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Filipino fishermen rescued off Kapangamarangi After 59 Days, three "typhoons", six sharks, and thousands of prayers



Toto Feliciano and Resty Dabon displaying the poster they were given of the ship that plucked them from the watery jaws of death

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – Resty Dabon, and Toto Feliciano of the Philippines were snatched from the jaws of death when the Japanese flagged purse seiner the "Tokiwa Maru Number 18" rescued them in the waters of Kapangamarangi in the FSM on October 13. The two men had been adrift in the ocean since August 15, a total of 59 days, each one of which they ticked off with a broken bottle on the sides of their tiny "payao" (Fish Aggregating Device - FAD) fishing boat.

A payao (FAD) is a device set in the water by fishermen in order to attract fish. Purse seiners, the massive fishing machines that ply the oceans scooping up tons of fish with each pull of their huge nets have used FAD's to help to ensure a catch. Fish caught through the use of FAD's tend to include a higher percentage of juvenile tuna and bycatch (fish that are discarded) than fish caught by other methods. The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, the Tuna Commis-

sion, in order to help to preserve fish stocks in the Pacific, banned the use of FADs in the Pacific. The ban went into effect in August.

The FAD ban does not apply to local vessels fishing local waters like the "Angela," a fishing vessel from the Philippines, owned by "Ten Point Fishing Company." The "Angela" is a small vessel that serves as not much more than a staging and storage place for fish caught by fishermen who fish at the payaos that belong to the company. Each of the fishermen brings the fish they catch back to the "mother ship." The boats they use are tiny, really designed for only one person.

On August 15, Dabon and Feliciano were fishing at a payao within site of the "Angela," at a distance of approximately one and a half miles when a rain storm struck and they lost site of the vessel. Their boat, powered only by a 7 1/2 horsepower engine had no radio and no locator device. Without visual sight lines, the men had little to no hope of finding the "mother ship."

Both of the men said that they have worked for other Philippine fishing companies before and that none of the payao tenders had communications electronics.

Feliciano speaks no English, but members of the United Filipino Community of Pohnpei who have joined together to take care of the two castaways since they landed in Pohnpei were able to translate for him. He is not married but he has a fiancée in his hometown of Malandang Malungon, Sarangani Province. Toto's fiancée is due to give birth to his child this month.

Both Dabon and Feliciano have talked to their loved ones by phone for a few minutes since they arrived in Pohnpei. The phone calls were placed by Jerry Figueras who is serving his fourth term as President of the United Filipino Community of Pohnpei, the local non-profit organization that does numerous community service projects in Pohn-

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Joret Raymond, world traveler at age 71 has visited at least 200 countries or territories.

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Sailor killed in boat fire

Untended propane stove may have caused blaze on Pier 38 fishing vessel

Honolulu Advertiser

October 19, 2009 - A Micronesian sailor who was killed Saturday night in a fire on a commercial fishing boat had been drinking and cooking, then fell asleep, the boat's captain said yesterday.

Coast Guard and Honolulu fire investigators determined that the cause of the fire, reported at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, was a small propane stove in the crew's living quarters behind the wheelhouse of the 75-foot commercial fishing vessel Manalao, Honolulu fire Capt. Earl Kealoha said yesterday.

The Manalao was docked at Pier 38 when the fire broke out.

The Honolulu Medical Examiner's Office had not identified the man yesterday, but said he appeared to be in his 30s and was a Micronesian crewman aboard the Manalao.

Capt. Cho Hui Jae, the tuna boat's owner, and crew member Seok Kim identified the cook as Ioanis Araisang of Pohnpei.

They were at the vessel yesterday morning surveying the damage and said Araisang had been drinking and cooking, then fell asleep without turning off the propane stove.

The fire was put out at 11:08 p.m., and firefighters found the cook's body in a space below the wheelhouse, just forward of the Manalao's engine room.

Damage to the Manalao was estimated at \$120,000. The main deck area suffered most of the damage, Kealoha said.

Capt. Jae said a recent catch of 20,000 pounds of tuna stored in the hold of the vessel was saved. He said the Manalao is his only tuna boat.

Joe Dettling's tuna boat, the Double D, homeported in Kailua Kona, was docked about 100 feet from the Manalao.

"I was working on my laptop sending an e-mail to a fishery scientist when I saw the flames and heard a popping sound," Dettling said.

The flames quickly engulfed the Manalao's wheelhouse, and the heat was intense, Dettling said.

"It was so hot on the rear deck of my boat that I was afraid it would singe my face," Dettling said.

He dialed 911, but the operator told him that several people had already called.

Dettling said he knew someone was aboard the Manalao because other crewmen were yelling: "Get off! Get off the boat! It will explode and kill you!"

"I watched two guys try to get aboard and pull someone off, try to save him, but the flames were too hot," Dettling said. "My heart was pounding. I was afraid of an explosion and was getting ready to move my boat when I saw the (fire) engines coming around the corner."

Lonnie Fiero, chief engineer of the Astara, a tuna boat across from the Double D, said the fire woke him up.

"Boat fires are always bad," he said. "There's always the danger of an explosion, especially from propane tanks."



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U.S.-Funded Election Observation Mission Presents Report on March Elections

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On October 14th-19th, members of the Asia Pacific Democracy Partnership (APDP) presented the East-West Center's 2009 Election Observation Mission (EOM) report on the March 3rd National Congressional and Chuuk State Elections. The Mission was supported by the U.S. Department of State, on behalf of the APDP, under the leadership of Congressman Eni F. H. Faleomavaega of American Samoa, Chairman of the U.S. House of Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment.

In Chuuk, Project Director and Deputy Director of the East-West Center's Pacific Island Development Program Dr. Jerry Finin and Senior Advisor Chris Camponovo of the U.S. Department of State presented the Mission Report to Governor Wesley Simina. The APDP EOM members then met with Chuuk State Attorney General Joses Gallen, Chuuk State Election Commission Executive Director Marino Siever, Speaker of the House of Repre-

sentatives Florencio Harper, Senate President Mark Mailo, Mayors of the ten outer islands of Chuuk, officers of the Chuuk Women's Council, the Rotary Club and Chuuk Chamber of Commerce.

In Pohnpei, Dr. Finin and Mr. Camponovo presented their work to various national and state officials, including His Excellency FSM President Emanuel Mori, Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin Robert, FSM National Election Commissioner Kimeuo Kimiuo, Pohnpei State Lieutenant Governor Churchill Edward, Pohnpei State Election Commissioner Oliver Johnny, former FSM President John Haglegam, and Micronesian Seminar Director Father Francis X. Hezel.

Throughout the meetings, Dr. Finin and Mr. Camponovo highlighted the strengths of the FSM's electoral system: a peaceful, non-violent atmosphere, sizeable public enthusiasm and involvement, and considerable electoral transparency. The report also identified "improvements to the voter registration lists and major enhancements to the ballot tabulation

process" as "critical priorities."

Mr. Camponovo encouraged the FSM to seek assistance through the capacity building sector of the Compact of Free Association and

through assistance grants, explaining that "increased training and transparency [in the electoral process] will increase the people's confidence in its government...that is the heart of democracy."



H.E. President Mori accepts the final report from U.S. Department of State Senior Advisor Chris Camponovo and East-West Center PIDP Deputy Director Dr. Jerry Finin

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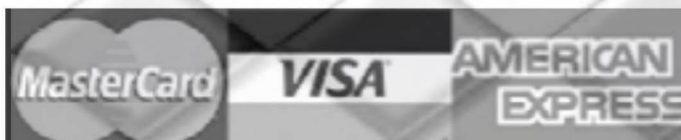
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Prolific world traveler visits Pohnpei

“Pohnpei will last in my memory as long as I live”

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FM – 71 year old Joret Raymond, a French national, is a retired shoe designer and a gregarious world traveler who visited Pohnpei during the week of October 12. “I’ve always traveled,” Raymond said. “I’ve been to at least 200 countries and territories in the world.”

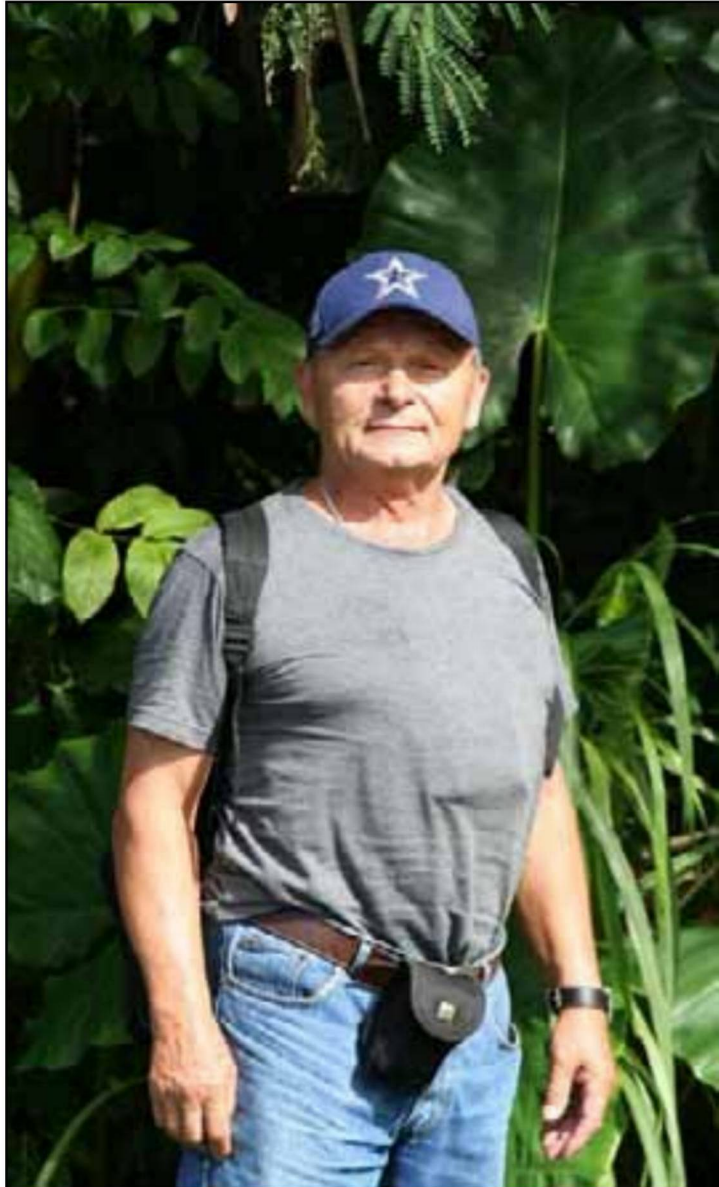
This year his world explorations have been in the region of Oceania. The first leg of his most recent trip started in Vancouver, BC; continued by bus south through Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; and Sacramento, California before he took a plane to Honolulu, Hawaii, a place he characterized as being “too expensive.” He was in Majuro, RMI before he came to Pohnpei. His next stop will be Chuuk, followed by Guam, Saipan, Palau, and Yap before he continues his journey to the rest of the Pacific including the countries of French Polynesia.

“I live on the road of the world,” said Raymond who financially supports his own world wide travels as he has done for the last fifteen years since he retired. He worked in nine countries when he was active in the shoe industry.

Though he meticulously plans the logistics of his journeys he has discovered that this particular journey will likely cost him 30% more than he had planned. He seems to take that fact in stride and smiles broadly while he talks about it.

Raymond, who travels 300 days of every year, writes something about wherever he is every single day. He says that he now has approximately 4000 pages of hand written notes. He hopes, when he has finished visiting the 400 or so countries and territories he intends to visit before he stops traveling, to find writers to help him assemble his extensive notes into a book. “It will be a long book,” he said.

His future book will not be like travel books currently on the market. There may not be one at all unless he can find a publisher who is willing to take the financial risk. “I don’t want to write about where to go if you want a soda, or where to stay when you visit,” he said with a hint of a wink. “I’m not interested in that.” Instead he wants to share his dream images of the places he visits “for the people.”



Raymond read the eight hand-written pages of notes he made about his visit to Pohnpei, occasionally stopping to make comments about what he was reading. He said he is not a writer and while it is true that his writing, which he does in English, his second language, needs a bit of polish, the images he casts are delightful. They cover everything from his ponderings about the character of the navigators who discovered the island which he said “exists despite challenges,” to the friendliness of the people he met while he was here.

Raymond is not a travel critic. It seems to be his goal to experience places as local people do and just for a moment, perhaps to speculate about what it must have been like to have grown up in that place.

He tries to write positive things about every place that he visits though he doesn’t always enjoy his stay. He tells of the proprietor of one hotel where he stayed on this journey who constantly offered to provide him a woman to share his room for the night. “People want my money. Of course they do! Everywhere this happens. It is not unusual,” he says. “It must be very difficult for a hotel to make money only from selling beds.” He characterized his stay in that place as one of his worst anywhere.

Still, when he talked with the reporter of the local newspaper there, as he has done many times in many countries, he provided only positive images.

It’s possible that Raymond did the same thing with The Kaselehlie Press when he spoke of his visit to Pohnpei but he didn’t give us that impression. He said that he’d been all around the island and that every single person he had met had been friendly and open to him in a way that he had never experienced before.

He spent an entire morning as a passenger in a taxi going from stop to stop meeting all of the passengers the driver picked up during his duties which extended from Kolonia through Madolenihmw.

“I am so happy,” he said, waving his notes in the air flamboyantly. “I love it here!”

He said that he was offered sakau and conversation many times. Though he didn’t try sakau, the mildly narcotic relative of kava because of his concern for the water that might have been used to prepare it, he was keenly interested in the

tradition and shared long and happy conversations with Pohnpeians around the island. “Everyone talked to me and no one said that I couldn’t take their picture.”

He attended World Food Day celebrations and was impressed with how much food this tiny island can produce.

He hired a boat to take him through what he called a “small mangrove” and was so happy with the service he received he paid the operator more than he had agreed to do. “It was the most beautiful mangrove I’ve ever seen,” he said, “and I’ve seen mangroves all over the world, much bigger ones, but not as beautiful.”

“Pohnpei will last in my memory as long as I live...I am an old man and not bothered by love,” said Raymond who has remained unmarried having chosen a life of travel instead of domestic relations. “It is these places that I love!”

“I hope that when I fly away from Pohnpei I will have a window seat on the side of the plane facing the ocean so that I don’t have to feel too sad to say goodbye...Me, I never cry, not once! But my eyes might become humid.”

New Public Law on Revolving Fund for Fisheries Observers and Port Samplers

FSM Information Services

President Mori signed Congressional Act No. 16-14 into Public Law No. 16-14 on October 13, 2009, and with this law, under title 55 of the code of the FSM, the FSM National Government amended section 630, 631, and 632 of the subchapter VI in order to modify the purpose of the Fisheries Observer and Port Sampler Revolving Fund and to increase the threshold amount of the fund.

President Mori pointed out in his transmittal letter to Speaker Figir that this law does two things. First, under section 630 of title 55 of the FSM Code, the law expands the scope of the Fisheries Observer Revolving Fund to include Port Samplers and renames the fund as “Fisheries Observer and Port Sampler Revolving Fund”. The purpose of this fund is to provide an ongoing revolving fund for the receipt and disbursement of funds associated with the fisheries observer and port sampler programs. The need for this law arose from the fact that the FSM does not have enough Port Samplers to handle the volume of unloading that has been going on in Pohnpei for the past several years. Meanwhile, with the cross training of many new Fisheries Observers, they can now be used to handle these duties, which are less technical than those that they perform as Fisheries Observers, and be paid out of this fund for port sampling duties.

Second, the new law increases the fund amount from \$75,000 to \$200,000. Fees paid for port sampling services go into this fund. Any excess amount over \$200,000 will be paid into the general fund; however, any unexpended moneys in this fund shall not revert to the General Fund or lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

“It is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in argument.”

**William G. McAdoo,
lawyer and politician
(1863-1941)**

Trusted Palm Terrace employee arrested for theft on a grand scale

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM - Merlyn Tacio, a Philippine national and a long time employee of Pohnpei's Palm Terrace Store was arrested Monday, October 19 on charges surrounding the systematic theft of at least \$160,000.

Jimmy and Angie Hiyane, owners of the Palm Terrace Store said that Tacio had worked for them for approximately 13 years and the couple had been grooming her to manage the company for them. "We trusted her completely," Jimmy said.

An arraignment and bail hearing was held at Pohnpei State Supreme Court on Wednesday, October 21. Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez, said that since Tacio is not an FSM citizen she is a flight risk and set bail at \$250,000 cash or \$300,000 surety bond, much more than the prosecutor had asked the judge to do.

The lawyer for the Hiyane's said that the prosecutor asked for a restraining order that would prohibit Tacio, if she was released on bail, from getting closer than 100 feet from any port facility such as the Airport or the Pohnpei Port Authority dock. Chief Justice Rodriguez went one step further and issued an order that would prohibit her from entering the Dekehtik causeway that leads to those facilities.

It is possible that Rodriguez' ruling was informed by a case several years ago in which a non-FSM citizen, May Gomez was accused by the owner of Pohnpei Travel of embezzling approximately \$60,000 worth of plane tickets or cash associated with those tickets.

Josés Gallen was the Chief Justice at the time.

He called an unprecedented Sunday evening hearing at the Supreme Court for 8:00.

The victim of the alleged crime said that he was not notified about the hearing. Witnesses that evening testified that Gomez, who had been the Choir Director at a Catholic Church, was mentally and physically ill and needed to leave the island for treatment. The result of the hearing was that Justice Gallen allowed for a \$5000 surety bond which was met by a Pohnpei citizen using property as collateral to guarantee Gomez' appearance at her trial.

Later that night, Gomez was allowed to board a Continental flight for the Philippines and to this date has not returned to the FSM, nor has the FSM citizen's property been seized in payment for the bail default.

The victim of Gomez' alleged crimes has never recovered a single penny of the money he says she stole. In addition he and his wife were shunned and ridiculed by several community members who held Gomez in high regard and were angry at him for bringing charges against her.

As part of the present day case against Tacio, the Hiyane's attorney submitted an affidavit to the Office of the Attorney General that detailed financial transactions totaling approximately \$160,000 that she is alleged to have stolen from the company. According to the Supreme Court Chief Clerk, that affidavit has not yet been made a matter of public record because it has not yet been filed at the Pohnpei State Supreme Court in support of the charges.



Angie Hiyane maintains that she found evidence of the crimes herself when she was going through the books looking for something completely different from what she ultimately found.

The Hiyane's said that rumor mongers say that the couple was tipped off by a Filipino employee of the company who was jealous of Tacio.

"We were not 'tipped off' and we are certain that (of the store's employees) she acted alone," Jimmy Hiyane said.

That does not mean that the Hiyane's think that no one else was involved in the crime that Tacio is charged with having committed. They said that most, if not all of the money that is missing was sent out of the FSM to the Philippines. Some of the money left the country by Electronic Fund Transfers to Metro Bank in the Philippines.

"Someone in the Philippines must have been involved," Jimmy said.

Another of the rumors circulating in Pohnpei is that the Hiyane's are trying to "railroad" a trusted employee out of the company and that the matter is racial in nature.

"That's just not true," Jimmy said. He talked with each employee individually and as a group and said that he was sure that none of the Filipinos or the FSM citizens that work at the store was involved in the theft which puts to an end yet another rumor centering on the theft charges that other employees at the store were complicit and involved in a complex scheme to steal money from the store.

Angie said that she found evidence of financial crimes that date as far back as 2005 but the Hiyane's expect that they will find evidence of more. They are looking for a "disinterested" third party to audit the company's books.

Jimmy estimated that the final figure might rise as high as a quarter of a million dollars by the time a thorough financial audit is completed.

Pennsylvania Rotarians treat eye ailments in Pohnpei

Rotary Club of Pohnpei

On September 7, 2009, Rotarians, Dr. Robert McClenathan, O.D. and his wife, Mrs. Kay McClenathan of Rotary Club of Lancaster, PA, Amish country, revisited Pohnpei for their second mission under a Matching Grant Program from the Rotary International (RI). In this humanitarian project, the Rotarians provided low vision services to the vision impaired in Pohnpei and some outer is-

lands (Mwoakilloa and Pingelap) where achromatopsia (an hereditary blinding condition) is common.

School children were given the priority in the various mission clinics.

During their 14 day visit, the couple screened 300 patients. Of those screened approximately 100 children and adults received glasses or aide for their vision impairments, and more than 30 patients were diagnosed as having achromatopsia. Several individuals, whose prescribed glasses were out of stock during the time of the clinic, will receive their glasses from the McClenathans within two months.

The McClenathans' first mission happened in October 2005. Both

enjoyed their short stay in Pohnpei and anticipate another follow-up mission to Pohnpei in 4 to 5 years.

As a host club, Rotary Club of Pohnpei extended their gratitude and appreciation to the Rotary Club of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Rotary International, and its donors, and especially to the Mc-

Clenathans who generously sacrificed to make this year's mission a success. Special recognition and appreciation goes to Budget Car Rental, DOE/Pohnpei State, Mwoakilloa School, Mand Community, and the Pingelap Community for their kindness and tremendous assistance to the mission's host.





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pei. Both Dabon and Feliciano are staying at Figueras' home until arrangements can be made for their repatriation.

Dabon, who is from Calumpang, Saig, General Santos City is married to Saran. In addition to speaking with Saran by phone he was able to see his wife on the website of a Philippine television station as she was being interviewed about the rescue of her temporarily famous husband.

Dabon and Feliciano spent most of their time at sea in the water clutching the sides of the small boat trying to avoid sunburn. They ate raw fish and collected rain water for drinking. Still there were several days when there was no rain and their faces became dry, their lips chapped.

When asked if they had any problems with sharks, Dabon, who lost 21 kilos (46.2 pounds) during the ordeal, said with a wry smile, "They didn't bother us. We bothered them. We ate six of them."

They also survived three storms they called typhoons, each of which lasted four days and four nights during which time the two men didn't sleep for fear that their vessel would capsize and sink and that they would be lost forever.

They couldn't have known that on September 2nd, tropical storm Dujan (Labuyo) landed in the Philippines and killed one person; or that on September 23rd Tropical Storm Ketsana (Ondoy) killed 420 of their countrymen. Typhoon Parma (Pepeng) came ashore in the Philippines on the first of October and killed another 438 people.

"The wind sounded like 'woooooo'," Dabon said, raising his arms and curling his fingers like the 'boogie man' might do while creeping up on a small child. "The waves were very high."

When the weather was clear, one of them tried to sleep while the other bailed water and kept watch.

After forty days at sea in the miniscule boat, the two found a large abandoned raft made of bamboo. They pulled their boat onto it and spent the last 19 days at sea in relative luxury; at least as luxurious as one might get while being lost at sea and while riding out yet another typhoon.

Dabon seemed excited while his interpreter translated. "It was so big we almost could have played 'hide and seek' on it."

Five days before the two men were rescued they saw a tanker not far away. It was the first vessel they had seen during their ordeal.



After 40 days at sea the two found a spacious bamboo raft and pulled their small boat onto it (center right)

Dabon pointed to the trees on the other side of the lagoon from where we sat talking. We could see individual leaves on the trees on the other shore. "Maybe, that far away," he said.

The tanker steamed on without them. Either no one had seen their unwieldy bamboo craft or the captain of the tanker was intent

on completing his journey on time.

On day 57, the two men saw a purse seiner on the horizon a mile and a half away by their estimation. Once again, no one on board that vessel seemed to have spotted them.

Neither Dabon nor Feliciano know the name of the captain of the "Tokiwa Maru #18." The

vessel wasn't heading to the Port of Pohnpei but the captain chose to change the ship's destination in order to drop the two castaways here. The ship stayed in Pohnpei only long enough to be sure that Dabon and Feliciano were in good hands before they steamed on.



Toto and Resty with members of the Filipino community in Pohnpei

Repatriation efforts for the two men are under way. Meanwhile, the United Filipino Community of Pohnpei is taking care of their needs.

Dabon and Feliciano are both devout Catholics. More so now than ever, they say. "Our family [had] already lit candles for us," Dabon said.

"It is a true miracle," said Dabon. "We prayed all the time!"

The two held up a poster of the "Tokiwa Maru" given them by crew members of the vessel. They smiled almost reverently, almost as if they had been given a portrait of the hand of God.

Notice of Land Sale By Auction

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on July 16, 2009, public notice is hereby given that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel No. 009-M-17, land known as "Inaloka", situated in Malem Municipality, Kosrae State, with an area of 215 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 009-M-00, registered as Document No. 10827 at the Kosrae Land Court, Office of the Registrar.

Parcel No. 072-M-21, land known as "Infokeke", situated in Malem Municipality, Kosrae State, with an area of 471 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 072-M-01, registered as Document No. 7080 at the Kosrae Land Court, Office of the Registrar.

- There are no minimum bid amounts for the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "November 17, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Skiller Jackson at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Tofol, Kosrae on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2009.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- Bids may be placed for one or for both parcels. All bid submissions must clearly state the parcel number and the bid amount for each parcel.
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- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The parcels are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to their condition whatsoever.

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WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

Symptoms to consider when making your own preliminary diagnosis:

Influenza

Antiviral medications can help people feel better if taken within 48 hours of onset of symptoms

- Headache
- High fever
- Dry cough
- Chest pains
- Chills
- Severe fatigue
- Severe aches

NOTE: H1N1 virus also causes some gastrointestinal distress

Cold

Colds are caused by a different virus; symptoms are less severe — and they come on more gradually than flu

- Sneezing
- Stuffy nose
- Hacking cough
- Mild sore throat
- Mild fatigue

Strep throat

A sore throat, but no stuffy nose, may mean it's a streptococcal bacterial infection — antibiotics can help

- High fever
- Pus on tonsils
- Very sore throat

Stomach flu

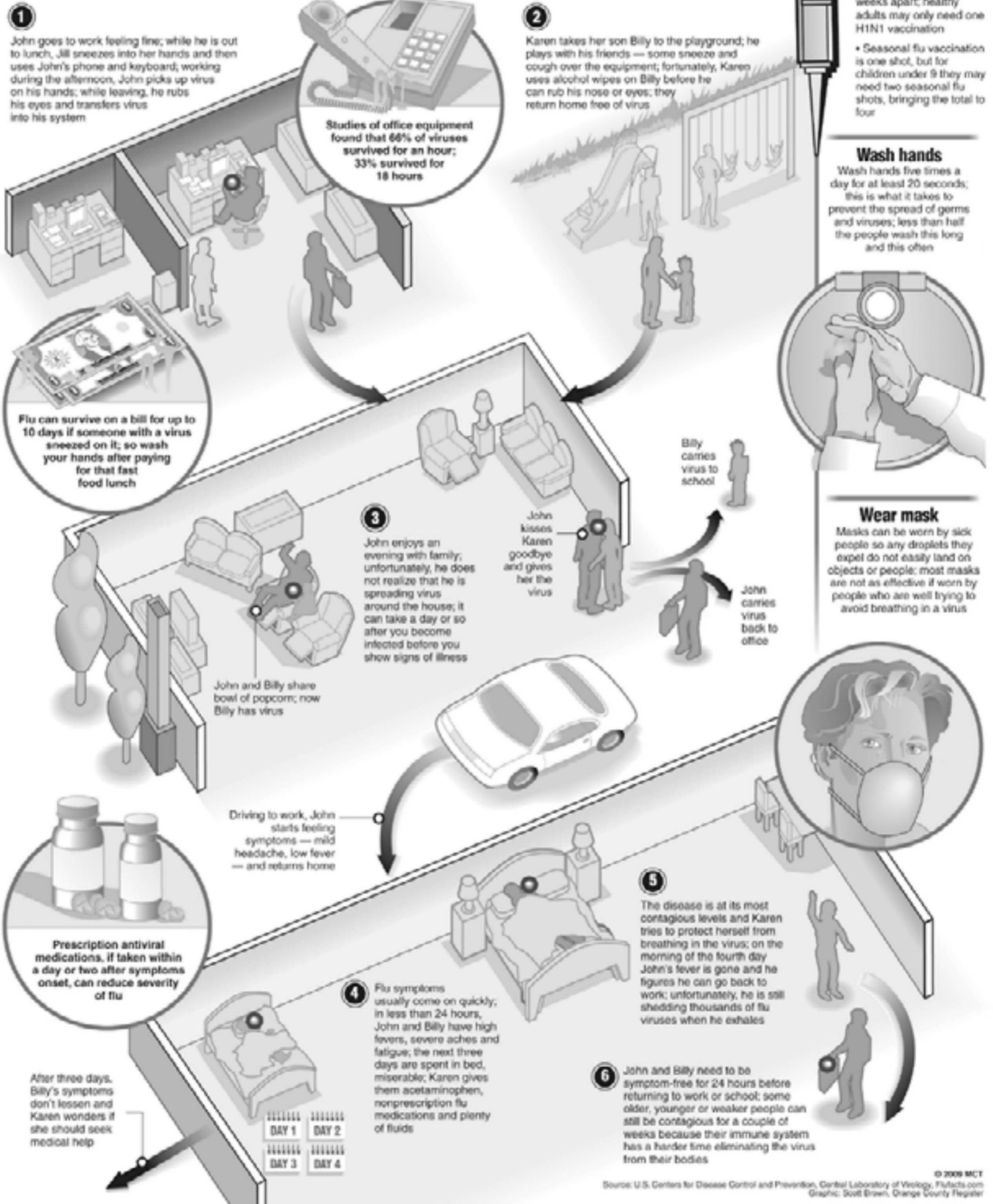
Virus enters via mouth and multiplies in small intestine; symptoms can appear in a few hours, but usually take a day; food poisoning typically is a bacterial infection, such as E. coli

- Headache
- Vomiting
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea

FOLLOWING AN INFECTION

FLU TRAVELS

Flu viruses constantly mutate, making it tough for our immune defenses to recognize the virus and combat it. Since the current strain of the H1N1 virus (known as swine flu) is relatively new, it may be more contagious than seasonal flu, although it seems no more virulent and most cases should be resolved without significant medical intervention. Here is a look at how flu infections spread:



WAYS TO AVOID FLU

Health officials recommend most people get a flu shot — including for the H1N1 virus

Vaccination

- Vaccination provides up to 90% protection
- Swine flu shots should be ready by October
- It takes about two weeks before protection begins
- H1N1 vaccination will be in two doses, a couple weeks apart; healthy adults may only need one H1N1 vaccination
- Seasonal flu vaccination is one shot, but for children under 9 they may need two seasonal flu shots, bringing the total to four

Wash hands

Wash hands five times a day for at least 20 seconds; this is what it takes to prevent the spread of germs and viruses; less than half the people wash this long and this often

Wear mask

Masks can be worn by sick people so any droplets they expel do not easily land on objects or people; most masks are not as effective if worn by people who are well trying to avoid breathing in a virus

YEA Club event at Nanpei Memorial High School

By Tony Azios and Yoleen Gilmete

Nearly seven hundred excited students packed the Nanpei Memorial High School (NMHS) cafeteria on Friday, October 9, to watch a presentation by the school's Youth Environmental Ambassador (YEA) Club. Student officers and club members explained to a fascinated audience the benefits that a healthy environment provides to Pohnpeians, as well as the threats the island's ecosystem now faces.

Speaking both Pohnpeian and English, the YEA Club students used a PowerPoint presentation with beautiful images of local landscapes and coastline contrasted with dump sites and cleared forests to highlight

their points.

"[The presenters] did a great job of passing on the message that our forests, mangroves, and oceans are being destroyed," says Marvin Ludrick, environmental educator with the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP). "The students' reaction was loud and excited. They yelled 'No!' when asked if they wanted to see even more destruction."

The YEA Club, which is part of CSP's Educational Awareness Program, currently has chapters at all three Pohnpei high schools, and has had a College of Micronesia chapter in the past. CSP also visits elementary schools to engage younger students in environmental edu-

cation activities.

The NMHS audience learned about the importance of protecting animal life, preventing deforestation, and the crucial roles of mangroves and coral reefs.

"The crabs, fish, and birds are pure Pohnpeians, too, so we need to protect them," said YEA Club president and NMHS senior Rockson Hebel to the audience. "They're gifts from our ancestors because they've allowed them to live until now and taught us about them."

Mr. Hebel also explained how Pohnpei's extensive mangrove forests are the "protectors of our island." They



Cheryl Meyer, Peace Corps volunteer and co-advisor to the NMHS YEA Club, introduces the YEA Club speakers to nearly 700 students in the school's cafeteria

shield the island from damage caused by storms and tidal waves, while providing food and shelter for plants, animals, and humans.

Some farmers are cutting down large sections of forest in the island's watershed area to plant the cash crop sakau, "...but these farmers don't know that they are destroying our beautiful island" by causing deforestation and soil erosion, explained club member and NMHS sophomore Macy Ioanis.

The attentive audience learned about the reciprocal relationship between fish and coral. As fish keep coral clean and healthy, they are provided food and cover. Both must be protected for humans to enjoy their benefits and to keep the ocean sustainable, the YEA Club explained.

"We hope that our audience learned more about what our environment looks like now, compared to the past," says Lillon Gilmete, vice president of the YEA Club chapter, and a senior at NMHS.

Students also expressed excitement upon being told about the diverse activities that club members partake in, such as summer camps, conservation activities, and visits to local waterfalls.

A two-day membership drive following the presentation skyrocketed the NMHS YEA Club chapter from about 30 to almost 200 members.

The YEA Club is now planning to give their presentation to the community of Wone, at Wone Elementary School in Kitti. They will also host several variety shows in different Kitti villages in order to fund-raise \$500 for a student member's retreat in late November. The first show is scheduled to occur on Sunday, November 1, also in Wone.

If you are interested in helping the NMHS YEA Club raise funds, please contact Marvin Ludrick of the CSP's Education Program at 320-5409.



Rockson Hebel, Macy Ioanis, Lillon Gilmete, and Julie-Ann Doren (from left to right) of the NMHS Yea Club pose for a photo after their successful presentation to nearly 700 students

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Public notice is hereby given the following parcel of land described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel No. 004-A-14 known as Feis, located in Mechitiw Village of Weno Municipality, Chuuk State, consisting of an area of 1,206 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 004-A-00 dated March 9, 1992.

- There is no minimum bid amount.
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- Bids may also be submitted through fax transmission to 691-320-6533. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure confirmation of receipt of his/her bid by fax by the deadline.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, Chuuk State Time (5:00 p.m. Pohnpei State Time).
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- All bid submissions must clearly state a bid amount for the parcel.
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- FSM Development Bank reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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Questions concerning this auction may be directed to FSM Development Bank Chuuk Branch Office, phone no. 691-330-2760, or to Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel at the FSM Development Bank Corporate Office, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm

Pit Bulls lead soccer's Pohnpei Premier League pack

By Paul Watson



The Pohnpei Premier League is only two weeks old but the challenges are already wondering how they can stop the fearsome Island Pit Bulls.

The Pit Bulls won the Liberation Day Games Cup and made the ideal start to their Premier League campaign when they crushed SDA 7-1.

Their opponents felt aggrieved at some tight offside decisions, but they had no answer to cap-

tain Dilshan Senarathgoda, who bagged three goals.

Joseph Welson showed why he is regarded as one of Pohnpei's top strikers by scoring twice and Ryan Johnson continued his promising form by finding the target.

Against C.O.M-FSM FC, the Pit Bulls struggled in an even first half but ran riot after the interval to wrap up a 6-0 win with FIFA referee Jason Cuite officiating.

Bob Paul's Island Warriors made an impressive start to their campaign by

worrying C.O.M-FSM FC and even led at half time in their 4-3 defeat. Deadly striker Bob is the current leading goal scorer in the competition with five to his name.

International FC drew 4-4 with SDA in an entertaining opening match but looked more fluid in an 8-2 triumph over the Island Warriors, a game refereed expertly by Albert Carlot.

The first Pohnpei State squad has been named from the outstanding players of the competition so far and they have begun training for international fixtures.

Pohnpei Premier League results:

Monday 12 October – International FC 4-4 SDA

Wednesday 14 October – COM FSM F.C 4-3 Island Warriors

Thursday 15 October – Island Pit Bulls 7-1 SDA

Monday 19 October – International FC 8-2 Island Warriors

Wednesday 21 October – COM FSM F.C 0-6 Island Pit Bulls

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Island Pit Bulls	2	2	0	0	13	1	+12	6
International FC 2	1	1	1	0	12	6	+6	4
C.O.M-FSM	2	1	0	1	4	9	-5	3
SDA	2	0	1	1	5	11	-6	1
Island Warriors	2	0	0	2	5	12	-7	0

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Minimum bid: \$4,714.42
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Minimum bid: \$3,689.10
- Portion of parcel T-71870, situated in Eirike, Nett Municipality. Portion of parcel T-71870 indicated by the quitclaim is an area 100 feet wide and 100 feet long.
Minimum bid: \$5, 277.36.

TERMS

- The minimum bid amount is as stated for each parcel/portion of parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "PSHA Land Auction" by personal delivery to the Office of the State Attorney General located at the former Penny Hotel next to former U.S. Embassy Office.
- Deadline for submission of bids is October 31, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. or the next business day if such day falls on a weekend or holiday.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must state a bid amount separately for each parcel. Bids may be placed on one or more parcels.
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- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- Pohnpei State Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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Please contact the Office of the State Attorney General at Tel. nos. 320-2356/4629/5220; fax 320-5298 or email mona.apangelinan@gmail.com for any inquiries in regards to the above.

K-Press Perspective

Things I didn't know and don't normally have to think about...

Pohnpei, FSM – October 23, 2009 - It's 6:45 on Friday evening, October 23, deadline day at The Kaselehlie Press and I am hungry. It's time to walk up to Joy Hotel and have dinner. I glance at the power meter which reads an insufficient amount to make it through the rest of the weekend at the newspaper office where I'm sure that I will be for most of that time.

"No worries," I say out loud though I am completely alone in the office. "I'll stop by PUC on my way to dinner and buy some cash power. It's only 6:45 in the evening and they'll be open until 8:00 at least. Plenty of time," I say to the room, and merrily walk out the door check in hand.

I have known for at least a couple of weeks that October 24 is United Nations Day and that it would be celebrated as a legal holiday in the FSM on Friday, October 23 this year.

There are a great number of things I don't know. Anyone with any sense will tell you that is true, especially my biggest critics. For instance, I didn't know until I "Googled it" that the United Nations was established in October of 1945, or that the FSM was admitted to the UN on November 3, 1993 though I did know it was at least ten years ago. I didn't know that as of today, only 22 of 192 member nations are up to date with all of the UN dues that they owe. I did know that the United States was one of the countries that is delinquent but I didn't know that the FSM was also amongst those 170 countries that are delinquent in some measure at least.

I didn't know that only Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Canada, Congo, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Niger, the Philippines, Singapore, Italy, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and Tajikistan are the only countries that had paid their UN bills in full as of this date.

I didn't know that the place where the FSM Congress meets must have been designed by an architect who got his or her inspiration from the place where UN representatives meet in New York. There are definite similarities between the two.

I didn't get the impression today that I was alone in what I didn't know. In return for my greetings I did get a few, "Please, don't talk to me, drop dead, I'm walking you weird mehnwai" reactions today but not a single soul wished me a happy UN Day and frankly it never occurred to me to wish someone else a happy UN Day either.

Here's another thing I didn't know. I didn't know that Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, which requires that all but a very few of us must pay for our power consumption in advance of our use of that power, would be closed at 6:48 on THIS particular evening. I wasn't expecting it; not at all—though I should have if I'd been thinking!

I wasn't expecting it any more that I expected a tsunami to wipe the entire island off the face of the earth a couple of weeks ago when there was a warning that I only found out about three

hours after it was issued and then only because I saw a press release about it on freakin' Google!!

I was simply astonished to see this evening that the maroon painted plywood doors at PUC, whose purpose it is to protect the glass swinging doors inside from the damaging intents of ne'er do wells or malcontents, were closed and padlocked.

Those doors do serve another purpose. They are also used as a posting place for any number of printed fliers that are put up but never, ever taken down. Since the doors were closed I couldn't see any of the fliers but I could, even in the dark, see red.

What ever did happen to those days when PUC was closed for cash power sales or had curtailed service days only on MAJOR holidays that their employees understood?

If you happen to miss PUC's regular (or irregular, as the case may be) sales hours you can buy a five dollar card for cash power at many local stores if they haven't sold out of the beasties by the time you get there. The stores usually have sold out of them when you most need them because EVERYONE needs them when PUC is closed. Word of advice, when PUC closes early don't go to the stores late!

For the five dollar card, on which is printed "easypowOr" for a good reason I will probably never understand, you'll only have to pay \$5.50. At current rates the card will net you 15 units of cash power which in itself is interesting because 15 times 10 is 150 rather than the 149.6 units you will get if you buy \$50 worth of cash power at a time instead of 10 individual \$5 cash power purchases at PUC. I understand, it's a phenomenon caused by rounding.

Once you have the "easypowOr" card in your hand you then have the opportunity to sit next to your phone obsessively dialing the phone number listed on the card which will almost certainly be busy.

There are instructions on the card for a text message option but that would only work if you happened to have an SMS capable cell phone with you. Being the incredibly smart person that I am, I left my cell phone at home this morning so I didn't get to try it. I wanted to try that option especially since the instructions for texting, though imperfectly worded, are much more complete than those for the "calling service."

I spent almost 20 minutes trying to get the landline number to ring instead of giving me that annoying, "I'm dealing with someone else right now who is just as frustrated as you are, wait your freakin turn, jerk," buzz.

Now don't get me wrong here. Once I got through on the line the recorded operators were congenial even if their instructions were contradictory which, by the way, they were.



The first recorded operator told me that at any time during the process of responding to their probing questions I could press the pound (#) key to go back to the previous step.

The next operator (who by the way seems not to know that there is an "H" in the number "three") yelled at me and said that I must enter my meter number followed by the "hash key."

"Listen lady," I wanted to scream but did not, "I have, when I was young and foolish, smoked hash. I have eaten corned beef hash. When I was a computer science major I even wrote code to perform a hash function. But there is NO hash key on my telephone. What the *&!@# are you talking about?"

I had to get on the Internet and use the Google search again. What I found out is that in addition to all of those other things that hash can mean, some people who live "down under," and a few other people in the world as well call the "number" key, or as the first operator called it, the "pound" key, a hash key. It's the one just to the right of "0" on the telephone keypad. This one... "#!"

Of course! So the less friendly sounding of the two recorded operators tells me that I need to enter my meter number and that makes sense. I did wonder how they would give me the right cash power number without the meter number

but the card said nothing about it. It did say you needed it for the text instructions but I figured it was some kind of anomaly based on the fact that I was using a land line instead of texting PUC on a cell phone.

I was hesitant to hang up on my hard won telephone connection with PUC but it couldn't be avoided. The needed meter number was on the meter box outside.

I hoisted myself up from my desk chair mumbling something under my breath about how in the world those operators were going to know the difference between a pound key that would take me back one step and the hash key that would tell them that I was done entering my freakin' meter number. And the 20 MORE minutes I was going to have to spend trying to get them on the phone and why I ever bought two cards when PUC would certainly be open the next day. I grumbled about there being no good time to EVER quit smoking and polished it off with a good healthy dose of "what the heck is UN Day anyway?"

Well, I hope you all had a wonderful UN Day. Maybe by next year the list of UN Member Nations who are completely current with their UN dues payments will include the Federated States of Micronesia. I'm reasonably certain that it won't include the United States. Maybe next year we'll all know what it is and we can have a big UN Day barbecue together! Won't that be fun? I'll bring the cash power.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I write to take issue with Iso Nahken of Nett's apparent oversight of grouping the Constitutional Japanese Government with the foregone Imperial Japan. I first must point out the fact that common knowledge tells us that the infrastructure and the economy in Pohnpei during the height of the Japanese Administration has not been matched (except for perhaps the socially destructive circumferential road and the big runway) during and after subsequent eras that followed the period when Japanese lived side-to-side in great numbers with Pohnpeians. History also tells us that the Japanese attitude only turned bad toward Pohnpeians when Japan and the rest of the world were reacting to global issues that became the pre-war efforts from around 1937 turned Pohnpei into a military-run island. History however tells us that the Japanese did more to Pohnpeians as far as providing the proverbial "teaching to fish" in a quarter of a century than others have done in nearly three-quarters of a century of "giving fish." Social scientists have published research after research that the latter principle do create real conditions of a large dependency state and those practices seem to permit Pohnpeians to sit around while getting sick from imported unhealthy food and lifestyles with heavy investments in

lack of education. Leaders, including the referenced Iso Nahken (a reminder of the Hirohito-like dictatorship of Pohnpei from the Saudeleuhrs to the land-taking by the Germans in 1912 to 1914) should lead us Pohnpeians toward a truer calling of self-reconstruction and self-respect and the traditional leader should have really have reexamined the concerns (sakarada) raised at the groundbreaking ceremony. As far as political activism, I personally would be advocating to perhaps rid Pohnpei of September 11 (Liberation Day) as a holiday and seek to perhaps make the Rebellion Day against the German Administration a holiday instead because it shows a more true reflection of the situations. Again, personally, I think that Pohnpei Liberation Day ought and would be a better and meaningful holiday for Pohnpei to observe than continuing "to bite the hands that teaches us." I also think that it would be a better fight for Iso to wage because the Constitutional Government of Japan assistance is less filling ("giving fish") and more educational ("teaching to fish").

Salomon Saimon

(Statements herein made pursuant to my alienable right to free speech embodied in the Pohnpei Constitution)

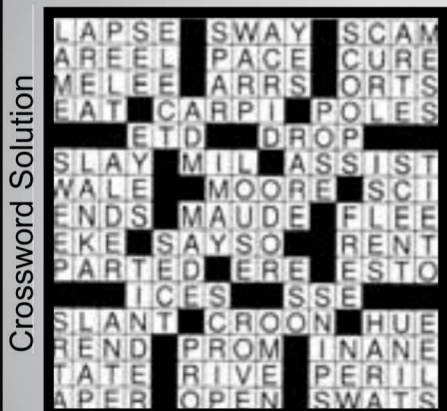
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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
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- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
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- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
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- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
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- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
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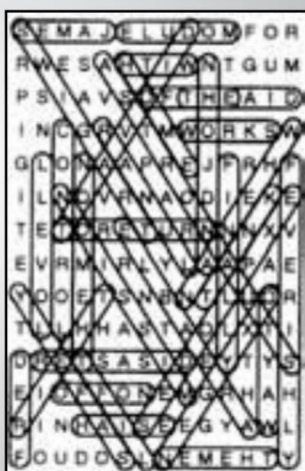
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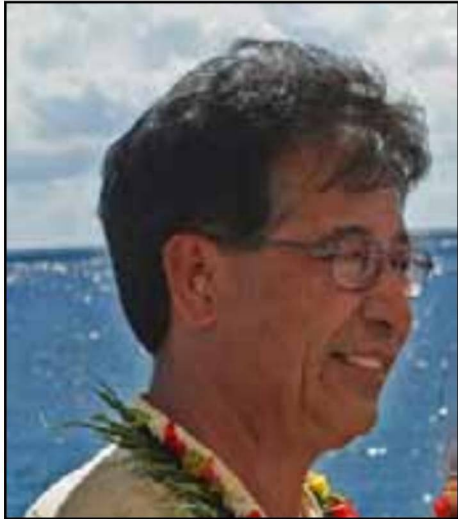
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The Success of World Food Day Continues to Grow

Kathay Larsen
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

World Food Day 2009 was held in the Pohnpei Botanical Garden on Friday, October 16th. This year's theme was "Achieving Food Security in Times of Crisis", or "Koadoahkihada Karosonpa-tail Ong Ansou Apwal". Pohnpei did a fantastic job of showcasing Micronesia's local food and livestock. **We were treated to have FSM Presi-**



As the key note speaker for the Pohnpei World Food Day celebration held 16 October, 2009, at Pohnpei Agriculture, in the Botanical Garden in Kolonia, FSM President Mani Mori encouraged increased local food production and consumption with his closing words "Go local!".

dent Emanuel Mori as our key note speaker this year. The final words of his speech should resonate loudly with each and every one of us. . . "Go Local!"

This year, there were over 100 farmers who participated in the events. Just a few of the crops entered into the competition were yam, sugarcane, giant swamp taro, soft taro, bananas, and many varieties of green leafy vegetables. As for livestock, there were pigs, chicken, ducks and goats.

Other activities that attracted attention of many in this year's WFD celebration include sales of fresh farm produce and some livestock directly from the farmers. Fresh vegetables from the People's Republic of China supported Pilot Farm was also made available for market distribution. More activities included public health services and displays from partner agencies.

Yam Competition

It was another great year for Nett Municipality as they had several of the largest yams. The winning categories were Kehp en Peniou with a 398.5 pound entry from Pardol Eram; Kehp en Dolenwai with a 285 pound entry from Pertin Gilmete; Kehp en Tomwara with a 134 pound entry from Pertin Gilmete; Kehp en Namwuh Weitahta with a 120 pound entry from Ricky Augustine; and Kehp en Namwuh Pwetepwet with a 90.5 pound entry from Ioanis Eram. Second and third place winners in each of these categories respectively were Eoanis Eram and Ramsin Eram; Edward Linos and Pardol Eram; Pensis Elias and Karmih-na Max; Ilario Ioanis and Ioanis Eram; and Doms

Elias and Pensis Elias. The total prize money distributed for the yam contest was \$1,060.00. This category seems to be one of the most closely watched and anticipated, and this year did not disappoint!

Healthy Cooking Competition

The women of Pohnpei turned out in full force this year for the local food cooking competition! There were 23 individuals who participated by bringing a variety of dishes made with local ingredients. The four categories were Daiwang Banana Recipe, Karat Banana Recipe, Mwang (giant swamp taro) Recipe, and Any Local Food Recipe. The winner in the Daiwang category was Kesia Paulino. She also won second place in this category. Nelihsr James took third. Karat's first place winner was Yunis Edger. Second place went to Palerina Lorens, while third was awarded to Merlain Abram. This category seemed to be a favourite of the judges, producing a four way tie for fourth place! Mwang's first and second place went to Palerina Lorens, while third was Merlain Abraham. Overall, the top three dollar amounts for prizes were awarded to Lolanda David, Palerina Lorens and Yunis Edger. These women's combined awards totaled \$275.00! This is a pretty lucrative competition – make sure that you enter next year with your best local food recipes!

Livestock Competition

There was \$810.00 in prizes awarded for this year's livestock completion. First place in the chicken category was awarded to Claynard Panuelo and Roney Panuelo. Second went to Cantero Henry and Shamrock Edmon, while third was awarded to Pensis Elias and Sakosi Max. The first place for both male and female duck went to Pardol Eram. Jospser Manuel won second with his male and female and Pensis Elias's male and female won third. We had a few different winners in the much anticipated pig category. Antria Ladore and Roland Salvador won first place. Solpasio Salvador and Pedrus Abraham came in second and Rony Aron and Mini Edgar rounded up the category with third place. In the goat category, we only had four participants this year. First was awarded to Pedrus Abraham for both male and female, while second place went to Rosendo Kilmete for both male and female. As there were only four participants this

year, there is room to grow. Maybe think about entering this category next year!

Essay Competition

The essay competition was the largest single budget item this year. This year required the participation of all Pohnpei high school juniors and seniors. Awards were given for both English and Pohnpeian writing. First place for senior Pohnpeian was awarded to Alsihna Manuel of Nahnpei Memoria High School, while the first place senior English writer was Margaret Damarlane from SDA School. The first place junior Pohnpeian writer was Beverleen Etse of Madolenimw High School, and first place junior English was Ellarina Yamada of Calvary Christian Academy. The total prizes awarded were \$1,200.00! This is a wonderful category that helps the students learn more about local food and why it is so important, while improving their writing skills at the same time.

Thank you to all!

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Astronomical Tide Prediction October 28 through November 10, 2009

		Pohnpei				Chuuk			
		10/28	11/04	10/28	11/04	10/28	11/04	10/28	11/04
Wednesday		06:26AM 1.7	03:38AM 3.3	07:14AM 0.1	02:55AM 0.4	01:22PM 3.2	09:09AM 1.1	02:57PM 1.2	07:03AM 0.0
		06:30PM 2.5	03:49PM 5.0	07:10PM 1.0	02:42PM 2.4		10:37PM 0.9	11:18PM 1.2	10:55PM -0.2
Thursday		10/29	11/05	10/29	11/05	12:00AM 3.4	04:13AM 3.0	06:51AM 0.2	03:21AM 0.2
		06:44AM 1.5	09:36AM 1.2	01:59PM 1.2	07:02AM 0.0	01:21PM 3.5	04:23PM 4.9	07:14PM 0.8	03:10PM 2.4
		07:06PM 2.2	11:22PM 1.0						
Friday		10/30	11/06	10/30	11/06	12:44AM 3.5	04:51AM 2.8	12:05AM 1.2	12:08AM -0.1
		07:05AM 1.4	10:02AM 1.3	06:36AM 0.2	03:31AM 0.0	01:34PM 3.9	05:01PM 4.7	01:31PM 1.4	06:49AM -0.1
		07:38PM 1.8		07:36PM 0.5	03:39PM 2.3				
Saturday		10/31	11/07	10/31	11/07	01:20AM 3.6	12:13AM 1.3	12:42AM 1.1	06:22AM -0.2
		07:27AM 1.2	05:35AM 2.5	06:34AM 0.2	04:07PM 2.2	01:54PM 4.3	10:28AM 1.6	01:26PM 1.7	
		08:10PM 1.4	05:43PM 4.4	08:05PM 0.3					
Sunday		11/01	11/08	11/01	11/08	01:55AM 3.7	01:19AM 1.5	01:17AM 1.0	06:06AM -0.3
		07:51AM 1.1	06:39AM 2.3	06:39AM 0.2	04:33PM 2.0	02:19PM 4.6	10:53AM 1.9	01:36PM 1.9	
		08:44PM 1.1	06:36PM 4.0	08:40PM 0.1					
Monday		11/02	11/09	11/02	11/09	02:29AM 3.6	02:52AM 1.6	01:51AM 0.8	06:10AM -0.3
		08:17AM 1.0	07:58PM 3.7	06:48AM 0.2	04:49PM 1.7	02:47PM 4.8		01:54PM 2.1	
		09:19PM 0.9		09:18PM -0.1					
Tuesday		11/03	11/10	11/03	11/10	03:03AM 3.5	04:32AM 1.6	02:24AM 0.6	06:17AM -0.2
		08:43AM 1.0	11:57AM 2.7	06:58AM 0.1	04:27PM 1.4	03:17PM 5.0	03:12PM 2.6	02:16PM 2.3	
		09:57PM 0.9	09:58PM 3.5	10:02PM -0.2					

WFD 2009 Special New Feature: Planting Materials

Planting materials funded by the FAO/FSM Soaring Food and Fuel Prices project generated exciting interest by producers and all. Approximately 2,650 high demand banana, taro, yam, breadfruit and sweet potato planting materials were distributed without meeting the full demand. Additionally 310 packages of vegetable seeds were distributed to 68 farmers.



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WHAT IS FRAUD?

- Fraud is cheating for profit
- Fraud is characterized by acts of guile, trickery, concealment, or breach of confidence, which are used to gain some unfair or dishonest advantage
- The object may be to:
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 - avoid payment of money, property, or services
- Fraud is a crime that takes money away from essential government programs

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