please bear with me and lend me your imagination. Imagine for a moment that a breadfruit falls on a car windshield and cracks it. The question is, "Who is responsible?" Well, if the breadfruit tree was planted too close to the road and its branches overhang public road, and the landowner picks and benefits from the breadfruit tree, including branches that overhang public right of way, and there also is evidence that ripened breadfruit and leaves fall on the roadway and create a nuisance, then in my humble "legal breadfruit opinion" the landowner is liable.

But, being good neighbors, the car owner advises the breadfruit tree owner of the cause of the crack in his car's windshield and also presents a polished report on "breadfruit versus car" to discuss how to avoid further breadfruit falling on cars. The two neighbors sat down under a tree to discuss several things some of which, one, the need to remove branches that overhang public highways, two, the cost of

repair for the broken windshield.

"Too simplistic," you probably are saying and I agree with you. However, is it relevant? Perhaps so. But, Mr. President, Chairman, we have reached a point in scientific research that concluded quite clearly what causes this dooming Climate Change. That is why we are here in Paris to join in the COP21 discussions and we who are most threatened have a target we agreed to. They, whoever "they" are, still disagree and continue to work against, not just logic and common sense, but also desperately hope that their scientists can prove us wrong, like tobacco has no relationship with cancer.

Two days ago in Paris, someone asked me with genuine concern in his manner if the people of the Pacific know about Climate Change. For lack of a good thought out answer I shot from the hip like a good politician and said, "Many of my people do not know the earth as a planet among stars. They only know that their world is made up of islands and surrounding seas. They only see that part of their islands continue to wash away and they wonder why we have lied to them that sea level rise is a gradual thing of the future. And the child asks the grandfather, 'Grandfather, why?'"

The last minute of my remarks I shall dedicate to the scientists and technicians, the hard working people who deal with the devilish details. The world will hear our great speeches, those of us who stood up here and made the speeches, but only they will fully understand how truly remarkable the effects of small matters on the greater things in life. People will hear that we wanted to get from here to there, but they only will know the

secrets of how we got from here to there. They may know that I stood here today after a great lunch, and spoke with great emphasis on how we must embrace our hope to right a wrong, to prove right over might, but only they can tell how and why we succeeded and have arrived on the shores of France poised, poised with great hope that we can bring a conclusive, collective solution to our efforts to right the path of climate's change. On all of us, if I may presume that we thank these people very sincerely.

In my conclusion, I ask that we mark this spot in our efforts in Paris not just with a simple dot but put a stone there to make it a milestone in our effort, lest all that we have done be seen to be wasted. It is important to note that we have come so far, and here we are in Paris, sitting under a tree to speak about how, how to slow down and perhaps finally bring to a stop the cause of damages to our once balanced world climate. Let us simply say, and I ask you to join me, let us simply say that no fingers are pointed for each of us did what we needed to do to support our way of life until Rio de Janeiro, until Kyoto, until Copenhagen, and finally today, until France. In this concession however, we must encourage all to make another cohesive, collective effort to a solution to this not so good change in our current climate.

With that, ladies and gentlemen, it would be remiss on my part not to say that the people of Micronesia join France in its days of sorrow with what has happened here in the last several weeks.

Thank you very much.

Australian Embassy hosts White Ribbon afternoon tea



On Tuesday 1 December, the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei hosted a White Ribbon afternoon tea with representatives from different Youth Organisations to discuss what constitutes domestic violence and the different aspects it can take, and facts and misconceptions around domestic violence. Embassy Staff and about 15 members or various youth groups, and women's group members attended the afternoon chaired by Second Secretary Eliza Woolcock.

Chargé d'Affaires Perry Head opened the afternoon with some remarks highlighting the serious issue of domestic violence globally, and how men and youth can decide to stand up and speak out to help "Change the Story" and stop violence against women. He stressed the impacts violence had on the victim and also on the family, children and friends of the victim, and the economic,

See "White Ribbon" on page 15



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My experiences at the One Young World Summit

By Stephanie Jano Edward

November 30, 2015

Bangkok, Thailand—It is the largest gathering of young people in the world, second only to the summer Olympics, and each year those numbers grow steadily. On November 18-21, Bangkok, Thailand played host to this gathering, the One Young World Summit, and I was privileged and honored to be able to attend as the FSM representative.

We were privileged to hear from the amazing One Young World counselors, among them 7th UN Secretary Kofi Annan, founder of LiveAid Sir Bob Geldof, Nobel Peace laureate Dr. Muhammed Yunus, Supermodel Liya Kebede, Astronaut Ron Garan, Vogue China editor-in-chief Angelina Cheung, boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao, producer Jon Landau, Olympic gold medalist Li Xiaopeng, former President of Ireland Mary Robbins, the Governor of Bangkok, the Mayor of next year's host country, Ottawa, Canada, and the list goes on. These counselors were also joined onstage by selected delegates who shared stories of their ongoing projects and organizations. This was by no means a talking summit; these were young people who are taking the lead in their countries and in the world, doing their part in making this world a better place. All of these delegates and speakers opened up my mind and my heart because they hit issues that are very near and dear to my heart.

There is the delegate from Thailand, who, at the age of 14, joined her best friend in creating an organization dedicated to helping stateless people. These are people who have no country to call their own because they have been banished from their own and cannot enter any other. I didn't realize this was even an issue. What a sheltered life I've lived.

There is the Bosnian young man who started an organization to find ways to help fund children through school. This young man started this organization because he was one of the very few who was able to attend school growing up. I complain about our education system here, but his presentation gave me a newfound appreciation that we are able to provide our children with education.

There is the South Korean young man who is working on an app to help abolish food waste. He has now started the hashtag "lickitclean", where he is asking people to take photos of their food before and after, to help encourage us to eat all our food and not add to the waste. Just thinking about all the food that is wasted daily, which adds to environmental problems.

I am ashamed. There is the delegate from South Africa who is creating an app to help find and manage clean water all over Africa. There are people all around the world who struggle DAILY to find clean water and here we live, surrounded by beautiful waterfalls and fresh rivers and we insist on practices that are polluting them.

There is the 19-year-old girl who, after silently enduring physical abuse and rape for years, managed to find support to help her start her Stand Tall campaign, where she wants to empower young women to fight against this type of mistreatment. I know many young women who experience emotional and physical abuse here but are too afraid to speak out. We are even having trouble convincing our Legislature to pass the domestic violence act. I think it's time we do something about that. If one young girl could do something, I have no doubt we can, too.

There is the young man from the Marshalls who is fighting to ensure that his children will still be able to call the islands home. We call them brothers and sisters of the Pacific and yet we remain apathetic to their plight because WE aren't drowning . . . yet. But as Kofi Annan so aptly put it, "You cannot be safe at the expense of the other. You cannot be prosperous at the expense of the other as we operate in this interconnected world . . . we swim or sink together in the long term."

There is the young woman who was able to escape North Korea and is now travelling and sharing her story in the hopes that the world will be able to free her people from the inhumane treatment they suffer daily. The list is endless and the emotions ran high every single day. We laughed. We cried. We were drawn together in our suffering and in our triumphs. I was able to see how the world treats everyone outside of my own little bubble. I underwent more epiphanies in those 4 days than I ever have my entire life.

For 4 days I was part of a movement bigger than me and my tiny world. For 4 days, I joined over 1,600 young leaders from 196 countries, sharing ideas and stories that we can use in our own countries. For 4 days, I was able to meet world-famous people and soon-to-be leaders of the next generation. For 4 days, I wasn't Stephanie from the FSM; I was a citizen of the world. And now I hope that the journey that I began there will be able to flourish here in Pohnpei, with you, my fellow young people.

We are so blessed in so many ways and yet, most of the time, we don't even realize it, let alone share those blessings. I challenge the young people of Pohnpei to look around you. Look around and see what needs to be improved and let's get to work. We can't always blame our leaders for the decline in our economies and communities; sometimes the solutions can come from concerned citizens like you and me. Let's not be a society known only for big words and ideas; instead let's let our actions speak for us.



Chinese Folk Art Troupe from Guangdong performs at COM

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

December 3, 2015

Palikir, Pohnpei—The Embassy of the People's Republic of China sponsored a folk art performance this evening at the China Friendship Gym at the College of Micronesia National Campus. The production was presented by the Ethnic Culture Institute of Ruyuan Yao Autonomous Country in Guangdong, China.

The troupe performed nine numbers in the hour and a half long show featuring singing and dancing. The crowd was relatively small for such a large scale production but the troupe kept the audience engaged throughout. Troupe members occasionally entered the audience to shake hands or to distribute souvenirs.

All of the numbers were extremely well done but as usual, the Sichuan Opera face changing dancers were enormously popular.

Mrs. Li Ciuying, the new Deputy Chief of Mission for China's Embassy began the evening with a speech explaining the significance of the performance and a bit about the Guangdong region.

"Guangdong province has been designated by the central government to develop 'point-point diplomacy' with the Pacific island countries," she told the audience. "From 2011, every year, Guangdong has sent doctors and art troupes to the PICs to provide free medical treatment

and present free art shows, which are warmly welcomed by the local people. This time too, among the delegation, besides the officials from the Foreign Affairs Office of Guangdong provincial government and Guangdong People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the art troupe, there are 3 doctors who practice traditional Chinese medicine are here, they started discussion and treatment soon after they arrived in Pohnpei yesterday afternoon at the Pohnpei State hospital."

"An old Chinese saying goes, 'Amity between people holds the key to sound relations between states'," she told the audience which included FSM Vice President Yosiwo George and Chief Justice Dennis Yamase. "Harmony and friendship are built on the basis of mutual understanding and cooperation between people. I believe the cultural exchanges like this will definitely promote the bilateral relations between China and FSM and their two peoples. I'd like to see more and more people to people exchanges between our two countries."

Acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs Samson Pretrick also spoke and thank DCM Li for the performance and for the warm relationship that the FSM has with China.

Don't reinvent FAD data systems, says PNA

The Parties to Nauru Agreement will oppose any proposal for a separate Fish Aggregating Device (FADs) logbook to collect and report data on FADs. Instead, it is urging for the use of current FAD monitoring systems developed by PNA.

PNA Chief Executive Officer Dr Transform Aqorau said ahead of the Intersessional Working Group (IWG) on FADs in Bali this week that they believed the same standards based approach used for the provision of other fishery data, where the WCPFC defined the fields to be collected and who is responsible for reporting them, should be used. He also urged members of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) to meet their reporting obligations in accordance with these standards.

"The PNA should be able to meet these obligations sufficiently through their iFIMs and FIMs electronic data system which is currently up and running," Dr Aqorau said.

The Scientific Committee has already reviewed the data collected on FAD design and construction and agreed that it is adequate and none of the existing fields should be deleted.

"The PNA will recommend that the responsibility for reporting of all FAD design and construction data should be transferred to the vessel operator and the flag state. This includes reporting on all the fields currently in the Minimum Standards relating to FAD design and construction.

"Similarly for Data on FAD deployment, use and loss, the vessel operator and the flag state should be responsible for reporting this and the observer should collect and report data to verify what the operators are doing."

See "PNA FAD" on page 14

Pohnpei Export Association successfully ships first pilot container to Guam

On November 17, 2015 the Pohnpei Export Association (PEA) piloted its first 20 footer consolidated chiller container (reefer) shipment of local products to Guam with the participation of 5 local exporters. The first shipment was a pilot shipment to test out the mechanism of sending consolidated freight to Guam through the Pohnpei Export Association's newly formed partnership with DGX freight forwarders and "Micronesia Imports" in Guam. The success of this pilot shipment is the key to getting more exporters in Pohnpei comfortable with this new, low cost shipping mechanism and in proving that PEA can handle all of the requirements from FSM Quarantine and Guam Customs to successfully land a consolidated container and distribute its contents to buyers in Guam.

Currently, it costs anywhere from \$1.40 up to about \$2.72 per pound to ship goods from Pohnpei to Guam thru airfreight. With the success and consistency of this consolidated low cost reefer shipping mechanism thru ocean freight, it would only cost between \$0.30 and \$0.75 per pound for total shipments of at least 10,000 pounds, and takes about 4 days to sail from Pohnpei to Guam. The Pohnpei local products that can be consolidated into these reefers are sakau (kava), betel nuts, pepper leaves, lime, green bananas, young coconuts, swamp taro, yams, black peppers, coconut oil, coconut oil soap, skirts (urohs), handicrafts, furniture, and more dry goods.

This first shipment contained packages of betel nut, sakau, handicrafts, green bananas, local skirts, coconut oil, and coconut oil soap, and taro which had destinations in Guam, Hawaii, and Iowa. Mr. Patrick Maloney of "Micronesia Imports" was able to assist in the forwarding of packages from Guam to other US destinations using the US Postal Service in Guam. FSM continues to have restrictions on the shipping

of commercial products using USPS so this forwarding service was used to assist in sending out over \$4,000 worth of handicrafts and local products destined for Hawaii and the US mainland.

This export initiative is the hard work and collaboration between Pohnpei State, PEA, and FSM R&D. This pilot shipment was subsidized by Matson providing 50% off the cost of a 20' reefer shipment and FSM R&D paying for the fees associated with the shipment. PEA has also garnered funding support from FSM Congressman Ferny Perman to continue to build up the level of export from Pohnpei to Guam.

It took PEA more than 13 months to plan, arrange, and coordinate this first shipment. PEA wishes to thank and recognize the following agencies/organizations/departments and individuals: Pohnpei State Governor / Lt. Governor Offices (Gov. Marcelo Peterson), Pohnpei State Office of Economic Affairs (Mr. Kadalino Lorens & staff), FSM Congress (Hon. Ferny S. Perman), FSM R&D (Secretary Marion Henry, Assistant Secretary Camille Movick, Mr. John Wichep, Mr. Adelman Joseph, Ms. Hannalisa Esguerra), Pohnpei Port Authority (Chairman Ricky Carl, GM Nelperson Etse, Marketing Manager Luciano Abraham), Matson (Ms. Prudence Denight), Amcres (Mr. Einstein Susaia), PT&S (Mr. Joe Vitt), FSCO (Mr. Samuel Apuechy), Luen Thai (Mr. Scott Torwat), Actouka Insurance (Mr. Samuel Moses), Namiki (H.E Reed B. Oliver), Micronesia Imports (Mr. Patrick Maloney), DGX Guam, Mr. Gene Peter, John's Exports (Mr. Ray John), Palikir Consulting (Mr. Patrick Blank), Sea Breeze Hotel (Mr. Perdus Ehsa), JADESA, and all exporters/farmers that had confidence in PEA to take the risk in testing the waters (JADESA, Ms. Selyna Butler, Mr. Ray John, Mr. Robert Spegal, and Mr. Keoma Santos).



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Position Profiles:

The Director of Financial Aid Office (FAO) reports to the VPEMSS and serves as administrator for the college's student financial aid program. The director of FAO plans, organizes, and supervises the college's division of financial aid to administer federal, state, and institutional aid funds and services in an effort to promote access to higher education and student success as part of the college's mission and strategic outcomes.

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4. Copies college transcripts for all degrees earned;
5. A minimum of three professional reference letters;
6. Brief teaching philosophy (for teaching position only); and
7. Court/police clearance not more than 6 months old.

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Tokelau Fisheries Advisor Stan Crothers said Tokelau's budget was 98 per cent financed by revenue earned from fisheries access fees from the Vessel Day Scheme and three quarters of that came from the US treaty.

"Unfortunately for the treaty in 2015 and 2016, these are the years in which my predictions and sentiments on the issue are now becoming a reality," Dr Aqorau said.

"So we are heavily committed on the US treaty we have contributed over 75 per cent of our VDS days to make the treaty work so if it falls over we will lose very heavily," Crothers said.

"I have not been saying that we scrap the treaty but we should restructure the treaty to reflect the reality of the conditions, which they have now come to understand. The result is that they are reneging on an agreement which they have signed."

"This is the sort of money that builds schools that pays teachers, builds new hospitals and pays doctors and nurses and there will be serious consequences for Tokelau if we are not able to make up the revenue we could potentially lose from the treaty."

"I don't know how they will resolve the issue because on one hand you have one party (US) that has signed an agreement to pay for fishing access in our waters and are now not able to pay - whilst on the other hand you have countries who have made days available to the US treaty for 2016 and will face difficulty if they have to take them back now with only a month away from the start of the fishing season."

"Because we have relied in the past on the US signature on the agreement, we have put those financial projections in our budget."

"It is a pretty sad day when you really can't rely on a written agreement between the 16 Pacific island nations and the United States of America."

"I think there are much more flexible arrangements that can be developed beyond 2016. This is a short term problem but a serious problem that will need to be resolved for 2016."

"I am hopeful that we can develop quite a new business model for the treaty in the future because clearly the existing model is not robust enough for the 21st century and we need something new, if not, then the future of the treaty looks bleak. I really hope the US honours the agreement that we signed in Brisbane a few months ago."

"But I am confident that there are more flexible arrangement that can be developed around the treaty that maintains the importance of the relationship between the US and the Pacific Islands and we have already been giving some thought to those arrangements that we will be putting before PNA and the other countries involved."

The US fleet fishes mostly in PNA waters, including Tokelau, where large schools of skipjack tuna are found (50 per cent of the world's skipjack tuna is sourced from PNA waters).

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Corporate Core IT Infrastructure Replacement



Background

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1. **Hardware including physical servers, SAN and network equipment**
2. **Software including server OS VMware and production software**
3. **Data Backup**
4. **Backup power solution with redundancy**

We therefore seek the services of appropriately qualified and reputable vendors to supply and deliver Hardware and Software. The works can be bid as one package or separately.

Summary of Required Services

Part A – Supply of Hardware Solution

- The Supply of Tier One Branded Server, Storage Area Network, and Core Switching Network equipment.
- Storage Area Network
 - Dual Controller Active/Active with Minimum of 4GB Cache per Controller
 - Redundant 10GbE Fiber Connectivity Fabric
 - 15K RPM 12G Small Form Factor Serial Attached SCSI Hard Disks
 - 12TB of Usable Space in a RAID 1+0 Format
 - LC Fiber Cables for Connectivity
 - 10GbE Transceivers as Required
- Core Switching Network
 - Redundant Wire Speed 10GbE Switches
 - 10GbE LC Fiber Ports and Transceivers
 - Minimum of 40 Ports of Gigabit Ethernet
 - Redundant Switch Power Supplies
 - Minimum of 32 Ports of 10 GbE SFP
 - LC Fiber Cables for Connectivity
 - 10GbE Transceivers as Required
- Virtual Host Servers
 - Four Virtual Host Servers
 - Dual 12 Core CPU at a Minimum of 2.5Ghz per Core
 - 256GB Quad Ranked DDR4 RAM
 - 32GB Micro SD Flash Media
 - Optical Drive
 - Out of Band Management with Remote Console
 - Redundant Power Supplies
 - Minimum of 4 Ports of 10 GbE SFP
 - LC Fiber Cables for Connectivity
 - 10GbE Transceivers as Required
- Power and Infrastructure
 - Two 42U Pallet Racks with Stabilizer Kits
 - Redundant 8000VA Rackmount Uninterrupted Power Supplies
 - 3 Phase Monitored Power Distribution Units
- Spares
 - Spares of at Risk Hardware – Hard Disks, Power Supplies, Transceivers

Part B – Supply of Software

- Microsoft SQL Server Standard
- Microsoft Exchange Server Standard
- Microsoft Windows Server Datacenter
- Microsoft Remote Desktop Services

- VMware vSphere Enterprise

Part C – Design and Supply of Data Backup Solution

- Design of data backup solution for efficient high speed backup of data and VMs
- Supply of data backup software and hardware
- Training in configuring and managing backup software

Part D – Design and Supply of Backup Power Solution

- Sizing of UPS for runtime of 2 hours
- Design of solution with Redundancy
- Supply of backup power solution

Part E – Warranty

- 3 Year Minimum Warranty for all Hardware Equipment

Qualifications and Experience

A well established Information and Technology supply company that has a proven ability for in similar nature of works. Please provide the following:

- List of similar works done in the last 5 years
- Name of the Projects, Client, and Initial & Final Cost of each of the projects
- Provide brief methodology of the works to be conducted

Please note the following:

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Pohnpei State tobacco-free pledge

As part of the administrations ongoing efforts to educate the people of Pohnpei about the Declaration of Emergency on Non Communicable Disease (NCD) and the devastating effects of Tobacco use, Governor Marcelo Peterson signed a Tobacco-Free Pledge on November 06, 2015 with members of the Christian Ministerial Associations of Pohnpei (CMA). Signing on behalf of the Protestant Church was the President of the

United Church of Christ Pohnpei (UCCP) and Father David Andrus who represented the Catholic Vicariate of Pohnpei-Kosrae and who is also the Chairman of the CMA of Pohnpei. The CMA is comprised of all the Christian denominations in Pohnpei.

The Tobacco Free Pledge is in response to Pohnpei State Public Law (PL 7L-104-11) which prohibits smoking in all public

and community gathering places including Churches, Traditional houses (Nahs), Government Vehicles, Schools, Health Clinics, hospitals to name a few and to protect the people of Pohnpei especially Children, the Elderly and the Disabled from the harmful effects of second hand smoking. The pledge also calls on the Department of Health Services, Education and Public Safety to educate the general public and conduct community outreach programs about the health effects of Smoking, Chewing Betel Nut and using Tobacco products while also

prosecuting violations according to the Tobacco Clean Air Legislation.

The Pohnpei Department of Health Services Cancer Control Program under the division of Public Health and the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Community Health Intervention Program (CHIP) coordinated the event. For more information, please call the Pohnpei Health Services Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at 320-6101.

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In the last issue, we talked about the VDS in terms of the Total Allowable Effort (TAE) and the Party Allowable Effort (PAE) for the purse seine fisheries. Similarly, there is the VDS for the longline fishery which is about to be implemented in 2016. The concepts and mechanics of the purse seine fishery and the longline fishery are basically the same except the longline fishery doesn't provide for non-fishing days (NFDs). In other words, every day at sea is a fishing day. If a longline vessel were to purchase a 100 fishing days, every day it spends outside of a port will be a fishing day regardless of whether it is fishing, steaming or just floating, it is fishing. Purse seiners on the other hand can request for NFDs when they are in the zone but not conducting any searching or making a set. There are rules and tools to verify and validate the requests and it is up to the licensing party to either accept or reject these NFD claims.

How do we account for the different size classes or fishing power for each gear type under the VDS? For purse seiners, the VDS provides for length adjustment factors to account for the different size classes of vessel based on a fixed catch per unit of effort. For purse seine scheme, a vessel less than 50 meters will be fishing half a day a day (two days to expend one day). Vessels between 50 to 80 meter fishes one day a day and vessels in excess of 80 meters fishes one half day per day. For vessels in this category, they would be expending three days every two days. With regards to the longline VDS, there are simply two categories, less than 40 meters and over 40 meters. Less than 40 meters would be expending .8 of a day a day while a 40 meters and above would be expending 1.6 days a day. The table below provides a summary of the above.

	Purse Seine VDS (started 2010)	Longline Fishing VDS (start 2016)
Fishing Day Counting per Vessel	Every Day in EEZ (not in Port) except Non-Fishing Days where Vessel is not searching for fish or not set its nets	Every Day in EEZ (not in Port) is a Fishing Day
Vessel Size (meters) Fishing Days	<50m: 2 days fishing = 1 VDS day 50-80 m: 1 day fishing = 1 VDS day >80m: 1 day fishing = 1.5 VDS days	<40m: 1 day fishing = 0.8 VDS days per day >40m: 1 day fishing = 1.6 VDS days per day
Benchmark Price of Fishing days in 2015 & 2016	1 VDS Fishing Day = \$8,000 Note: Days are being sold above this BM price.	1 VDS Fishing Day = No Benchmark (BM) set.

...PNA FAD

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The IWG meeting in Bali this week as an important WCPFC component before the regular session at the same venue goes into its meeting this week presented with two options:

a) Transferring responsibility for collecting and reporting data on FAD design and construction from observers to vessel operators and flag states; and

b) Whether it is worth having a WCPFC measure requiring physical marking of FADs when PNA is collecting data on FADs electronically.

The meeting will also look at how other regional fisheries maritime organisations have developed their own data collection systems

However, Dr Aqorau said the principle of compatibility with existing arrangements in EEZs is an important element of the WCPFC Convention and thus the existing iFIMs and FIMs system should be a top priority.

"A totally new system means more people, more work for the existing system and the question of who takes on the cost of this new system," he said. "We have invested a lot of time and effort in our own system and I know that nations who use it will have a lot to say about it in the two day discussions."

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...White Ribbon

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social and health impacts on the community in which they live.

Mr Head encouraged each of us to learn from the discussion and activities that followed and highlighted that although 25 November is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the issue needs to be addressed on every day of the year.

The group split into smaller groups and discussed what constitutes domestic violence and the different forms it takes (sexual, physical, spiritual, verbal, social and economic) and the various facts and misconceptions about domestic violence. Each group presented a summary to the whole audience. Many were surprised to learn domestic violence was not limited to sexual or physical abuse, but could be perpetrated in far more subtle and sinister forms. Participants undertook to share these insights with their peers.

Though the event was the first of its kind which participants had attended, all were highly engaged in the dialogue and found the afternoon to be very positive.

The event was held at the Care Micronesia Foundation Building, the old Micronesia Seminar, who was fully renovated through two grants from the Australian Embassy: a \$30,750 Small Grant Scheme for the refurbishment of the building, and a \$6,634 Direct Aid Program for the retro-fitting of the conference rooms. The conference room is available for groups up to 40 people.

Thank you to the Care Micronesia Foundation for providing the conference facility. The Care Micronesia Foundation hopes that more groups and NGOs will use the conference room. For more information on the venue for workshops, training, contact Patrick Blank at caremicronesiafoundation691@gmail.com.

To raise further awareness about the campaign to end violence against women, the Australian Embassy hosted a White Ribbon Walkabout to "Set the Sun on Violence Against Women" on 5 December at 4.30pm at Mangrove Bay.



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Education Corner: Richard Womack, Ed.D

Understanding Evidence in English

Several weeks ago I attended an FSM workshop to discuss results of the National Minimum Competency Test (NMCT) in Reading and Mathematics. These tests, developed by our good partners from the Pacific Resources for Educational Laboratory (PREL), are the only FSM nation's educational student assessment instruments developed for FSM use at present. In all the FSM schools reading tests are given to 6th, 8th and 10th graders and math tests to the 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th graders. The results of students, their scores, are our evidence of student learning in English Reading and English Math. I say English Math because it is taught and learned using words. You always hear that math is a "Universal Language" as if was spoken by everyone. While a formula $y=mx+b$ is the same world-wide the teacher must explain using words. It must be explained that the formula is about the slope of a line-how steep a line is, the angle of the line and even if the line is backwards. The teachers teach this and the students learn this in English. To keep everything simple our students' academic achievement rises and falls on students' ESL skills. EC readers understand this—you do not have to like it and many don't. It does not mean we ignore our vernacular languages but English is the name of the game for academic success—like it or not. This has nothing to do with intelligence and there are many geniuses that do not speak English and many brilliant people

who have never been in a school classroom. It's a skill to be taught and learned. If we want improved evidence it will come from improved English teaching. Moreover, I am considered fairly competent with English because people see me reading, writing, listening and speaking English at a high level. But I cannot teach English—I was not trained in this special skill. Not only must our teachers be highly competent in reading, writing, listening and speaking English they must teach the language-knowing English and teaching English are not the same. . And while I do not have such skills I admire our teachers as they work at this. But we must do more than admire effort we must improve the teachers so they can improve the students—and their evidence on tests as the NMCT. The U S Government would like improvement in FSM and Pohnpei and ties this improvement to our funding for education. While this is important we cannot think this way. We want improved scores because they indicate our children are building their foundation for academic success. We are going to improve—but we are not doing this for the United States—we must do it for ourselves.

Continuing, at the workshop participants reviewed the reading and the math scores data but most important the participants learned more about a very difficult subject, statistics. Important for and all information was presented in English. As said, English is my native language and I have even taught a little "basic statistics" to my students—of course in English. I do not know about the other participants but I had to keep my

brain in high gear and listen very carefully. Because statistics is difficult but everything was in English and I was grateful. The PREL consultants and the group discussed a "Student Report Card" something that took the students' scores and could show parents (and the community) how the students performed in everyday language to everyday people. The question was asked—should this "Student Report Card" be in the vernacular language? I wondered to myself if statistics even in vernacular could be made clear to parents.

Continuing further, I slipped out of the workshop and headed for my Parent Club meeting at Nett School where we have a 6th grader. My wife Kanep had to attend to a family emergency and sent me on my own—armed with my college degrees but with only poor Pohnpeian language skills. I saw many of my fellow parents (and caregivers), friends, and family. I was greeted warmly as Kaniki not Dr. Womack and always in the vernacular. The Parents Club President was the only exception—he acknowledged me publically and I said in my weak Pohnpeian "I will help the school in any way I can" waived, sat down and kept my mouth shut. The rest of the meeting I could always "get the drift" but when they began talking really fast about specifics on some construction—I was lost. I can get by and understand the general but often get lost in the specifics. I thought about the "Student Report Card". Most of the folks at the meeting had English skills about like my Pohnpeian. A group of parents in the U S would not likely understand the "stats"

in their own language so I am unsure just how this evidence on reading and math will made clear to my fellow parents at Nett—regardless of language.

Finally today EC concludes with old some news and some good news. The old news may be new news to EC readers. Imagine this—every teacher in every grade must teach standards in all the following besides reading and math. Every teacher in every grade (1-8) must teach—science and social studies. Every year in every grade the standards require Science as Inquiry-Earth and Space Science-Life and Environmental Science-Physical Science and Technology-Marine Science-Civics/Government-History—Geography-Culture and Economics. Every teacher in every grade is responsible for teaching all of these. Are all of these taught by every grade and every teacher? Are there books for students and teachers for every subject every year-every grade?-Wisely in these subjects PDOE is beginning this month to test every single elementary school teacher on the science and social studies standards. We must be sure that our teachers understand before they teach. That data will show us where teachers are weak so we can provide Continuing Education. Together with the testing and we will survey all curriculum materials in every elementary school—every grade and every room. Then we make the appropriate books at the appropriate reading levels. EC will give you updates on this project and with data you will understand and show you exactly how PDOE intends to get good student learning evidence in science and social studies.

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