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## FSM Terminates Contract With GMP and Files a Lawsuit

### Chief Executives Council in Closed Door Session Instructs Legal Counsel to Offer a Settlement

By **BILL JAYNES**  
*The Kaselehlie Press*

**Palikir, Pohnpei**—On January 11, 2008 the FSM Government filed a lawsuit at the FSM Supreme Court against GMP Hawaii, Incorporated. The suit also left room to add potential other defendants if the FSM finds, in the process of its litigation, other parties that should have been named by additionally naming twenty “Doe” individuals, twenty “Doe” Corporations, and twenty “Doe” Entities. Attorney Dana Smith who has been hired to represent the FSM said that he does not expect to find other culpable parties. The tactic is commonly used to allow for the possibility of naming other parties without having to re-file the entire law suit.

On January 8 a letter was sent via email and hand delivery to Andrea S. Hillyer, Esquire, GMP Hawaii’s local counsel and to GMP via

postage. The letter was to inform GMP that the FSM was terminating its contract “for cause”. The letter, written by Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure Weiner Hadley lists several reasons for the termination of the contract.

Both the lawsuit and the termination letter say that GMP was responsible for soil testing and that they failed to perform the required geo-physical soil testing for the Lelu and Utwe Elementary Schools in Kosrae. In an interview Mr. Smith by way of example said that for instance, a

building contractor who is building on a wetland such as a mangrove swamp may be instructed by the engineer to fill with 15 feet of compacted soil. The contractor

may be instructed to then pour concrete footers 14 feet deep in that fill soil. If a soil test was not performed for the soil below the

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*The Kaselehlie Building which houses the Department of Transportation, Communication, and Infrastructure in Palikir, Pohnpei*

## Pohnpei Inauguration Ceremony Held January 14 in Palikir



Photos by Bill Jaynes



Pohnpei State Legislature

## FSM Department of Education Gets Aggressive on "CTE" Goals PATs Campus May Be Used as a Premiere Training Ground for "Cream of the Crop"

By **BILL JAYNES**  
The Kaselehlie Press

At the Chief Executive's Conference which took place in Palikir from January 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Education unveiled new plans for a different educational opportunity for at least some of the FSM's students. The Department said that PREL has been developing Career and Technical Education standards for K-12 students, standards that will be pilot tested as early as September of this year.

The Department said that the term Vocational Education has been downgraded in people's minds as a kind of second class education. They said that Vocational Education courses in the High Schools have previously only been offered as electives and that those programs have always taken second place in the education system to the more highly revered academic track. They are proposing to offer two tracks in the future, an Academic track and

a Career and Technical Education track.

They said that the CTE programs will involve training in special skills such as carpentry, mechanics, electronics, welding, nursing, home arts, telecommunications, hospitality services, computer technology and many more skills. Language Arts, Math, and Science would also figure heavily in a CTE track.

Creation of a separate track for CTE at all FSM High Schools, would improve the system of vocational educational delivery which would lead to an enhanced quality of education for the students involved. The Department said this would improve the caliber of students exiting directly into the workforce or transitioning into the college CTE programs or apprentice programs.

Students would first be exposed to the CTE track in Early Childhood Education programs.

All students from grade school to middle elementary school would be exposed to the general concepts of CTE. They call this the Career Awareness phase of students' education.

From middle elementary school through Junior High School, students would learn basics in various fields through theories and practical education. This is the Career Exploration Phase.

By Senior High School the students would select certain fields and concentrate on specialized training in their chosen field, the Career Choice phase. Career counselors would aid students in their selections.

The Department of Education said that they have been asked to spearhead the alignment of public secondary schools CTE curriculum to that of the College of Micronesia FSM in preparation for the Guam Military Expansion. They said that in the past the College and the FSM Department of Education have each done their own separate things so that the educational programs don't mesh well. The new program plan would be more collaborative in nature in order to solve this problem.

The establishment of CTE programs in FSM Educational institutions is Phase 1 of the Department's plans. They said that the closure of Pohnpei Agricultural and Trade School left an educational void that the public schools of the FSM have not been able to fill. The College has said that many students focusing on vocational training in the FSM's schools in recent years have graduated from High School only to find that they have not been prepared sufficiently to enter COM-FSM's programs and to succeed.

The department is proposing as phase 2 of the CTE plan, to reopen the PATs campus as a premiere Career and Technical

Education educational center for the FSM's "cream of the crop". They said that the entrance exam to gain admittance to the new school would be highly competitive to ensure that the very best CTE students have their skills fine tuned in the program. They are proposing that students from all over the FSM would study at PATs in their Junior and Senior years if they qualify through testing.

Students who study at the PATs campus would graduate from the program at levels above what the work place currently demands. They said that if the implementation of their plan is properly executed people who graduate from the program would be in demand and would definitely land jobs whether here or abroad stimulating the economy wherever they go.

The Department asked the principals of the CEC to consider the possibility of allocating 4% of their annual education budget for the new school. The presenter admitted that he didn't know precisely how much money was needed for the new school or how much 4% of the current educational budget would represent but that anecdotally he thought the amount would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1.6 million annually.

Father Hezel told the CEC that the budget when PATs closed was approximately \$750,000 per year.

New CEC member Pohnpei's newly elected Governor John Ehsa said of the plan, "I hate to say this is just because of the Guam build up. Really, it's for us."

With the unanimous passage of the CEC resolution on the idea of the program, President Mori is charged with establishing a task force to deal with the details of the proposed program including the costs and funding sources to implement it.

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## Warren Wilson College Students Visit

### Pohnpei

By Erica Kathleen Hellen –  
Warren Wilson College Student  
Bill Jaynes –  
The Kaselehlie Press

Eighteen students from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina took advantage of the winter break from classes to travel to Guam, Palau, and Pohnpei. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of January at Pacific Missionary Fellowship in Pohnpei they performed a well attended concert benefiting the Conservation Society of Pohnpei. They performed Appalachian Ballads, Celtic tunes, gave a demonstration of early American shape note singing, African traditional songs, and a few of their own singer/songwriter favorites.

On the following evening they 'sang for their supper' at The Village in an open "jam session". Singing everything from Appalachian folk tunes to Lynyrd

Skynyrd tunes for the diners in the restaurant. Even Father Frances Hezel of Micronesian Seminar joined in singing with them.

Dr. Milton Crofts, who directs the Warren Wilson College Chorale, Chamber Orchestra, and teaches a Music Cultures of the World course at the college and is co-leader of the trip played a Takamine Jasmine guitar that the college left with Father Hezel.

Kathryn Burlson, Ph.D. who's area of expertise is sociocultural developmental psychology was the other co-leader for the trip.

Warren Wilson College is a liberal arts institution with many degree offerings. The school's signature Triad Education Program blends an interdisciplinary academic curriculum, a work program that requires each resident student to work 15 hours per week for the College, and a service-learning program that requires each student to do 100 hours of community ser-



vice over four years. The college also offers qualified students the opportunity to travel off campus in its WorldWide cross-cultural and international learning program. Warren Wilson's land-use plan emphasizes green space, sustainability, and a strong sense of community on a 1,100 acre campus that includes a working farm, managed forest, and pesticide-free garden. See [www.warren-wilson.edu](http://www.warren-wilson.edu) for more information.

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## ..Infrastructure

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fill the footers that support the building may be sitting on only one foot of fill soil above soft mud which would lead to possible structural failure. The letter indicates that is the case in Kosrae. DTC&I says that the two schools will now cost approximately \$500,000 more than planned.

The termination letter also said that under the contract only the National Government may issue notices to proceed on construction projects. Mr. Hadley, in his letter pointed to a number of occasions when GMP began work based on notices to proceed that came from the State Governments.

According to the letter, GMP was not authorized under their contract to subcontract work without written consent of the Government. It says that they subcontracted work to Pacific Survey Company for surveys for Tafunsak Lelu, and Utwe Elementary Schools and for the Weno Wastewater Treatment and Collection projects without that permission.

Pacific Survey Company says that their survey for the Weno Wastewater Treatment and Collection projects was performed based on the Modified Azimuthal Equidistant Project of Clark's Ellipsoid of 1866 which is what Chuuk State law requires. The survey for the road which a company other than Pacific Survey performed was based on "North American horizontal datum of 1983 using the UTM Grid Zone 56." That survey, according to DTC&I officials will have to be redone.

The termination letter says that the design of the Weno Wastewater Treatment Plant design was done without regard to Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation's ability to operate it with regard to the technical and economic capacities of the Utility. It says that the equipment specifications for the project contain overly restrictive requirements for the bid process that violates Fiscal Procedures agreements between the FSM and the United States.

The termination letter continues by saying that the Yap Early Childhood Education Center construction estimate "greatly exceeds the grant amount, making the project unaffordable." This was even though GMP Hawaii, Inc. produced the planning documents upon which the grant was based.

The letter says that the contract bars GMP from offering gratuities in the form of entertainment, gifts or otherwise to any officer or employee of the FSM Government, including officers and employees of the State Governments. Secretary Hadley said in the letter that "It has come to our attention that this provision of the Contract has been violated by GMP."

On June 6, 2007 the FSM Government wrote a letter advising GMP that the FSM is unable to certify the availability of funds for any additional PMU work under the contract and that contract had expired as to all PMU work effective June 19, 2007. The January letter of DTC&I terminating GMP's contract was made without waiving the Government's position of June.

In response to the FSM's termination letter Mr. Wahib A. Gurguis, GMP Senior Vice President wrote a reply letter dated January 10. In it he said that "GMP rejects your January 8, 2008 letter regarding "termination for cause" of the Contract for Consulting Services between the Federated States of Micronesia and GMP and plans to continue to perform its obligations pursuant to the contract."

He said that five of the reasons given "are only distortions of history involving issues - already raided, fully discussed amongst the stakeholders, and resolved - regarding work on projects that has already been approved for payment by DTC&I during the course of the design phase." He said that those issues could not now be converted into a breach of contract accusation.

Mr. Gurguis said that the subcontracting work was done with the permission of DTC&I and the Office of Insular Affairs.

He said that the accusation that they had given gratuities to public officials had "no basis in fact and constitutes defamation."

He added that the termination letter "demonstrates the relentless bad faith and lawless administration of the Compact funds and the contract the GMP has endured since the contract was executed." He further demanded the letter to be retracted within 48 hours or GMP would pursue their legal rights and hold Mr. Hadley personally liable and the Government liable for any damages, including damages for defamation.

Secretary Hadley wrote another letter to GMP reiterating that the

FSM had cancelled the contract and GMP was to immediately vacate premises furnished by either the FSM Government or a contractor of the FSM Government. He said that if GMP did not comply the Government would bar GMP's employees from entry onto the premises of any job site and/or to have them removed by force.

In a closed door meeting of the Chief Executives Council (CEC) on January 17, President Mori was directed by the Governors to offer GMP a settlement. As a result, Dana Smith was instructed to make a settlement offer to GMP. According to Mr. Smith he was directed to offer to drop the lawsuit if GMP also drops its law suit against Westerfield and Yatilman and if GMP agrees not to contest the letter of termination or the charges contained in it. He was also instructed by the Governors to offer GMP a future contract as part of the settlement. Smith said that he did make the offer but could not offer GMP a future contract as part of the settlement offer because that would violate the Fiscal Management Agreement. He said that he was able to offer GMP the opportunity to bid on contracts in the future.

He said that the offer was good for a limited time and expires at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 21, 2008.

The CEC issued a resolution on infrastructure that included moving control of the infrastructure project management unit to the President's office. Additionally each State will have a professional engineer to provide onsite answers. Governors seemed to be saying that the move will effectuate faster progress on the infrastructure projects.



Photos by Nigel Jaynes

### Hey, Check This Out!

**Kolonia, January 17, 2008**

Long-time fisherman, Greeno Ismael had the catch of his life with this 103 pound giant travelli. Greeno Ismael has been fishing all his life and this fish is the biggest he's caught so far. He said that the travelli fish is a white meat popular with Japanese and Americans and there is a market for it. Greeno has been selling his fish to restaurants and hotels such as South Park, PCR, and Hot Plate to name a few. This Giant Trevalli was sold to South Park within hours of being caught. In the past three days he's brought in over one thousand pounds of fish by catching only three fish. Friends and family call him the Tehp Master.



## “World’s Most Traveled Harley” in Pohnpei

By **NIGEL & BILL JAYNES**  
The Kaselehlie Press

“I’ve been everywhere, man!...” Johnny Cash’s song would have been significantly longer if Peter and Kay Forwood had written it.

The Forwood’s who hail from Australia have truly been everywhere and they’ve done it on a hog, not the kind that screams like a creature from Jurassic Park when it is feeding time but the kind that rumbles. Their hog is a 1994 Electraglide Classic 1340cc Harley Davidson Motorcycle manufactured in November 1993 and purchased new in January of 1994. They say it is the world’s most traveled motorcycle.

They have logged over 300,000 miles, nearly half a million kilometers traveling the world on their motorcycle since February 3, 1996. Since that time they have ridden the bike in all but nine of the UN recognized sovereign countries on the face of the earth.

They have visited 184 countries. The travels have been mostly unsponsored by corporations. Harley Davidson didn’t sponsor any of the trip but the Forwoods say they have been given generous treatment by local Harley dealers around the world..

They say they don’t have favorite countries. They have been in Pohnpei since the 15th of January. Of the six Pacific islands they have visited so far, Pohnpei, they say has been the friendliest, the prettiest and appears to be cleaner than the other islands they have visited.

Peter said that Pohnpei has hills and mountains which makes cruising fun, unlike the straight flat

roads of the Marshall Islands where they visited before arriving in Pohnpei.

They say they don’t choose favorite places because each country is unique and each has its own special flavor. Each location gives them a different sense of adventure. Each place and each season when they travel is new and exciting. They enjoyed traveling in the United States because of the beautiful parks. They said that Norway had spectacular scenery but every country has something different to offer.

Peter and Kay say there are often no mechanics to help them out when they are on the road. They rely on trial and error shade tree mechanical troubleshooting to get things repaired on the road.

Their journey isn’t always easy as they deal with customs, repairs, and shipping their bike. Some places won’t even allow them to bring their bike into the country like Vietnam which has a 250cc limit. Often they find that the only way to get in to a country is to bypass the system by talking to officials who don’t really know the rules and regulations.

Peter and Kay only rode the Harley four kilometers into China from the Pakistan side before returning on the Karakoram highway to the Khunjerab Pass, altitude 4700 metres (15300 ft) When they returned from their short trip into China, the Pakistani official at the crossing threatened to arrest them saying that they could cause an international incident.

The Forwoods normally transport their bike by plane if they can



Photo by Nigel Jaynes

Peter and Kay at South Park Hotel. The rear end is off the Harley for preventive maintenance. They want to be sure they have no problems when they’re on the road around the world.

arrange it. The bike is often disassembled, put into a crate and stuffed into the cargo hold. If they can clear customs and get their bike out quickly they ride it away from the airport when arriving in a new country. Sometimes the only way of transport is to put the motorcycle on a ship. Planning each trip carefully is a must.

Peter and Kay are on the road about 10 months out of each year and spend the other 2 at home in Australia. They plan to be finished with their worldwide journey in about 12 more months; then it’s off to revisit some of their favorite locations, mission happily ac-

complished.

The couple has been recording an online diary as they travel around the world and posting it online. Some of the pictures they have taken are posted there.

You can find more information on Peter and Kay Forwood’s adventure at <http://www.horizonsunlimited.com/forwood>.

Be careful if you go to the website. It is captivating and will draw you in for hours.

Why so few have offered to sponsor Peter and Kay we will never know. After all, they’ve been everywhere, man. I’d read the book!

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## Completion of Pacific Policing Executive

### Development Program

#### FSM National Police

Captain Kerley Araceley (Pohnpei State Police) and Superintendent Tebano Tauatea (Kiribati Police Service) recently became the first officers from the Pacific region to complete both components of the Pacific Policing Executive Development Program "Planning and Controlling Strategic Operations and major Events" and "Executive Leadership in Pacific Policing". Well done to both officers on their achievement.

This achievement was made possible through the assistance of Pacific Regional Policing Initia-

tive (PRPI). PRPI has been very helpful in improving the capabilities of the police in FSM in many ways. We have some of our officers from the National and State Police who are doing distance education with Divine University in Papua New Guinea hopefully they'd get their certificate, diploma and bachelor degrees in policing.

We are very happy that one of our own police captain, Captain Araceley is one of the first to complete in the requirements in the senior management level. These are part of our efforts to improve the capabilities of our officers in order for us to provide the necessary services to the communities we were sworn to protect.

## Multilateral Law Enforcement Cooperation Leads to Foster Conviction

#### FSM National Police

On 7 December 2007, Peter Foster appeared in the Brisbane Supreme Court for sentencing. Foster entered a plea of guilty to one charge of dealing in the proceeds of crime in Australia. He was sentenced to 4 1/2 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 2 years and 3 months. Time served while on remand is to count towards the non-parole period. A reparation order was made for the amount of \$214,000.00 to be repaid.

The conviction of Peter Foster is a significant victory for law enforcement in the region. The investigation is also recognized as a benchmark in regional law enforce-

ment cooperation and assistance involving the Pacific nations of FSM, Fiji, Vanuatu and Australia. There is no doubt that without the cooperation and assistance Peter Foster would not have been brought to justice in Australia.

M.J. Keelty, AFP Commissioner conveyed in a letter his personal congratulations to the FSM National Police for this significant victory and thank the Col. Pius Chotailug for the leadership and executive support that contributed to this result.

It would be much helpful and better if we all work collectively and cooperatively with our banking institutions in cases like this in the future Col. Chotailug concluded

### Micronesia Challenge Regional Coordinator Terms of Reference

The jurisdictions representing the Micronesia Challenge (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, [CNMI], Federated States of Micronesia [FSM], Territory of Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau) a shared commitment of these 5 jurisdictions to effectively conserve at least 30% near-shore marine resources and 20% terrestrial resources across Micronesia by the year 2020, seek candidates for the new position of the Regional Coordinator for the Micronesia Challenge.

The Coordinator will be guided by the Micronesia Challenge Steering Committee comprised of focal points representing each of the Micronesia Challenge jurisdictions, a representative of the Micronesia Challenge Support Team\* and a representative of the Micronesia Challenge endowment. He/she will report to the Steering Committee through the Chair and provide advice and support to all implementing parties in accordance with annual work plans approved by the Steering Committee. The position will be located in the Republic of Palau.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Bachelor's Degree in natural resources management, environmental sciences, planning, social science or policy (with an emphasis on their application to natural resources), or a closely related discipline, with at least five years of successful applied work experience or any equivalent combination of education, experience and training which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities, and skills desired.
2. Demonstrated coordination, communications and organizational development skills.
3. Skills in fundraising and financial planning are highly desirable.
4. Strong written and oral communication skills and experience with report writing.
5. Proven ability to work effectively with a wide range of people from diverse cultural backgrounds and positions (e.g. government agencies, non-governmental organizations and community groups) with sensitivity and appreciation for the diverse interests and values of others.
6. Understanding of and relevant experience in the culture of the region.
7. Strong computer skills including a proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Access.
8. Demonstrated project management and facilitation skills, ability to complete tasks in a timely fashion, defining goals and deliverables, assembling and motivating teams, managing team assignments, scheduling, budgeting, tracking progress and milestones, and delivering products.
9. Willingness to travel frequently throughout Micronesia and in the larger Pacific region and occasionally to Asia, Europe and the USA. Flexibility in working schedule, including willingness to travel overseas, often for several weeks at a time, on short notice, and on weekends.

**WORK PLANNING AND REVIEW:** A work plan for the Coordinator will be approved by the Steering Committee on an annual basis. Progress will be formally reviewed on a semi-annual basis at regular meetings of the Steering Committee.

Applications may be emailed to Mr. Bill Raynor, Chair of the Micronesia Challenge Regional Support Team at [braynor@tnc.org](mailto:braynor@tnc.org). We strongly encourage and would prefer email, but will accept faxed or mailed applications. If email or fax is not available please mail applications to:

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#### DUTIES:

The Micronesia Challenge Coordinator through agreed annual work plans will assist the Micronesia Challenge Focal Points to:

- A. Consolidate key regional messages and develop a regional communication protocol
- B. Develop, schedule and conduct regional activities in support of the Challenge, including identifying and coordinating multi-jurisdictional participation in regional and international fora
- C. Identify and recommend ways to strengthen human resource capacity to implement the Challenge
- D. Identify sustainable financing opportunities and coordinate regional and international fundraising efforts for the Challenge
- E. Coordinate with local, regional and international technical assistance partners and enlist their assistance in support of the Challenge
- F. Collate specific country/entity projects and common regional needs and where authorized, represent these to international donors and financial and technical assistance agencies
- G. Circulate lessons learned and best practices from other similar efforts to implementing partner agencies
- H. Monitor and evaluate agreed Challenge milestones and deliverables on a regional level

The Coordinator will provide administrative and financial management for the Steering Committee. This will include annual budget development and management, income and expense reporting, and narrative reports. Accounting support will be provided, pending funding. He/She will develop annual work plans for consideration and adoption by the Steering Committee.

**TERM:** 3 year renewable with a 6 month probationary period

#### PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

All applicants must submit the following:

- 1) A cover letter
- 2) Resume
- 3) 3 letters of references

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY:** COB Friday, 1 February 2008

#### EVALUATIONS AND SELECTION OF APPLICANTS

Candidates will be evaluated by the Micronesia Challenge Steering Committee based on their cover letters, resumes, and letters of reference. Top candidates may be interviewed by the Steering Committee.

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## Third Regular Session of (FSM) Congress Set for February 4

*FSM Congress News*

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei, January 17, 2008** – Speaker Isaac V. Figir has indicated that the Third Regular Session of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia will convene on February 4, 2008, as previously scheduled.

This is in response to President Manny Mori's letter of January 9, requesting a reschedule of the Third Regular Session from February 4, to February 12 instead. According to the President's letter, he would like to be present for the session, the earlier date would however, prevent his attendance due to unforeseen pressing commitments the FSM Government has overseas.

The postponement request was shared with members of the 15<sup>th</sup> FSM Congress through a poll. Results of the poll fell short of the required support for a postpone-

ment.

Speaker Figir's letter to the President therefore noted that the Third Regular Session of the 15<sup>th</sup> FSM Congress will proceed with its scheduled date to convene on February 4, 2008.

The February 4 date for the Third Regular Session is actually a postponement from January 10 as established by law for convening of the Third Regular Session of FSM Congress.

Public Law 13-59 had in 2004, amended Title 3 of the FSM Code to increase the number of regular sessions of a Congress and revise its convening schedule. Accordingly since 2005, the schedule for the FSM Congress has been: three Regular Sessions – January 10, May 11, and September 12 “unless the Presiding Officer shall set a different date or dates.”

The length of the regular sessions would be for 20 calendar days, unless shortened or extended by Congress.

## President Emanuel Mori Submits Further Nominations for Advice and Consent

*Palikir, POHNPEI (FSM Information Services)* – By January 14, 2008, FSM President Emanuel Mori, in two separate transmittal letters had presented to the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress of the FSM, nominations for eight government leadership positions.

In his transmittal letters he said that Vice President Alik and he had agreed to send their nominations ahead of the Third Regular Session of Congress to allow the FSM Congress sufficient time for consideration of the nominations.

The nominations are as follows:

- Dr. Rufino Mauricio of Pohnpei as Director of the new FSM Archive, Cultural and Historic Preservation Office;
- Mr. Yosiwo P. George of Kosrae as the next FSM Ambassador to the United States of America;
- Mr. John Fritz of Chuuk as the next FSM Ambassador to Japan;
- Mr. Peter M. Christian of Pohnpei as Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development;
- Mr. Midion G. Neth of Pohnpei as the next FSM Post Master General;
- Mr. Ismael Dobich of Chuuk as the next Deputy Secretary for the Department of Foreign Affairs;
- Mr. Kimeuo Kimiuo of Chuuk as the next FSM National Election Director; and
- Mr. Johnathon John of Pohnpei as the next National Election Commissioner for Pohnpei State

The President urged Congress to favorably consider the nominations. President Mori said in his transmittal letter that additional nominations for the remaining departments, offices, or boards and commissions will be submitted shortly upon confirmation of the availability of the prospective candidates.

## CSP Shares the Results of Project “Study of People and Plants of Micronesia” with Paramount Chiefs and Governor Johnny P. David of Pohnpei State Government

*Conservation Society of Pohnpei*

In 1998, nine years ago, the people of Pohnpei embarked on an ethnobotany project now known as “Plants and People of Micronesia” This project would not have been successful without the support and collaboration of many organizations, donors, friends and more importantly the local practitioners and knowledge holders of plants and cultural heritage and the Council of Paramount Chiefs (Mwoalen Wahu Ileile en Wein Pohnpei). The following organizations, partners and individuals deserve to be highlighted: The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), the main partner of this project helping to develop the strategy for plant collection and training people in interviewing techniques, the Council of Paramount Chiefs for inspiring its people to participate and contribute the wealth of local knowledge documented in the project for without their participation this project would not have been successful, The Nature Conservancy

(TNC) for taking the first lead and host to the project, the 151 local knowledge practitioners who provided generously to make this project a reality, College of Micronesia-FSM for housing the scores of specimen collection in its herbarium collection and Pohnpei State Government for endorsing the project, The Beth Israel Continuum Center for Health and Healing for providing a medical component to the biodiversity study and The National Tropical Botanical Garden for its help in plant collection and species identification.

Along the way on this nearly decade old study 13 local people directly benefited from the project being trained in biodiversity studies and ethnobotanical interviewing, in their role as local ethnobotanists. Currently the project is supervised by Francesca Sohl as its Project Director. Over 151 local knowledge experts were interviewed and their contributions documented. Over 1000 plant specimens



were collected, preserved and documented to include their cultural and medicinal values to the people of Pohnpei, and are kept as a permanent record at The College of Micronesia-FSM—National Campus herbarium in the Science Laboratory. As a result two significant achievements for the people of Pohnpei: a draft Primary Health Care Manual documenting some plants and their medicinal values that can serve as source for alternative medicine for ages and a most comprehensive manuscript documenting important endemic plants and introduced plants in Pohnpei.

To bring the result of the project back to the people of Pohnpei CSP and its partner Dr. Michael Balick (Lepen Tamworohi) of NYBG met the Council of Paramount Chiefs on

December 06, 2007 at Peilapalap to present the preliminary result of the project a manuscript for their adoption. The Council expressed its appreciation to Dr. Balick NYBG, CSP and all who helped make this project successful. CSP also met with Governor Johnny P. David to present the project on December 19, 2007. In both meetings CSP and NYBG recognize the outstanding support of the State, the Traditional Leaders and the people of Pohnpei and presented the unique opportunity the first of its kind to have the State and the Council of Paramount Chiefs to hold the copyright to the work produced. The copyright ensures that this important knowledge remains the property of the people of Pohnpei and establishes prior knowledge.

### CSP Annual Review to be Held January 31st

*Eugene Pangelinan  
Chair, CSP Board of Directors*

As we greet the New Year with hope and new opportunities, we should also give thanks and praise for the many blessings we have enjoyed over the last year. The year 2007 was indeed an eventful year for CSP marking its 9<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and all the good work our staff and management have done to continue what we at CSP truly believe in, that our natural heritage must be preserved for our future generations to enjoy and benefit from. We sincerely acknowledge and appreciate the generous support and commitment each and every member of the Society has given towards these efforts, and we encourage everyone’s continued active support and participation in 2008. We are also very thankful for our friends and donors, both locally and abroad, for their continued support and trust in the work of the Society. Truly, without your support and generosity, CSP would not be able to carry out the many programs and activities to protect and preserve our natural heritage.

With these few words, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, the staff and management team, I wish to extend to you our sincerest *Kalahngan en Kupwuramwail* for the confidence and trust you have given us over the last year. We have a lot to do in 2008 and together, hand in hand, we truly believe we can succeed. There is a Pohnpeian saying, “*anginkehlap*”, which means literally the strengths and powers of a grouping of people or community. Nothing can stand in our

way if we embrace this Pohnpeian saying and together we can do anything to protect and preserve our natural heritage. Finally, our partnership with the Pohnpei State Government and the communities throughout Pohnpei has been an inspiration to us all at CSP and I want to also take this opportunity to thank them all for all their hard work and commitment to this partnership. Last but not least, I want to thank all those dedicated employees who left CSP during the year for their contribution to this important work and also welcome the new staff who joined us to carry on the mission of CSP.

To get started in the right direction CSP would like to invite its General Memberships for a scheduled General Membership meeting to be held January 31<sup>st</sup>. at **Lapw Kupwu** to celebrate the many accomplishments we have achieved in 2007 and to chart the way forward for an even more exciting year ahead. Each of you should have your invitations delivered by now with details and encourage you to join the Society as we celebrate another successful year of conservation in Pohnpei.

In closing, I would like to invite those Members who have not renewed your membership to take the opportunity to renew your commitment through our membership options (**Student membership \$5.00, Serehd \$10.00, Corporate \$100-\$500 and Lifetime \$1,000**). With your contribution we were able to accomplish a lot in 2007 and plan to do more with your support in 2008. Thank you for your outstanding commitment and support.



## President Triet Suggests Agriculture, Fishery Cooperation With Micronesia

*VietNamNet Bridge* – Vietnam and Micronesia should strengthen cooperation in areas that the two countries are strong in such as agriculture and fishery in order to meet the aspiration and benefits of the two peoples.

President Nguyen Minh Triet made the suggestion at a reception for visiting Speaker of the Micronesian Congress Isaac V. Figir in Hanoi on January 10.



*Vietnam's President Triet meets with FSM's Speaker Figir*

He said he hoped this visit will open new opportunities for the two countries' future cooperation.

The State leader expressed his thanks for Micronesia's support for Vietnam's bid to become a UN Security Council non-permanent member and said he wished the two countries would continue to coordinate closely in the framework of the United Nations as well as other international and multi-lateral forums.

President Triet and the Micronesian Congress leader shared their concerns about climate change, which is threatening the people's life.

Speaker Figir affirmed that Micronesia will continue its support for Vietnam in the UN, adding that the country is determined to further ties with Vietnam in areas of common interest.

President Triet said the concern prompted Vietnam to sign the Kyoto Protocol and attend the 15th APEC Forum on Climate Change held in Sydney, Australia, last September.

## U.S. Deportations Could Include Pacific Islands Criminals

*NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga (Radio Tonga News, Jan. 17, 2008)* - Tongans who are serving time in prisons and jails throughout the United States could be among more than 200,000 immigrants the Washington government expects to deport this year.

A top U.S. immigration enforcement official said this week that the move to speed the deportation of foreign-born criminals aims to help federal and state prisons reduce the costs of housing immigrants.

Head of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE agency, Julie Myers told the New York Times that illegal immigration has emerged as one of the most passionate in the campaign for the 2008 U.S. presidential election.

In 2007, ICE brought formal immigration charges against 164,000 immigrants who are behind bars nationwide, according to the Times.

Ms. Myers said many of those immigrants are slated for deportation this year.

agency identified 64,000 immigrants behind bars, most of whom were deported.

Myers said in the past year, federal agents have stepped up efforts to find immigrants behind bars and complete immigration proceedings so they could be deported directly from prison without being released into the streets.

She said foreigners behind bars include large numbers of immigrants who were legal residents, but lost their legal status as a result of being convicted of crimes. ICE sent 276,912 immigrants to their home countries last year, including many who had never been arrested for crimes, but were deported for civil immigration violations.

The newspaper said Myers also confirmed that ICE adopted a new policy last week requiring a court order for medical staff members to give sedation drugs to immigrants being deported.

Radio Tonga understands that a number of deportees have settled in Tonga after living in the U.S. for many years.

The Times said in 2006, the

*Tonga Broadcasting Commission*

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## Seen Any Good Movies Lately?



By *N.N. Isaac*  
*The Kaselehle Press*

No one is completely immune to the massive marketing power of Hollywood, so I wouldn't be surprised if you've already heard about the two blockbusters I watched over the weekend. Hopefully, you've seen them by now, but if you haven't, and you're still undecided about what to watch this week, allow me to make a suggestion, or two... or three.

The first film you might want to check out is "I Am Legend", starring Will Smith, and Abby, the German shepherd. This drama/sci-fi/thriller hit had everyone singing Will Smith's praises for his performance as Dr. Robert Neville. (I, personally, think the German shepherd should get an Oscar for best supporting actor.) Here is yet another movie about the apocalypse, brought on by some kind of pandemic infection of a virus gone bad. If this sounds like it's been done before, it has, literally. This movie is a remake of the 1971 film "The Omega Man" starring "Moses", a.k.a. Charlton Heston. Both these films are based on the 1954 sci-fi vampire novel "I Am Legend" by Richard Matheson.

I'll be honest. I've grown a bit tired of the whole "end-of-the-world" theme, but I watched this movie anyway to see what all the hype was about. I'm happy to say that it was surprisingly good. In fact, I was far from disappointed, and closer to clawing the stuffing out of my seat during some of the scarier scenes. Will Smith does an excellent job portraying a man struggling with absolute isolation, boredom, and any thing else you can imagine if you were the last person on earth.

This movie is adventurous, thought-provoking, and downright entertaining. You should try your best to catch it while it's still in theaters, or else you'll have to wait to catch this flick on DVD.

On a lighter note, if you like animated movies and cool special effects, you've got to check out "Beowulf" starring Anthony Hopkins, Angelina Jolie, Robin Wright Penn, John Malkovich, and Ray Winstone, who plays Beowulf. If you're a bit rusty with your Old English epic poems, "Beowulf" is about a hero who answers a king's plea to save his people from a monster who is attacking and eating them on a nightly basis.

Like in his previous movie, "The Polar Express" (2005), director Robert Zemeckis used motion capture animation to retell this fantastical story about monsters, dragons, demons, and heroes. While this film is more of a comic book version of the epic poem, the moral of the story is still there, thanks to the sumptuous writing of Roger Avary and Neil Gaiman ("Stardust"). Admittedly, some depth to the characters was lost by using this technological approach to acting and storytelling. However, I feel this classic epic was brought to life in an exciting way that only technology can do. Even though this movie received a "PG-13" rating, I would caution parents that there are some scary elements and graphic fight scenes, as well as nudity.

If neither of these movies tickles your fancy, then might I suggest a hilarious comedy already on DVD, called "Knocked Up", starring Katherine Heigl, Seth Rogen, Leslie Mann, and Paul Rudd. This 2007 comedy was written and directed by Judd Apatow, who made loads of us laugh in 2005 with "The 40 Year Old Virgin."

In "Knocked Up", Katherine Heigl (Izzy from Grey's Anatomy) plays Alison Scott, a young, beautiful, career-oriented girl, who lands a promotion at her job and decides to celebrate with a night on the town. That night at a club, she meets Ben Stone, a charming but jobless slacker played by Seth Rogen (Cal from "The 40 Year Old Virgin"). Cocktails lead to shots, and with beer-goggles firmly in place, Alison decides to indulge in a one-night-stand with Ben. I don't want to spoil anything, but if you'll notice the title of the movie, their story doesn't end the morning after their drunken tryst.

Personally, I loved everything about this movie. Mr. Apatow's film reflects modern-day perspectives on love, sex, and relationships, mixed in with witty and, yes, dirty humor. "Knocked Up" has all the makings of an instant classic. This movie is rated "R", so make sure to put the babies to bed before enjoying this comedy.

Take a load off this weekend and watch a movie or two. Hopefully, your lengthy list of critical decisions just got a little shorter. Until next time, be kind, rewind, and watch for it on DVD.

## Letters to the Editor

### Pohnpei Tennis Facilities

### An Embarrassment

There has been serious criticism for some time now from locals, especially sports aficionados, over the dilapidated state of sports facilities at the Pohnpei Botanical Garden, particularly the four tennis courts, whose dilapidated state is obviously the result of neglect by State leaders.

The facilities, which cost more than a million dollars to build, were authorized by the State for the 5th Micronesia Games that Pohnpei hosted nearly a decade ago. Since then, no maintenance has been undertaken on the facilities, particularly the tennis courts and the swimming pool.

The poor leadership and management of the Social Affairs office under the previous administration is clearly to blame for this mess.

Proper procedure dictates that those responsible for the upkeep of the facilities should have conducted a thorough investigation into the condition of this valuable investment – valuable both for the money expended as for the benefits Pohnpeians derive from their use – and report to the Governor who, in turn, should ask the Legislature for the funds needed to keep these facilities in decent condition.

However, this has been neglected for too long now. Everyday, children and adults, including the elderly, use the tennis courts. Clinics and tournaments are also held there regularly. Needless to say, all these take place under very unacceptable playing conditions.

The way things stand today, after close to a decade's neglect, the tennis courts will require full renovation – and substantial funding – to restore to decent shape.

It is a disgrace how our so-called leaders have neglected such important facilities. Compare this to other Micronesian Islands like

Palau and the CNMI, where the sports facilities are well maintained and remain in good condition, benefiting their residents, and weep in shame and frustration.

It is unimaginable how our leaders could have overlooked the importance of such sports facilities not only to the recreational needs of their constituents but, equally if not more, important, to their wellbeing as well. The upkeep and use of such facilities also deliver indirect benefits on health services.

The Pohnpei Tennis Club, under the long supervision of Dr. Brian Isaac and Mr. Ronald Etscheit, and now current president, Mr. Murphy Panuelo, has been undertaking efforts to seek outside funding to overhaul the facilities since it is obvious that Pohnpei's leaders are not inclined to look after their own people's welfare.

That private citizens have to take up the burden of accomplishing what their government is supposedly sworn to do for them is a clear indictment of their leaders' fitness – or, more accurately, lack thereof – to be in office. It is an indictment made more damning by the amount of monies these same leaders have not hesitated to expend for their travels abroad.

I am certain PTC members will continue to patiently work to find their own source of funding. But this is not easy work and will surely take time to achieve. In the meantime, the courts continue to deteriorate, a huge public disgrace.

We can only hope that the New Year brings new enlightenment as well to Pohnpei's leaders and make them see that good governance involves a holistic approach to the people's welfare. And that includes their recreational and physical needs.

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## K-Press Perspective

### Embedded!

Every day the inbox of The Kaselehlie Press is jammed with press releases and breaking news from around the Pacific and the rest of the world. My attention today was drawn to an article about the International Federation of Journalists' call to Sri Lanka's Government and its President Mahinda Rajapaksa to take urgent action to protect the safety of journalists and uphold the rights of the media to report on issues of public interest.

Practicing journalists in Sri Lanka are dying. Six of them were killed in 2007 alone. Others have simply disappeared. One editor in Sri Lanka has not left the newspaper office for more than a year for fear of being killed.

Sri Lanka is one of the most dangerous places on earth to be a journalist even if the journalistic outlet is State owned. According to the Free Media Movement, on December 27, 2007, Labour Minister Mervyn Silva "forcibly entered the offices of the Sri Lanka Rupavhini Corporation and assaulted the state-run television network's news director, T.M.G. Chandesekara. The attack was reportedly because SLRC did not telecast one of the Minister's speeches."

Several separate journalists from different media organizations who reported on the incident have received death threats.

"Death threats!" The words echoed from the canyon walls of my mind, a canyon into which I was falling head over heels.

I fell for just moments before I landed upright on a solid and wide ledge. How grateful I am to be a journalist in the Federated States of Micronesia!

Journalists all over the world are dying and I am free to report as issues demand. I have faced anger and disappointment over my stories but only once was I threatened with death and I didn't take that threat very seriously.

On Tuesday, January 15, I started a new and unusual job for a Newspaper Editor. I am, at least for the time being, functioning part time as the Public Information Officer

for the Executive Branch of the FSM. Before I agreed to take on this function I thought long and hard and called FSM citizens and residents whose judgment I trust for their advice on the job offer.

Ultimately, the decision was mine to make and I made it based on several pros that popped into my mind and parked themselves there as I pondered the possibilities. Were it not for some assurances from President Mori I could never have considered this move and, quite frankly, I was surprised that he made those assurances.

On my very first day I found out that I would be responsible to report on the Chief Executives Conference, which historically has been "off limits" to journalists. I was truly frightened as I walked into the room that day, not that I would be killed but that I would be embarrassed by someone saying that they objected to my presence. No one did and in fact, they treated me as if I belonged.

Also on my first day in the office the President called me to his office for a meeting. He told me that his office could not say that they were making an effort at transparency if he had no Public Information Officer.

He not only got a PIO who will release information as required, he got an embedded journalist that will report on the good and the bad as it arises.

In a lot of ways hiring me was a courageous act on his part and I can't deny the fact that I admire him for that.

Certainly there will be challenges in balancing these two important positions but I hope to prove myself to all concerned. I will continue to strive to be balanced to the best of my ability.

If the PIO position gets in the way of free reporting I will be forced to leave it. As a writer, The Kaselehlie Press is my first priority.

I can't document this but I remember when I was younger, an elder candidate for U.S. President who said something to the effect of, "If I get to be senile I will step down

as President."

I remember laughing about that with my father and both of us saying, "Yeah right! One morning the President will wake up and say 'Oh no! I'm senile. I'd better step down' Yeah, That'll happen for sure!"

Maybe that was your reaction when I said I would leave the PIO's office if I found that I could not write freely. I understand completely. It was not an easy decision to take the job. I will need to rely on the Board of Directors of The Kaselehlie Press to be *constructively* critical and to keep me in line.

I like the analogy that one of my friends made after I began working for the office of the President. He didn't rail about conflict of interest like I have come to expect. Instead he said, "Oh, Ok. So The Kaselehlie Press will be kind of like the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)?"

I thought about that. The KPress will not be government funded like the BBC and yes, I admit there are a lot of differences in my situation. The BBC still manages to be very balanced and well respected. Granted, they have had their problems with politically slanted news on occasion but they have always been brought back to task by public scrutiny.

I suspect that FSM citizens and residents will let us know what they feel about our coverage. They have in the past and I'm sure that won't change.

As the FSM Public Information Officer I will write the official press releases for the Executive Branch and I may use some of them here though not all.

As the Editor of The Kaselehlie Press I will write as I always have done. There will be biases because every human being including journalists has them. Journalists call them "angles".

Except on the opinion pages I will strive to keep my biases well hidden. I've not always been successful in that endeavor but I have tried and I will continue to do that.

In order to prove myself to you I will not be vilifying the Executive Branch needlessly. I also will not be deifying the office or its occupants.

I will do my best to point out in The Kaselehlie Press when the office has made significant achievements and also when there are problems. I am fully cognizant of the fact that these things are my mandate as the Editor of The Kaselehlie Press and I intend to honor that mandate to the best of my ability.

Maybe it is as someone suggested a "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer" scenario but in terms of transparency at least, the FSM is far more developed than Sri Lanka.

*Bill Jaynes*  
Managing Editor



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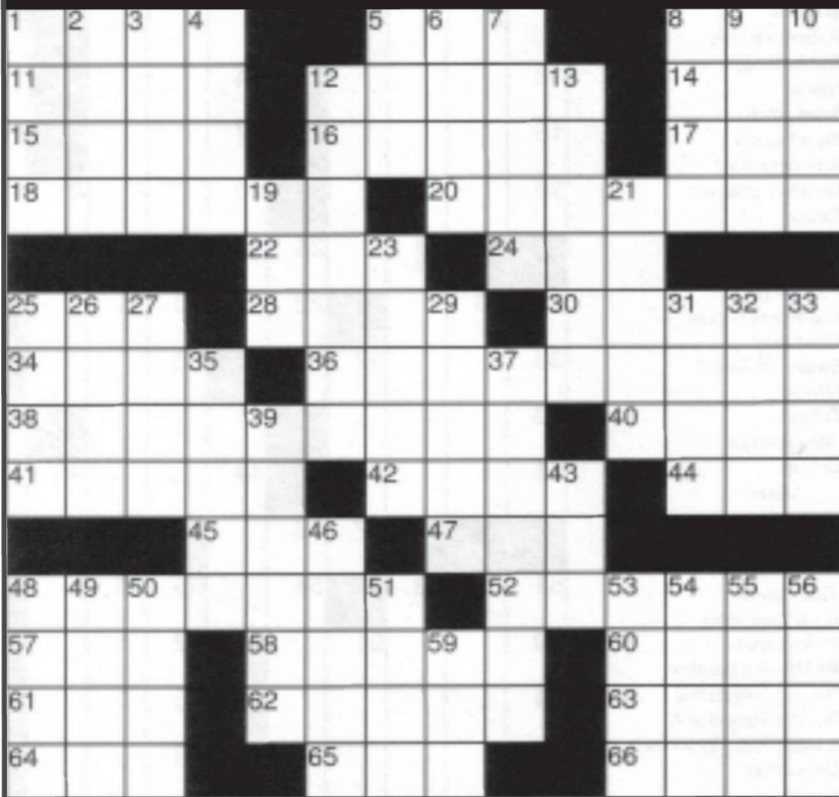


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  - 14. Tennis shot
  - 15. Feed into a fax
  - 16. White collar folk
  - 17. Annoyance
  - 18. In this manner
  - 20. Extra in a Western
  - 22. Fraternal member
  - 24. Title title for Poitier
  - 25. Commercial spots
  - 28. Mood
  - 30. Freud's prop
  - 34. Egg on

**LEGITIMATE**

- 36. Boeing concern
- 38. Gives rise to
- 40. Lingerie item
- 41. Note taker
- 42. Truckstop truck
- 44. It means trouble, my friends
- 45. Teacher temp
- 47. Medico
- 48. Unproven
- 52. Picked up on
- 57. Pitching \_\_\_
- 58. Sued one's claim
- 60. Legitimate
- 61. Wall hanging
- 62. Big hooks
- 63. Workshop holder
- 64. Affirmative
- 65. Minuscule
- 66. Tarzan's pa]s
- 6. Clothing seams
- 7. Messy places
- 8. Boater's tarp
- 9. God's Little \_\_\_
- 10. Look
- 12. Missile ammo
- 13. Buffoonery
- 19. Allow
- 21. Takes a pratfall
- 23. Benders in the legs
- 25. "Rock of \_\_\_"
- 26. "\_\_\_ Rock the Boat"
- 27. Gum
- 29. Needed an eraser
- 31. Festive event
- 32. Amino \_\_\_
- 33. Hock shop item
- 35. Thick
- 37. Gradual absorption
- 39. Candy substance
- 43. Put a cold pack on
- 46. Underneath
- 48. Not home
- 49. Folk history
- 50. Scads
- 51. Tenth of a buck
- 53. Star that goes boom
- 54. Bounce stones off the water
- 55. Let up on
- 56. Salon supplies
- 59. Spelling event

**SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE**

**Missing Vowels**

Before you can loop the words in the puzzle below, you must first fill in the circles in the diagram with the missing vowels A, E, I, O, and U.

We have filled in one word for you.



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AVAIL  
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## Should Christians Be Environmentalists?

Do Christians have a special responsibility to protect the environment? If you had asked that question of European and American Christians not long ago, many would have answered with a resounding no and pointed you to the book of Genesis. In Genesis 1:28, God gives His blessing to the Earth's first man and woman and tells them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it." This was taken as evidence that God had made human beings His representatives on Earth and then had given us license to destroy His creation, justifying conveniently what Westerners were already in the process of doing.

But the time when all human action really was representative of God's will was short, and it took only two more

chapters in Genesis for mankind to sin against the Creator and to be thrown out of the Garden of Eden. God's anger at Adam's sin was so great that He placed a double rather than a single curse, on both mankind and nature. In Genesis 3:17-18, God told Adam and Eve, "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you." Adam's fall in the Garden of Eden is often understood to be the first entry of sin into the world. But this passage suggests that both man and nature are fallen. Is the fallen state of both mankind and nature the root of nature's violence toward man? Is it the root of man's violence toward nature?

A growing number of Christian

evangelicals have recently turned to a new kind of environmentalism. Christian environmentalism is based on the idea that mankind has a responsibility to be a good steward of God's creation. Christian environmentalists often cite Psalms 24:1, which reads, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." This passage suggests that the earth belongs to God just as we do, and that humankind and the rest of creation are equally important in God's eyes. This is a powerful idea, but what about the curse? If man and the rest of creation are still under Adam's curse, how can that curse be lifted? We can turn to Paul's letter to the Romans for an answer to that question.

In Romans 8:19-21, Paul

writes, "The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God." Paul is talking about the double curse in Genesis. He is arguing that God's curse frustrated nature and that nature is waiting for man's salvation as a signal that its own curse has been lifted.

The most central idea in Paul's theology is the idea that mankind is in a fallen state that can be reversed only with God's saving grace, as delivered by Jesus Christ. Paul writes in Romans that, because mankind and humanity were cursed together, we will also be saved together. Jesus Christ came to redeem nature from its curse just as he came to redeem humanity from ours. Nature cannot be liberated without humanity's salvation. But perhaps humanity also cannot be liberated without nature's salvation. If fallen human beings destroy the Earth, couldn't our proper care of creation be a sign of our redemption? That was the belief of the Ancient Greek philosopher Xenophon, although he said it in different words. He wrote that, "I think that just because she conceals nothing from our knowledge and understanding the Earth is the surest tester of good and bad individuals."

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<b>Astronomical Tide Prediction January 23 - February 5, 2007</b>				
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## ...Environmentalists?

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In Paul's time, of course, humanity lacked the technology to devastate the Earth as effectively as we can today. Humanity's reliance on nature then was also more obvious than it is now. Ancient peoples had no illusions that the whims of nature held their lives in the balance, and so the thought of living above or outside nature would never have occurred to them. In *That Hideous Strength*, C.S. Lewis wrote that in the old order, "matter and spirit were, from our modern point of view, confused" and that for ancient peoples, "every operation on Nature [was] a kind of personal contact, like coaxing a child or stroking one's horse." For modern man, in contrast, "nature is something dead - a machine to be worked, and to

be taken to bits if it won't work the way he pleases." We are now beginning to see the results of our tampering.

Placing a greater emphasis on mankind's responsibility to creation can have two great benefits for us. The first is that more people may be motivated to care for the environment, which plainly needs caring for. But the second is that, by striving to see God in nature, we may more easily see God in one another. If we see all of creation, humanity included, as part of one great organism that is striving toward salvation, we may also see that when we do harm to nature or to other humans, we are doing harm to everything and everyone, ourselves included.

Josh Levy

### Funny Exam Answers

Solomom had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines.

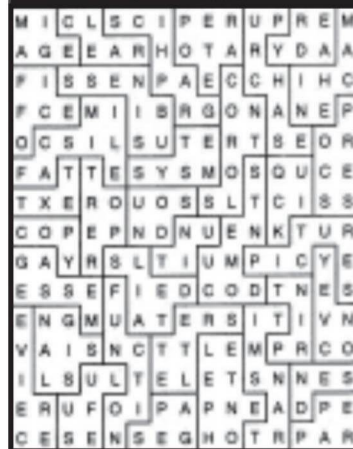
Gravity was invented by Issac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn when the apples are falling off the trees.

Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

The French Revolution was accomplished before it happened and catapulted into Napoleon. Napoleon wanted an heir to inherit his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't have any children.

**The deadline for Ads, News Items, or Letters to the Editor for the next issue is February 1**

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## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Cliff Rainbow Restaurant at 6:30p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the Truk Stop Hotel Restaurant VIP Room. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at [rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com](mailto:rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com)

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## New Study Reveals Potential Benefits of Under-Utilized Indigenous Foods in Micronesia

Dr. Barbara Burlingame  
FAO Senior Nutrition Officer

**Micronesia (Federated States of), 18 Dec 2007-** Apia. A new study indicates the potential benefits under-utilized indigenous crops could provide on nutrition-related problems in Micronesia. Concern over nutrition security in this area is high, as traditional plant foods in the diet are being replaced by imported foods of lower nutritional content.

Writing in the latest edition of the Journal of Food Composition and Analysis, sponsored by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), a group of researchers from the Federated States of Micronesia, Switzerland, Fiji, Australia, USA, and Palau have generated new data, and confirmed previous findings, showing that Micronesian giant swamp taro (*Cyrtosperma merkusii*) varieties are rich sources of nutrients.

For the first time, the researchers present data on carotenoid and mineral content of many varieties of giant swamp taro, in addition to dietary characteristics of Micronesian citizens. According to lead researcher Lois Englberger, certain varieties contain high amounts of micronutrients, including beta-carotene and essential minerals such as zinc, iron, and calcium.

The authors pointed out that their findings are important for establishing locally relevant dietary guidelines; assessing dietary intake and determining relationships between diet, disease, and health; providing information for agricultural and trade development; and

presenting data needed for protecting biodiversity and traditional food systems of indigenous peoples.

Carotenoid contents of giant swamp taro varieties in Micronesia varied from almost nothing to extremely high (greater than 4000  $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ g}$ ), with at least four varieties found with beta-carotene contents well over 1000  $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ g}$ . Englberger states that by consuming four cups a day of most of these giant swamp taro varieties, more than half of the estimated vitamin A requirement can be satisfied. Vitamin A deficiency, causing night blindness in adults, and total blindness and other serious disorders in children, is still prevalent in some Pacific Island countries.

Furthermore, the researchers discovered that zinc, calcium, and iron contents of giant swamp taro were much higher than many other island produce. Some varieties analysed contained enough zinc and calcium to achieve 50-100% of the recommended intakes of these nutrients. In addition, iron content was documented at 0.8mg/100g, whereas banana and breadfruit showed levels averaging only half this amount.

Until recently, not enough atten-

tion had been given to the nutritional attributes of Pacific Island neglected crops like the giant swamp taro, which can thrive on atoll islands, where soils are sandy and salty and few crops grow well. Farmers providing samples, along with Micronesian consumers, indicated that they had not known about the high nutrient content and potential health benefits of eating *Cyrtosperma*, and that such knowledge was motivating for carrying out extra work in growing and preparing this food.

In Micronesia, nutritionists encourage that *Cyrtosperma* varieties containing substantial concentrations of carotenoids and minerals should be promoted for their potential health benefits, along

with the food security, economic, cultural, and environmental benefits of growing and eating this local food. The promotion and revitalization of giant swamp taro could help Micronesian people overcome the multiple burdens of malnutrition affecting their Islands.


*The above is a press release from The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, based in Rome, Italy. The study includes taro (mwahng) samples from Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and Palau. See [http://www.fao.org/world/regional/rap/news\\_detail.asp?event\\_id=37804](http://www.fao.org/world/regional/rap/news_detail.asp?event_id=37804)*

**Dr. Lois Englberger**  
Pohnpei Island Food Community




Giant swamp taro (mwahng) corms presented at World Food Day Farmers Fair celebration in Kolonia, Pohnpei


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## Aussie Navy Technical Advisers Change Out

### National Police Press Release

After three very rewarding and enjoyable years as the Australian Navy's Mechanical Technical Adviser, Chief Petty Officer Ben Cartwright and his young family departed Pohnpei to return to Australia last week.

CPO Cartwright was the chief guest at a Police Maritime Wing dinner to farewell him and his family held on 28 December at the Sky Light Hotel. Officiating at the farewell function acting Secretary for Justice, Mr Timoci Romanu expressed his thanks on behalf of the FSM Government and the National Police Maritime Wing for Ben's dedication and friendship during his time in Pohnpei. He thanked him sincerely for his efforts specifically in helping the FSM's patrol boats to maintain

their electronic equipment to a high standard and in Operational support during Operation Island Chief hosted by FSM in 2006.

CPO Cartwright returns to Melbourne to undertake a two-year tertiary study program with a view to becoming a commissioned officer in the Royal Australian Navy.

Chief of Police Col Pius Chotailug, also thanked and congratulated CPO Cartwright on his selection for officer training and wished him God speed and all the very best for the future.

CPO Cartwright will be replaced by CPO Steve Bowley who arrives with his family from Western Australia on Friday 18 January.



Acting Secretary for Justice Timoci Romanu presents a memento of the FSM to CPO Ben Cartwright while Chief Pius Choitailug looks on

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