

Conman Foster Loses Sentence Appeal

By **CHRISTINE KELLET**
Brisbane Times

April 18, 2008 - Convicted conman Peter Foster has lost a Supreme Court challenge to his four-and-a-half-year jail term.

In a decision handed down this morning, the full bench of the Supreme Court of Appeal in Brisbane ruled the Gold Coast fraudster had no claim to a lighter sentence despite argument from his legal team that errors had been made in his original case.

Foster was jailed in December after pleading guilty to money laundering charges stemming from a scam involving the rip-off of more than \$300,000 from the Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia.

He obtained the money under the guise of a business loan to fund the development of a luxury resort off the coast of Fiji.

Instead, he transferred the money to Australia - some of it in a suitcase stuffed with cash - and used it to pay off his credit card, family debts and the rent on his girlfriend's Gold Coast home.

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Fuel Prices May Lead to Pohnpei Power Outages Or...Not?

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM - Between April 16 and April 21st, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) aired an announcement on Pohnpei State Radio V6AH 1450 AM. The spot aired twice a day and informed the public that since the price of diesel had increased to \$4.37 per gallon they would begin disconnecting "excessive and unpaid streetlights, and disconnection of none-paying (*sic*) or delinquent customers."

PUC said in that announcement that linemen conducted a streetlight survey and concluded that "there are 828 streetlights around the island that are functional and only 176 are being billed regularly." They say that as a result of this, PUC has been realizing losses of \$17,707.86 monthly on 652 streetlights.

We spoke with several people who had problems with streetlights. One, who is from U said that he has been paying \$10 a month for a streetlight that

has remained on all day and all night. That person said that the problem, according to PUC employees who showed up during the time that the V6AH announcement was airing, was a bad photo-electric switch that is supposed to turn the light on and off electronically. When the employees told him what the problem was and further said that they would have to disconnect the light, the customer offered to pay for the photo-electric switch himself to avoid



Pohnpei Utilities Company Power Plant in Nanpohnmal, Pohnpei

having the streetlight turned off.

The Oliver family has a streetlight both inside and outside of their gated and fenced property. The homestead is affectionately named "Fort Richie" and was named for their son who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Reed Oliver said that he and his wife wrote a series of letters to PUC over the last several years reporting that the outside streetlight for which they were being billed on a monthly basis was not working.

PUC showed up within the last few weeks and ripped out the power line that services a nabs and a chapel that is on their property along with a street light that the family privately installed and for which they paid. Those buildings are on a meter that shares a bill with the two street lights that are on their property. Mr. Oliver says that disconnection of power for their private buildings was the

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Lien Kolonia Town Donates to Pohnpei State Hospital

Pohnpei Public Affairs Office

On April 21, 2008, Lien Kolonia Town organization visited the new Director of Health Services, Dr. Elizabeth Keller and donated 10 expensive sheets, 100% cotton each for the operation room. The maximum capacity of the operation room is 10 patients according to Mrs. Une Joseph, the Vice President of the group. Presently, if all patients are to be treated at one time, there will be an insufficient number of sheets to cover the patients. The ten sheets cost \$125 USD or \$12.50 each.

The Director of Health Services thanked the representative of this women's group by saying that, "what they have done not many people can do. She went on to say, "Donating few but good things is better than not donating anything at all." The new director, on behalf of all the employees of the Department of Health Services thanked the group for their kind donation.

Presenting the donation to the Director of Health Services were Mrs. Une Joseph, Vice President; Mrs. Dalia Phillip, Secretary; and Mrs. Linda Peterson, Member and Wife of Kolonia Town Mayor.

The Lien Kolonia Town is a chartered organization with 34 registered members. Anyone from Kolonia Town who is interested can register and become a new member.

FSM Chief Executive Conference Meets in Yap

By Yap Department of Youth and Civic Affairs

Following the State Visit by President Mori, the Chief Executive Council (CEC) consisting of the President and the four State Governors held its Conference meeting in the Yap State Legislative Chamber. The one day meeting covered several briefings including that of the recently concluded JEMCO Technical meeting in San Francisco. Presentations for the conference included those from the Bank of the FSM, EU Renewable Energy projects under the European Development Fund, PMU projects, as well as the Fiber Optic Cable and Climate Change related issues.

Five separate CEC Resolutions (CEC-R) were signed by the principals of CEC at the conclusion of their meeting as follows:

1. CEC-R #2008-2-01 Regarding CEC support for the development of an Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy policy to reduce the nation's dependency on high-cost imported fossil fuel. The resolution directed the FSM Department of Resources and Development (R&D) to spearhead the effort with a working group to be comprised of National and State representatives.

2. CEC-R #2008-2-02 Regarding CEC support to mobilize infrastructure grants provided to the FSM in an effort to begin and continue necessary infrastructure projects. CEC, under this resolution, accepted the terms on the OIA grant offer of \$3 million (\$750,000.00 to each State government) and required its Secretariat to promptly provide information regarding the distribution procedure of the fund. It also resolved the States to amend their respective budgets to reflect this source of funds and to give attention to energy efficiency when utilizing the grant for construction, renovation or rehabilitation of government facilities.

3. CEC-R #2008-2-03 CEC support on the urgent need to address issues relating to Climate Change and available sources of funding to mitigate its effect on throughout the FSM. The resolution directed the National Environment and Emergency Management (EEM) in collaboration with the FSM Department of R&D to spear-

head effort in obtaining sources of funding to address Climate Change, and work closely with the States in identifying common needs for nationwide projects.

4. CEC-R #2008-2-04 Regarding CEC need to address disaster preparedness response, and recovery assistance programs and services to the FSM. It directs the States to work with the national government to determine the actual events causing damage that may qualify for disaster funding as required under FEMA criteria.

5. CEC-R #2008-2-05 Addressed the current energy crisis in the FSM and directed the Department of R&D to work

with the States utilities companies to address immediate need for maintenance of facilities and plants, actively seek block grants, and examine development of a broad mix of differing sources of energy to include both fossil fuels and renewable energy for long term viability.

Principal attendants for the conference were President Mori, Governor Anefal of Yap who was elected as Chairman of the CEC and Governor Weilbacher of Kosrae State. Pohnpei State Director of Finance Mr. Thomas Pablo represented Governor Ehsa. Chuuk State was unable to attend the conference.

President Mori Visits Yap

By Yap Department of Youth and Civic Affairs

In his first State Visit to the State of Yap, President Mori and members of his delegation were received at the airport by several State leaders led by Governor Anefal. The program of visit for the President included a tour of the Traditional School of Navigation Society where he was briefed on the institutional setup of the society and taken on a traditional canoe sailing. The Present also visited the COM-FSM Yap Campus and the Fisheries Maritime Academy, and met with the students and staff of the two schools. A cultural presentation by the village community of Kadai was presented for President Mori and his delegation.

During the visit a joint meeting was held between Yap State

Leadership and the President with his delegation during which issues of high priority for the state and the nation were discussed extensively. These issues included updates on status of the FSM Petroleum Corporations of which Yap expressed its desire to host the Headquarters, the Compact Implementation and Compliance issues, and the FSM/ Compact Trust Fund. Briefings from the national delegation on Climate Change issues and ongoing progress of the FSM Submarine Fiber Optic Cable Project were also provided for the joint leadership. President Mori's visit was concluded with a State Dinner.

Accompanying the President were several members of his Cabinet and other senior officials from national departments, offices, and agencies.

FAS Citizens Could be Effected by CNMI "Alien" Bill

By BILL JAYNES
The Kaselehlie Press

CNMI – According to an article that appeared in the Marianas Variety written by Gemma Q. Casas, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI) House of Representatives has passed a bill on to their Senate that would affect citizens of the FSM and other "Freely Associated States" (FAS) in the Pacific. The bill would not change the ability of citizens of Freely Associated States to migrate freely to the CNMI but it would allow for deportation of those who run afoul of local law.

The bill (16-44) was sponsored by House Minority Leader Oscar M. Babauta of Saipan; Raymond D. Palacios, of Saipan; and Edwin P. Aldan, of Tinian.

According to the Marianas Variety article the conviction of FSM Citizen, Douglas Amaichy Phillip for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon on July 29, 2002 prompted the introduction of the measure.

The Superior Court in which Phillip's case was heard ordered his deportation, a decision that he appealed. "His lawyer argued that Phillip should not be deported because he was not an "alien" under commonwealth law," the article said.

The bill said that the current legal definition of "alien" has not been updated since the dissolution of the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which had been administered by the United States over twenty years ago. Trust territory islands included the Northern Marianas, Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the four states that joined

together as the Federated States of Micronesia—Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap.

The Northern Marianas became CNMI, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas while all of the other Trust Territories became independent nations that are "freely associated" with the U.S.

The article says that the bill defines an "Alien" as "any person who is not a citizen or national of the United States, or not a permanent resident of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands." It said that the current definition of "alien is ambiguous because of references to the Trust Territory and has resulted in time consuming litigation."

On January 20, 2008 CNMI Supreme Court justices said in answer to Phillip's appeal, "The language of commonwealth law on this issue, combined with federal interpretation of the term 'alien' and the commonwealth Legislature's silence on this matter, lead us to conclude that Phillip is an alien for deportation purposes."

Casas said of the Justice's decision that "while it is true that the Compact of Free Association allows citizens of Palau, the FSM, and the Marshalls to live anywhere in the U.S., including the CNMI, it does not protect them from deportation if found guilty of violating [CNMI] laws."

The bill passed by the CNMI House of Representatives now passes to the CNMI Senate for their consideration.

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Transnational Crime Unit Opens in Palikir

Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP) Secretariat

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) has stepped up the fight against transnational crime in the Asia Pacific region with today's opening of the Micronesia Regional Transnational Crime Unit (TCU).

The Micronesia Regional TCU is a joint initiative between Australia, the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia, and the opening has been welcomed by Micronesia's Secretary of Justice Maketo Robert.

It is the sixth to open in the Pacific region, and is linked to a network of existing TCUs in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea.

The AFP first forged a relationship with the United States' Hawaii-based Department of Defence Joint Interagency Task Force West (JIATF West) in 2004 to create a more proactive criminal intelligence and investigative presence in the Pacific.

AFP's Manager International Network Paul Osborne said the TCU network allows law enforcement agencies to share intelligence, and to profile and target transnational crime groups operating across the region.

"The fight against transnational crime can only be successful through strong collabo-



U.S. Ambassador Miriam Hughes and FSM's Secretary for the Department of Justice Maketo Robert cut the ribbon on opening day of the Micronesia Transnational Crime Unit



orative partnerships and effective law enforcement intelligence," Commander Osborne said.

The AFP's engagement in the Pacific is focused on long-term capacity building, and addressing issues such as the transportation of narcotics, people smuggling, child sex tourism and transnational sex exploitation.

The AFP has provided the Micronesia TCU with \$300,000 of equipment and support, including a new vehicle, intelligence training and an AFP advisor for the first 12 months.

JIATF West has contributed \$450,000 to the project for the refurbishment of offices including the provision of cabling, air-conditioning, furniture and computer and communications equipment.

JIATF West's Deputy Director of Intelligence Gary Royster said the facility now had the level of technology required to fight transnational crime in the 21st century.

U.S. Funds New Regional Transnational Crime Unit

The Embassy of the United States of America

Several regional partners gathered on April 23, 2008, to inaugurate the new Micronesia Transnational Crime Unit (TCU) at the FSM Capital Complex in Palikir,

Pohnpei. The FSM's new TCU is part of the Pacific Transnational Crime Network established to effectively combat transnational crime in the region. The network includes units in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, and Vanuatu, as well as the Pacific Transnational Crime Coordination Center in Samoa, which coordinates, analyses and disseminates law enforcement intelligence produced by the key regional stakeholders and clients. The new FSM facility is the culmination of joint efforts among the United States Government, the Commonwealth of Australia and the FSM National Government.

Since 2006, the United States' Hawaii-based Department of Defense Joint Interagency Task Force West (JIATF West) has partnered with the Australian Federal Police and the FSM National Police to establish the TCU in Palikir. The United States provided \$450,000 to renovate and equip the former FSM National Police training facility. The Chief of the FSM National Police will exercise day-to-day administrative and operational control of the TCU, which will also include top law enforcement officers from the FSM, Palau, the Marshall Islands, and Kiribati. The TCU will enable Micronesia to leverage resources to combat transnational crimes, including terrorism, money laundering, human trafficking, drug trafficking, and sexual exploitation.

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COM Division of Technology and Trade Exhibit 2008

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – On April 24 and 25 the Pohnpei Campus of the College of Micronesia FSM staged an exhibition to display the topics of study that are available within the Division of Technology and Trade.

Students from the program presented various projects to showcase the skills they have attained by registering in the program at the College. Students from several schools within Pohnpei attended the event as a way of familiarizing themselves with future training opportunities they might participate in.

Demonstrations and short lectures were presented on Cellular Phone Repair, Audio/Video Systems, Personal Computer Repair, Residential Wiring, Motor Controls, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, Cabinet and Furniture Making, Auto and Small Engine Mechanics, and Welding.



This was the second annual T&T (Trade and Technology) exhibition for the College.

Division Chair Gardner Edgar said that there were two stated goals for the exhibit. The first was to increase awareness of the trade and technology programs that the Pohnpei Campus of the College of Micronesia, FSM

offers. The second was to promote a positive image for the program; to help remove the stigma that somehow participants in trade or technology programs are academic under achievers. He adamantly said, "That's just not true! Maybe the people who should earn better salaries are those people who get the work done in the field; the ones who fix

things when they need to be fixed.!"

This year's event was the first that was coordinated and planned by a student club, the T&T club. Members were responsible for nearly everything for the event with guidance from Mr. Edgar.

Edgar said that there were many important visitors for the event including U.S. Ambassador Miriam Hughes. The Division of Technology and Trade receives aid from the US Office of Insular Affairs under a matching grant program. "Trade and Technology programs are very expensive and we are grateful for their help," Edgar said.

Five Hopefuls to Vie for Congress Seat

FSM Congress Information Office

PALIKIR, Pohnpei, April 24, 2008 – Speaker Isaac V. Figir has received from the Office of the National Elections Director, the names of five candidates vying for the State of Chuuk's vacant seat in the 15th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

According to the National Elections Director, the following list have "met the requirements specified in Title IX of the FSM Code, therefore qualifying them as official candidates" for the national Special Election set for May 27, 2008:

Official candidates for Chuuk's National Election District Two (ED.2) representative to the FSM Congress are:

1. Les D. Aidel
2. Mark M. Mailo

3. Roger S. Mori
4. Tesime Kofot
5. Tos A. Nakayama

Chuuk State's National Election District Two is the region referred to as Northern Namoneas which is comprised of Fonoton, Piis-Panneu and Weno. According to information from Office of the National Elections, the current number of registered voters for the National ED.2 is around 10,338 voters. The number is however expected to increase following the closing dates noted in the Election Timetable.

The Director's letter to Speaker Figir also included an election time table which designated among other dates, the closing date for new registrations and open date to register travel votes will be Sunday – April 27th. Office personnel have indicated that the office will be open accordingly to accept those noted registration forms.

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Lawyers challenged the severity of the four-and-a-half-year sentence, arguing that the sentencing judge had given too much weight to the fraud aspect of his crime, instead of money laundering, for which he had been charged.

They also questioned the power of Australian authorities to force him to repay more than \$200,000 that has yet to be recovered.

An appeal hearing last month was told too much emphasis had been placed on Foster's previous history of dodgy dealings, which had "inflated" the gravity of the scam.

However, the arguments were dismissed in a unanimous appeal judgment handed down this morning.

The court was told last month Foster still faced the possibility of being extradited to Micronesia once he was released from prison in Australia, however there was no suggestion authorities overseas were planning such a move.

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Contract:

This is a 2-year contract, the extension of which will be assessed by the Embassy on the basis of need and performance.

Training in the Embassy's systems will be provided.

NB. All of the selection criteria need to be addressed within the written application to be considered for interview. An [example](#) of how to address the selection criteria is included in the application pack as a guide.

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Kolonias, Pohnpei, FSM
Fax 691-320.5449
Email janet.whitaker@dfat.gov.au

Applications close on **Monday 19 May 2008**. No late applications will be considered.

Pohnpei Special Olympics X

By Henry Phillip
Coordinator for Special Education



Photos by Nigel Jaynes



Special Olympics is an annual Special Education awareness activity created to help children and youth with disabilities in Pohnpei develop self-confidence, social, and a sense of personal accomplishment. This year Special Olympics Games were held at the Pohnpei Track and Field on April 25, 2008. The opening ceremony started at 9:00 a.m. More than 300 children and youth with disabilities for all ages participated in the Special Olympics games. The theme for this year Special Olympics is "Education is the ability to meet life's situation." The Special Olympics oath is "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Every Special Olympics athlete repeats these words before the games began. The oath is a pledge, or promise, to try to achieve the highest level of competition and good sportsmanship.



NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT SALE OF VESSEL F/V "ORYO MARU"



In accordance with Civil Action Number 2003-021 issued by the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia, Trial Division, on October 25, 2007:

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The vessel is currently located at the Pohnpei Port, FSM National Police Maritime Wing.

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Senator Magdalena Walter, PNI Legislature
Mr. Patterson Shed, Director, CSP
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Carmina Lihpai
PPL Librarian

Pohnpei Lions Club Raffles Off Major, Consolation Prizes

By Lion Alicia Ada

On Saturday, April 19, the Pohnpei Lions Club raffled off three major cash prizes and 10 consolation prizes. A cash prize of \$500 went to Arleen Yamaguchi, \$250 went to Rowel Demalata and \$150 went to Chiako Ben. The raffle was part of an effort to raise funds to continue an on going project to renovate homes of needy families on Pohnpei. The renovation project was initiated in 2006 in partnership with the local branch of Habitat for Humanity. So far, three houses have been completed and two are underway.

Three major prizes remain to be auctioned - a steel rack, a dehumidifier from Palm Terrace; room accommodations for two nights plus a dinner for two from the Village Hotel. Details on the auction will be posted at a later date.

Pohnpei Lions Club is headed by Lion President Noel Pascua, Lion Vice President Ric Dereas, Lion Secretary Lore Nena and Lion Treasurer Raul Miralles. Past Lion Presidents are Penny Weilbacher, Patterson Shed, Henry Tiongco, Raul Miralles, and Alicia Ada. Active members are Iris Falcam, Koisimy Rudolph, Eden and Julia Skilling, Elmer Cuasay, Mariana Dereas, Nanette Miralles, Theresa Pascua, Dyna Tiongco, and Ruthy Lebehn.

Pohnpei Lions Club wishes to thank its numerous donors and the public for their continued support throughout the 18 years of its existence.

ART WINNERS

Names	Grade	School
1. Sidney Nanpei	1 st	Ohmine School
2. Truelyn Fred	2 nd	Sapwalap School
3. Barney Pete Jesse	3 rd	SDA School
4. Justin Esteban	4 th	SDA School
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6. Keston James	6 th	Nett School
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8. Mimerli Soaz	8 th	Sokehs Powe School
9. Wensworth Billen	12 th	PICS High School

ESSAY WINNERS

Names	Grade	School
1. Fiona Nelson	4 th	SDA School
2. Yuhee Jung	5 th	SDA School
3. Kalio Edwin Jr.	6 th	Nett School
4. Macy Edgar	7 th	SDA
5. Drinette James	8 th	Nett School
6. Ainah Mhae Marzo	11 th	SDA School
7. Chrystal Jasmine Elca	2 nd	SDA School

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result of non-payment for the outside streetlight. The family contends that the light has not worked for years despite the arrival of monthly bills for it. The issue is still being debated between PUC and the Oliver family.

PUC, in its announcement on V6AH said "the cost of operating or servicing a single streetlight is \$27.16." The PUC customer in U said he was paying \$10 per month for his street light.

Senator Magdalena Walter said that she read a letter that was sent from PUC to the Governor's office that proposed that there be nightly scheduled power outages in Pohnpei in order to conserve fuel for the generators in the event of fuel shortages.

PUC paid over \$939,000 for fuel in the month of April alone. In order to pay a bill of that magnitude they would have to sell over 6260 \$5 cash power slips per day and not spend any money in the process of doing that

Walter said that the letter proposed a nightly power outage that would cover the area from Sokehs to Palikir and would occur between the hours of 1:00 a.m and 3:00 a.m. Kolonia, she said, from her remembrance of the letter would, if the proposal was approved, have an outage from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

She said that she expected after reading the letter that the outages would begin on May 1. With that in mind she called the power plant after midnight on the first of May and was told that the staff there had received no directive from PUC administration to turn off the feeders for a municipality anywhere in Pohnpei.

Walter said she called the power plant that night because she was concerned about the power to her ice makers and other machinery at Nihco Marine Park and she wanted to know how to instruct her staff on what to turn off at the park.

A PUC employee we spoke with on the phone said that the proposed power outages would include Sokehs and that they would extend southward and eastward through Madolenihmw including Kitti between the hours 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. She said that Kolonia and Nett would have an outage from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. The way she described it the plan would exclude the U municipality. She said that the plan that was proposed was a contingency plan in the event that PUC was running low on fuel; an emergency plan, "just in case."

It is clear that PUC has had fuel supply problems in the past. On April 16, Kamal Singh, the President of Mobil Oil Micronesia, Incorporated (MOMI) wrote a letter to PUC's interim CEO, Nixon Anson. In the letter he apologized for what he characterized as a "breakdown in communications with our staff in Pohnpei."

That breakdown in communication according to PUC staffers in the comptroller's office caused a power outage in Pohnpei specifically due to a lack of fuel for which PUC had already paid but that was not delivered. According to a PUC staffer, part of their order was fulfilled but before the last 5000 gallons could be delivered the price of fuel changed. A late night MOMI delivery solved the problem but not until power had been shut down over most of the island for several hours.

"Once we receive FSMPC's (FSM Petroleum Corporation) endorsement of the new contract between PUC and MOMI, rest assured that MOMI will credit PUC, from April 1, 2008, for the price difference," wrote Mr. Singh.

MOMI's communication problems don't seem to be isolated.

We talked to over twenty FSM citizens and asked them if they had heard a news item on V6AH suggesting that there might be planned power outages in Pohnpei. We found only one of them who said that the news item was on the radio and that she heard it in the afternoon. The rest said that they rarely listen to the station.

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Saimon Attorneys Request Continuance

By John Ford
Neosho Daily News

Neosho, Mo. - Attorneys for Eiken Elam Saimon have asked for a continuance.

Saimon, 53, of Neosho, is accused of three counts of first-degree murder, four counts of assault, a count of armed criminal action and a count of felonious restraint in the Aug. 12 shooting at Neosho's First Congregational Church.

Saimon is accused of entering First Congregational during an afternoon worship service a group of Micronesian worshippers was having and opening fire on the congregation.

Killed in the fray were Kernel Rehobson, 43, senior pastor of the congregation and Saimon's second cousin; Intenson Rehobson, 44, Kernel Rehobson's uncle and a church leader; and deacon Kuhpes Jesse Ikosia.

Several other members of the congregation were injured in the shooting.

Saimon reportedly surrendered to authorities after holding about 30 worshippers hostage for

several minutes. Saimon, who is a native of Pohnpei, was not a member of the congregation.

On Friday, Sharon Turlington, a specialist in death penalty cases who was added to Saimon's defense team, filed the motion for continuance, according to electronic court records listed on Case.Net. Cynthia Dryden, an attorney with the state public defender's office who has handled cases involving DNA evidence, is serving as co-counsel.

Trial is scheduled to get under way June 23.

Saimon also faces second degree statutory rape and second degree statutory sodomy in connection with an alleged incident which took place two days before the shooting.

Saimon is accused of sexually assaulting his 14-year-old niece because she and some of her friends used his car without his permission, authorities have told the Daily News.

A court date has not been set on those charges, according to electronic court records filed on Case.Net.

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service And Gunfire Breakfast Hosted By The Royal Australian Navy In Pohnpei

Lieutenant Commander Mark Sorby
Royal Australian Navy

Australians and New Zealanders resident in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia together with diplomats and local dignitaries joined the Maritime Surveillance Adviser, Lieutenant Commander Mark Sorby and Technical Advisers, Chief Petty Officer 'Johnny' O'Keefe and Chief Petty Officer Steve Bowley and their families to commemorate ANZAC Day.

The ANZAC Day dawn service was held at the purpose built ANZAC memorial located at the Australian Defence Compound on the western bank of the Nett River and commenced promptly at 0530 hours on Friday 25 April.

Dignitaries who attended the ANZAC Day dawn service included the FSM Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Loren Robert, LT Governor of the State of Pohnpei, Hon. Churchill Edward, the Australian Ambassador to FSM, Her Excellency Ms Susan Cox, the US Ambassador to FSM, Her Excellency Ms Miriam Hughes. The service was also attended by the Australian, US and Chi-

nese Deputy Heads of Mission and the Japanese Charge D'Affairs. Also present was the Kiribati Commissioner of Police, the Chief of FSM National Police, Colonel Pius Chotailug, Commander Maluweirang of the FSM police Maritime Wing and Commanding Officers, Officers and men of FSM's Pacific Patrol Boats. In all, approximately 120 people participated in the commemorative service.

The Australian Defence Advisers in Pohnpei were honoured by the presence again this year of US Marine Corps veteran Staff Sergeant Hilario Bermanis Jr. who was invited as their special guest for the ANZAC Day dawn service. SSGT Bermanis is one of many Micronesians who has served and are currently serving in the US Military in Iraq and Afghanistan, many of whom have suffered serious injury or paid the ultimate sacrifice. SSGT Bermanis suffered severe injuries when a roadside IED was detonated in the vicinity of the vehicle in which he was traveling.

At about 0500 hours, just prior to the arrival of the guests, the heavens

opened with the first tropical downpour of the day, but then ceased just minutes before the ceremony commenced and no rain fell again until well into the gunfire breakfast as guests were enjoying their rum spiked coffee and freshly cooked 'Aussie' bacon and eggs prepared by the advisers wives and compound staff. The first light shining through the dark rain clouds overlooking Nantelik precinct provided the perfect serene atmosphere for such a solemn occasion. When the last post was played after *Binyon's Ode* was read out by 9-year-old Skyla Bowley, the shrill sound of the bugle echoed across the river, bouncing off the surrounding mountains to add to the special atmosphere and emotion of the ceremony.

Floral wreaths were laid by the FSM Secretary for Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Government and people of FSM, the Australian Ambassador to FSM, Her Excellency Susan Cox on behalf of all Australians, Mr Kevin Mulholland on behalf of all New Zealanders, the US Ambassador to FSM, Her Excellency Miriam Hughes on behalf of all Americans, Chief Petty

Officer Steve Bowley on behalf of ANZAC's, and all Australian and New Zealand Service Veterans, Chief Petty Officer Chris O'Keefe on behalf of the Australian Defence Force, Major Frank Semens, USMC Rtd, on behalf of Micronesian members of the US Armed forces and Micronesian service veterans and Ratu Tevita Seniloli on behalf of all other Pacific Island service veterans and non-ANZAC servicemen and women.

The Royal Australian Navy's Maritime Surveillance Advisor to the FSM, Lieutenant Commander Mark Sorby, said that "the excellent attendance at the ceremony again this year I believe reflects our sincere gratitude and reverence for our servicemen and women both past and present and in particular the ANZACs and their legacy of honour, service, dedication and self sacrifice. The service was followed by a gunfire breakfast, which relives the last meal of the ANZACs before they went "over the top", many to their deaths.

'Lest We Forget'



Sean Tallon who is of Pohnpeian and New Zealand Heritage hoists the flag at the Anzac day celebration



Chief Petty Officer Steve Bowley lays a wreath in memory of the ANZAC's and honors them with a salute.

ANZAC Day

The ANZAC Day dawn service commemorates the 1915 landings of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs) on the shores of the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey. Landing as part of a British force, the battle was the first time that the two nations fought under their own flags and command, as a combined force.

The Gallipoli campaign was a military failure, but it forged the reputations of the ANZACs as tough, resilient and tenacious soldiers who were the match of any on the field of battle. Since that time the men and women of the two countries have fought and died side by side in many conflicts around the world. ANZAC Day now commemorates all personnel all those who have served their nations, especially those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The dawn service observed on ANZAC Day has its origins in an operational routine which is still observed by the armies of today. The half-light of dawn plays tricks with soldiers' eyes and from the earliest times the half-hour or so before dawn, with all its grey, misty shadows, became one of the most favoured times for an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were therefore woken up in the dark, before dawn, so that by the

time the first dull grey light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert and manning their weapons. This was, and still is, known as "stand-to".

After the First World War, returned soldiers sought the comradeship they felt in those quiet, peaceful moments before dawn. With symbolic links to the dawn landing at Gallipoli, a dawn stand-to or dawn ceremony became a common form of ANZAC Day remembrance.

The original ANZAC Day dawn service has a number of claimants. The most popular is credited to one Reverend Arthur White, a padre of the earliest ANZACs to leave Australia with the First Australian Imperial Force in November 1914. The convoy assembled at Albany's King George Sound in Western Australia and at 4 am on the morning of their departure, he conducted a service for all men. On 25 April 1923, White returned to Albany and gathered some 20 men at dawn on Mt Clarence overlooking King George Sound. They silently watched a wreath floating out to sea and he quietly recited the words 'as the sun rises and goeth down we will remember them'. All were deeply moved and the news of the ceremony soon spread. White is quoted as saying

Black Coral Sanctuary

By *Conservation Society of Pohnpei*

When Dakio Paul returned to the small pacific island of Pohnpei in 1990 after nearly two decades of working and living in Saipan, he immediately went back to the place that represented the best of his childhood memories—Black Coral Island.

Black Coral, known locally as *Kehpara*, had belonged to the Paul family for generations. Dakio vividly remembered the abundance of fish, turtles and other marine life in the waters around Black Coral, as well as a large seabird colony on the small neighboring islets.



Mr. Dakio Paul, a Pohnpei Hero of Conservation. Dakio's pioneering efforts have helped to build national support to move forward on a national system of parks and protected areas for the entire Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)

From February to April of each year, the reefs around Black Coral were famous for the largest recorded fish spawning aggregation in the Western Pacific – between 15,000-20,000 adult individuals aggregated for 2-3 months along a 200 meter stretch of reef just east of Black Coral Island.

However, when Dakio returned in 1990, he was shocked by what he found. Corals in the area had been heavily damaged from anchors and trampling from numerous fishermen working in the area. Fish were scarce and the famous grouper spawning aggregation had been heavily overfished. Black Coral's beaches were littered with fish and bird bones and turtle carapaces. On that day, Dakio pledged to return the area to its former health.

In partnership with Pohnpei's Marine Resources Division, Dakio announced to the adjacent communities that Black Coral was now closed to fishing. At first, the local community, many of Dakio's own family members, were resistant. Fisherman challenged Dakio's right to close the area, which by law was "public waters." Night and day, local fisherman trespassed into the area and still fished.

With only his boat and a 15 horse-power engine, Dakio patrolled the waters and enforced his fishing ban 24 hours a day. After nearly three years of constant vigilance, local fishermen began to notice a difference – fish population and sizes increased not only in the protected area but also in adjacent areas, a spill-over effect. Astonished fishermen, converted by their own observations, spread the news of Dakio's success to their colleagues around the island.

Island-wide recognition of Black Coral's success soon followed, and in 1999 the Pohnpei Legislature passed the Pohnpei Sanctuary Act legally declaring Black Coral/Kehpara and eight other marine sites as

Pohnpei's first marine sanctuaries. The Act, the first of its kind in the Micronesia region, prohibited any fishing and collecting in these areas and has since spawned similar legislation in other islands and nations. A host of visitors to Black Coral Island from around the region, fishermen and conservationists alike, have been inspired to set up their own community marine protected areas.

Finally, in 2001, Pohnpei State Government appointed Dakio as one of the first State Marine Conservation Officers, and through this position, he has been able to train and motivate a new generation of marine conservationists working to protect and rehabilitate Pohnpei's reefs to their former bounty.

As for Black Coral Island, the grouper spawning aggregation on the adjacent reef has fully recovered, and each year the number of returning adults increases. Sea birds again thrive on the neighboring islets and nesting turtles have begun to return. The Conservancy and local partners like the Pohnpei State government and the non-profit Conservation Society of Pohnpei are now working with Dakio and his family to ensure continuity of protection for the important diversity now thriving at the site.

On a larger scale, Dakio's pioneering efforts have helped to build national support to move forward on a national system of parks and protected areas for the entire Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). In 2004, the FSM joined 188 other nations in ratifying the Convention on Biological Diversity Program of Work on Protected Areas. Thanks to Dakio's dedicated work, and that of other environmentalists like him, the community-led marine protected area movement in FSM offers hope for the future.

Dakio Paul, who died on March 18, 2008 will long be remembered as a hero of conservation.

Pohnpei EPA Surveillance Lab Certified

By *Pohnpei Environmental Services*

(Kolonias, April 03, 2008) – The Pacific Islands (PI) Laboratory Certification Program has certified the Environmental Surveillance Laboratory of the Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency (Pohnpei EPA) to analyze drinking water supplies under the Colilert® Method. The certification is effective until 2010. Clayton Santos, Laboratory Supervisor, and analyst Fermin Scaliem were also certified as Laboratory Technicians.

Certified labs and technicians are necessary to ensure that the water quality data used for protecting public health is reliable. Certification provides assurances that the lab produces scientifically valid and legally defensible data, and that the staff are qualified to analyze water samples for bacterial contamination.

Labs receive certification when they meet specific criteria, pass an on-site evaluation at least every two years, and have a certified

The Honorable Churchill Edward, Acting Governor of Pohnpei State, made a comment that it has been an ambition of the of the New Administration when they first stepped into office three months ago, was to raise the standards of governmental operations to better serve the people of Pohnpei and that this certification has taken us one step closer into achieving these standards. The Acting Governor also thanks the USEPA for their support and congratulates Pohnpei EPA and the two specialists for their accomplishments.

According to Buchan, "Pohnpei EPA has an excellent laboratory and well qualified staff". During the ceremony, Vaouli recognized the accomplishments of the lab and congratulated Pohnpei EPA for their support of the program. Executive Officer Albert Roby and his staff are very deserving of this certification, and worked hard over many months to prepare for this audit. We expect they will continue to uphold the highest level of standards to maintain their certification, and to reliably monitor the quality of drink-



From Left to Right: Albert Roby, Executive Officer Pohnpei EPA; Edna Buchan, U.S. EPA Lab Certification Officer; Elena Vaouli, U.S. Public Health Service/Pacific Islands (PI) Certification Program Manager; Honorable Churchill Edward, Acting Governor, Pohnpei State; Clayton Santos, Lab Supervisor; Fermin Scaliem, Lab Technician; Ferny Perman, Chairman, EPA Board of Directors

technician on staff. Technicians are certified when they successfully pass a written exam and a practical demonstration of the proficiency test. The Pohnpei EPA audit was performed by USEPA Lab Certification Officer Edna Buchan and PI Certification Program Manager LT Elena Vaouli of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Certificates were presented to Pohnpei EPA and to individual technicians Santos and Scaliem at a small awards ceremony held at the Pohnpei EPA office on Thursday, 03 April 2008. The award ceremony was joined by the Honorable Acting Governor Churchill Edward and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Pohnpei EPA Mr. Ferny Perman.

ing water in Pohnpei State.

The PI Laboratory Certification Program was developed specifically for water quality labs of the U. S Freely Associated States including the FSM, and the Republic of Palau and the Marshall Islands. Members of the Program include the U.S Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Pacific Territorial Environmental Protection Agencies (American Samoa EPA, CNMI Department of Environmental Quality, and Guam EPA), with funding support from the U.S. Department of Interior. The PI Program is equivalent to the U.S. EPA Laboratory Certification Program, which certifies labs in the U.S. States and Territories.

Funny Exam Answers

- ...Another story was William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.
- ...Later, the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, and this was called Pilgrim's Progress. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.
- ...The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West.

FSM Olympic Talent Identification Workshop held on Pohnpei

By **JIM TOBIN**

The FSM National Olympic Committee held a week long Olympic Talent Identification Workshop on Pohnpei from April 21-25. The workshop was funded by Olympic Solidarity, Samsung, through the Oceania Foundation, and the FSM National Government Department of Health and Social Affairs. Twenty-four participants for all four FSM States attended the training held at PMA Studio, COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus gymnasium and the COM-FSM National Campus Gymnasium. Most of the participants were government and college sport and recreation staff. The FSM Talent Identification Project is the second talent identification pilot project to be held in the Oceania region, with Vanuatu holding the first training workshop in February.

The workshop instructors were Andrew Robinson and Trevor Allen from the Monash University in Melbourne, Australia and Brian Minikin, Oceania National Olympic Committees Regional Sport Development Director, from Suva, Fiji. The first three days of the course trained the participants to become talent identification testers using a testing battery of height, sitting height, weight, arm span, leg length, static balance, dynamic balance, throw and catch, dynamic reaction time test, 20 meter sprint, vertical movement jump, basketball throw, and reactive agility test. During the final two days of the workshop, over 150 students

from Calvary Baptist School, COM-FSM and Sekere Elementary School were tested.

One of the principal objectives of the Olympic Movement is to help the youth of the world and to offer young, promising athletes, symbols of the future, the possibility to progress to elite sporting levels. The main objective of this project was to assist the FSMNOC to discover young athletes who show a particular sporting talent. The secondary objective of the project was to establish a sustainable infrastructure in the FSM to enable ongoing testing and identification of athletes as well as more accurate monitoring of athletes' progress by training local people to undertake all sport testing measures. A final objective of the project is to use the testing to improve the physical fitness of our elementary school students.

With the support of the Pohnpei State Government Department of Education, the FSMNOC plans to test the physical fitness of all primary school aged children, using the Talent Identification Test Battery, in the next year. It is hoped the results will justify an increase in physical education in the primary and secondary schools on Pohnpei and the entire FSM. In August, two Yap elementary schools will begin a pilot physical education project. Plans call for all the Yap students participating in the pilot project to be tested using the Talent Identification Testing Battery, most likely in September.

...Outages?

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The news director of V6AH said that PUC had not submitted a Public Announcement that announced a possible schedule of power outages. She suggested that it was possible that the Governor's Public Information Officer had released something in one of his daily news broadcasts but that she couldn't be certain as he picks up his cassette tapes on a daily basis.

The employee that we talked with at PUC said that she didn't mind if we wrote stories about PUC as long as we got them right. That possibility was hampered by communication problems of another order.

We called PUC for three straight days hoping to speak with the interim CEO, Nixon Anson in order to clear up the proposed plan along with other facts we wanted to discuss. We were told on the third day of calling by the person who answers the phone on behalf of Mr. Anson that he had instructed her to tell us that he couldn't speak with the press until he had "worked things out with" State and National Government officials.

We called the Pohnpei State Legislature to speak with Senator Stevickson Edwin, the chairman of the Public Works, Transportation and Communication standing committee that oversees PUC. We were told that he was in a meeting and that he would call when the meeting was over. The next day we followed up only to find that he and the Vice Chair

for the committee had left island the day before. It is entirely possible that they both were involved in last minute preparations for their trip and simply didn't have time to talk with us when their Thursday meeting was concluded.

We also called the Pohnpei State Executive Branch but received no reply by deadline.

Meanwhile some businesses are making plans to be certain that they can continue to function. The owner of Palm Terrace, operating both on a rumor that the MOMI bulk plant was going to be under new management by May 15 and the rumor of power outages has stocked up with as much diesel fuel as they can store to keep their coolers operating during power outages.

Business owners are looking for their own generators in order to protect their investments during the night time hours.

Bakery operators in Kolonia are concerned about whether they will be able to deliver hot donuts and pastries by 6:00 in the morning.

According to Senator Walter, the hospital and those PUC customers that are on the same feeder lines as the hospital will be safe from power outages. That power line, as far as she knows, is not part of the proposed plan for power rationing.

Perhaps no one in the public will truly know anything unless or until the lights, refrigerators, computers or anything else that can be plugged into a socket, go out on a regular basis.

INVITATION TO SUBMIT FULL PROPOSALS



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MICRONESIA CONSERVATION TRUST is accepting project proposals for the Conservation and Environmental Protection Program (MCT-CEPP), funded by the European Union under the 9th European Development Fund.

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Mailed applications must be postmarked by July 07, 2008 (Monday). Those delivered by hand or courier must be submitted to MCT office by 5:00 p.m. that day.

For more information, please contact the following:

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Letters to the Editor

MiCare: Where the Customer is Always Wrong?

I got a prescription from my doctor yesterday at Genesis. At my request the doctor prescribed a three month's supply of each medicine I take. The Genesis pharmacist said that the insurer will not allow her to sell more than a one month's supply at a time. The insurer I believe is popularly called MiCare. So I asked my doctor why MiCare made the rule. The doctor shrugged and said maybe it's the \$2.00 basic charge MiCare gets every time the pharmacy fills a single prescription. So MiCare would lose \$4 if they let me buy a three month's supply at a time!

Let me preach on behalf of cardiac patients, who need their blood pressure medicine on time every day, and who might forget to go get a refill on time; on behalf of busy but forgetful old ladies like me who run out of Premarin one morning and go postal before they can get to town for a refill; and on behalf of people who might travel outside Pohnpei for more than one month and who can't get an adequate supply of their medicines before they leave Pohnpei. And what about people who like to carry an extra nasal inhaler in their car or purse, just in case they have an allergy attack and like to have their medicine with them at all times? I like to have an extra one in case I forget to take it before I leave home.

We already have too many things to do, and better things to do than run to see our doctor and pharmacist every month. Gas is expensive, time is money. Are we children, that we are not allowed to purchase what we need when it is convenient to buy it?

Maybe MiCare really needs the money. So maybe we should expect the basic \$2 insurance payment to rise soon. But look at how the pharmacies here sell medicine: the medicine is often obtained from India or the Philippines, where production costs are very low. I know the prices of medicines in India are very, very low compared to the US even when the medicine is made in India by US or German companies. (The US companies manufacture the drugs in India because of the huge populations that will purchase it there, and the company still makes lots of money because of the "economies of size.")

But the pharmacies here sell these medicines at U.S. prices. For example, a simple nasal spray for allergies, Fluticasone, was quoted to me as costing the pharmacy \$40, but it's manufactured in the Philippines, so it should cost the pharmacy a lot less than the US price, right? Well, the pharmacy says that \$40 is the price for this spray. I have to pay the insured price (10% of \$40) plus the basic \$2-per-prescription charge, for a total of

\$6.

According to this website, www.pharmacychecker.com/Pricing.asp?DrugName=Fluticasone+Propionate+Inhaler&DrugId=65025&DrugStrengthId=123484 this nasal spray costs \$45 in the US, not including shipping. So you know it has got to cost under \$10, maybe only \$5, when it is manufactured (by the U.S. company Glaxo) and sold in the Philippines.

So maybe MiCare is pennypinching the insured people of Pohnpei because MiCare's being overcharged on the price of these medicines. Which really means that we, the insurance payers, are going to pay more again for insurance soon.

Perhaps it is time for the Pohnpei Price Control Board to get into action? (As if they ever do anything). They are supposed to make sure that prices of imported goods are not inflated more than a certain percent above their actual purchase price.

I called MiCare (320-3415) and the Pohnpei Hospital cashier. Here's what I learned from them:

MiCare says there's an old regulation (in effect since about 1999) which says a patient can only get a one month supply of drugs at a time. For the price of Flixotide (this is the drug Fluticasone which Genesis says costs them \$40) MiCare said they consider Flixotide to cost \$19.70. (MiCare has an "IUV" if I heard correctly, which is the name for their uniform drug price schedule, which

sets drug prices according to a kind of "average" price of the drug in countries that produce it—he mentioned Australia and the Philippines as sources of drugs). So MiCare will refund Genesis the amount of only \$19.70 for the Flixotide, that Genesis says costs them \$40 which they bought from the Philippines.

The MiCare guy suggested I call around the different pharmacies to compare prices. He mentioned Dr. Brian's and Genesis. So I called Pohnpei Family Health Clinic's pharmacist (Dr. Brian Isaac's pharmacy) who quoted me prices for drugs like Rhinocort, a nasal antiallergen (\$26.19 for one bottle, she said) and Premarin (\$18.76 for the same number of pills that at Genesis sells for \$9.00—the Genesis Premarin is from Australia, it says on the box).

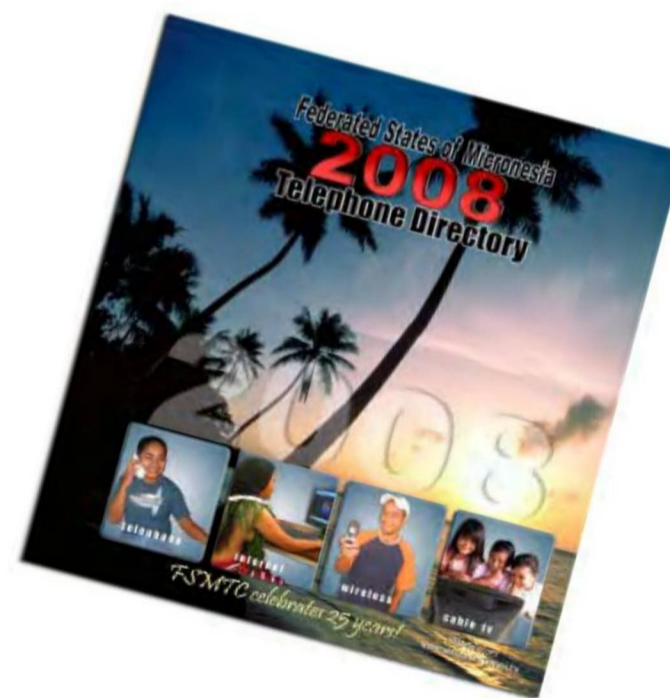
I can't make sense of the MiCare pricing system, which has an established list of uniform prices, when I compare it to what we consumers are actually paying to Genesis and to other pharmacies, when these pharmacies say that they are charging us insured customers 10% of what they say they paid for the drugs, and Genesis's "10%" is really more than 20% of what MiCare says the MiCare IUV price is for Fluticasone.

MiCare told me that they allow the "accredited" Pohnpei pharmacies (which MiCare "accredits"—i.e. allows—to sell drugs under MiCare's insurance plan) to charge the consumers whatever they want to, even if Genesis's price (like \$40 for Flixotide) is actually more than twice as much as MiCare

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Seen Any Good Movies Lately? ...Micare

By N.N. Isaac
The Kaselehlie Press

Have you ever found yourself at the dinner table, awkwardly pushing the food around on your plate, praying for someone to bring up a topic that doesn't deal with work, the kids, gross bodily functions, and banal politics? If you feel that your in-house geckos are having better dinner conversations than you are, I suggest checking these movies out the next time you're at the video store. These rental suggestions should be guaranteed to make for lively discussions, putting an end to those pesky awkward silences for good — or at least for about a week or two.

There Will Be Blood (2007)

When oilman Daniel Plainview discovers an ocean of black gold beneath the quiet, religious town of Little Boston, he is able to finally achieve the interminable fortune and social affluence he's always yearned for.

"There Will Be Blood" is a screen adaptation of the novel "Oil!" by Upton Sinclair. Director Paul Thomas Anderson (*Boogie Nights* 1997, *Magnolia* 1999) creates an intense drama that will have you on edge throughout this ferocious American epic about a man's unending thirst for oil and incalculable wealth.

In the lead role of Daniel Plainview is the incomparable Daniel Day Lewis (*Gangs of New York* 2002). His acclaimed performance as the oily miner gained him not only an Oscar, but also a BAFTA Film Award (British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards), a Golden Globe, and an Actor (Screen Actors Guild Awards).

Also starring is new talent, Paul Dano (*Little Miss Sunshine* 2006) as the enigmatic Paul/Eli Sunday. Ciaran Hinds (*The Sum of All Fears* 2002) appears as Fletcher Hamilton, and Keven J. O'Connor (*The Mummy* 1999) plays the duplicitous Henry Brands.

"Blood's" hypnotic cinematography won Robert Elswit an Oscar at the 2008 Academy Awards. Also noteworthy, is the movie's harrowing original score which was composed by Jonny Greenwood from the British band Radiohead.

"There Will Be Blood" is an avant-garde work of art that absolutely raises the bar for any filmmaker or actor aspiring for brilliance. The award-winning directing, acting, cinematography, and musical score all combine to create a provoking and jarring movie experience that you won't soon forget.

If you enjoyed "No Country for Old Men", it's imperative that you check out this other highly acclaimed film of 2007. This movie is rated R for some violence.

Atonement (2007)

This film pours out from the screen like a beautiful poem. "Atonement" is a complex tale about the havoc that deceit and ill-informed assumptions can wreak on their unfortunate victims.

"Atonement" is based on the acclaimed romance novel by Ian McEwan, and is directed by Joe Wright (*Pride & Prejudice* 2005). This passionate romance stars Saoirse (pronounced

"sur-shuh") Ronan as the precocious 13 year-old Briony Tallis, and Keira Knightly (*Pirates of the Caribbean* 2003) as her headstrong older sister, Cecilia. James McAvoy (*The Last King of Scotland* 2006) stars opposite of Knightly as Robbie Turner, the educated son of the Tallis' housekeeper, played by Brenda Blethyn (*Pride & Prejudice* 2005). New face Romola Garai plays Briony at age 18, and Vanessa Redgrave gives a haunting performance as the older Briony at the end of the film.

This gorgeous movie won two BAFTA Film Awards for Best Film and Best Production Design. It also won a Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture-Drama, as well as an Oscar and another Golden Globe for its original score.

"Atonement" is stunning, hypnotic, engrossing, and agonizing all at once. It's a heart-breaking story that will satisfy any romantic's craving for a gut-wrenching, tear-jerking drama. If you hunger for movies like "The English Patient" (1996), "The Notebook" (2004), and "Gosford Park" (2001), "Atonement" satiate your appetite. This exquisite film is rated R for disturbing war images, language, and some sexuality.

Juno (2007)

"Juno" is a dry comedy/romance/drama, about a modern-day heroine named Juno, who possesses a quirky personality that enables her to handle teenage pregnancy, high school clichés, eccentric parents, and a precarious first-love, all with hilarious realism and a biting wit.

This highly praised film was directed by Jason Reitman, whose previous work includes the 2005 satire about the big tobacco industry, "Thank You for Smoking."

This movie is the first credited screenplay for writer Diablo Cody, who also wrote a book in 2005 called "Candy Girl: A Year in the Life of an Unlikely Stripper."

Ellen Page (*X-Men: The Last Stand* 2006) shines in her Oscar-nominated role as Juno MacGuff. The adorable Michael Cera (*Superbad* 2007) plays Juno's paramour, Paulie Bleeker. Allison Janney (*The West Wing* 1999 TV Series) and J.K. Simmons (*Spiderman* 2002) play Juno's unconventional parents, Bren and Mac MacGuff. Jennifer Garner (*Elektra* 2005) and Jason Bateman (*Arrested Development*) make an appearance as the hopeful adopting parents.

For "Juno," Diablo Cody won an Oscar, a BAFTA Film Award, and a Critic's Choice Award. In addition to Ellen Page's nomination, the film itself was nominated for "Best Motion Picture of the Year" and "Best Achievement in Directing" at this year's Academy Awards. Of all five "Best Picture" nominees, "Juno" had the distinction of being the highest grossing film.

"Juno" is a fun, hip movie with a strong female lead character who is sure to entertain, as well as tug on your heart strings. This movie is rated PG-13 for mature thematic, sexual content and language.

We're done for this issue. Til next time, eat, drink, and be merry; happy conversing; always remember to be kind, rewind, and watch for these great movies on DVD.

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says it ought to be. Apparently MiCare has no control over whether or not the pharmacies rip off the customers.

This is what I learned from the Pohnpei Hospital cashier: She says that the hospital does not even charge 10% for the drugs from their pharmacy. They only charge money for non-prescription "over the counter" drugs. However, I have taken my Genesis prescriptions to the hospital and the pharmacy has refused to fill it, saying that if Genesis has the drugs, I will have to get them in the Genesis pharmacy.

So I asked the hospital cashier, how can I get these drugs from the Pohnpei Hospital

without waiting around for hours to see their doctors? She said you can come to the "first window" at the hospital (this is where you request your medical records) and request them to print out (from their computer) an "encounter form", then you take it to your regular doctor at Genesis or wherever, and have that doctor write out the prescription on the form. Then present your hospital form at the hospital pharmacy, and voila, your drugs are free!

But maybe you should not mention this last part, because I don't want to get the cashier in trouble if this procedure is not "authorized", and MiCare or the pharmacies or some "bigwig" will certainly stop us poor consumers from having this simple advantage!

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Alex Ponapart



"Personally it doesn't bother me. It's only 3 hours. However, some people might not like it."

Mads Fermill

"No problem! Ih mehr!"

Dolfred Berec



"It's okay... we can save power. No problem!"

King Beceten



"For me, it's a good idea! Usually that time we're sleeping. Now, if I was a business man, it might be a problem because that time is peak for crime."

Willy Teodoro



"It doesn't effect me that much. That time I'll be sleeping... I don't have an alarm clock so it doesn't really matter."

Willy Rudolph

Photos By Nigel Jaynes

Astronomical Tide Prediction May 7 - 20, 2008

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God So Loved The World

The gospel of John 3: 16 "God so loved the world that he gave His one and only one Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

This verse reveals the heart and purpose of God.

God's love is wide enough to embrace all persons, "the world". The Bible reveals in 1st book of Timothy chapter 2 verse 4 says "who wants all man to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

God gave His Son as an offering for our sin on the cross. The atonement proceeds from the loving heart of God. It was not something forced on Him.

1 John 4:10 This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a stoning sacrifice for our sins.

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all thing?

'Whoever believes in Him shall not perish' To believe includes three things:
 · a sure conviction that Jesus is God's Son and the only Savior for lost humanity;
 · a self surrendering fellowship with and obedience to Christ;
 · A fully assured trust in Christ that He is both able and willing to bring you to final salvation and to fellowship with God in heaven.

"Perish" is often the forgotten word of verse 16. It points not to physical death but to the dreadful reality of eternal punishment. Matthew 10: 28 "Do not afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

"Eternal Life" is the gift of God bestows on us when we are born again. "Eternal" not only expresses perpetuity but also quality of life – a divine type of life, a life that frees us from the power of sin and Satan and removes us from what is merely earthly in order to know God.

Yasuo I. Yamada

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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GETS ALL GUSSIED UP

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1. Tex-Mex sauce</p> <p>6. Slight lead</p> <p>10. Doe beau</p> <p>14. Turn over</p> <p>15. Lunch time</p> <p>16. Visit</p> <p>17. Plateaus</p> <p>18. Big brass</p> <p>19. ___ beer</p> <p>20. You there!</p> <p>21. Poetic eye</p> <p>22. Prop gun supply</p> <p>24. Diamond unit</p> <p>26. Left on a piano</p> <p>27. Lug</p> <p>29. Copy</p> <p>33. Bedspreads</p> <p>34. Eliminate</p> <p>35. Fish 'n' chips fish, sometimes</p> <p>36. Young'un's nickname</p> <p>37. Piehole</p> <p>38. Home preceder</p> <p>40. Resentment</p> | <p>41. Stone worth stealing</p> <p>42. Gets all gussied up</p> <p>43. Boring</p> <p>46. Unpleasant</p> <p>47. Needed back at Blockbuster</p> <p>48. Attempted</p> <p>49. Gives entrance to</p> <p>52. Unlikely beauty queen</p> <p>53. Get a ___!</p> <p>57. Salerno sayonara</p> <p>58. Spit out</p> <p>60. Bell</p> <p>61. Damage</p> <p>62. Good name for a nobleman</p> <p>63. Signed a contract</p> | <p>64. Fraternal members</p> <p>65. Alters a shirt</p> <p>66. Makes a home</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1. ___ pump</p> <p>2. Primatologist's subjects</p> <p>3. Without</p> <p>4. Kidnapped</p> <p>5 They might be personal</p> <p>6. Capture</p> <p>7. Think not</p> <p>8. Clump</p> <p>9. Made possible</p> <p>10. Write badly</p> <p>11. Foghorn Leghorn, for one</p> <p>12. One way to run</p> <p>13. Apprehends</p> <p>21. Slag secreters</p> <p>23. Cut</p> <p>25. Sax type</p> <p>27. Hobbit's home</p> <p>28. Handed over</p> | <p>29. Get a run in</p> <p>30. More chilly</p> <p>38. Leaf holder</p> <p>39. Newsprint screamer</p> <p>41. Was on <i>The Price Is Right</i></p> <p>42. Prudish one</p> <p>44. Toughies for ESL students</p> <p>45. Please leave!</p> <p>46. Standouts to Yankees</p> <p>48. Caring word, when doubled</p> <p>49. Yearn</p> <p>50. ___ <i>M</i> for <i>Murder</i></p> <p>31. Like some humor</p> <p>32. Puts in</p> <p>33. SNL segment</p> <p>34. Collide</p> <p>37. Proposer's hoped-for answer</p> <p>51. Con artist's target</p> <p>54. Gets one's dander up</p> <p>55. Yard components</p> <p>56. Means justifier?</p> <p>59. ___ one's respects</p> <p>60. One of seven</p> |
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X-Press Puzzle Pleasure

Missing Vowels

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Puzzle A

Before you can loop the words in the list below, you must first fill in the circles with the missing vowels A, E, I, O, and U. We have filled in 1 word for you

Puzzle B

Take a spin around this Puzzle and locate all of these number-letter License Plates.

M	9	S	Y	A	Z	R	Z	5	G	7	Z
W	9	H	6	J	M	V	Z	T	Y	X	G
2	W	4	Z	S	6	Q	H	9	Y	5	3
8	9	S	7	D	V	A	5	Y	R	7	L
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X	A	L	6	6	M	J	7	6	5	5	H
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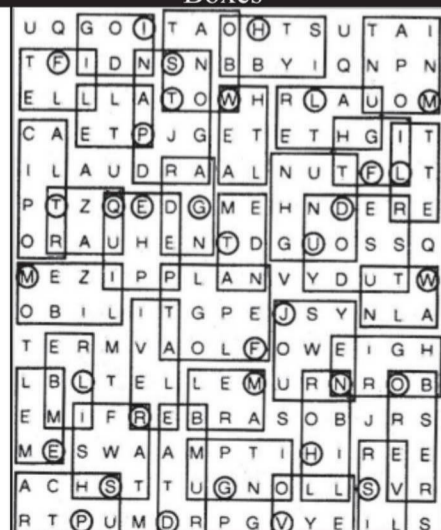
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Pohnpei Recipe Kemelis in Mei Selected Internationally as Recipe of the Month

By **Dr. LOIS ENGLBERGER**
Pohnpei Island Food Community

The International Centre for Underutilised Crops (ICUC) has selected a Pohnpei recipe, **Kemelis en Mei (Breadfruit Balls)**, to be the Recipe of the Month for April 2008. This has been presented at the ICUC website:

http://www.icuc-iwmi.org/Recipe_of_the_month/recipe_April%202008.htm

The ICUC acknowledged the recipe as follows: "Recipe collected by Island Food Community of Pohnpei from Mand Community, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia."

Adelino Lorens, Pohnpei Chief of Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs and Chairman of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP), pointed out: "We are proud of this. A local recipe recognized in the international community! Congratulations to the community of Mand and others whom

have worked closely together to reach this exciting result. A well invested time and efforts that will remain in the minds of many for years to come."

Kiped Albert from Mand points out that the word Kemelis is used by people from Pingelap and that people from Mwoakilloa use a similar wording. Kemelis can be made using breadfruit, taro, banana, and most recently rice.

The recipe was collected as a part of the global health study on traditional foods and health as led by the Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment (CINE).

Many thanks to Hannah Jaenicke, ICUC Director, Sushilla Rajamanie, ICUC Administrative Officer, Mand Community, CINE, Global Environment Facility Small Grants Program and New Zealand Embassy. The recipe is in the booklet "Women of Mand Share Traditional Recipes," a product of this project and also available at the IFCP training center in the Botanical Garden.



Photo by Dr. Lois Englberger

Mersihpel Moses of the Jireh Take-out holds the dish Kemelis, a Pingelapese recipe, which she prepared. In Pohnpeian it is called Mahi Uter en Mwangas.

Kemelis en Mei (Breadfruit Balls)

3-5 breadfruit (smooth-skinned varieties such as *Meiuhpw*, *Meiniwe*, and *Meikalak* are recommended)

3-4 coconuts, grated

Method

1. Wash, peel, core and cut breadfruit into pieces.
2. Boil breadfruit in water.
3. Remove a portion of the breadfruit and mash while still hot. The remaining breadfruit should be left cooking on low heat.
4. Roll in freshly grated coconut to the breadfruit.
5. Shape balls about 2-3 inches in diameter.

Note: Salt or sugar may be added to coconut, but add sparingly as salt and sugar are not good for the health.

COM-FSM Annual Health Fair 2008 focuses on "Eating for Life"

The College of Micronesia-FSM had its Annual Health Fair on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at the National Campus in Palikir from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, focusing on the theme "Eating for Life." Ms. Benina Ilon chaired the planning committee. The primary objective was to increase public awareness about nutrition and health-related issues/problems through presentations and dissemination of information and other activities. There were various booths and a guest speaker, Dr. Lois Englberger, who spoke on the theme and provided Island Food Community of Pohnpei awareness materials. She explained about the importance of local foods for their CHEEF benefits: culture, health, economics, environment, and food and the special health benefits of the yellow-fleshed varieties of bananas, taro and other local foods.

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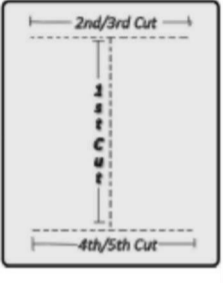
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	<p>1. Make an "H" shaped cut on a standard sized soda can.</p> <p><i>Tip: Make the vertical cut first then make the horizontal cuts. Total of 5 cuts to make an "H"-shaped cut.</i></p>	<p>6. Make a very small hole under the small piece of can that you just cut.</p> <p><i>Tip: Make sure the hole isn't so big that it can't hold the wick in place when inserted.</i></p>	
	<p>2. Pull back half of the "H-Shape Cut" outwards to about a 90 degree angle as shown in the illustration.</p>	<p>7. Push the wick through the tiny whole with about an inch sticking above top and the rest hanging below.</p>	
	<p>3. Bend the other half of the "H-Shape Cut" outwards to about a 90 degree angle so it can be similar to the one shown in the illustration.</p> 	<p>8. Pour a fair amount of coconut oil into the smoothly cut soda can as shown in the illustration.</p> <p>Warning: Do not fill coconut oil all the way to the edge of the cut. Leave some space for the float to move freely. DO NOT FILL WITH ANYTHING BUT COCONUT OIL!</p>	
	<p>4. Cut the bottom part of the smaller size can about the size of your smallest finger (about 1/2 of an inch).</p> <p><i>Make sure not to leave any sharp edges from the cut. You can rub the cut edges of the can on a rough surface to smoothen the edge equally.</i></p>	<p>9. Place the smaller piece of can holding the wick into the larger can that contains the coconut oil. Make sure the that bottom end of the wick is soaked into the coconut oil.</p> <p><i>Note: Have at least 3/4 of an inch sticking out above the float.</i></p>	
	<p>5. You should now have the bottom part of the smaller can as shown in the illustration. This will be the float and the wick-holder for the lamp.</p>	<p>10. Your coconut oil lamp should look similar to the one shown in the illustration. Make a few and use them for reading. If you use more than one it will help to cancel out any flicker that might occur.</p>	

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