

After years of discussion and planning, Nan Madol is a UNESCO World Heritage Site

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Pohnpei, FSM—On July 15, during its 40th session, UNESCO’s World Heritage Committee inscribed four new sites including Nan Madol. The other inscribed sites are in China, India, and Iran. Nan Madol was inscribed both on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

The UNESCO press release on the inscription describes Nan Madol as a series of 99 artificial islets off the south-east coast of Pohnpei that were constructed with walls of basalt and coral boulders. These islets harbor the remains of stone palaces, temples, tombs and residential domains built between 1200 and 1500 CE. These ruins represent the ceremonial centre of the Saudeleur dynasty, a vibrant period in Pacific Island culture. The huge scale of the edifices, their technical sophistication and the concentration of megalithic structures bear testimony to complex social and religious

practices of the island societies of the period.”

For Pohnpeians, the site is the epicenter of their modern traditional leadership structure that persists to this day. It is a place of mystery and magic which may explain why so many Pohnpeians who have lived here all of their lives have never visited the ancient city of their roots.

Though stakeholders have been working on the UNESCO listing for several years and it has been discussed for at least 20, the inclusion of Nan Madol on the list came as a surprise to many people in the FSM many of whom thought that it already had been inscribed on the World Heritage Sites list.

Augustine Kohler of the FSM’s Department of Historical Preservation says that Nan Madol has been listed on the U.S. Registry of Historical Sites for a number of years but that is not the same as being listed as a World Heritage Site.

The UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) web page says that “the resulting prestige (of World Heritage Site inscription) often helps raise awareness among citizens and governments for heritage preservation. Greater awareness leads to a general rise in the level of the protection and conservation given



Photo by Gordon Herbert

to heritage properties. A country may also receive financial assistance and expert advice from the World Heritage Committee to support activities for the preservation of its sites.”

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FSM Supreme Court grants a 14 day TRO stopping sea cucumber harvest in Pohnpei

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Pohnpei, FSM—This afternoon, Specially Appointed Justice to the FSM Supreme Court Marceleen JD Anson granted a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) barring the Pohnpei Government or Young Sun International Trading Company from proceeding with a sea cucumber harvest.

The order came after hearings at the FSM Supreme Court on Monday and Tuesday on a civil action filed by the Paramount Chiefs of Pohnpei “by and through” Iso Nahnken Salvador Iriarte and Conservation Society of Pohnpei against Governor Marcelo Peterson and Cassiano Shoniber in their official capacities, the Pohnpei State Government, and Young Sun International Trading Company.

Kembo Mida Jr. and David Angyal of Ramp and Mida Law Firm represented the plaintiffs. Acting Attorney General for Pohnpei Judah Johnny and Assistant Attorney General Monaliza Abello-Pangelinan appeared on behalf of the State. Prior to the hearing, Martin Jano made an application to the court to appear pro hac vice

as counsel for Young Sun. That request was denied and the hearing proceeded without Young Sun being represented by counsel on the first day. Attorney Joseph Phillip appeared for Young Sun on the second day.

At the start of the hearing, Chief Justice Dennis K. Yamase recused himself since Assistant AG Abello-Pangelinan is his wife’s sister.

The plaintiffs allege that the contract between the State and Young Sun that would allow Young Sun to harvest up to sixty-seven tons of sea cucumbers from Pohnpei waters is unsustainable and against the law because OFA lacks a management plan and the personnel and resources to monitor, manage, and enforce the law. They additionally allege that OFA’s harvest lacks scientific evidence of the impact of such a large scale commercial harvest on Pohnpei’s marine ecosystem. They say that data collected and analyzed from 2012 to May 2016 by Dr. Peter Houk, head of the University of Guam’s Marine Laboratory, showed that the stock of sea cucumbers has declined since 2012.

In evaluating whether or not it should issue a Temporary Restraining Order, the court must balance four factors: 1) The possibility of irreparable harm to the party moving for the order, 2) the likelihood of success on the merits of the movant, 3) the balance of possible injuries or inconveniences between the parties; and 4) the impact of any requested action upon the public interest.

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Nan Madol was also inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger due to threats, notably the siltation of waterways that is contributing to the unchecked growth of mangroves and undermining existing edifices.

Kohler said that Nan Madol's inclusion on the danger list would enable the World Heritage Committee to allocate funds to help protect the site. It would also alert the international community who might contribute funds or technical expertise to save such an endangered site.

The FSM's World Heritage Committee has a management plan for the site that was drafted in 2014 but soon there will be a group of experts coming out from ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) to provide even more help to refine that plan. They will also conduct what they refer to as the Reactive Monitoring Mission. The experts will help with advice that will include, among others; how to preserve the site by helping to stabilize the structures some of which have already begun to collapse; how to solve the problem of the encroachment of the mangrove; and, help to polish up the Nan Madol Management plan.

"The inclusion of Nan Madol on the World Heritage list took a long time but it's really just the first step," Kohler said. "This is when the real work begins."

There is a small group of well healed travelers who like to tick off each of the World Heritage sites by visiting them and some of those may come to Pohnpei to see the ancient rock city, but inclusion on the list does not at all mean that there will suddenly be a large influx of tourists to Pohnpei. There is much yet to be done.

Kohler said that the large team of people both locally and internationally who have worked on the preservation of the Nan Madol "city" has big dreams. They imagine a plush tourist center with displays and exhibits, and historical videos where tourists can learn all about the site before they head down the

trail to see it. It's all going to take even more work than has already been done and one of the first steps is the be sure that the infrastructure of Nan Madol is kept safe.

In a letter dated February 24, 2010 to the Director of the Department of Historical Preservation, Dr. Rufino Mauricio, Isapahu Nahmwarki of Madolenihmw Kerpet Ehpel wrote of his "support and approval for this particular site to be listed under UNESCO...However, Nan Madol en Ihmw Incorporated (a non-profit NGO mandated or preserving Nan Madol) should be informed of any work activities that are intended for Nan Madol, and should play role."

He requested that a study be carried out to formulate a management plan for Nan Madol and its surroundings.

Nan Madol en Ihmw Incorporated was chartered in 1993. The charter was signed by former President Bailey Olter and involves Madelenihmw's highest traditional leaders with Isapahu Ehpel as the President.

Kohler said that the first consultation with UNESCO about the steps to bring Nan Madol to world attention on the list of World Heritage Sites was supported by the Japan Consortium for International Cooperation and included all of the major stake holders in Pohnpei including His Majesty Kerpet Ehpel. Kohler said that the first step was to prepare materials to be included in the World Heritage "tentative" list, a task that was heavily aided by Visasio Pongi, Director of the UNESCO Pacific headquarters in Apia, Samoa. He said that Akatsuky Takahashi who manages cultural activities at that same headquarters was also of invaluable service and continues to be.

"There were a lot of people involved in this," Kohler said. "It definitely wasn't a one man thing."

But Kohler was the sole representative of the FSM at the World Heritage Committee



Photo by Miki Fritz



Photo by Darnell Phillip

meetings. There was supposed to have been a much larger delegation including high traditional leaders. For safety reasons due to the heightened threat of terrorist activity after the airport bombing only Kohler attended the meetings. It turned out to have been a good decision. On the eve of the announcement of Nan Madol's inclusion on the World Heritage list, portions of the Turkish military staged an ultimately unsuccessful overthrow of the government.

While CNN and other news agencies were saying that all communication to the outside world had been shut down including the Internet, Kohler chatted with me via Facebook from the safety of his hotel room. He said that the occupants of the hotel were protected by UN Security forces but that he had actually witnessed a man being shot in the street below his hotel room. He said he was handcuffed and dragged away in his own blood. Our conversation about Nan Madol was often interrupted by Kohler's descriptions of fighter planes overhead or other dangers.

Kohler made it home to Pohnpei safely bringing the good news with him.

So, now the cultural treasure of Nan Madol has been listed as a World Heritage site worthy of preservation and protection. Let the real work begin.



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Pohnpei leaders break ground on Liduduhniap tourism project

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Pohnpei, FSM—Pohnpei's Governor Marcello Peterson and Mr. Robert Hadley, representative of the Mallarme Family Estate, broke the ground on an access revitalization project at the entrance to the trail to the Liduduhniap Waterfall in Nett.

The \$75,000 project is designed to provide visitors safer and more convenient access to both the upper and lower falls of the Liduduhniap waterfall group. Over the years there have been deaths at the falls, some of them due to the access trails to the sites. The idea is to give tourists the sense of adventure that a journey to the falls brings while also keeping visitors as safe as possible.

The \$75,000 contract was split into three parts.

E.N.O. General Construction Co. won the trail rehabilitation and sanitary facilities portion of the project for \$30,000.

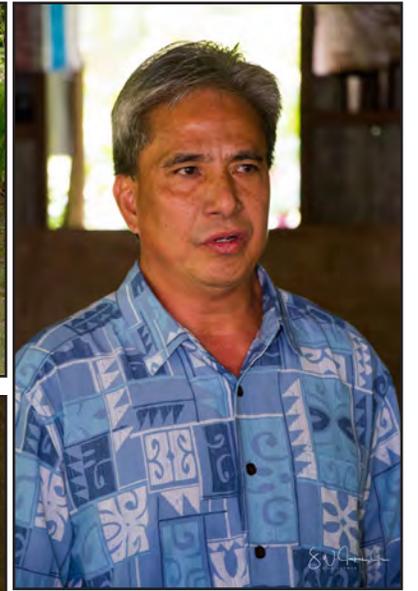
Pacific Landscaping, Engineering and Construction Co. will build the admission booth, upper pool picnic hut, lower pool viewing deck, and lower pool covered observation platform for \$42,500.

The College of Micronesia Entrepreneurial studies will provide the training for two of the owners family, to operate the falls as a small business for \$2,500.

The road to the falls itself that passes the Nan Pil Hydroelectric Plant is still in very bad condition but Marshall Ferrin of the U.S. Peace Corps who has been helping to coordinate the project says that funding has been passed to completely rehabilitate that road as well for much easier access.

Mr. Hainrick Stevenson served as the Master of Ceremonies for the groundbreaking ceremony. Deacon Augustine Damarlane gave the invocation. Mr. Peteriko Hairens, Nett District Administrator spoke about the importance of the program. Mr. Robert Hadley, representing the Mallarme Family Estate spoke of the importance of the falls in Pohnpei Culture. Governor Marcelo Peterson of the first Public Private Partnership Waterfall Project talked about the value to Pohnpei of the project as a model for attracting tourists to Pohnpei.

After the groundbreaking a short tour of some of the work that had already been accomplished was conducted.



LUDUDUHNIAP WATERFALL PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING JULY 15, 2016

PROGRAM (30 minutes)

1. Opening Ceremony – Master of Ceremony. Mr. Hainrick Stevenson, Public Affairs/PSG
2. Prayers – Deacon Adelino Lorens, Acting Administrator Office of Economic Affairs/PSG
3. Welcoming Remarks- Mr. Peteriko Hairens, Nett District Administrator
4. Significance of Lududuhniap Waterfall in Pohnpei Culture – Mr. Robert Hadley, Representative of the Mallarme Family Estate
5. Review of the First PPP (Public Private Partnership)Waterfall Project /Value to Pohnpei as a model for attracting tourists – The Honorable Governor, Marcello Peterson
6. Keynote Speaker/Mahsen – Iso Nahnken en Nett, Mr. Salvador Iriarte
7. Ground Breaking Governor Peterson and Robert Hadley
8. Group Photo

After very nearly four years in the FSM US Ambassador Doria Rosen retires

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Pohnpei, FSM—On Monday, July 18, the Embassy of the United States to the FSM hosted a farewell reception for Ambassador Doria Rosen. It also served as a welcome to newly arrived Deputy Chief of Mission Joanne Cummings.

Ambassador Rosen presented her credentials to then President Manny Mori on August 17, 2012.

During her remarks she said that she has reached a new phase in her life—retirement. “For the first time I will be homeless, carless, jobless, and phoneless,” she joked. She also said that she had enjoyed all of her many engagements with the people of the Federated States of Micronesia and refused to say “goodbye”. She chose instead to say “see you later” with a winsome little wave.

Before coming to the FSM as Ambassador, Dorothea-Maria (Doria) Rosen, who was a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, served as the Diplomat-in-Residence for the Midwest region based out of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Prior to that position, she was the Deputy Principal Officer in Frankfurt, Germany. From 2004 to 2008, Ms. Rosen served as

the Consul General in Bern, Switzerland. From 2001 to 2004, she was Deputy Chief of Mission in Reykjavik, Iceland. Other overseas positions included: Visa Branch Chief in Frankfurt, Germany (1996-1999); Nonimmigrant Visa Chief in Manila, Philippines (1994-1996); Political Military Officer in Berlin, Germany (1991-1994); Consular Officer in Accra, Ghana (1989- 1991); Deputy Chief Immigrant Visa Section in Seoul, South Korea (1988-1989); and Vice Consul in Stuttgart, Germany (1983-1986) and Bucharest, Romania (1981-1983).

In Washington, Ms. Rosen served as Director of the Office of Public and Diplomatic Liaison in the Bureau of Consular Affairs (1999-2001) and as an analyst in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (1986-1988).

Prior to entering the Foreign Service, Ms. Rosen served as an Army Reservist from 1979 to 1981. From 1976 to 1979, she served on active duty in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in Heidelberg, Germany. She holds an A.B. from Vassar College and a J.D. from Hofstra University Law School.

She has studied French, Romanian and German. Ambassador



Rosen has three grown children: Michael, Thomas, and Katharine.

During her remarks DCM Joanne Cummings said that she looks forward to the many challenges and opportunities that she will work with the FSM people on during her time in the FSM.

Cummings, the daughter of a representative of the US Foreign Services, spent the majority of her career and most of her childhood in Middle Eastern countries.

Ambassador Rosen is scheduled to depart the FSM on July 20.

Pohnpei students learn how to “Create Stories of Nan Madol”

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei, FSM—The day that UNESCO declared Pohnpei’s Nan Madol to be a World Heritage site also marked the first day of a free workshop for students to teach them how to effectively tell its story. 17 students enrolled with varying degrees of enthusiasm for the workshop.

The class featured guest speakers including Dr. Rufino Mauricio, Director of the FSM’s Department of Historic Preservation.

The workshop offered training in photography, videography, writing and story telling. To communicate with each other and for peer review of stories, students communicated on a closed group in Facebook.

The workshop was hosted by the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) and the College of Micronesia FSM, in partnership with UNESCO which will be publishing the work outcomes on its website.

The workshop was taught by Dan Lin, PREL Senior Specialist for Research and Policy for the Pacific Storytellers Cooperative. The Pacific Storytellers Cooperative is a website that provides a platform for place-based stories from the Pacific Islands to be shared with a global audience. This multimedia effort organized by Pacific Resources for Education and Learning embraces the rich Pacific storytelling heritage and brings it into

the internet age.

The Cooperative seeks to find the nexus between oral traditions of island communities and present-day modalities of communication, especially among Pacific youth. Recognizing that storytelling is an embedded part of Pacific and indigenous cultures generally, the Cooperative aims to encourage the younger generations to tell their stories, while utilizing greater levels of connectivity and improved technical capacity.

The workshop featured an outing to Nan Madol on Wednesday during which students attempted to take photos that would support their written stories in multi-media format. Interestingly for many of the students, many of whom were born and raised in Pohnpei, it was the first time for them ever to visit what is widely considered to be the birthplace of Pohnpei’s modern traditional leadership structure and Pohnpei’s society.

Lin is not only a motivated and passionate teacher who encouraged the students every step of the way during the workshop, but he is also a professional photographer of the highest caliber. Though he didn’t have the resources to teach a full photography course, his experience as a National Geographic Explorer photographer and writer obviously showed in the 366 photos we received for publication consideration this evening; that and for some very good eyes amongst the students.

Though The Kaselehlie Press doesn’t have the space resource that the UNESCO website will have, we will try to continue to print the students’ stories on the ongoing saga of Nan Madol in upcoming issues highlighted with the student’s own photos. The first of those follow:



The Gateway to the Sacred City

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COM FSM Student
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Entering the Ruins of Nan Madol

The sunrays broke through the top of the canopy, the rustling of old leaves, and the snapping of twigs on the forest floor as they were stepped on, those were the pieces of my adventure to the City of Nan Madol. I am one of the many young Micronesians that often wonder about the history of my people.

Armed with a book and a pen, I trekked among other ‘storytellers’ for a good 10 minutes toward our destination. The air smelled of weathered moss and moist earth—the occasional whiff of fallen breadfruit that had over ripened was also faintly present. Soon, one of the Nan Madol structures came into sight. We had not even broken to the coast, and history was already staring at me. We huddled into a loose group near that structure and our tour guide spoke out.

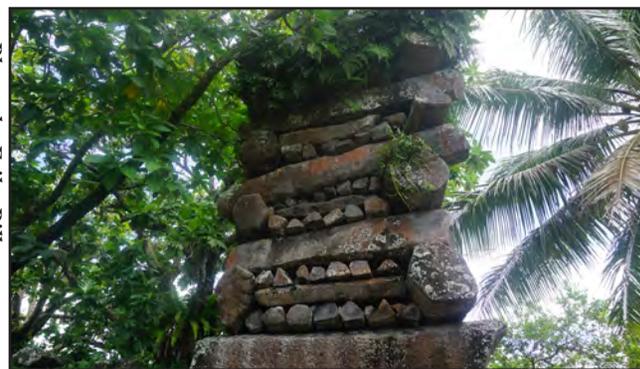
One thing that one must understand about meeting people here in Pohnpei is that modesty goes hand in hand with respect of our elders. Both of these elements are of paramount importance in our culture. I have been to other countries and I have seen the stark difference between their people and mine. In foreign countries that are heavily developed, everyone seems to be in



Photos by Erika Billen

competition on how much they know and have—here in Pohnpei, you can go months without knowing that the old lady with the betel nut-stained teeth and worn out skirt has traveled farther than you and graduated from a top university with a masters in neurobiology. It is only when you have sat there in the wee evening light enjoying a cup of sakau (or kava) with her that you will ever get a smidgen of her great stories and understand the level of modesty that has been sown into our cultural DNA.

The tour guide gave the same vibe, as he began by saying that he knew little when in fact the moment he had the group huddled at the entrance of Nan Madol, stories broke through that silent and stoic character. In his late 40s, he had on an aged brown t-shirt, jeans, boots, and a generic travel pamphlet. Most of us were in our early twenties and late teens with iPhones and borrowed cameras. Before he even began his stories, I had already crossed the water toward the beckoning scene of Nan Madol. The tide



was low and my hopes were high about capturing the perfect shots and coming away from that historical site knowing more. I knelt at the entrance where the imprinted stones lay. Fading into view was the vision of my ancestors twisting the kava as another looked on from what looked like a seating area near the larger imprinted stone. Some of the stacked basalt “log” structures towered over me, while others were about my height. The level of cleverness and ingenuity that came into the construction of these megalithic structures has boggled the minds of countless people who have witnessed them. I found it exciting to be amongst it all.

The doorways through the walls were about waist-high and required you to bend down before walking through. Other people would have said that that was either a major architectural failure or that place was built for dwarves. In truth, I had learned before in grade school that those doorways were built that way because, as I had said before,

it is of great importance to have modesty and respect and even more to show it before all the titles and common folk by bowing upon entrance. “Ihieng,” as we would call it.

As I stood in the ruins of the City of Nan Madol, I could not help but wallow on the brimming realization that I was standing where my ancestors had stood before. I was so proud. I remembered the many times I had heard and read the words ‘island pride’ thrown around in Facebook posts and beaten-down books that everyone overlooked. That moment, however, was summed up in those words. To think that they knew things back then that we do not know now forced me to wonder: “What else have we lost in the creases of time?” I climbed, shimmied, and crossed my way through the ruins. By the end of the trip, the alien sensation of the moment was one to note for life.

Who We Are

“Where the heck is Micronesia?” I have heard that question more than once in my travels. Initially, I had no problem with explaining where I was from through the same dialogue over and over—but at this point I am driven to tell everyone where and who we are. I

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Scant fish but fun times at LPG/Seven Stars fishing tournament based on Ahnd

Pohnpei Fishing Club

July 16, 2016

Ahnd, Pohnpei—29 boats registered for the fishing tournament based on Ahnd Atoll on July 16. Ahnd is a marine preserve and certainly no fishing was done there. Apparently there wasn't a whole lot of productive fishing done anywhere else either. Prizes were awarded only for "point fish" and though five top prizes were available to be won, only four were awarded.

"Point fish" must meet a pre-determined minimum weight before they can be counted. For instance, for a Marlin to qualify as a "point fish", it must be a minimum of 100 pounds. Not many point fish were caught during the tournament on Saturday.

Still, the participants had great weather and a great time. The fish weren't as cooperative as we would like, but definitely no one went hungry.

Most of the boats checked out from Ahnd Atoll but some checked out from the still new boat ramp in Dekehtik. Weigh in was held at Ahnd and many of the fishers arrived at Ahnd on Friday night and didn't leave until Sunday.

The tournament was sponsored by Pohnpei LP Gas, 7 Stars Inn and Restaurant, Hot Plate. Ambros/Shimbros also supported the tournament with a 12 pack of Budweiser for each boat.

The club also had a barbecue after the weigh in on Saturday night.

Snighter James won the \$800 top prize for his 307 pound marlin. Rosa Weilbacher grabbed the \$500 second place prize with a 24 pound Wahoo. Dane Nighswander landed a 23.8 pound barracuda and took home the \$300 third biggest fish prize. Konrad Englberger nabbed a 23.4 pound Wahoo for the \$200 fourth biggest fish prize. The \$100, fifth biggest fish prize was not awarded.

The golden ring for the tournament was a \$1500 rollover prize if anyone had caught a marlin bigger than the club record of 450 pounds. The 307 pound marlin wasn't enough to snag that prize which will increase as time goes on.

The club would like to thank the many people who helped us at Ahnd. It was a great weekend and was a lot of fun.

Once again we also thank the sponsors and everyone else involved, especially the people who helped with the weigh in and helped us to dock the boats. Also, a special thank you to Tina Albert for going out to be the record keeper is well deserved.

This will be a busy month as we have the kids tournament planned for July 30 and the Matson for August 20.



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Irreparable Harm

The State asserts that since the plaintiffs in the action do not have a direct interest in conserving the population of sea cucumbers they will suffer no irreparable harm. They also argued that in fact the people of the State, specifically the harvesters, and the Pohnpei State Government will be the ones to suffer irreparable harm since the first day of harvest has been completed and those sea cucumbers will be wasted because they will not be able to be marketed and sold because they will spoil and be useless to anyone.

The traditional leaders conversely argued that it is their traditional responsibility to ensure that the environment is properly maintained. They said that they will suffer irreparable loss because execution of the contract for the harvest would severely impact the population of sea cucumbers thus creating a negative impact on the Pohnpei ecosystem. They also argued that they would be personally harmed because the harvest will directly impact their right to receive traditional offerings from their people, including sea cucumbers.

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Pohnpei Court refuses access to documents on Sokehs Nahmwarki Kohler criminal charges

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Pohnpei, FSM—Three weeks ago Pohnpei Supreme Court confirmed that police had arrested Sokehs Nahmwarki His Majesty Herculano Kohler and that he was being tried on criminal charges. That is as much information as they would provide even though we argued that we were trying to factually clear up a myriad of rumors and that court documents are supposed to be public record.

Though they were very polite they steadfastly refused to provide information even as basic as the nature of the charges that the State has filed against him. They merely confirmed that they are criminal charges and that the trial is ongoing.

A law clerk explained that the Chief Justice likes to keep court documents from the public until after the disposition of any case, which has not been universally true. She continued that even after disposition he sometimes likes to fully review them before releasing them to the public.

She said my only option for information on the matter was to attend the hearings which are open to the public but at that time they could not tell me when the next hearing date is. It has been rumored to be on July 29 but we have not been able to confirm that.

The State Prosecutor handling the case did not return my messages for information on the case at hand.

As an NGO tasked with conservation efforts in Pohnpei, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei claims the same irreparable harm to Pohnpei's fragile ecosystem.

The court pointed out that when money damages or other relief will fully compensate a party, irreparable harm does not exist. "While the plaintiffs could not be compensated by money damages in lieu of injunctive relief, the State is concerned only with the \$2.3 million payment under the contract and Young Sun only with the profits to be made from the harvest."

It said that that the irreparable harm factor weighs heavily in the Plaintiff's favor.

Likelihood of Success on the Merits

"Although Plaintiff's likelihood of success is not certain at this juncture, their position raises serious, non-frivolous issues for this court to consider," the court wrote in its ruling and then proceeded to list the matters which the court is expected to consider in the civil action that plaintiffs had presented:

- OFA's alleged lack of an identifiable comprehensive fishery management plan for the sea cucumber harvest under the current contract;
- OFA's alleged serious lack of enforcement resources considering the scale of the harvest and the potential for local fishermen to knowingly or unknowingly harvest in marine protected areas;
- A complete deficiency of up-to-date scientific studies, feasibility studies, or other appropriate assessments analyzing the sustainability of such a large scale harvest;
- A more recent study than the one conducted by OFA, the report prepared by Dr. Peter Houk of the University of Guam concluded that data shows that harvesting at the present time is not recommended because of low densities of large species and no substantial recover of small species since their population declined in 2013;

The court found that "Plaintiffs provided sufficient proof that the State failed to develop a management plan or conduct appropriate assessments for the sustainability of the current harvest and that, as a result, there is distinct possibility that these interests were not properly balanced.

"Thus, the likelihood of success, although not certain, favors the Plaintiffs."

Balance of Possible Injuries

The court said that the balance of possible injuries of inconveniences between the parties presents a close case for review. Plaintiff's face an "imminent and possible irreparable threat to Pohnpei's marine ecosystem and sea cucumber stock" that cannot be compensable by the receipt of money.

The Defendants argue that it will suffer irreparable harm because the harvesters will no longer be compensated for their

efforts and time and the State Government may be liable for damages or \$2.3 million or more if the contract is breached. The harm to Young Sun is likewise monetary in nature since they project substantial profits from the finished products of the harvest.

The Court found that the Defendants' damages are compensable by reasonable money damages with the exception of the "potential harm to Young Sun's international business reputation. "This potential harm, however, is less as weighed against the potential harm to the Plaintiffs in this matter...The harm to Defendants is negligible because this temporary restraining order will remain in effect for only 14 days, only temporarily restraining the State and Young Sun from executing the contract and opening harvest season for that short amount of time," the court ruled.

Impact on the Public Interest

"Allowing a potentially environmentally devastating sea cucumber harvest is certainly not in the public interest. Indeed, there is strong public interest in protecting the precious environment and natural resources of Pohnpei," the court said.

"The Defendants' argument that the public interest favors the local harvesters is well taken; however, I agree with the Plaintiffs in stating that the temporary nature of this order and the potential conservation it might have on the environment that would affect all Pohnpeians in the short term is not outweighed by the economic interest of a few hundred fishermen, the State or Young Sun."

Security bond paid

The law requires security whenever a TRO is issued and gives the court discretion in establishing the amount of the bond. The court ordered the Plaintiffs to pay a security bond of \$2000 considering the temporary nature of the bond. Plaintiffs paid that bond on the same afternoon.

TRO granted

"The State of Pohnpei, Governor Marcelo Peterson, Administrator Cassiano Shoniber and Young Sun shall be immediately enjoined from conducting, endorsing, or coordinating any further commercial sea cucumber harvesting in Pohnpei waters by citizens of Pohnpei and from selling or purchasing sea cucumbers harvested in Pohnpei waters by citizens of Pohnpei, PROVIDED that any sea cucumber already harvested prior to the date of this Order may be sold to and purchased by Young Sun pursuant to the laws and regulations and any sea cucumber coming into the possession of Young Sun that was harvested prior to the date of the Order may be handled accordingly so as to prevent the unnecessary waste of those sea cucumbers already harvested prior to this restraining order," the final ruling of the court on the TWO motion said.

The court set a hearing day of August 3, 2016 at 2:00 PM for the Plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction.

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believe that we are a vital part of the world's history and should be recognized. "Pohnpei met!" This is Pohnpei—where the land unites and identifies us. Nan Madol is part of the fiber in the twisted lines that tie us all together. Come and see the mystery, revel in the beauty of its enigmatic origins. Beauty does not need to be understood here—just admired. After all, this is Pohnpei, the land of beautiful mysteries.

In a New Light

Having been to Nan Madol before, I was certain that nothing would catch my attention this time around. However, I was completely wrong because I realized that I had grossly underestimated the scale of the city. My initial trip there was brief and admittedly, only for swimming and hanging out with my peers—this time around, I was there to see it in a different light.

The research we had done before the trip exposed us to just how many structures there were in the ancient city. At first, we were told that there were 92 miniature cities composing Nan Madol, and then there were 98, 127, and then back to 96. Then again, that must add to the beautiful mystery. I climbed one of the tall corners of the walls and looked out to see for myself the bits and pieces of a lost civilization.

From there, I had decided to further my



exploration all the way out to the edge where I knew the rest of the expedition required a canoe which I did not have. I look forward to another trip, so that I may explore and experience Nan Madol fully.

Our City, Our Identity

Nan Madol is one of the sites that we can use to describe our home when asked about it. As we travel, the most important part of what we bring with us as Pohnpeians is our identity. I am not talking about passports and IDs—I am talking about US. Many people of different ethnic backgrounds are easily identifiable, whereas, we are often mistaken as Hispanics, Indians, any ethnicity but Pohnpeian. We, as Pohnpeians are different and proudly so. Nan Madol is a symbol of that, and I genuinely believe that when given the chance—the voice of our tiny islands will roar through the world and match the scale of the once colossal and majestic City of Nan Madol.

Reflections on my trip to Nan Madol

By *Facimerie Ioanis*

On our way to Nan Madol, I had a feeling that I have never felt before. I was excited and scared at the same time. It was my first time to see Nan Madol and was really curious about it. When we



got there, I had many questions I wanted to ask. One of the questions I was really curious about was, "How did these rocks get here?" The place was amazing. It felt like I was in a wonderland. I have never seen such a beautiful place like Nan Madol and such heavy long rocks piled up neatly. I'm happy that I had a chance to take pictures of unbelievable structures so I can share with the people around me the inspiration of Nan Madol. Amazingly, I had the chance to cross the sea since it was shallow and went over to the other side to see for myself, the so called red sand. It was kind of red but now really red. If only I had the chance to visit all 92 islets, I would have done so. Nan Madol is just the perfect place to visit and take pictures. I am so in love with that place.

Legend and stories I have heard about Nan Madol

There have been many stories of Nan Madol I have heard. What I truly believe in is the story of two brothers, Olosohpa and Olosihpa. It was said that these two

brothers arrived from Yap and settled in Sokehs. They wanted to build a place for worshipping their gods. At first, they attempted to build Nan Madol somewhere in Sokehs but they failed. They tried in U and that site failed

too. Then, they climbed a mountain and from there they saw the suitable place and planned on building it there at Madolenihmw. They forced the people to help build Nan Madol in Madolenihmw at the open sea. They used their magic powers to fly the rocks from Sokehs to Madolenihmw. For years, they worked on the project.

I am not sure if this how they built Nan Madol because there are rumors that Europeans found iron at Nan Madol when they arrived here in Pohnpei. Nan Madol is a mysterious place. No one knows the true story of that place. Nan Madol is sacred and there are spirits living in the place. If you disrespect it, you'll end up getting sick or even die. Every time you do something or cross over something, you say, "Ihieng". That is how you show respect to that place.

Things that surprised me about Nan Madol

Everything there is surprising, especially the problem of how the rocks got there and how it was built by just two brothers with the help of the people. I believe that not even a giant can



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roll the rocks. The hole at the back surprises me when we took a picture of it. It's like there's a tunnel in there. As we crossed the sea to go to take a look at the other side, the red sand caught my eye. I was surprised to see different colored sand. Nan Madol holds lots of interesting and surprising structures. As I mentioned before, if only I had the chance to visit all the islets, I bet there would be more surprises at Nan Madol.

Why is Nan Madol important to me as a Pohnpeian?

When I was a kid I didn't know what Nan Madol was and didn't think it was that important to me. But as years passed and I got to learn more about Nan Madol, I found it really interesting and important. To me as a Pohnpeian, Nan Madol is very important because it's holds an important story of our ancestors' hard work and the sadness they went through because they were being forced to build Nan Madol. It is very important especially to us Pohnpeians because Pohnpei is our home and Nan Madol is placed on Pohnpei. Like Pohnpei, it is sacred.



Photos by Facimerie Ioanis

Building a Regional Center for Research Excellence in the FSM

Pohnpei Government

July 12, 2016

Kolonia, Pohnpei—On Thursday July 07, 2016 Dr. Neal Palafox, currently Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, and a NCI Principal Investigator with the University of Hawaii Cancer Center met with Governor Marcelo Peterson to share and discuss an opportunity to develop a National Institute of Health designated Research Center of Excellence,



The discussion about developing more Cancer and NCD research capacity in Pohnpei and the other FSM States has been ongoing for the last 15 years. The most recent discussions about research through a Pacific Regional Center for Research Excellence (RCRE) unfolded during the Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands (CCPI) meeting in December 2015 and in April 2016 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The discussions took place in the context of high NCD and cancer burdens in the FSM.

The US National Cancer Institute Initiative (NCI), entitled Planning for Regional Centers for Research Excellence (RCRE) in Non-Communicable Diseases in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC) provides a unique opportunity for a RCRE to be developed and based in the FSM States. FSM RCRE projects will focus on preventing and treating the high rates liver, mouth, and cervical cancer; as well as diabetes in the FSM. The planning includes partners from the FSM and Pohnpei Health Departments, College of Micronesia, UH Cancer Center, UH John A. Burns School of Medicine, and the University of Guam.

The planning budget for the proposed NCI grant includes \$400,000 over two years. The RCRE is not tied to the Compact, and if successful has the potential to continue for decades. The application deadline for the competitive NCI grant is August 23, 2016 and project period, if awarded, begins in April 2017. Successful RCREs will be eligible for future funding and support from the NCI.

For more information about the proposed Pohnpei Research Center and the grant application to the US National Cancer Institute Initiative please contact the Department of Health Services Administration or the Pohnpei Cancer Control Program and Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) at 320-6101 or email pnreach@gmail.com

Chuuk High School goes to Clemson University

John Hanebuth

From June 22-July 2, 11 students from Chuuk High School's 11th grade made the journey to attend Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute located in Clemson, South Carolina. While there, these students participated in Clemson's renowned "Future Scholars" program. During the course of this program, the students took classes from University Professors, attended workshops on new innovations in a variety of academic fields, and participated in workshops tailor built to improve public speaking and writing. Students were also exposed to robotics, American antebellum history, Auto Engineering at the world famous ICAR, where Clemson Auto engineers work on the newest advancements in automobile technology. Students also had the opportunity to simulate medical procedures at the University's Healthcare Simulation Center, where the University trains its medical students and nurses.

In addition to the eye opening experiences and the use of advanced university facilities, the students had the opportunity to explore new technology in the classroom as they used 3D printers, video editing, sound editing, and circuitry. In one session the participants built circuits of their own to aid in the construction of a robot, to which they were able to teach commands and directional movement.

Following a class on technology, the students were taken to their first American bowling alley where they all had fun. During another afternoon

See "Clemson" on page 16

Doctors from China's Guangdong Province offer assistance in Pohnpei



*By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press*

July 19, 2016

Pohnpei, FSM—A team of nine doctors and supporting staff members arrived in Pohnpei yesterday to serve at the Pohnpei State Hospital over the next week. This morning they held a welcoming meeting with Acting Director of Health Services Dr. John Hedson to introduce themselves and to describe some of the services they would be providing including traditional medical techniques such as acupuncture.

The team brought with them several identical sets of luggage full of medical equipment and supplies that they will leave in Pohnpei when they depart on Sunday night.

The doctors are from the Sun Yat-sen Hospital in Guangzhou, Guangdong in the People's Republic of China. One of their speakers said that the hospital has a staff of over 1000 doctors and annually serves over a million patients.

The head of their delegation said that Guangdong has sent Doctors to the FSM each year for several years and that they intend to continue to keep up with that annual tradition.

The medical services they provided were free of charge and according the Embassy of the People's Republic of China

included Rehabilitation, Gynecology, Endocrinology (for hormonally caused diseases), B-Ultrasound Examination (which allows thorough examination of the eye) and Stomatology (for diseases of the mouth). One doctor said that she specialized in tumors and cancer.

Dr. Marcelle Gallen from Pohnpei Dentistry served as the Master of Ceremonies during the opening ceremony.

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July 15, 2016

Pohnpei, FSM—The Pohnpei Public Library celebrated the Summer Program 2016 on July 15, 2016. There was a short program that was prepared for the day. Head Librarian welcomed everyone to the short program and thanked participants, volunteers and parents for their assistance during the four weeks program. All the participants received certificates and prizes presented by the staff and volunteers.

The Theme for this year’s Summer Program was “On Your Mark, Get Set Read”. A total of 118 (K-5 to 8th grade) participated in the program and received certificates with gifts and prizes. It was a four week programs with many stories in sports were shared by volunteers. The kids also learned songs, made crafts and enjoyed other fun and educational activities provided by the Collaborative Summer Library Program 2016 manual compiled by the public librarians in 2015 CSLP Annual Conference in Rhode Island which Pohnpei Public Library was also participated.

This Summer Reading was very successful with the involvement of the volunteers, parents, participants and the contributors for this year. Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library would like to thank the following for their valuable contributions and supports. FSM Petro Corp, IOM, Karleen Manuel, Scott Shanahan, Spencer Scot Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Agustin, Nancyleen Peter, Lt. Cory Henry, Carmina Lihpai, Shawna Mae Sue, Beatrice Ehmes, Letisha Apaisam and Donovan Delcampo. Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library (FPPL) presented certificate of appreciation to all these wonderful agencies and individuals.



Pohnpei State regains FSM National Law Day Debate Championship

Pohnpei State, represented by Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School (OLMCHS), won the Championship in the FSM National Law Day Debate held in Kosrae State last July 12, 2016. This annual event is organized and sponsored by the FSM Supreme Court to commemorate the day it was established, July 12, 1981 to be exact. July 12 plays an important role in the history of the FSM. The First Congress of Micronesia was convened in July 12, 1965. Ten years later, or on July 12, 1975, the first Micronesian Constitutional Convention was convened. On the same day in 1978, the FSM Constitution was approved.

The Law Day 2016 started with a short opening program. Kosrae State Governor Lyndon H. Jackson welcomed all the participants and guests. Fr. Fran Hezel was the Keynote Speaker. He shared his historical expertise about the FSM and the Compact of Free Associations from World War II, to the present and his recommendations for the future. Kosrae State Court Acting Chief Justice Chang William closed the program that marked the start of the most awaited debates.

This year's debate proposition was: "BE IT RESOLVED that the Compact of Free Association, as Amended, between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America shall be terminated, and such termination shall take effect no later than 2018." The debaters from each of the four States debated twice, one as proponents (affirmative side), and one as opponents (negative side). The Debate Teams are the following: Team Yap - Yap High School, Leila T. Rrog and Allysha L. Midil (debaters) John A. Mafel (coach); Team Chuuk - Chuuk High School, B.J. James and Julius F.Koto (debaters) Raisa Chiwi (coach); Team Pohnpei - Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School - Carisma Jano and Asmara Pretrick (debaters) Russell Figueras (coach); and Team Kosrae - Kosrae High School - Mary D. Anton and Judson A. Sigrah (debaters) Benjamin Rasmussen (coach). At the end of the whole day debate, Pohnpei State - OLMCHS emerged as the Champion with a total score of 1,126 points, followed by Team Kosrae (991), Team Chuuk (956), and Team Yap (808). The 2016 Debate Championship was the third for OLMCHS. Since joining the debates in 2011, OLMCHS has won three FSM National Debates (2011, 2013, and 2016) and four Pohnpei State Debates (2011, 2013, 2015, and 2016). The Chairman of the 2016 Law Day Coordinating Committee is Mr. Atarino Helieisar, the FSM Supreme Court Chief Librarian.



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Application

The FSM NORMA invites consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned services by submitting electronic and hard copies of Letter of Interest, CV, support Degrees/Certificates and 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than June 24, 2016 (DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 05, 2016). Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition). Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from:

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 Type: Sportage, SUV
 License Plate: F-0272
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 Year: 2011
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Team FSM to compete in 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro

Jennifer Chieng invited to compete in boxing with a Tripartite invitation

By **Jim Tobin**
FSM National Olympic Committee

July 20, 2016

FSM—The Federated States of Micronesia will now be sending five athletes to this year's Olympic Games competing in Swimming and Athletics (Track and Field) and just announced, also in Boxing.

The Olympic Games are from August 5 to August 21, 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In late June, the FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC) and FSM Boxing Association were notified by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Boxing Association (IABA) that Jennifer Chieng, FSM female Boxer from Yap State received a late Tripartite Commission invitation to compete in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in the Female 57-60kg division in Boxing. This is outstanding news for the development of Boxing in the FSM, and is a great honor for Chieng. She has been training in New York the past few

months. Her coach is Erick Divinagracia from Pohnpei State.

The FSM sports delegation, attending the Rio 2016 Olympic Games (Rio 2016), will include five athletes (Debra Daniel, Dionisio Augustine II, Larissa Henry, Kitson Kapiriel and Chieng), five coaches (Elias Rodriguez, Sweeter Daniel, Rendy Germinaro, Lestly Ashby and Erick Divinagracia), one Chef de Mission (Sterling Skilling), one press attaché (Curtis Graham), two Administrative Staff (John Howard and Ron Etscheit) and FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC) Vice President Ted Rutun and Secretary General Jim Tobin.

Four-time FSM Olympian, Manuel Minginfel, famous male weightlifter from Yap State, was planning on competing in the 2016 Olympics but had to return to Yap due to an illness in his family.

Over 10,000 athletes from 205 countries will participate in 28 sports at the 2016 Olympics. The majority of TEAM FSM,

led by Chef de Mission Sterling Skilling, from Kosrae State, will depart the FSM on July 30 and arrive in Rio de Janeiro on August 2. The Opening Ceremony will be held at 7:00pm, Friday, August 5. Chieng will be the FSM flag bearer. This will be the fifth Olympic Games that the FSM has participated in beginning with the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Debra Daniel and Dionisio Augustine II, both from Pohnpei State, will compete in the 50-meter free style in Swimming on August 11 and 12. Larissa Henry and Kitson Kapiriel, from Pohnpei State, will compete in the 100-meter dash in Athletics on August 12 and 13. Chieng will compete in Boxing from August 12-19. The Boxing competition is single elimination and there will be 12 female boxers in the 57-60kg division.

For the past 2 years, Chieng and Daniel have received International Olympic Committee Rio 2016 Athlete Training Scholarships, along with Minginfel and FSM male wrestler Jk Kaminanga

from Chuuk State. All four scholarship holders tried to qualify for Rio 2016 by competing in 2015 and 2016 Olympic Qualifiers, including Oceania and World Championships in each of their sports. Augustine, Henry and Kapiriel received FSM National Olympic Committee training grants to properly prepare for Rio 2016.

The FSMNOC applied for and received International Olympic Committee and Rio 2016 Organizing Committee grants to fund the costs of economy airfares and Rio accommodation for all TEAM FSM members. NIKE international provided competition and team uniforms. The FSM National Government funded uniform printing and shipping. Local sponsors: Palm Terrace Shopping Center, Etscheit Enterprises, Matson, Carolina Fisheries, Lyon and Association and the Embassy of the People's Republic of China provided funding for TEAM FSM travel stipends and transit accommodation.

The FSMNOC, with funding support from the IOC, is working with FSM Telecommunications Corporation to stream the live television broadcast of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games on Yap, Chuuk and Kosrae cable TV stations, most likely from a feed from Fiji One TV in Fiji. We are not able to confirm if Pohnpei will be able to receive the broadcast feed on Island Cable TV.



Larissa Henry



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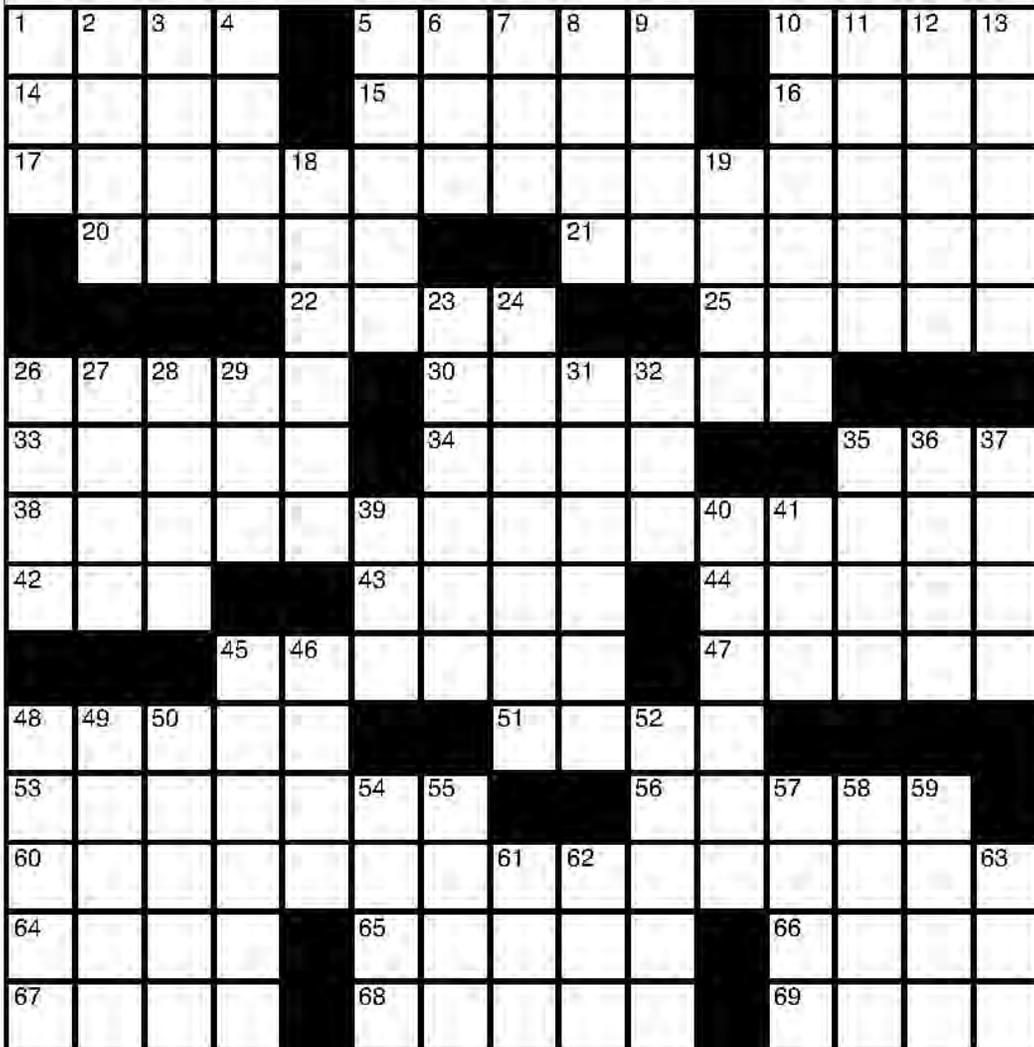
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- 56. Cold discharge

- 60. Johann Sebastian Bach Smith's story
- 64. Diction or fit prefix
- 65. Lines running from the center to the edge of a circle
- 66. Depend (on)
- 67. Energy units
- 68. Missouri Indian
- 69. University despised by Thurston Howell III

Down

- 1. Where U.S. Congress gets its printing done
- 2. A merry adventure
- 3. Defense Dept. agency that invented the Internet
- 4. James and the Giant Peach author
- 5. Iranian cent
- 6. Smaller printers' measure
- 7. Fuss, might be about nothing
- 8. A split between ideas
- 9. A bristle
- 10. Acts are broken into them
- 11. First word in the Terminator's pet phrase
- 12. Inquirer
- 13. Austrian composer Franz Joseph
- 18. Seem
- 19. Hippy dance
- 23. Poppy drug
- 24. Raw fish dish
- 26. Writer, director Ephron
- 27. Once follower in stories
- 28. Obligation
- 29. Anger
- 31. Built a quilt
- 32. It precedes Omega
- 35. She of the d'Urbervilles
- 36. Famous Chamberlain, for short
- 37. Binary options
- 39. Rocky hill
- 40. Code talkers' language
- 41. Golfers hate a bad one
- 45. Reference works accepted as authoritative
- 46. Object of worship
- 48. Financial influence
- 49. One propelling a 53 across
- 50. Flying
- 52. War correspondent Pyle
- 54. Bushy '60s do
- 55. Earl Grey and Pekoe
- 57. Weird, (Var.)
- 58. Eyeball part
- 59. Pepper grinder
- 61. Otherly-abled person's best friend
- 62. Add shrouds, stays, etc. to a brigantine
- 63. Serious soap ingredient

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New study on piggery waste impacts on Pohnpei streams released by University of Hawaii

The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture, Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency and Human Resources and the College of Micronesia-FSM, Cooperative Research and Extension have been monitoring 40 freshwater rivers and streams around the island over the course of several years to see what impacts, in terms of organic pollution, our pig raising activities are having. The island-wide survey showed that 68.3 percent of the water bodies they monitored were not safe for recreation and none were safe to drink. The report states that "profile sampling of eight river and stream systems showed increased contamination levels along the flow gradient, from the top to the bottom of the stream system. Water quality indicators (E. coli) were 13 times higher in samples from the bottom part of the stream than from the upper part. Water contamination levels for seven of the eight streams were not safe for swimming or bathing. All samples, in both upper and lower parts of the stream, were not safe to drink." A table from the study on the 8 rivers (below) shows how bad this situation is.

According to the table, only two rivers, one in Kipar and one in Mand, have E. coli (bacteria) levels low enough for safe swimming, and the Kolonia rivers are "off the chart" reflecting how bad the situation is with pig waste disposal in Kolonia Town. Some communities around the island have received grants to help clean up their environment by converting their pig pens to the dry litter system with 5 now converted in Awak and another 3 in Saladak, plus a few in Kolonia. But Pohnpei has over 2,000 piggeries and the rate of repayment under these revolving grants in these communities means only a few conversions per year, or every other year are possible and it will take generations to convert all the pig pens in Pohnpei.

So what can we do? Well, the first thing we can do is look to other Pacific Island countries and see what others have done that has worked. In fact, according to the study, "once waste disposal into a stream is halted, the stream water can improve, bringing back safe water for bathing, recreation, and, perhaps, ceremonial purposes. As shown in a report on a similar situation in American Samoa, for example, when enforcement actions stopped piggery waste discharges into the streams, E. coli concentrations declined more than 91 percent within 4 to 5 months, bringing tremendous improvement in water quality and public health protection. The report concluded that "public awareness of water quality problems and the health threat from leptospirosis has driven community and political will to improve pig waste management throughout the territory".

If American Samoa can do this why can't Pohnpei? In Pohnpei, the Pohnpei

Environmental Protection Agency, under State Law No. 3L-26-92 is authorized to monitor and enforce water-quality standards related to the protection of ground, surface, and marine waters. In addition, EPA's Environmental Surveillance Laboratory is certified to conduct specific microbial analytical methods to determine the safety of fresh and marine water resources and their technicians are certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency biennially, so we have the capacity locally to test our own waters, but our law doesn't have enough "political will" to get the job done. Why not amend the law so that dry litter piggeries are required under the law, and the onus of converting pig pens is on every person that chooses to raise pigs in Pohnpei?

Possibly our EPA partners can champion this new legislation with the Pohnpei State Legislature and Governor, who are now focusing resources on access to the waterfalls and rivers to help increase tourism. Improving access to contaminated sources of water will not help increase our tourism. We should clean up our rivers first.

The few farmers in U who have been utilizing the dry litter system only have good things to say about it. They are using the fertilizers produced as a by-product, for their own crops and selling the excess to other farmers. They're making close to \$400 a month just from the sale of this fertilizer, so this is really a win-win situation for all involved. No matter how many grants we can find for communities who care about cleaning up their environment and converting to dry litter piggeries, without greater political will and stronger legislation, we will simply be making "baby steps" towards cleaning up our environment. The one thing the study doesn't show is how long our rivers and streams can last with all of the organic pollution before they become unusable for anything other than waste disposal. With the imminent sea cucumber harvest in Pohnpei, how will our reefs deal with all of the organic material coming down from the rivers and streams and being deposited on top of the reefs? We must try and reduce this pollution to save our rivers and our reefs from become over polluted and destroying the local ecosystem. We need greater political will. It's time for a champion to emerge and promote stronger legislation so we can protect our environment, our rivers, our reefs, and our own health. Talk to your state senator about the need for greater political will and possibly, we will see this happen during this administration.

If you would like to read the study in its entirety please visit the following link: <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/pdf/WI-3.pdf>

River or Stream System	Municipality	Upper Watershed (A) E. coli (mpn/100 ml)	Mid Watershed (B) E. coli (mpn/100 ml)	Lower Watershed (C) E. coli (mpn/100 ml)
Awak	U	45	285	6,450
Kipar	Kitti	90	120	220
Soukrouhn	Kitti	187	1,141	1,819
Mand (Spring)	Madolenihmw	115	1,030	2,100
Mand (Fall)	Madolenihmw	180	250	270
Palkir Crossing	Sokehs	NA	NA	820
Nanpil	Nett	294	NA	1,043
Dauen Neu	Kolonia	NA	>24,000	>24,000
Nintu	Kolonia	NA	>24,000	>24,000
Average ± S.E.		151.8 ± 36.0 ^a	565.2 ± 214.7 ^{ab}	1,983.7 ± 947.3 ^{ab}

^{ab} Values with different superscript are significantly different, p < 0.10
Notes:
Recreation standard for freshwater is less than 576 mpn E. coli/100 ml.
mpn = most probable number of E. coli bacteria contained in 100 ml of water.
[†] mean does not include Dauen Neu and Nintu streams.

Education Corner:

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“Before there were school buildings and certified teachers-education was the job of the family and particularly the elders. It worked for several thousand years-it must be made to work once again.” Education Corner 7/6/16

In our last EC we discussed the newly adopted Pohnpei Studies Standards and a rededication to teaching and learning correct and proper Pohnpeian language. We said to the Community: This is set up for you by the Pohnpei Department of Education (PDOE) at the request of the Community but the Community must assume the responsibility for the success or lack of success. We said too that Community likely expected more than young Pohnpeians just learning about Pohnpeian customs, values and attitudes. We thought the Community would like to see young Pohnpeians practicing Pohnpeian customs, values, and attitudes in everyday life. As much as possible the Community wants them to be Pohnpeian and therefore act as Pohnpeians should. For part of this the PDOE can provide books and lesson plans and some classroom guidance. But all the lessons call for students to participate and practice in the Community. This is where all knowledgeable elders are the teachers.

However, difficulties are bound to arise as traditional economics clashes with today’s money economy. Before money, traditional economics was simple. What was taken to a funeral? Pohnpeians brought pigs, yams, Sakau, fish and other products-all from the land and the sea. What do we bring today? We know that answer. While pigs, yams, Sakau and fish still arrive-it’s now cases of chicken; bags of rice; fishing with money at the fish market; baskets of store bought goods, etc. And today these are expected and monitored by the Community. After all, Pohnpeians must fulfill their cultural

obligations. But when family income is limited, internal conflict occurs as the new clashes with the old. Many of our Traditional Leaders have already recognized this burden on the people as well as the health benefits of local food and have encouraged a return to “from the land and the sea” tradition. Nevertheless, we will all have to figure out how traditional customs, attitudes and beliefs fit better in a society that values dollars so highly. Pohnpeians and all Micronesians have struggled with this since Trust Territory times but particularly with the Compacts of Free Associations. The money economy has placed Pohnpei’s most sacred cultural marker in the midst of commercialization. Folks that work for salaries pick up and pay for a bottle or two on the way home; or go to the market after supper and pay some money; and we all know a farmer can get a premium price per pound in Guam. We can wonder together if this generation will value Sakau en Pohnpei in the way the elders value Sakau.

“Children should be seen and not heard” This proverb was originally an opinion recorded in the 15th century collections of homilies written by an Augustinian clergyman called [John] Mirk’s Festial, circa 1450

When old folks like me were children in the U S it was not uncommon to hear this little phrase from adults. It was heard when children interrupted adults by being noisy or asking questions when the adults were talking together. In my home this did not mean I should not ask questions of adults-just do not interrupt adults speaking about adult matters. It was O.K. to ask questions and this gave rise to another phases we learned- “You cannot learn anything if you don’t ask questions”. Professionally most educators believe this and encourage

questions from students. We do not dismiss or make fun of students’ questions. We are the teachers and we know the students are in school to learn things they do not know. We are taught never to shame or embarrass students because we want them to ask questions and certainly not be afraid of embarrassment, or laughter because of not knowing something. Here is a little account of an event in March of 1999 called “Culture Quest”

For the School Year 1998-1999 seven Pohnpeian elementary school principals attended the COM-FSM Principals Academy. The all took courses in leadership, curriculum, and finance etc., bookwork stuff. But for the year’s hands on project/ demonstration the principals decided to march around the island with college students from the various States. During culture week principals wanted show the various communities some elements of Chuukese, Kosraean and Yapese cultures. Of course the Yapese did their “Stick Dance” and Chuukese and Kosraeans sang traditional songs. The group in turn asked the Pohnpeians to present to the group some dances, songs or legends. The march took five days with overnights in each municipality. Everyone involved loved it and the Traditional Leaders even asked COM-FSM if such a Culture Quest could be an annual event. So while the event as a whole was tremendously successful something very unusual and very revealing occurred.

Each night the group would present a Sakau en Pohnpei to the Nahmwarki and then observe and partake in the Sakau Ceremony. It was set up so students from their own municipality would be the main presenters. For Non-Pohnpeians this mean taking the Sakau into the Nahs, cutting some branches just the right way and doing

certain steps in a certain order. But night after night the local young people would disappear. Every evening it would end up being one of the principals, a few Yapese and Chuukese boys and me. When tracked down each night the Pohnpeian fugitives gave the same answer for their flight. I DID NOT WANT TO MAKE A MISTAKE AND BE EMBARRASSED. Did we outsiders make mistakes—we must have? But were we embarrassed-No. Why? We knew the Community understood we were learning. The Pohnpeians did not feel that way. They felt they were expected to know yet they really had never been taught. Many Pohnpeian students said they usually stay away from the Nahs as much as possible. They certainly did not understand their culture at least enough to overcome their fears of their elders criticisms. Those that actually did—were afraid to make even the slightest error especially in front of the Nahmwarki and their families and friends so they too “ran away”.

So dear Community: We have Pohnpei Studies because the Community wants it and feels we need it. The Community wants and needs it because Pohnpeians fear losing their cultural identity. As the elders resume their roles as the teachers please keep in mind young people do not learn well if they are fearful. The new teachers will be able to see evidence of learning as they did 2000 years ago. But in the teaching process understanding this fear factor could be very helpful to the Community teachers. And lastly today, do not assume your student know something because they did not ask questions. They are afraid to do that as well. When it comes to learning the Pohnpei Culture Studies-Silence is never good evidence of learning and can often mean the opposite.

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everyone ventured into the countryside for a hike to the Issaqueena falls, where our Chuukese students learned about biodiversity in a South Carolinian ecosystem and the differences between regions of the United States. To finish off a weekend of fun and outdoor activities a baseball game was witnessed live.



Over the course of the next week, students attended classes to improve their writing and public speaking abilities. These classes culminated in a presentation given to program staff by four select students about what they had gained from this experience and their future plans to help better the islands of Chuuk.

Altogether students had an eye opening experience, which has inspired some to



pursue different career paths, pursue higher education at the best possible schools they can attend, and ultimately provide for a better future for Chuuk. Chuuk High School is planning on expanding this program for both a Fall and Spring Session and is hoping that other High Schools in the FSM join to make the program even better.



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