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Dozens circle Pohnpei to raise awareness of the tragedy of domestic violence

By *Bill Jaynes*
 The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei—This evening, dozens of people participated in a finish line event after trekking from the border of U and Madolenihmw all the way to the government office complex in Kolonia. The trek wasn't just to see if they could do it. It was to raise awareness on the tragic issue of gender based violence in Pohnpei and to remember those who have been injured or who have lost their lives to the scourge of domestic violence.

#BlackoutViolencePohnpei is a Facebook campaign, welcoming any and all people to wear black every Thursday, post it to Facebook and to use the hashtag to raise

awareness of the issue that affects all too many people in Pohnpei. Organizer Lululeen Santos says that the campaign is to help people to begin to feel comfortable enough to talk about the issue of domestic violence, a subject that is still all too often frowned upon as a subject for discussion.

In conjunction with the Facebook project, Santos admits freely that she borrowed the idea of a Trek around Pohnpei against Gender Violence from Willy Kostka and Winfred Mudong of Micronesian Conservation Trust. They wanted to see how long it would take to trek around the island. The trek to raise awareness of the domestic violence

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U, Pohnpei—Willy Kostka, Executive Director of “Our Micronesia”, says that State authorities have essentially ignored petitions from the people of U asking for true environmental impact assessments before issuing permits for dredging. Recently the State authorized permits for two new dredge sites in U that are less than 400 meters apart, one in Kitiapas and another in Mesenpal in Awak Pah.

“It’s entirely unnecessary to have two dredge

sites this close to each other, especially when there are no major road developments in U,” Kostka says.

Pohnpei State Government says that it has several projects that have been stalled for years because of the Government’s inability to obtain the required quantity of raw materials—coral, sand, and cement blocks. The projects include construction of roads, culverts, bridges and government school buildings, and a convention center. The State estimates that it will need approximately 1,243,800 cubic yards of dredged coral and

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Here's how you can apply for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On June 17th, 2020, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) opened offices in each of the Nation's States to assist citizens who have lost their job, or suffered from reduced income, due to COVID-19, to apply for financial support under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Program. A result of the Enduring Partnership between the FSM and the United States of America, and codified through an agreement between the FSM Department of Finance & Administration and the U.S. Department of Labor, this release seeks to inform affected citizens on how they can apply for PUA Program assistance, as well as its related Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) Program. Both programs, though operated by the FSM, are funded through the United States and, as a result, the Nation is following both U.S. Federal law, as well as the laws of the U.S. State of Hawaii, to implement these Programs.

The PUA program provides temporary benefits to individuals whose employment or self-employment has been lost or interrupted as a direct result of COVID-19. Examples of individuals who may qualify for assistance are: those who are unable to reach their place of employment because of a quarantine imposed as a direct result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; those who are scheduled to commence employment but do not have a job or are unable to reach their job due as a direct result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and those whose places of employment have closed as a direct result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The first step towards assessing if you qualify

for PUA and FPUC Program assistance is to visit the OPUA website under the link provided below, visit one of the FSM Offices of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance or call the OPUA hotline. For the online portal, the link is here: <http://www.dofa.gov.fm/pandemic-unemployment-assistance-program/>

For residents of Yap State, the FSM PUA Office is located at the YCA Building, upstairs and near the FSM Treasury Field Office. Their phone number is (691) 350-2725.

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For residents of Kosrae State, the FSM PUA Office is located in the Kosrae Capital Building's ground floor. Their phone number (691) 370-7077.

All Offices of PUA can also be contacted via email at opua@gov.fm

The second step to assess if you qualify for PUA would be to complete the PUA Initial Application form. This form requires the applicant to fill out essential information about their identity and their previous employment, including a detailed explanation for how the loss of their job is causally related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The form can be obtained at PUA offices and also can be found

online here: <https://dofa.gov.fm/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Initial-Application-for-PUA.pdf>

PUA covers the period beginning for the week ending February 8th, 2020 and ending on the week ending December 26th, 2020. However, the duration of PUA benefits is limited to 39 weeks per any individual. Payments will be made retroactively to the time an individual's unemployment began, i.e. if you lost your job in February, but you apply in June, you may still be eligible to receive assistance for the months of February, March, April, and May.

The maximum weekly benefit amount for the FSM is 166 USD per week. Available earnings might be deducted from that amount. Individuals who receive at least one-dollar (\$1) of PUA benefits for a week will also receive an additional six hundred dollar (\$600) payment under the FPUC Program. However, the FPUC is only payable between April 3rd, 2020 to July 31st, 2020.

To be eligible for PUA, the applicant must provide self-certification that he or she is able to work and available for work. PUA is not payable to workers who have voluntarily quit their place of employment. Applicants must be citizens of the FSM or the United States or holding a satisfactory immigration status.

After filing a PUA application, a review and check will be conducted by OPUA and the Department of Finance and Administration to determine the eligibility. Each applicant will be provided with a Notice of Determination which will inform the individual if they were successful or not. PUA beneficiaries must file a weekly claim at the OPUA office in order to continue receiving the benefits.

An individual who files a PUA application, but is determined to be ineligible to receive assistance, has a right to appeal. All detailed information on how the PUA Program works, eligibility, your entitlements, and your rights

of appeal are provided in the Benefit Rights Information pamphlet which is provided together with the Notice of Determination.

Because the PUA and FPUC Programs are sourced from the United States, and the FSM is following the laws of the U.S. Government as well as the Government of the U.S. State of Hawaii, it is crucial that all applicants are truthful and transparent in their application form. Only individuals who have lost their jobs, or have reduced hours or income, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic are eligible to receive assistance under the PUA and FPUC Programs. Under the U.S. laws the FSM is following to implement these Programs it is deemed fraud if misleading information is included in a form.

"My fellow Micronesians," President Panuelo said in a statement, "If you have lost your job or suffered reduced hours or income as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, I encourage you to seek assistance through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program. There is no need to be shy; these are unprecedented and challenging times, and we have every intention of making sure that every eligible recipient receives assistance. Please call or visit your local Office of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance soonest so that we can help you with your application."

Citizens keen to review the Presidential Order providing the legal framework for the PUA and FPUC programming may find it here: http://gov.fm/files/Presidential%20Orders/PO_amending_EO_No_1_2008_Office_of_PUA_.pdf

For more information on PUA and FPUC programming, visit this page at the Department of Finance & Administration's website: <http://www.dofa.gov.fm/pandemic-unemployment-assistance-program/>

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FSM government will pay dorm fees for FSM UOG students currently unable to return to the FSM

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FSM—In its fourth regular session, Congress was not able to come to consensus on the details of a bill deappropriating \$780,000 of unallotted funds from the General Fund of the FSM in order to provide supplemental funding for government operations and other purposes. By the time the bill reached the second reading on the floor, it had been amended 10 times but it did not pass.

The plight of FSM students at the University of Guam who are currently stuck in the dorms there due to travel restrictions was part of the supplemental budget package that did not pass.

Teresa M. Filepin, FSM Consul General to Guam initially expressed disappointment but also was quick to point out that individual Senators had provided money from their representation funds.

“The students are making the best of a terrible and unexpected situation and the University of Guam has been accommodating in letting them stay back in the dorms when they do not have an

obligation to the students since it’s the end of the semester,” she wrote. “My office has been supplying provisions and other essential items to the students on several occasions. The funding source for those supplies were from my representation funds, PS Mart in Guam (Yapese owned store), Congressman Welly (\$500), Congressman Urusemal (\$1000) and \$1000 each from the 4 Pohnpei delegates to Congress. Other organizations and individuals on Guam have been sponsoring meals to all the students in the dorms prior to the end of the semester.”

There are currently 47 students living in the UOG dorms that are not enrolled in summer classes and waiting to go home when flights open.

Recent UOG graduate MC Johnson wrote a lengthy Facebook post last week expressing his intense disappointment in the FSM Congress for not passing the bill. FSM President David Panuelo responded to the posting saying that he had charged the Department of Finance to fund payment for the dorm rooms at UOG. He also posted that Congress would be considering a new supplemental funding bill at a special session of Congress in July. He also

encouraged the students to apply for assistance under the FSM program to assist FSM citizens still stranded due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FSM Congress Information Officer Lynn Narruhn this morning said that the supplemental funding bill has been drafted and the special session will begin on Wednesday, July 1.

Meanwhile, the recent COVID-19 exercise revealed a number of deficiencies in handling the arrival of inbound passengers at the airport. However, corrective actions are being taken and it is very tentatively hoped that Pohnpei will be able to accept and quarantine 10 inbound passengers by the middle of July. This will be dependent on final Task Force action and the hoped for result is not yet set in concrete.

Pohnpeiians graduate with high academic honors

By **Martin Jano**

Carisma Jano, daughter of Martin Jano and late Elizabeth Ciupan graduated, in Journalism Magna Cum Laude, from Creighton University, on May 16, 2020. Carisma received her B.A. in Journalism. Her older sister, Brenda Jano, graduated, Summa Cum Laude two years earlier from Creighton University. Brenda received her B.A. in Legal Studies. Carisma Jano, graduated from Our Lady of Catholic High School (OLMCHS) in 2016.

Carisma Jano will study for the Law School Admission Test (BSAT) and take the examination in November.



Initial economic impact of COVID-19 reported for Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau

U.S. Department of the Interior

WASHINGTON – U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, Douglas W. Domenech today announced the publication of three technical notes from the Graduate School USA’s Economic Monitoring and Analysis Program (EconMAP) providing an initial assessment of the economic impacts of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

“While each of the three Freely Associated States continues to remain free of COVID-19 cases, the slow down and near termination of transportation across the region has had strong repercussions on their economies,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech. “It is hoped that the data and analyses in these technical notes can help illuminate impacts as FAS leaders draft fiscal measures and implement mitigation strategies to maintain financial and

economic stability now and as they emerge from the impacts of COVID-19.”

Funded through the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), the projections made in the EconMAP technical notes assume that travel will remain limited for all three of the FAS through fiscal year 2021 or until a COVID-19 vaccine is developed. The technical notes also utilize economic modeling techniques that project the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic without consideration of any external donor assistance and in the absence of any confirmed domestic cases. Should any of the three FAS report COVID-19 cases and develop community transmission, the projected negative impacts of the pandemic could be compounded.

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) – While the FSM does not enjoy the same level of visitor arrivals as Palau, the majority of the COVID-19 impact will also be felt in the private sector, namely in the transportation and tourism sectors.

The hotel and restaurant industries are projected to fall by 46 percent in fiscal year 2020 and then an additional 75 percent in fiscal year 2021, reflecting the absence of tourists and minimal interstate visitors. Similarly, the transportation sector, which includes shipping, port services, aviation, and airport ground handling, is projected to decline by 27 percent in fiscal year 2020 and an additional 14 percent in fiscal year 2021. Notably, the total projected loss to the FSM economy will be the most severe decline in the FSM economy since the start of the amended Compact period in 2004. Ultimately, the FSM is expected to experience a 6.9 percent decline in GDP and a loss of 1,841 jobs, reflecting an 11 percent reduction of employment levels in the FSM compared to fiscal year 2019.

Optimistically, given the FSM’s strong fiscal position at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the application of targeted internal and external assistance, including Federal assistance, to bolster health sector investments, improve resiliency

in the health system, provide budgetary resources to offset revenue losses during the pandemic, and to provide direct support to affected individuals and businesses, will be sufficient to offset much of the projected threat to the FSM economy and to its fiscal position going forward.

In all three countries, the breadth and depth of economic impact will be substantial in the tourism, transport, and fisheries sectors, again under the current modeling with each country still reporting zero COVID-19 cases. Although Palau is hardest hit due to its tourism-centered economic structure, the FSM and RMI are also deeply affected. The EconMAP team expects to update the technical notes to eventually quantify the full range and impact that internal mitigating efforts and external donor assistance will have in each FAS, eventually providing a full report to better understand the combined impact of assistance and the net impact of the COVID-19 response.



Livelihoods and Administrative Assistant

Opening Date: July 1 2020
Closing Date: July 30 2020

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the Livelihoods Project Manager, the Livelihoods and Administrative Assistant (LAA) is an entry-level position responsible for basic coordinating, accounting and administrative tasks. The work involves direct contact with MCT staff, local program partners, banking institutions and commercial vendors. A skilled LAA will perform a variety of coordinating, accounting, bookkeeping and financial tasks, including keeping financial records updated, tracking budgets, filing, preparing reports and reconciling bank statements.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific daily duties of the Livelihoods and Administrative Assistant include (with Livelihoods needs and activities prioritized), but are not limited to:

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- Prepare payment requests for the C4L and related livelihoods activities
- Assist with tracking Livelihoods project budgets and pipelines
- Distribute checks and other program documents
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- Willing to work long hours and weekends sometimes.
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- manner
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 - Provide assistance during annual financial audits, particularly with the preparation of the trial balance, locating and preparing requested documents for submission (especially during field testing)

QUALIFICATIONS

A successful Livelihoods and Administrative Assistant will have the following combination of qualifications, skills and competencies:

- An Associate degree or equivalent certification and 2+ years' accounting/bookkeeping experience (accounts payable preferred)
- Experience with QuickBooks, Microsoft Office suite and Google Docs and proficiency with Windows operating system
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- Familiarity with bookkeeping and basic accounting procedures and particularly, hands-on experience with spreadsheets and financial reports
- Ability to operate office machines, equipment and have valid driver license

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This is an entry-level, support staff position. MCT does not offer relocation assistance for this level of employment but the LAA will be eligible for MCT's other benefits including, health and life insurance and retirement plan. Salary will depend on experience and qualifications, but MCT offers salaries comparable to, or higher than other employers of its type in Micronesia.

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Yapese named APIC-MCT International Student Scholar

TOKYO – A recent college graduate of Yapese ancestry has been awarded a scholarship that will allow her to earn a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies at Sophia University in Japan. Darla Yatilman, who was raised on Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia, is the 2020 recipient of the coveted APIC-MCT International Student Scholarship. The highly competitive scholarship is awarded to individuals from the Micronesia region to attend Sophia University's Graduate School of Environmental Studies in Tokyo.



for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), the non-profit Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), and Sophia University. The MCT's Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge (BRMC) Scholarship Program also supports graduate students selected for this initiative.

The scholarship's goal is to train Micronesians to play leadership roles to develop regional responses to issues such as rising sea levels and climate change. This is the fourth year that the graduate scholarship is being offered.

"I'm passionate to further my education in this field because of the modern-day threats or issues affecting our Pacific Islands and communities," said Yatilman, who recently graduated from Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia, USA, with a BA in Criminal Justice.

Yatilman is the daughter of Andrew and Gereth Yatilman, originally from Yap and now living on Pohnpei. Andrew Yatilman is the Secretary of the Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Emergency Management, of the Federated States of Micronesia. Darla Yatilman graduated from Xavier High School in Chuuk, FSM.

The full-ride graduate scholarship is a partnership between The Association

APIC is a Tokyo-based foundation that strengthens ties between Japan and nations in the Pacific Islands and Caribbean. The Micronesia Conservation Trust, headquartered in Pohnpei, supports biodiversity conservation and related sustainable development in the region comprised of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, U.S. territory of Guam and U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Sophia University is considered one of the top research universities in Japan. It was founded in 1913 by the Roman Catholic order The Society of Jesus. About 14,000 students attend undergraduate and graduate programs at the university, which is located in central Tokyo.

...Dredging

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1,102,150 cubic yards of mined sand. It says those numbers don't yet include any estimate of the number of cement blocks for the construction of school buildings, or the convention center—blocks that will each require sand to manufacture.

The State's need for dredge products motivated it to come to temporary terms with one company it had previously banned from dredging while a civil action against that company moves through the court system.

"The reason we are opposing this is because earlier this year the people of U voted to include 17 new sections/provisions in our Municipal Constitution," Kostka wrote. "One of the new articles states that all major development projects, such as dredging, must go through a true environment impact assessment. We put this provision into our constitution based off of FSM's own Climate Change Policy and their commitment to the UNSDGs.

However, Pohnpei State is basically ignoring the fact that a large majority (80%) of the people of U want genuine EIAs when it comes to dredging and other large development projects."

Kostka admits that by law, Pohnpei State has the jurisdiction and has issued the permits despite the wishes of the people of U. He says that he is aware that several permits are currently in the works and that soon U's coastline could be littered with dredge sites.

Kostka says that many of the people in U do not own boats so many of them go to shore and swim out to fish. He says that the two areas being dredged are near some of the more productive fishing areas and that with the dredging, the corals are being suffocated with sediment. That will lead to less fish in the areas, taking away fishing spots for those who do not have boats.

"We are asking that the permitting process be reversed so that any new requests for dredging are started at the community level and that the state and that legislature only approve them when the communities have been fully consulted," Kostka said.



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Salapwuk Community receives Direct Aid grant for six waterfalls signage and parking project



The Australian Embassy congratulates the Salapwuk Community as a recent grant recipient of our Direct Aid Program (DAP).

Charge d' Affaires

Vy Duong and Second Secretary Takuro Steele presented a cheque of \$5,415.00 to Soumwelong Kitti, John Imanuel, Koad Soumwelong Kitti, and June-Anita Imanuel for their community project. The six waterfalls is a famous tourist attraction in Pohnpei where visitors can hike through beautiful pristine forest in Kitti Municipality and see six different

waterfalls. The DAP grant will allow the community to construct a new parking lot and road signage.

DAP is a flexible, small grants scheme for development activities for up to USD \$20,000. DAP applications can be submitted year-round. For more information and to apply online, visit www.fsm.embassy.gov.au



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

(Date of Issuance: May 6, 2020)

YAP STATE PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION (YSPSC)
WATER TANKS ENGINEERING DESIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES
YAP STATE, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA RFP NO. 2020- 001

On behalf of the Yap State Government, Federated States of Micronesia, the Office of Planning and Budget/**Project Management Office (PMO)** invites proposals for the provision of professional consultant services to perform Engineering Design for the repairs and refurbishment of existing two atmospheric one million gallons (MG) potable water steel tanks and Engineering Design for a new two hundred fifty thousand gallons epoxy coated carbon steel potable water tank located in Colonia, Yap State.

Respondent may request a clarification or inquiry of any of the Request for Proposals (RFP) documents in writing addressed to: Samuel E. Luzano, PMO Manager, Project Management Office, YCA Complex, P.O. Box 970, Colonia, Yap FM 96943 at (691) 350- 2324 or emailed to seluzano@yapstategov.org

All Proposals will be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**RFP No. 2020-001, YSPSC Water Tanks Engineering Design**" and must incorporate the name and address of the Respondent on the outside of the envelope addressed to:

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Proposals must be submitted to the above address no later than July 7, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., local time to be eligible for consideration. Proposals received after the deadline shall be rejected.

Whenever Proposals will be sent via FedEx, UPS or other mail carrier, Respondent will ensure that the outside mailing package is also clearly marked "RFP-YSPSC Water Tanks Engineering Design" with the name and address of the Respondent. Packages and envelopes not marked with the name of the proposal may be misidentified and will be rejected.

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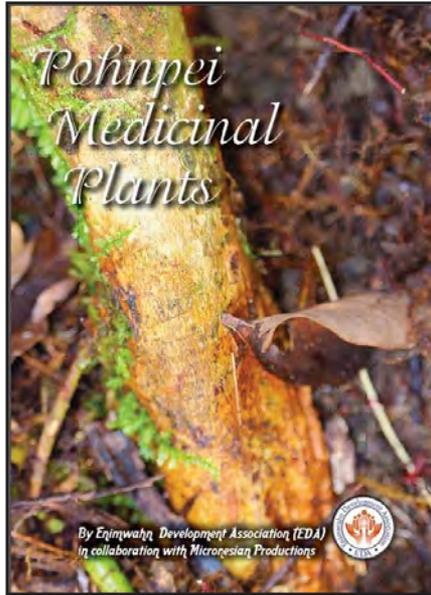
Enimwahn Development Association completes Small Grant Project with the planting of trees and publishing of traditional information

Enimwahn Development Association

Last year, the Enimwahn Development Association Inc. was one of a few groups to receive funding from the FSM GEF Small Grants Program. The group was able to receive around \$43,000 to plant a variety of local fruit trees that not only will produce nutritious fruits for the community to enjoy, but also produces important traditional medicine which the community has identified as important in Pohnpeian culture.

In a series of individual interviews that can be seen online via YouTube or published in their new booklet on medicinal plants, members of the EDA community share their traditional knowledge. The videos have been a big hit on social media and have racked up more than 1500 views within a week of their posting. This local knowledge is rarely given away and usually is only done so within a family, but this project has broken new ground and is seeing a level of interest in the Pohnpeian community worthy of calling EDA a “social influencer” for Pohnpei.

The book, when released later



this summer, is a 32-page detailed description of the medicinal and other uses of a series of local trees and plants in Pohnpei. It also contains as an Annex some Pohnpeian high language training. Although not a direct objective of the project, the community felt this was a good mechanism to get out this important language training as many youth in their



community do not have mastery of the high language and its use is diminishing. The hope is that with resources like this, that can teach some of the basics, more youth will learn and start using the high language at cultural events and it will proliferate.

As for the farming part of the project, the community was motivated to focus

on planting more resilient local crops and increasing the diversity of their food crops that are climate resistant. This project was done to improve the biodiversity of crops in the EDA community so they can better adapt to the changes in climate that Pohnpei is already beginning to witness and to grow healthier foods to help combat the NCD crisis in Pohnpei. In addition,

they reaffirmed the importance of our cultural medicinal plants, and wanted to preserve their use and importance in local medicine. According to Mr. Stuard Penias, the President of EDA Inc., “We are looking to increase the ability of our community members to work their land through proven agroforestry techniques that will be environmentally-friendly and grow a more diverse crop of climate resistant fruits and medicinal plants that can assist with the food security, healthy lifestyles, and income generation capacity of our members.” The community celebrate the close of their project with an Impiokahi event to celebrate the agricultural products the group is growing as a result of several grant projects.

EDA Inc. would especially like to thank Mr. Simpson Abraham, the FSM GEF SGP National Coordinator and Ms. Lavernie Pretrick, the Program Assistant, for their support and guidance during the project. We would also like to thank Micronesia Productions for their work on the photo story, the videos and the booklet. You can find the online videos and a copy of the e-book at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BxNhRYTITWSOou-byK-3JD-36iGeQ1F-?usp=sharing>

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Colonia Wellness Center Furniture
RFP NO. 2020-003

The Yap State Office of Planning and Budget/ Project Management Office (PMO) is soliciting proposals for the supply of Furniture for the Colonia Wellness Center Project, to be received until 4:00 p.m. on August 17, 2020, local Yap time. Interested parties are requested to get in touch with the undersigned on the contact details listed below for the List of Furnitures.

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issue began with just two people who walked on a blackout violence Thursday from the FSM Telecommunications Corporation in Kolonia to Paies, Sokehs. On the next Thursday, four people walked the next leg of the circle island trek. On the following Thursday, US Ambassador Carmon Cantor, Senators Herolyn Movick and Aisek Artui joined the trek along with many other new participants. On, June 18, the day before the United Nations Day for Elimination of Sexual Assault in Conflict, dozens of people walked the more than 10 miles to complete the circle island trek.

As they arrived at the steps of the government building, the atmosphere was festive though the walkers were understandably tired. "I need maybe three aspirin," said Willy Kostka who joined them on that day.

"I am pleased and honored to be part of this courageous effort," said Pohnpei Governor Reed Oliver as he addressed

the walkers. "Although the campaign has been going on for some time, it took on a new form in Pohnpei earlier this year after a young lady was (allegedly) killed by the hands of her partner—

something that could have been avoided or prevented. She was not the first, but we hope that more can be done so that her untimely calling is not in vain," he said to the applause of the walkers.

On the night of January 19, 2020, Swihter Roby was brought to the hospital. She arrived with contusions and was unconscious. She never regained consciousness and she died on January 22, leaving behind a three year old daughter and a five year old son. Prosecutors charged Swihter's partner, Branish "B.R." Resepwil with multiple criminal charges including murder and felonious assault and battery. His trial is currently ongoing and no verdict has yet been entered.

"We have a tendency to say, 'It is not my problem'. Or if we are the ones affected, we say, 'it is my problem alone. I shouldn't bother others with my problem.' That time is no more," said the Governor. "...We as a people need to take on greater responsibility for our actions because, if not us, then who? And if not now, then when?"

The Governor announced that within the next week or so, Pohnpei Social Services will

be opening a new hotline for victims, survivors or just anyone who would like to talk with someone about the issues of gender based and domestic violence. He said that the phone calls would be confidential and would be answered by people who have been trained on the sensitivities in order to deal with gender violence.

Santos said that the original Black Thursday was created in the 1980's by the World Council of Churches in solidarity with those affected by gender violence in homes, schools, work, streets, and other places in our society.

"We all have responsibilities to speak out against violence. We want to ensure that women, men, boys, and girls are safe from rape and violence everywhere," she said. "My hope is that more people are talking about this issue and more people are informed and everyone knowing or learning that we do have a Domestic Violence Law that was passed two years ago. I realize that this trekking and/or awarenesses may not eliminate gender based violence altogether but I hope that people will be comfortable talking about and that people will feel safe when they seek help when needed."

In 2014 the FSM published a Family Health and Safety Study on the prevalence on violence against women funded by Australian Aid and the United Nations Population Fund Pacific Sub-Regional Office. The study found that nationwide, one in every three women in FSM experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a partner in their lifetime. Regionally, prevalence figures of lifetime physical and/or sexual partner violence were over 50% in some FSM States. In the case of non-partner violence, the study shows that about 14% of interviewed women experienced child sexual abuse and the most common perpetrators were family members.

In her introduction to the study, Dr. Vita Skilling who was then the Secretary for the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs wrote, "The study evidences that violence against women in the country is prevalent and mostly inflicted by people women know well. Sadly, the study also shows that abused women often remain silent about the violence because they believe such violence is 'normal'. In this sense, the results of the study highlight the pressing need for raising awareness and implementing education campaigns about gender roles and violence against women in the country."

As the #BlackoutViolencePohnpei campaign says, the time is well past to "Break the Silence and Stand Up Against Domestic Violence".

Scholarship established to honor Lee Huddleston, former Peace Corps

Habele Outer Island Education Fund

Each year, in the first week of June, Habele announces the award of its K-12 tuition scholarships. These small grants help ambitious students across Micronesia attend independent primary and elementary schools, paying a large portion of their tuition and fees.

This year, one deserving student from Chuuk State will receive a special, named, scholarship: the Lee Huddleston Memorial Scholarship.

Lee Joseph Huddleston of Eugene, Oregon lost his life in February of 2020 while rescuing a group of children caught in a rip tide while swimming off Moch island, in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Lee's first experience in working with people of nations other than his own was in the years 2012-2013 as a volunteer in Peru, where he worked with at-risk youth at the Instituto Mundo Libre in Lima. He then served the people of Chuuk state as a Peace Corps Volunteer on the Island of Moch from 2014 to 2016.

Lee's adventuresome spirit took him to Kazakhstan in 2018 where he worked for Yessenov University as a teacher trainer. Following that position he returned to work for the Chuuk State Department of Education as Instructional Support Coordinator for the mid-Mortlocks.

He was a graduate of Willamette High School in Eugene and from the University of Oregon where he obtained baccalaureate degrees in International Studies and Spanish as well as a Masters Degree in Language Teaching Studies.

The Lee Joseph Huddleston Memorial Scholarship provides tuition assistance to a student from the Outer Islands of Chuuk attending either elementary or high school anywhere within the FSM. Preference is given to deserving applicants from the Mortlock Islands.

As with all Habele scholarships, the Lee Huddleston Memorial Scholarship will help ensure bright, hardworking students have access to the best education possible. Based on need and merit, these scholarships focus on remote outer island, rural village, and female students.

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Memorial Scholarships are a special type of Habele K12 tuition grant. They honor the legacy of Americans whose life or work demonstrated exceptional commitment to the people of Micronesia, and embodied the best of the longstanding US-Micronesian partnership.

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Calvary Christian Academy students honor society

On Friday, May 15th, thirty-two Calvary Christian Academy students were recognized for having achieved Honor Society status for school year 2019-2020. In a normal year, CCA holds an induction ceremony a few weeks after the end of third quarter to recognize and honor those high school students who have achieved an academic average of 87 or above in their core subjects for two consecutive quarters of the school year. In addition, no subject may have a grade of less than 77 for the entire year. Since the school has been closed since March 16th by executive order due to the pandemic, CCA recognized individual members of the CCA Honor Society by having them come to the school at different times during the day to receive their certificates from Honor Society advisor Mrs. Lihna Paddock and principal Virginia John. Congratulations to the following 2020 CCA Honor Society members.

From the Class of 2020

Taeyanna Adams, daughter of Richard and Mae Adams
 Alliyah Alisoma, daughter of Alan and Justleen Alosima
 Destiny Grace Fred, daughter of Darlene Fred
 Sujanawati Gurung, daughter of Mahendra



and Janphen Gurung
 Elina Resepwil, daughter of Adam and Asae Resepwil
 Isaiah San Jose, son of Virgilio and Teresita San Jose
 Jessica Villanueva, daughter of Memencio and Carolina Villanueva
 Mayren Wichep, daughter of John and Mayleen Wichep

From the Class of 2021

S-Me Abraham, daughter of Carmihna Abraham

Noah Adams, son of Richard and Mae Adams
 Connor Boylan, son of Robert and Denise Boylan
 Tiffany Carl, daughter of Patrick and Elaine Carl
 Akilla Haber, daughter of Nenette Haber
 Mercedes Olter, daughter of Ricky and Rachel Olter
 Vince Joy Perman, son of Fredy and A-One-Lih Perman
 Elijah San Jose, son of Virgilio and Teresita San Jose

From the Class of 2022

Abigail Alosima, daughter of Alan and Justleen Alosima
 Nathan Fredrick, son of Mayson and Caroline Fredrick
 Paul Ivan Liao, son of Marcial and Bernadette Liao
 Gerome Mallari, son of Glenn and Mylene Mallari
 Alyssa Movick, daughter of Ginny Movick
 Pearl Pedrus, daughter of Peter and Eugenia Pedrus
 Ferny Jr. Perman, son of Ferny and Miyuki Perman
 Ian Perman, son of Fredy and A-One-Lih Perman
 Kaia Weirlangt, daughter of Maryann Weirlangt

From the Class of 2023

Keavae Adams, daughter of Richard and Mae Adams
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Pohnpei COVID-19 Task Force conducts exercise in advance of repatriation of FSM citizens

FSM Information Services Press Release

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—From June 17th to 19th, 2020, at the instruction of His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Governors of the FSM, the National Government in collaboration with the Government of the State of Pohnpei, the Defense Attaché Office of the Embassy of the United States of America, the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and United Airlines, Inc., conducted a series of exercises to assess and simulate Pohnpei State’s capacity and procedures for what to do when the Nation’s citizens stranded abroad are allowed to be repatriated. Although the Government cannot yet confirm a designated date for opening the FSM’s borders in Pohnpei State for the repatriation of the Nation’s citizens, the National and State Task Forces are working the week of June 22nd, 2020 with the aim of seeing if Saturday, June 27th 2020 can serve that purpose. The FSM National Government is coordinating with the States of Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae to conduct similar exercises with their respective Governments.

On June 17th, after an introductory meeting at the Pohnpei State Hospital’s Conference Room, the National and State Task Forces split into three groups to assess Pohnpei’s Point of Entry, Quarantine, and Isolation areas. These assessments consisted of the completion of standardized forms, interviews, and data-gathering and analysis.

On June 18th, the National and State teams reviewed their assessments and developed tables inclusive of actions to be taken, timelines for completion, and individuals responsible thereof. The day also included a tabletop simulation of how the National and State Governments would respond if a commercial air carrier arrived in Pohnpei State with FSM citizens repatriating, with at least one of the individuals beginning to show symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the flight.

On June 19th, the National and State teams conducted a live simulation exercise of the previous day’s tabletop scenario. This included agencies playing out their real-life roles, with a school bus acting as a commercial flight, and port, immigration, customs, quarantine, and health officials responding as if the bus’s passengers



were citizens coming from a COVID-19 affected jurisdiction. The scenario included a number of potential real-life encounters, such as how to effectively address an individual showing symptoms of COVID-19 whilst on the flight, how to receive and home-quarantine members of the diplomatic corps, and how to brief passengers at Pohnpei State’s designated quarantine facility (i.e. China Star Hotel) on what will happen over their fourteen days of quarantine.

Staff from the U.S. Embassy who posed as incoming diplomatic corps personnel advised that their experience was “really well organized; people were telling me where to go, gave me a mask—but one thing that I think we need to address is regarding the medical certificates. I am not 100% sure if I needed to bring it with me, or have it on me, or where or who to give it to—but overall, it was a good experience.” The simulation for the diplomatic corps staff included getting off the flight, participating in the mandatory health screening, and how to properly enter their vehicle for immediate transport to their home-quarantine site. While all incoming members of the diplomatic corps will be quarantined, due to the Vienna Convention they will be home-quarantined in a manner approximately equivalent to the home-quarantine for His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, and the home-quarantine for Her Excellency Carmen G. Cantor, Ambassador of the USA.

The bulk of the passengers, save for the individual with potential COVID-19 symptoms, went through the mandatory health screening, followed by immigration, customs, and quarantine. One of the passengers, who was keen to speak but on the condition of anonymity, said: “It builds my confidence to work this out, but the problem areas need to be addressed before I think we’ll be comfortable with people coming home. I know you said you’ll mention this in your Press Release, but please emphasize that we need a standard operating procedure for general cleaning—the airport cleaners didn’t wear PPE (personal protection equipment) and were not trained for

it. The immigration and custom officers were not trained for properly donning and doffing. This can all be fixed, but it must be said so that our citizens know that we are really working on doing this right. When people come home, it’s the real scenario.”

The Special Assistant to the President for Public Information roleplayed the passenger showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. He offered the following remarks for his experience. “While on the bus/flight, I pretended to get short of breath and cough. A member of the flight crew asked me questions about how I was feeling, and when I arrived at Pohnpei International Airport I was escorted by professionals at Pohnpei State Department of Health & Human Services in full medical regalia who kindly segregated me from the general population. There I was taken to an ambulance, and from there to the hospital. Once the ambulance doors opened, I was greeted again by properly-suited medical staff, who took me to the isolation wing. The only criticisms I could offer are potentially petty, but worth noting. The first is that the ambulance’s air-conditioning wasn’t working, and I was in there for a good twenty minutes; a real COVID-19 patient would already be uncomfortable. The second is that getting me into the isolation room was challenging—I don’t recall there being a wheelchair ramp, I recall them having to lift the stretcher or gurney to get me into the hospital. The third is that the room they were putting me into was congested—the staff basically had to contort themselves to get me to my bed. But, once there, they did all the things they needed to do, even when their technology didn’t work right. When they took my blood pressure, the electronic machine wasn’t working—so they immediately switched to doing it manually, for example.”

Following the exercises, the National and State teams described the strengths and weaknesses for the Point of Entry, Quarantine, and Isolation areas in an in-depth debriefing.

For the Point of Entry’s strengths, it was noted that some of these included the presence of standard operating procedures (including protocols for different types of travelers and communications between crew and health authorities); effective

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role-sharing between crew, health, airport, fire, and rescue personnel, and infection control specialists; and environmental disinfection conducted by specialists from the Environmental Protection Agency and health teams. Visible markings were in place to identify appropriate locations to ensure physical distancing.

For the Point of Entry's weaknesses, it was noted that some of these included a lack of a "general cleaning" standard operating procedure, and that airport cleaners, immigration, and custom officers were either not wearing PPE and/or were untrained for their use. It was advised that there was a lack of proper disposal guidance and trash bins for used PPE, there was a lengthy waiting period for passport clearances, and no briefing was given to passengers on how they and their bags would be transported to the quarantine facilities.

For the Quarantine Site's strengths, it was noted that some of these included that the management team was able to manage a distressed individual very well and otherwise adapt on the go, that registration and overall preparation were organized, the briefing to passengers on their stay was clear and helpful, and there were highly visible signs providing information and contact numbers for assistance.

For the Quarantine Site's weaknesses, it was noted that some of these included the need to conduct additional health-screening measures beyond a temperature check, that phones and wi-fi are presently disabled, that corridor security cameras are presently inaccessible, and that standard operating procedures for waste management and disposal, as well as an emergency evacuation plan (e.g. what to do if there's a fire or typhoon) must be developed. Further, it was advised that the briefing given to passengers could be improved if it were standardized (such as with a set of talking points) and made more concise.

For the Isolation Area's strengths, it was noted that some of these included that a call center/hotline has been established and manned by staff who follow standardized procedures; that staff donned their PPE in time before the arrival of the potential COVID-19 patient; the clinical assessment of the potential COVID-19 patient proceeded on time, with decontamination of the

ambulance and equipment initiated. PPE doffing occurred in the appropriate area, and hand hygiene signs, posters, and handwashing items were in place.

For the Isolation Area's weaknesses, it was noted that some of these included that the ambulance only had a driver and doctor (the procedure calls for two medical personnel, not one); that although decontamination of the ambulance stretcher occurred it was not necessarily done properly; that no specimen collection kit was placed in the ante-room prior to the patient's arrival; that one staff member doffed their PPE in the wrong order; and that the sharps container was both placed near other waste bins, risking misplacement of sharps, and made of cardboard and thus susceptible to disintegration. (Sharps refers to any medical instrument that is sharp or pointy—syringes, scalpels, etc.—and typically these items should be divorced from other types of waste).

Following the simulation exercise and subsequent debriefing, the National and State team agreed to reconvene to implement the Action Plan to address the weaknesses that the exercise unveiled, which at the time of this writing is presently ongoing.

"Part of being transparent means foregoing concerns about what looks and sounds good and focusing on what's true," the Honorable Livingston A. Taulung, Secretary of the Department of Health & Social Affairs and Chair of the FSM COVID-19 Task Force, said in a statement following the simulation exercise. "I am very proud of the good work our team has done so far, and extend the National Government's gratitude to Pohnpei State, the U.S. Embassy, the WHO, IOM, and United Airlines, Inc. for their participation and coordination in these exercises. That said, I trust that the common affirmation from the report on this exercise is that we still have a lot of work to do in the days ahead. When the President and Governors answer the question of when we open our borders, it must be primarily informed by technical and medical experts assessing that we have done all that we can to minimize and mitigate risks to our citizens' health. This goal is achievable, and will be in reach so long as we continue to support each other."

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POSITION:

Branch Manager

LOCATION:

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Weno, Chuuk FSM

SALARY:

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Opinion Editorial

The people have shaped America's democracy for 244 years



Ambassador Carmen G. Cantor, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM

Every Fourth of July Americans celebrate not only the birth of the nation, but also the ideals of democracy which allow the people to continuously work to create "a more perfect union" by the freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, and right to petition.

For centuries, our forebearers have been willing to fight, sacrifice, and even die to create and preserve the nation and the ideal of equality for all.

The United States does not have a perfect record, but our democratic ideals allow us the space to discuss and advocate for change to become better; an ever-improving nation. American democracy becomes stronger through reinvention.

For over a century, American women were denied the right to vote, but the people insisted on change. In 1876, Susan B. Anthony, a leader in the women's rights movement, gave a speech including the poignant line, "Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights, and nothing less." After much debate and public activism, 100 years ago the United States government responded to the will of the people and passed the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote.

The United States has undergone numerous transformations resulting from dialogue, activism, and sometimes conflict, but we have always come out stronger as a result. Our freedom to openly discuss outdated ideas, embrace new philosophies, technologies, and empower our fellow citizens to advocate for change and fairness allows us to continuously transform and grow.

I hope America's internal dialogue continues to inspire global conversations about the principles of equality, human rights, and the unalienable rights of every human being to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

These same discourses are sparking change throughout the world, including in the Federated States of Micronesia.

This year, the entire world is filled with uncertainty with the global spread of the COVID-19 virus. Families and friends are separated by continents, oceans, and fear of the virus. However, neither Americans nor Micronesians are people who will be consumed by fear.

Instead, we will rise to the challenge of these times to reevaluate and recommit to our shared values and goals and create a stronger, special partnership.

The United States stands with the FSM to defend its shores against all common enemies, seen and unseen, including COVID-19. The U.S. commitment to the security of the FSM extends to increasing the preparedness of each state to manage the impact of COVID-19.

As of today, the U.S. government has provided over \$159 million dollars in funding for the COVID-19 response in the Pacific Islands, with \$90 million dollars specifically for the FSM. Furthermore, the U.S. has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars in medicines, ventilators, personal protective equipment, and testing kits. The Center for Disease Control continues to collaborate daily with FSM health officials to increase our collective readiness to combat the virus. Our U.S. Navy Seabees have spent months working side by side with the states to prepare quarantine and isolation areas, construct handwashing stations for schools and public gathering sites, and hygiene facilities for frontline workers.

We will face our hardships together, we will learn and grow, and we will become more resilient together.

As we celebrate American independence, reflect on our commitment to betterment and continue to shape our democracy, I thank you, the Federated States of Micronesia for all we, The People, have accomplished so far. Undoubtedly, we will continue to learn, improve, and advance together.

Happy Fourth of July.

FSM Trust Fund review

Trust Fund for the People of the Federated States of Micronesia

June 15th, 2020

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The Trust Fund Committee of the Trust Fund for the People of the Federated States of Micronesia (the Fund) conducted its fiscal year 2020 (FY20) second quarter meeting on June 4th (EDT) and 5th (Pohnpei) via videoconference.

The meeting covered the Fund's investment performance for the January-March 2020 quarter as well as a current market update given the COVID-19 pandemic and the effect on the Fund as well as the global economy and financial markets.

For the January-March 2020 quarter, the Fund lost 13.46%, below the benchmark of -13.07%. The net asset value of the Fund was \$662,163,753, preliminary and unaudited, as of 3/31/20. The loss was due to the financial and economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Fund recovered in April with a gain 6.6% for the month. For the fiscal year to date (as of 10/1/19), the Fund was down 2.4% and ended the month with a net asset value of \$705,858,535, preliminary and unaudited.

The Committee reviewed and approved adjustments to the Investment Policy Statement to guide the asset allocation and glide path to fiscal year 2023, including adding updated capital market assumptions. The Committee approved a service proposal from the Fund's auditor, Baker Tilly LLC, to conduct the Fund audits for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022. The Committee also noted the current status of bilateral negotiations between the governments of the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia, including distribution policy and Trust Fund issues post 2023.

The next quarterly meeting will take place in late August or early September 2020.

As stated in Article III of the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia Implementing Section 215 and Section 216 of the Compact, as Amended, Regarding a Trust Fund, the purpose of the Fund is to contribute to the economic advancement and long-term budgetary self-reliance of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing an annual source of revenue after fiscal year 2023. For more information on the Fund, visit the official website at <https://fsmcfatf.com/>.

Opinion Editorial

Wear Masks, not Gloves

How fortunate we are to have no cases of the COVID-19 pandemic in the FSM. The nation's guardian angel is doing a great job guarding these islands and we all should be thankful. Let's hope and pray that this protection continues. I wonder when we can expect the world will return to normal, or a new kind of "normal".

In reality, none of us knows or controls the future. Sooner or later we may have no choice but to confront COVID-19. At that time we must all be ready to faithfully follow the guidelines. Examples are all around us of nations who have controlled the situation wisely, and some that have not done such a good job. The fact that the FSM is case-less provides proof that we are doing it correctly so far.

So we need to continue to be observant and look for the activities that are common among the "good health" countries. One of these activities is listening to the advice of the experts. Use sites that are known experts with quality reputations, like WHO or CDC.

And remember, not everything you watch on your screen is true or even a good idea. Think carefully about what you see. Crazy ideas most often are just that - crazy ideas - that might even be dangerous or deadly. And sometimes ideas that, at first make sense, but turn out to be just the opposite.

So what is the title of this article, "Wear Masks, not Gloves", supposed to mean.

If, and when, the virus arrives on the shores of the FSM, we will all need to get serious about our habits. Are we a danger to ourselves and others? There are the "Big 3" safeguards which many of us are ignoring.

Physical (Social) Distancing – While the banks and some offices are doing a good job encouraging this, at most of the times and locations where people also congregate, both day and night, guidelines about Physical Distancing are totally ignored. To avoid infection, distancing has to become second nature; we have to do it automatically. Individuals already have personal zones. You feel crowded and uncomfortable when someone gets too close. We just need to adjust our personal zones and make them a bit wider, about a meter.

The other two guidelines are wearing a face mask and having clean, disinfected hands.

The facemask is good protection when used, and great protection when used in conjunction with distancing. The three main points about using facemasks are easy to understand. 1) Use it all the time you are outside of your house. 2) Don't take it off, except to eat (but try to have your meals at home). 3) When you put on or take off the mask, do not touch the outside of the mask. Handle it by the stings at the corners and fold it so that the side that was against your mouth is on the outside. Throw it away in a proper receptacle and then wash your hands.

Clean hands are your protection against giving the virus to yourself and others. The COVID-19 virus cannot enter your body through your skin. Even if you sneeze into your palm, the virus does not dig through your skin. The virus also washes off of your hands easily by proper hand washing with soap and water, or use of a hand sanitizer. When your hands are not clean and you touch your face, is when you infect yourself. Any time you are outside of your house your hands may become contaminated, especially if people are around.

Do not try to keep your hands clean by wearing gloves. It could be causing a lot more harm than good for a number of reasons. The virus doesn't enter the body through your hands, so you don't need any kind of barrier, such as gloves. If you touch a contaminated surface with gloves, and touch something else, you're as likely to spread it as you are touching things with your bare hands. The virus can even stick to some latex gloves better than it can stick to your skin. This increases your exposure and your risk of infection.

Gloves can give you a false sense of security. If you're wearing gloves you won't wash your hands as often. When you visit a hospital or clinic, the health workers who serves you puts on a fresh, clean pair of gloves. Everyone who touches you wears a new pair of gloves. Just for You! Then what happens when you leave? Everyone discards the used gloves, washes their hands, and gets a new pair of gloves ready for the next patient. How many businesses where the staff are wearing gloves are following this guideline, changing gloves between each customer?

For the customer using gloves, wearing them from one store/errand to another just spreads germs and the coronavirus to all those places—the exact opposite of what will curb the pandemic. Please read the title one more time.

Robert Spegal

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Colonia Wellness Center Gym Equipment RFP NO. 2020-002

The Yap State Office of Planning and Budget/ Project Management Office (PMO) is soliciting proposals for the supply of Gym Equipment for the Colonia Wellness Center Project, to be received until 4:00 p.m. on August 3, 2020, local Yap time. Interested parties are requested to get in touch with the undersigned on the contact details listed below for the List of Gym Equipment.

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