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Killion and Salle appeal Election Commission ruling on Hawaii revote

Northern Namoneas revote scheduled in Hawaii for April 1 after stipulated judgment

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Weno, Chuuk – The certified and announced results of the March 3 election for Chuuk State Governor have been called into question due to improprieties and discrepancies in the handling of the election. The run-off that was scheduled to take place on March 31 between incumbents Wesley Simina and Johnson Elimo, and candidates Gillian Doone and Ritis Heldard has been canceled.

Hearings at Chuuk State Supreme Court Appellate Division have already taken place on the issues and Kembo Mida, attorney for Redley Killion and Jonathan Salle rested his case on March 26.

In the face of a preponderance of evidence Chuuk's Attorney General offered the Appellants a stipulated judgment that met all of their demands and they accepted that offer. A revote will take place for the VAAPP

Northern Namoneas polling place in Honolulu on April 1 (Hawaii Time). The revote will apply only to the gubernatorial election and not to the Legislative election and only for previously registered voters.

The Macheweichun ballot box from Hawaii will also be recounted. Afterwards the votes will be totaled to include the numbers from those two polling places and a run-off election will be held on April 9 (Chuuk Time) between whichever two candidate teams are determined to have the two highest vote totals at that time.

On March 8, Redley Killion and Jonathan Salle sent a letter to the Chuuk State Election Commission requesting, among other things a revote on the gubernatorial election at the Honolulu, Hawaii polling place for the Northern Namoneas. The Commission denied that request and gave five reasons for the denial:

1) No funds for a revote; 2) Conduct of

revote will further delay the certification of results thereby contributing to the delay of the expected run-off for the office of the Governor; 3) Uncertainty of the security of the poll workers and voters; 4) Anticipation of enormous problems for jockeying of candidates' positions which could possibly result in more controversies or problems; 5) Undue burden on the part of candidates to spend enormous amounts of money and other resources.

On March 11, 2009 Killion and Salle made a formal complaint with the Commission which the Commission again denied for all intents and purposes because they felt it was legally up to them to decide whether or not a revote would take place and the process would be inconvenient and expensive.

Killion and Salle in their formal complaint to the Election Commission alleged many election improprieties in the Chuuk
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Gillian Doone



Redley Killion

2-headed pig born in U, Pohnpei



Saimon pleads guilty

The Associated Press

NEOSHO, Mo. (AP) - In the tight-knit Micronesian community of southwest Missouri, shame and honor are more than just abstract concepts. Shame drove Eiken Elam Saimon to kill three religious leaders, including two relatives, Saimon said Friday. Honor cost one of those victims his life.

Saimon, 54, pleaded guilty Friday to three counts of first-degree murder and four counts of first-degree assault in the Aug. 12, 2007, attack on First Congregational Church in the town of Neosho. Three people died and four were wounded during the Sunday afternoon service, which was being held by a group of South Pacific immigrants from Micronesia who rented church space to worship in their native language of Pingelapese.

Saimon also pleaded guilty to charges of statutory rape and statutory sodomy for a sexual assault on a 14-year-old girl two days before the church shootings.

Under the deal with Newton County prosecutors, Saimon received three life sentences without parole, plus four 30-year sentences for the assaults and two seven-year sentences for the sex offenses.

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Weno road project breaks ground in Chuuk

FSM Information Services

Amidst balloons, dust and the blazing sun, a respectable crowd gathered outside of the FSM Post Office in Chuuk State to witness the groundbreaking ceremony for the Weno Road Project on Friday, March 27, 2009. In a short ceremony, with speeches from the Mayor of Weno, Mr. Jesse Robert, Vice President Alik Alik, and Governor Wesley Simina, the ceremonial start to the largest infrastructure project in FSM history began.

All of the speeches focused on the collaborative effort of the FSM National Government, Chuuk State Government and the people of Weno to make this project possible. Everyone was also especially thankful for Pacific International, Inc. (PII) and its owner, Mr. Jerry Kramer, who was also present at the ceremony, for bidding on this project and committing to its completion. Mr. Kramer spoke after the ceremony.

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FSM Congress denies admission of Faichuuk as the fifth State of the FSM

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei – All of the discussion on the bill that would have potentially admitted Faichuuk as the fifth state of the Federated States of Micronesia was conducted in recess. It wasn't the kind of happy skipping and jumping recess any elementary school student knows about but the kind where any comments made by Senators are "off the record" in terms of the Congressional Journal.

The journal simply shows that the bill was announced by the Chief Clerk and that immediately afterward at 10:23 in the morning, Senator Joseph Urusemal called for a short recess. 22 minutes later Congress reconvened.

The first "on journal" record of the proceedings was from Senator Peter Sitan who said, "Speaker, you're wrong—we don't even—I move that we pass the bill (C.B. No. 15-61) on first reading so that we can discuss."

Senator Setiro Paul seconded the motion and Speaker Isaac Figir asked if there was any discussion on the bill.

Senator Paul called the question, meaning that debate on the issue would stop if his colleagues agreed with him. They did.

A roll call of members was taken by the Chief Clerk.

Each of the six senators from Chuuk voted affirmatively for the measure as did Senator Dion Neth of Pohnpei and Speaker Figir of Yap. The eight affirmative votes were not enough to pass the measure and as a result it was defeated on its first reading in Congress.

The only clue as to what took place in Congress during the 22 minutes of recess is the statements made during the Miscellaneous

Business agenda item—scant evidence.

Senator Dohsis Halbert of Pohnpei used his speaking time to congratulate the two Senators from the Faichuuk area, Senators Aritos and Paul "for being so sincere and forthright in their efforts to put forth the statehood issue before the Congress to act on it." He said that the people of Faichuuk should understand that their representatives acted with sincerity in their efforts to make Faichuuk a new State of the FSM.

He said that he appreciated the fact that the Senators did not present anything that might be construed as a threat in order to influence the votes of the members of Congress.

"Maybe, for sure in the future they will find it possible and viable for them to make another attempt."

Chairman Urusemal was the next to speak. He said "I wish to note that my vote on that issue (the Faichuuk Statehood issue) has not diminished my desire in whatever way that this Congress and this government can assist to develop that region and any other region in the FSM.

"I for one, Mr. Speaker, agreed that without developing the lagoon islands to a point where they can maintain power, maintain good roads, maintain running water, sewer and have development made, I think that Chuuk will continue to have problems. I always cited the fact that if in the case of Yap—250 people living on an island can have 24 hour power—I cannot see why 4000 people living on a bigger island cannot have that kind of infrastructure."

According to Urusemal's statement, the Chairman of the Pohnpei delegation, Senator Primo pointed out during the recess that there is another aspect to the move that would have allowed Faichuuk to become a new state of the FSM. He said those issues made the Faichuuk statehood move even

more "complicated and complex." Adding another state to the FSM might lead an existing state to claim that "if one can be formed, one can be subtracted from the Federation."

Urusemal said that as a member of the Joint Compact Negotiating Committee he was aware that during the preparation and initial negotiations on the Compact, the desire of the people of Faichuuk was brought to the table. The delegation from Faichuuk at that time was told that the negotiations were between two governments and that whatever internal problems that the FSM had was up to the FSM to resolve.

"So I just wish to indicate here, Mr. Speaker, that my vote on that issue does not diminish and has not diminished and will not diminish my support for development of all the regions within the FSM, be it within the lagoon of Chuuk or outer islands of Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap." With that, Chairman Urusemal closed his statement on his vote.

Senator Paul, the at-large Senator from Chuuk was the next to log in with a comment on the issue of Faichuuk Statehood. He said that the task of having Faichuuk approved as a state had been tedious at best and has been going on since 1981. "Congress has spoken today, although it was very difficult to digest, but what else can we do? That's the decision through the system upon which our nation was founded on; democratic system—people elected their representatives. And I for one continue to believe that the admission of a State in the Federation—that prerogative rests with our National Congress."

He thanked the two other Senators that joined the Chuuk delegation in voting affirmatively for Faichuuk statehood. Paul assured the other five Senators (Vice Speaker Resio Moses was absent on that day) that his delegation would continue to work for the betterment of the nation.

Senator Sitan spoke next saying "Chuuk has a very unusual geographic setup where we are all spread out unlike the other States; and yes, maybe we have more of the funding in the past and up to now for infrastructure, but physical setup and the geographical setup—it's impossible to fix Chuuk...Faichuuk has more people than any region in the State of Chuuk and I sincerely hope that if there is a small way Congress can assist in the economic development—Congress and the National Government should."

For now, the issue of statehood for Faichuuk is dormant but it is in no way, shape, or form, a dead issue.



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High level war of words on the FSM Social Security law

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei – Public Law 15-73, the law that reformed Social Security has elicited high levels of emotion from people throughout the Federated States of Micronesia. Governors, Legislatures, municipal governments, and even local business organizations have expressed their disappointment in the passage of the law. Pohnpei's Senator Dohsis Halbert said that he would be submitting a bill to Congress to repeal the law.

The controversy over the Social Security law goes right to the highest levels of FSM government.

President Mori, in the letter that he sent to Congress on March 6 said that he was "washing his hands" of the bill and allowing it to become law without his signature. It was harshly worded and a week after the letter was sent to Congress, President Mori recalled the letter so that a new one could be drafted saying that the letter had not been sufficiently reviewed before it was sent.

Congress' Speaker Figir said that the new letter is essentially the same as the old one

except that the language itself was toned down a bit. A Congress staff member said that the difference between the two letters was like simply replacing a vulgar four letter word with the scientific word for the same thing. The meaning was still the same. Neither of President Mori's two letters included particularly vulgar words. The original letter did say that the vested rights of the insured employees and their beneficiaries had been summarily "castrated" and removed by the law.

Speaker Figir replied to the President in a letter dated March 12. "I also have to object to the language of the communication that Congress somehow 'castrated' the employees and their beneficiaries. Let me assure you that Congress never meant to do such thing to anyone, at least not until we received your communication."

Figir said that he welcomed the bill becoming law and that it took a great deal of political courage for the members to pass the bill shortly before the general election of March 3. He said that the members who voted for the bill did so in order to save the social security system from what they were told was impending collapse. The members put the

interests of the social security system above their own.

He reminded the President that with Easter approaching perhaps the imagery of "washing his hands" of the bill was not only untimely but "not the most appropriate behavior (for a political leader) when faced with a crucial decision—whether crucifying someone or to sign a bill into law."

He said that it seemed as if the President had forgotten that in 2007 it was the Office of the President that submitted the bill to Congress and that the Social Security Administration had been relentless in lobbying Congress for its passage. He said that it wasn't "some kind of weird idea by Congress that you had no control over." He said, "Washing your hands of your own bill is something that thoroughly puzzles me."

He thanked the President for his comments for improvement of the bill but asked why it was that he had waited until after Congress had passed the bill before making the incisive comments. He reminded the President that in the intervening period of time between his own office's submission of the bill to Congress and its passage, Congress

had conducted not one but two full cycles of public hearings nationwide as well as in Hawaii and Guam and that during that time the President's office remained silent.

"Nevertheless," Speaker Figir concluded, "be assured that your comments will be considered seriously, and Congress will keep working to improve the Social Security Law."

The final special session of the 15th Congress very nearly ended early because President Mori initially refused to meet with the Committee to Wait on the President until the content of the letters exchange on the Social Security law was discussed. The rules of Congress require the committee to meet with the President in order to determine the President's priorities for the session. Without that meeting and subsequent committee report a session cannot go forward.

Ultimately President Mori agreed to meet with the committee which was chaired by Senator Dion Neth of Pohnpei. Members of the committee described the mood of the meeting as tense and uninviting. Nevertheless the meeting allowed the final special session to go forward.

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Congress takes steps to eliminate FSM deficit

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei – When President Mori decreed a State of Emergency in the FSM on December 29, 2008 it allowed him to utilize money from the FSM General Fund to meet expenses for the governmental response to the king tides that washed over many of the outer islands of the FSM on December 8. Sources within his office said that he wasn't aware that he would, under the law be required to replenish those funds.

Senators who met with the President on the matter during the final special session of the 15th Congress that began on March 16 said that the President "swore up and down that he received only \$150,000 from foreign governments" for the relief effort. The rest of the \$1,289,109 came from the FSM's general fund. Until Congress acted on March 26 the President was required to replenish the \$1,139,109 he spent on the emergency relief.

Though Congress had by that time been provided reports from the Office of Emergency Management they had received no report submitted under the President's signature. Speaker Figir said that as a result Congress was still not 100% certain about how exactly the money was spent.

On March 26 Senators on the floor of the FSM Congress continued to make speeches railing about the fact that the supplies that were purchased had not only not yet been delivered to the outer islands for which they were purchased but the ship still had not even left the port nearly four months after the disaster struck FSM outer islands. The Caroline Voyager was scheduled to leave Pohnpei that very afternoon carrying the delinquent supplies for the islands.

Speaker Isaac Figir said, "To me this is not an emergency anymore." He said that some of the islands for which rice was purchased don't even need the rice but they're being forced to take it. He made a statement for the record cautioning this and all future FSM Presidents not to panic in the

face of an emergency in the future and start buying supplies before they know they are actually needed.

Senator Setiro Paul, Chuuk's At-Large Senator said that even on the day that the ship was scheduled to depart Chuuk leaders had no idea about what kind of food was being delivered, how much of it, or to where it was going to be delivered. "It doesn't look good for us to say when our leaders come to us and ask us if they are going to get food, 'I don't know,'" said Paul.

Despite their misgivings, after coming to terms with President Mori, Congress took steps to legally solve the problem of the apparent looming FSM fiscal crisis.

First Congress passed CB 15-191 on second reading on March 26. CB 15-191 repealed the \$1.4 million projects bill that Congress passed before the high tides swept over the islands.

In January, Congress overrode the President's veto of that bill as an expeditious way of freeing funds for the President's use in the disaster.

The previous projects bill was still on the books and needed to go away before Congress could take the final step. The repeal of the bill essentially put the previously appropriated money back into the General Fund.

Congress next passed CB 15-195 which was essentially a bill to authorize the money that President Mori spent on the disaster.

The Executive Branch no longer needs to pay that money back into the General Fund. There is no longer a looming deficit and there is once again money left in the General Fund.

After the two bills passed Speaker Figir thanked the Senators for "fixing the President's error." He said, "I know it was a painful thing for all of us (Senators) to do but it needed to be done."

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The sentences will run consecutively, meaning Saimon will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

In brief testimony Friday morning, Saimon described how an incident at a community barbecue the week before led him to enter the church with two handguns. After releasing the congregation's children, he briefly held 50 worshippers hostage before surrendering to police.

"I did not have any food to bring to the barbecue and my relatives started giving me a hard time ... and saying that I was stealing food for my children," Saimon said. "I went home and thought about how they were all talking bad about me and how much I had helped all of them when they first came to the United States."

"I knew they would all be at church on Sunday afternoon," he added. "I was still really mad, but I knew what I was doing."

Kernal Rehobson, 43, the son of Saimon's cousin, approached the shooter and tried to calm him down. Instead, he was shot dead at close range.

"You are a greedy, jealous man," grieving widow Lovihna Rehobson told Saimon as she delivered a victim impact statement in court. "My husband helped you with money, food,

anything you needed. ... I am so glad you are going to rot in hell."

Saimon also killed Intenson Rehobson, 44, uncle of the first man shot, and family friend Kuhpes Jesse Ikosia, 53. Two days before the church shooting, he raped a 14-year-old family friend while she cleaned his bedroom.

About 600 native Pacific Islanders have settled in the far corner of the state where Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri converge. Many were attracted by jobs at poultry plants and other factories.

Each of the victims was a pastor or associate pastor at the Micronesian congregation.

"Kernal was a leader in this community," said Newton County prosecutor Jacob Skouby. "He bravely stepped up and told this man to calm down, and instead he was shot. He put himself between Saimon and the rest of the people."

Saimon said he expected to be shot by police. He apologized for the murders and acknowledged the pain his actions caused.

"What I did ruined many people's lives and it ruined my life too," he testified.

Saimon was scheduled to go on trial in June, and Skouby had previously filed court papers indicating his intent to seek the death penalty.

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Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation Signs Contract with Tyco Telecommunications to Construct an International Fiber Optic Connection

More than eight years in the planning, FSMTC has finally executed a contract with Tyco Telecommunications to construct an extension that will enable FSMTC to have international fiber connectivity to Guam. The extension will provide high bandwidth connectivity between the FSM and the rest of the world. The target date of completion is March 2010.

Using the latest undersea cable network technology, this connectivity will enable FSMTC to provide FSM with the same telecommunications access and services available in major countries and cities throughout the world. In particular, the extension will be comprised of a one fiber pair segment that will ultimately enable connectivity through another cable system back to Guam including access to multiple 10 Gbps wavelengths. Since Guam is a regional node, FSMTC will have a variety of onward connectivity options.

This extension represents phase one of FSMTC's submarine fiber cable network plans; the next phase being the development of a domestic inter island cable networks. However, all islands will be able to realize more reliable and expanded services such as improved voice calling and faster Internet as a result of the completion of phase one. Phase one marks the beginning of the deployment of modern submarine fiber networks that will serve government, commercial and private communities for many years to come.

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Micronesian Regional Coastguard Proposed

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Palikir, Pohnpei, March 23, 2009 - Since early 2008, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF), a subsidiary of the Nippon Foundation of Japan, has been working towards creating a regional coast guard program in the Micronesia sub-region to assist in the strengthening of marine surveillance capacity in Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and Marshall Islands. The Foundation has provided over \$130 million to fund similar capacity strengthening in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore over the past 40 years. The Foundation has proposed to work with authorities in the three countries to identify and assist in areas of greatest need, particularly to build capacity in the sub-region.

At the last Micronesian Presidents' Summit Meeting in November of 2008, the Presidents offered their sincere appreciation to representatives of the Foundation for the offer to provide assistance to expand economic opportunities and to protect this critical fishing resource. The Chief Executives expressed their desire to collaborate with the Foundation on the best approach to expand and improve sub-

regional surveillance capacity in the sub-region, through existing authorities and with other partners. As an outcome of the Summit, the Presidents agreed to support FSM's interest to host the Secretariat of the project to be based in the FSM.

On January 23, 2009, the Ambassador from Australia came to Palikir to meet with Hon. Secretary Lorin Robert of Foreign Affairs to participate in discussions on the proposed sub-regional coast guard. Australia had been requested by SPF to do a fact finding mission in Micronesia to help move this project forward.

On the basis of these developments, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation dispatched a team of experts in February 2009 to undertake a feasibility and fact-finding mission in Micronesia to identify the best approach to proceed with this regional coast guard project. The delegation visited relevant institutions and individuals in the three Micronesian countries in the course of a week-long-stay. Results from this mission will be used to develop a more focused strategy.

Finance and Budget Kick-Off Final Phase of New Financial Management System

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei, March 23, 2009 - Finance and Budget Directors and Officers from all four states and the national government met last week to prepare for the final implementation phase of the Fundware Financial Management System software.

The goal of the FSM Financial Management Information System Project has been to implement a common financial management software program for all FSM State and National Finance Offices. Phase I, which included the key operating components, was completed with the implementation of the program software at the National offices in Palikir in August 2008.

Phase I of the FSM Financial Management Information System Project laid the necessary common systems groundwork and the work to come is really the capstone of the project. It covers those key project components necessary to truly utilize the system to improve Financial Management, Planning, Reporting, and Budget Preparation across and among all sectors within all the States of the FSM.

With this goal in mind, the Secretary of Finance and the Directors from all four state Finance and Budget Offices came together with their key staff for an intensive week long work session which started March 14th. Now able to work from a common program, they identified best practices for the finance systems, addressed

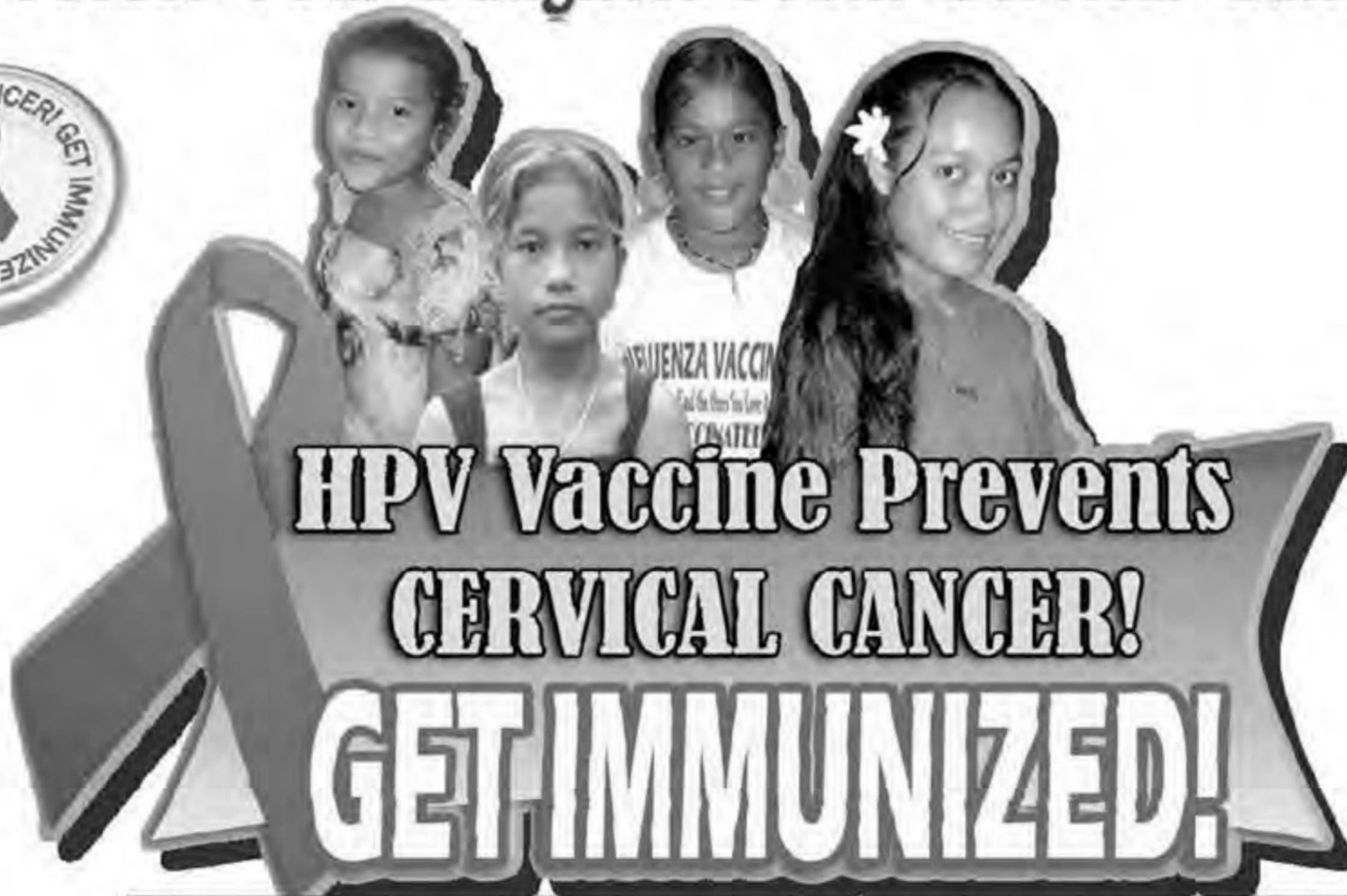
key issues and challenges, and worked together to ensure achievement of the best possible process and outcomes for this final phase.

Some very brief highlights of the activities planned for the coming two years are:

- Implementation and training for Fundware modules for Budgeting, Fixed Assets and Advanced Reporting.
- Establishment of a networked connection among the State and National Offices as a platform to improve communications, foster cooperation, and share best practices. On this network we will also have a forum specifically for our IT staff to share ideas, access training materials, and post system problems and solutions.
- In cooperation with the States, we will be developing the Advanced Reporting system to include data warehousing of specific information to centralize reporting efforts and lessen each State's reporting burden.
- Provide advanced Fundware program and IT training at the State and National level.
- Coordination our FSM Departments and our funding agencies to develop tools to improve access to financial information and reporting.

Work on these objectives began immediately after the close of the meeting and implementation of the new components has been scheduled to begin in Palikir and Pohnpei this May. Implementation in Kosrae, Yap, and Chuuk will follow in late summer.

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Federated States of Micronesia Election Observers Issue Statement

By *East-West Center*

HONOLULU (March 20) – An international delegation of election observers who monitored recent elections in the Federated States of Micronesia have issued a statement congratulating the people of the widely dispersed Pacific island nation “for an open and spirited electoral process, and for conducting an election that generated high voter interest and was free of violence within the FSM.”

At the invitation of the FSM national and Chuuk State governments, the Asia Pacific Democracy Partnership (APDP) in cooperation with the East-West Center organized the 18-member delegation to observe the March 3 National Congressional and Chuuk State elections. Headed by the Honorable Eni F. H. Faleomavaega, Congressman from American Samoa and Chairman of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, the Election Observation Mission included government officials, parliamentarians, academics and civil society representatives from ten countries including Aotearoa (New Zealand), Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Palau, the Philippines, The Republic of Korea, Thailand, and the United States.

Prior to the election, the delegates partici-

pated in a range of familiarization activities, including lectures by College of Micronesia faculty about local history and culture. The observers also learned about the structure of the FSM’s democratic institutions, and national and state election officials briefed the EOM delegates about the election law and electoral procedures.

On Election Day, observers traveled by land and sea to reach polling sites in three states: Chuuk, Pohnpei and Yap. Teams composed of observers and College of Micronesia students who served as guides and translators observed more than 50 polling stations and engaged in conversations with a diverse range of voters, officials and other community leaders. Additionally, members of the mission observed the chain of transmission of the ballot boxes from a number of polling places to the centralized tabulation centers and witnessed the early tabulation process at various sites. No observers were present at off-island polling sites in Honolulu, Guam or Portland, Oregon.

“During the week prior to elections, it appears that political campaigning was peaceful, lively, and free of intimidation,” the delegation said in its statement. “The well attended College of Micronesia’s 2009 ‘Solutions Forum’ for the three Chuuk State gubernatorial candidates broadcast live on the

radio in Chuuk and streamed live over the Internet was a particularly impressive demonstration of issue-based exchange. Similarly, extensive coverage of the Solutions Forum published in the special edition of Kaselehlie Press suggests an open competitive campaign. The delegation would encourage the continuation of such exchanges in future elections and the development of means for ensuring broader dissemination of information related to the election.”

“Based on Election Day observations representing a sample of voting sites, the APDP delegation noted some irregularities and procedural inconsistencies which may merit further investigation by election officials,” the delegation’s statement continued. “These will be further elaborated upon in the Election Observation Mission’s final report which will be shared with appropriate officials in the FSM and Chuuk State governments. The ultimate legitimacy of the election can only be determined by the citizens of the FSM after all the votes are tabulated and any challenges adjudicated.”

The statement concluded: “The delegation is grateful for the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and establish new friendships to build a stronger and more democratic Asia-Pacific community. It is the delegation’s hope that citizens of the FSM will participate in future election observation missions to other areas of Oceania and Asia.”

Attempted bank robbery in Chuuk

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

Weno, Chuuk – According to Bank of FSM officials in Pohnpei who provided scant details, on Thursday morning, March 26 two armed men entered the Bank of the FSM in Weno, Chuuk as the first bank employee arrived and entered the bank. The two men fled the bank without getting any money.

The men had a “getaway car” which was identified by witnesses outside the bank. The two men plus the driver were arrested by Chuuk Police shortly afterwards and are currently in custody.

No one was injured during the attempted robbery and there was no loss to the bank.

Eric Nesheim, a high level employee of the Bank of the FSM headquarters said, “The bank wants to thank the Chuuk Police for their excellent work in quickly apprehending the individuals involved.

According to the website of the Chuuk Reform Movement (www.chuukreform.org) some in Chuuk are concerned that the “excitement of the event” will spur copy-cat crimes in Chuuk. Officials warn that crimes and especially crimes of this nature will not be tolerated in Chuuk and will be prosecuted.

VACANCY No.: VA/FPA/ICS5/2009/1
CLOSING DATE: 30th April 2009
POST TITLE: Programme/Admin Assistant
DUTY STATION: Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia
DURATION: 1 Year Fixed-Term initially
SALARY RANGE: ICS-5 commencing \$US 9,348 net per annum plus other benefits. **RECRUITING ORGANIZATION:** United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Pacific Sub Regional Office, Suva, Fiji (also on behalf of the United Nations Development Programme – UNDP and of the United Nations Children’s Fund – UNICEF)



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Only nationals of the Federated States of Micronesia will be considered for this position and only short-listed candidates will be contacted for written tests and oral interviews.

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<p>BACKGROUND</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Federated States of Micronesia Petroleum Corporation (PETROCORP) is a public corporation and an autonomous agency of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia. It is a government commercial organization formed by public law in 2007, and it commenced operations in July 2008. Since commencing operations, PETROCORP has focused on 'delivering the basics' for its consumers. It has ensured that petroleum products were always available, that they were delivered on-time, and continued to meet international specifications. In the last eight (8) months of operation, Management has identified a broad and diverse range of key stakeholders, including Government policy makers, private businesses, consumers and the general public. Interest in and expectations of the Corporation are high. Having consolidated its operations over the last eight months, the Corporation now seeks to look beyond its day-to-day operations and functions, and to adopt a vision that defines the desired future state of the Corporation, and a mission that can help guide the journey from where we are today to where we aim to be. 		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Issue Date: March 18, 2009</p> <p>Closing Date: March 31, 2009</p> </div>
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Program Manager, AusAID

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The person that we are seeking will have a solid experience in project management and implementation, with strong organisational and administrative skills. He/she will use initiative and be able to work with minimal supervision. High-quality communication and writing skills and sound computer skills are required. Relevant tertiary qualifications and experience in working in a multi-cultural environment will be highly regarded.

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**NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY
AUCTION**

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on March 18, 2009, public notice is hereby given that the land described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Land known as "Waath", situated in Maa Village, Tomil Municipality, Yap State, with an area of 300 square meters, more or less, as described in Document no. 4091, registered on April 10, 1990 at the Yap Land Commission, Office of the Registrar.

- There is no minimum bid amount for the land.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "May 20, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Ms. Teresa Fagaltinan at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court court house in Colonia, Yap on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. noon and 5:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for the land.
- The winning bidder will be notified by a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all buildings fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the land, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Supreme Court" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The land is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Ms Teresa Fagaltinan, Representative for Land Sales, phone no. 691-350-3185 / 950-5523 or Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel at the FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm

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polling place. The ballots from that polling place were determined to be "spoiled" and were not counted in the election. 100 to 150 of the 1088 voters in the area had submitted their ballots before the poll was closed.

It was just this kind of event that the Chuuk Attorney General was trying to help the Election Commission to avoid when he issued his legal opinion. According to the law, Petewon, who wasn't supposed to be in charge of the election at the Northern Namoneas election in Hawaii in the first place, was required by law to communicate the situation directly with Director Yasen Herry who was the only person vested with the power to close polling places.

Petewon was also required by law, if the ballot box was lost or destroyed to "make an affidavit setting forth the facts, and transmit same to the Chairman of the Election Commission." Petewon didn't do that.

In a sworn deposition Herry said that he would have advised Petewon to call the Honolulu Police again and would not have closed the polling place based on the events there.

Petewon was one of the Commissioners who denied Killion and Salle's complaint.

In a formal sworn deposition Mida asked Petewon if he thought that it was a conflict of interest that he was a Commissioner who was required to rule on Killion and Salle's complaint about the early closing of the polls in Hawaii when he was the person who closed the polls several hours early. "Wouldn't you think that that is a conflict of interest," he asked?

"No," answered Petewon.

"Can you explain that please? Why would you say it's not," Mida asked?

Petewon, "Well, because we have to tell exactly what happen. And its' a first witness that is reporting for what actually happened to that—for whatever happen anywhere. So, we'll make a decision not because of anything—but we always come

up with a decision because that's exactly what we decide it's correct for that given situation."

Petewon, in the same deposition said that he knew about the Attorney General's legal opinion on direct involvement of Commissioners. "I- when we got this paper [AG's opinion] and we discuss over head, and we decided that we just have to go."

Director Kerry was also deposed.

Mida questioned, "Did any one from-did you or anyone from your office or any other office warn the commissioners that they were not supposed to be conducting these elections?"

Kerry: "For me not once. I never talk to them, because they have the opinion with them, but..."

Mida: "So..."

Kerry: "I make recommendations, but sometimes they change and put their names back to the—where the polling place are like Hawaii."

Commission employee Evangelina Paul was at the Northern Namoneas polling place in Hawaii and said in her sworn deposition that to the best of her knowledge none of the ballots came out of the box after Open Walter threw it on the floor. According to her deposition the box had not been smashed as has been previously reported. She said that there was an opening in the box approximately one inch wide where the box was nailed together but that she saw none of the ballots come out of the box.

The result of the election may end up being the same after the revote and recount. It may still be that voters will choose between the team of Simina-Elimo versus the team of Doone-Heldard. It could be that the revote and recount in Hawaii may change which candidates will be involved in the runoff. That decision is in the hands of the voters but at least the voices and choices of the voters at the Northern Namoneas polling place and the actual voices of voters who already voted at the Macheweichun polling place will be heard because of the stipulated agreement on Killion-Salle's appeal to the Chuuk Supreme Court.

Declaration of Winning Candidate for Congressional Election in Chuuk ED#5

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei, March 26, 2009 – Mr. Emilio Eperiam has communicated officially as Acting Director of the FSM National Election Director's Office to announce the results of the recount for two ballot boxes in Election District #5 – Northwest Islands of Chuuk State. The recount was sanctioned after incumbent Senator Moses Nelson filed a complaint with the Election Commission on "irregularities" cited in two ballot boxes; one from Nomwin Municipality and one from Ruo Municipality.

A recount of the Nomwin and Ruo Municipality

ballot boxes was conducted on March 24, 2009 by a special committee established by the National Election Director and they found that Mr. Tony Otto was the winning candidate receiving the "plurality votes".

The special committee found that the results of the tabulation of the two ballot boxes were accurately tabulated and tallied and that they were not tampered with. The "irregularity" cited was that Senator Nelson garnered zero votes from Ruo Municipality and this was found to be the case. So on March 25, 2009, the Acting Director issued a declaration of the winning candidate for ED#5 and listed Mr. Tony Otto with 928 total votes received.

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Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on February 26, 2009, public notice is hereby given that each of the six parcels of land described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

- Parcel One:** Parcel No. 023-D-15 situated at Rohi, U Municipality, consisting of 1,063 ± square meters, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 023-D-02.
- Parcel Two:** Parcel No. 023-D-05 situated at Rohi, U Municipality, consisting of 4,400 ± square meters, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 023-D-00.
- Parcel Three:** Parcel No. 009-D-02 situated at Lukop, Madolenihmw Municipality, consisting of 27,077 ± square meters, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 009-D-00.
- Parcel Four:** Parcel No. 140-A-08 situated at Pahlap, U Municipality, consisting of 12,611 ± square meters, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 140-A-00.
- Parcel Five:** Parcel No. 002-E-12 situated at Temwen, Madolenihmw Municipality, consisting of 7,330 ± square meters, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 002-E-12.
- Parcel Six:** Parcel No. 046-D-06, situated at Kinakapw, Madolenihmw Municipality, consisting of 793 ± square meters, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 046-D-00

- There is no minimum bid amount for any of the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "May 8, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to the filing window of the Office of the Chief Clerk of Courts of the FSM Supreme Court – Pohnpei trial division in Palikir.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2009.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must state a bid amount separately for each parcel. Bids may be placed on one or more of the subject parcels.
- The winning bidder for each parcel will be notified by a duly issued Court order transferring title to the parcel, including all buildings fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the parcel, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Supreme Court" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given.
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...Groundbreaking

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emony to some of the dignitaries and stressed the fact that with an estimated 500 containers worth of supplies coming and 200 to 300 local jobs created for this project, Chuuk will not only benefit by getting a new road and water and sewer lines but also from the income generated from the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of taxes and income that Chuuk will receive through the work of this project.

The Manager of the FSM Program Management Unit, Mr. Jack Yakana, was also present today to represent the PMU group of the National Government that did all of the pre-work and contracting for this project to move forward. He looked on as the dignitaries donned hard hats and hoisted dirt with shovels to provide the "groundbreaking". Many on hand

joked that they should have used the dirt to fill in the potholes that plague the road instead.

According to Mr. Bobby Muller, the Project Manager for PII, the first set of equipment should arrive in Chuuk in June of this year. They have secured their staging ground at the old rock crushing site across from the Kurassa Hotel and will use some space in a building nearby to house their workers and offices. PII now has a physical presence on island and they are looking forward to the beginning of Phase I of the Weno Road Project in Chuuk. Although it will be some time before physical improvements are realized, everyone was still all smiles today because things are definitely moving forward.

K-Press Perspective

What to do about weak media in the FSM?

On Monday March 23 I had the delightful experience of speaking to a very small group of students at the College of Micronesia who are involved in a media studies class. The students, at least for this semester, are in charge of creating play lists for the college's small radio station and also for creating newsworthy content for play on the small College radio station.

My son is one of the students in that class and I'm proud that he's involved but that's not the reason I agreed to accept teacher Doug Kelly's invitation to speak to the class. I've spoken to other groups of students who had similar interests at the invitation of their instructors and my son wasn't one of the students in any of those classes. Unless I have a scheduling conflict I will never turn down an opportunity to talk to students about writing and journalism.

I agreed to speak to FSM students about the role of media in the FSM because the role of independent media in any country is vital. As I've said many times before, an uninformed citizenry by definition is an ignorant citizenry; not at all to be confused with a stupid citizenry. A weak media makes for a weak democracy.

The class and the interest of the students involved in it started me thinking about media freedoms in the FSM. Then just two days ago I received an email from UNES- CO inviting me to apply to attend a week long seminar on exactly that topic, media freedom advocacy in the Pacific region.

We are fortunate indeed that media freedom has been built into the constitution and that for the most part public servants are indeed interested in transparency and some do act with transparency in mind.

Just last Thursday, March 26 Congress, by the skin of its teeth passed an act that would require all policy makers, Department Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Board members that require the advice and consent of Congress to file a Financial Disclosure statement.

I was impressed with some of the conversation on the floor. It was apparent during the debate that not one Senator was against the act even those who spoke about their misgivings with the mechanics of the law itself. They did not try to limit the application of the law in such a way that they themselves would not have to comply with it. On the contrary one Senator even suggested that the law should apply only to Congress itself. Some Senators felt that the law might be a burden for some lower level staff members of the Government who can't really affect policy themselves in the first place.

There was also some concern that the law didn't have enough bite to it and no budget money was appropriated for enforcement of it. Certainly all to whom the law

applies will have to file something but at least for the moment there is no budget for investigation into whether or not the filing form submitted is factual or an elaborate fairy tale.

It was a healthy conversation and I was proud of our Senators that ultimately the law, which was submitted by Speaker Isaac Figir, passed intact, flaws and all. Starting January 1, 2010 all those to whom the law applies will be required to file a Financial Disclosure form.

Vice Speaker Resio Moses said that the idea was to make it more difficult for bribery to occur in the FSM so that decisions will be made based on what is right rather than on who paid who what, or how much under the table. He said it's about good governance.

Bravo, Congress!

It's a step in the right direction. There are more steps to take for transparency. Certainly media freedoms could be more codified in the law. Perhaps there could be a Freedom of Information act in the FSM similar to the one that is in place in the United States. Maybe we could go so far as to pass an act similar to what is popularly known as the "Sunshine Law" in the US which makes it exceedingly difficult and even illegal for public servants to meet without the meeting being announced and accessible to the public. It's a dream but it could happen, couldn't it?

As I thought more about media freedoms in the FSM and whether or not we have them I ultimately decided that isn't the whole problem here. I may be wrong but I think that as long as a journalist is responsible in sufficiently researching his or her stories before publication and publishes only what he or she knows to be true from reliable sources no journalist needs any longer to be concerned with being declared persona non grata as happened with Sherry O'Sullivan several years ago.

Having now been involved in FSM journalism for several years I've come to realize that the difficulties with establishing a robust independent media in the FSM are multi-faceted and somewhat complicated to fix and I most certainly don't know how to do it.

Mr. Kelly told me after the class was over that the FSM Congress, concerned about the downgrading of the status of the FSM because it lacks a strong independent media, requested that the College begin a media studies program. It was an excellent idea and the intention was noble and altruistic. The program has been running for several years now and several students have gone through the entire course. If they haven't already forgotten they know how to trim an FM radio antenna for the proper frequency. They know how often

the call sign, frequency of the radio station and its location needs to be announced and why they need to do it. They know how to develop a play list and something about the ethics of developing those play lists. They understand what is and what is not newsworthy and how to conduct an interview. Some are better at all of this than others but there is a problem. They are young.

I in no way mean this as a criticism of FSM culture or of young people. Please don't take it that way. I simply mean, as has been pointed out to me that the students that enroll at the College of Micronesia are usually right out of High School so that by the time they graduate they are in their early 20's. Culturally they are not yet adults and won't be considered to be adults until they are in their 30's. Not only are they intimidated to ask questions of people who are older than them the practice is looked down upon. How could a young person ever stick a microphone in the face of an older person and ask questions that will develop into a good news story and how would the interviewee feel about it?

I'm 46 years old and look like I'm ten years older than that but I'm an American and that in itself presents a bit of a problem. For several years I have tried diligently to seek out biases I may have that are solely based on how we did things in the US and to surgically remove them. Just because we did things a certain way in the US it doesn't mean that another way of doing things isn't proper here and I fully realize that. Many people I interview have come to understand that but not all and there are some stories I just flat can't get because I'm this big white guy from the isle of Wai who a few people don't want to talk to. I understand that and have said all along that we need responsible locals to be involved in journalism in the FSM.

And then there's a cultural problem with even that. Culturally in many places in the FSM we're supposed to know much and say little. Everyone knows what goes on from village to village and those topics are discussed in hushed tones at the sakau stone or where ever else people gather but woe be unto the person who digs too deep and tries to get the actual facts of the matter and then publishes the actual story for the public to read and to understand correctly!

It's not a criticism of the culture it's just an observation and a reality.

Then there's money. There's just not enough of it to meet the expenses of journalistic endeavors in the FSM. It hasn't been long since people in Pohnpei have begun to understand the value of advertising in the media. I don't know about the other islands in the FSM. Advertising is the thing that pays the bills for media. Without it, it can't be done. Who has the financial wherewithal to work for free in an endeavor as difficult, time consuming,

and sometimes even as dangerous as journalism?

We don't have a huge market in the FSM and the market is more difficult to reach than in other places in the world. It's expensive to import supplies and none of the supplies that are used for printing a newspaper or magazine are produced in the FSM. It's another one of the realities.

Is there an expert local sociologist somewhere out there that has the ideal solution to the problem of independent media in the FSM? If you're out there, drop me a line at email address kpress@mail.fm or by mail at Box 2222, Pohnpei, FM 96941. For that matter, let me know who you are by coconut wireless. I really want to talk to you because I really don't know what to do about weak media in the FSM.

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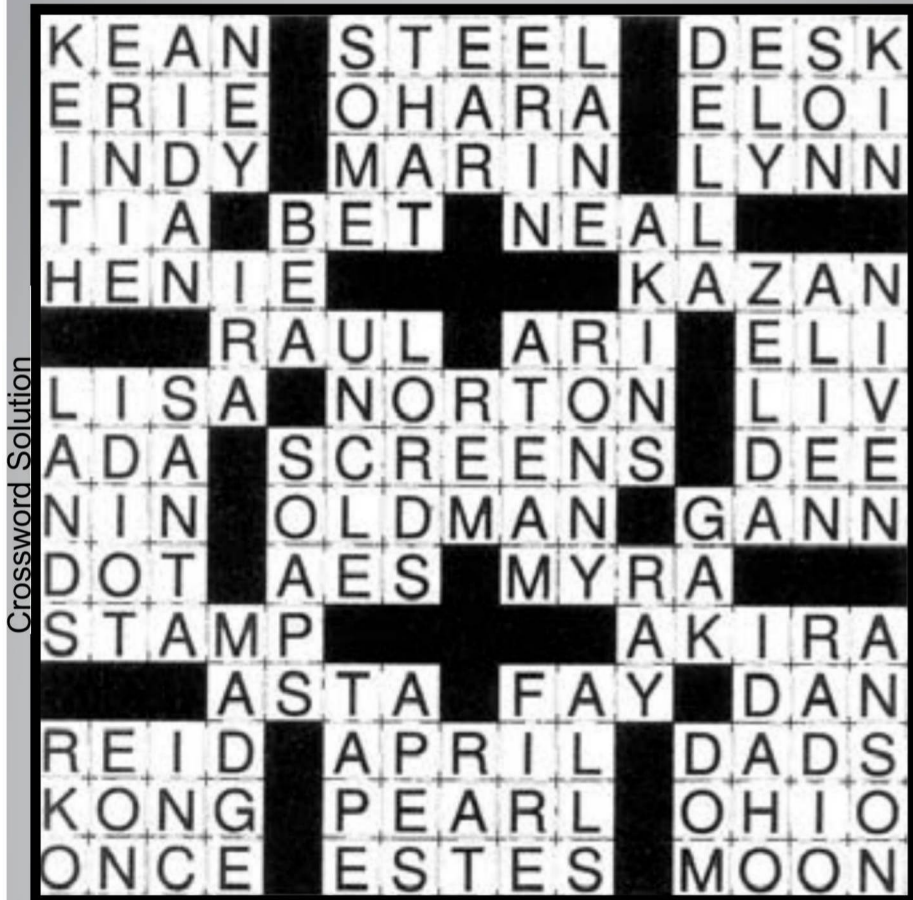
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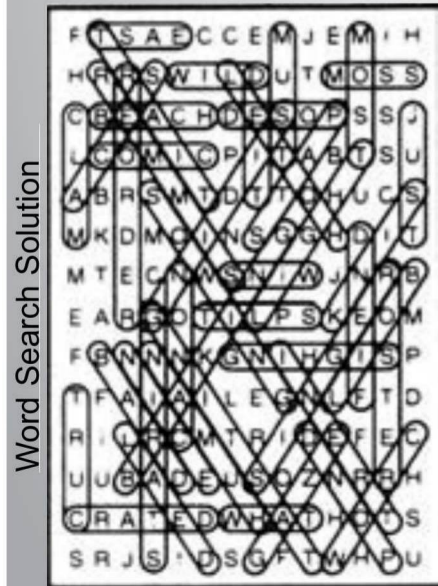
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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Cliff Rainbow Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. 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:
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Guava – a gift from the gods

By Kathay Larsen

Island Food Community of Pohnpei

The guava trees that we are so used to seeing here on our islands are not an indigenous tree of Pohnpei. The guava was brought here many, many years ago, but now it has made a home here and grows wild. Some of us may have this tree on our land, and for that we are blessed. If we take care of our guava tree, trimming it occasionally, it will produce fruit more often and the quality of fruit will be better, than that of a wild guava tree. A guava tree grows from the small seeds that are inside the flesh part of the fruit. You can plant these from any guava that you eat. It takes about three years for a guava to grow from seeds and then bear fruit, so once you have these trees, take care of them. They are an investment.

Guava is rich in vitamin C! Just one Common Guava can have over four times (over 200mg per 100g serving) the amount of vitamin C as a single orange, and less calories – I learned this fact while researching this article (just proof that you are never too old to learn new and important things)! They also have substantial amounts of essential minerals, potassium and magnesium. The Cattle Guava, at 30-40mg of vitamin C per 100g serving still contains 62% of the RDA (recommended daily allowance) for vitamin C, so they are very beneficial as well as tasty to eat, so don't overlook them!



Agnes Bardelas displays a large guava, a special variety

Research shows that vitamin C is important for keeping the body tissues strong, assisting the body's use of iron and helping with important chemical reactions. Without vitamin C, our cuts would take longer to heal and we would be more susceptible to infections. We also would not have as strong of a protection against boils. Guavas are also a fantastic source of dietary fiber. This is so important for our body as it keeps our intestines and bowels in healthy working order. We must have enough fiber in our diets to regulate our bowel movements. Fiber also helps to lower blood cholesterol levels and help protect against heart diseases.

There are two "kinds" of guava. The Common Guava – *Psidium Guajava*, is also known as the apple guava. It is a small tree denoted by a coppery coloured bark. Its flowers are white and cream coloured. The size and shape of the fruit will vary, but is typically 1 ½ - 3 inches long. The inside flesh of the common guava ranges from white to yellow, pink and red. Each colour will have a slightly different taste, but will still be uniquely the taste of a guava. The common guava seeds are small and stone-like.

The second type of guava, the Cattle Guava – *Psidium Cattleianum*, is also known as the strawberry or cherry guava. It is smaller than the common guava. The fruit rarely grows to be more than 1 ½ inches long. It is typically a deep shade of red to red/purple. The seeds differ as well. They are very large and are more "nut-like".

When guava is in season, there is an abundance of fruit here in Pohnpei. This being the case, they are either free as they are everywhere you look in the fields along the road, or on your property, or they are very inexpensive at the store as there are so many of them. To make some of that goodness last a little longer, you can even bottle the juice or make guava jelly. This will give you the opportunity to enjoy this treat long after the season has passed. Take advantage of this fruitful bounty and enjoy this healthy gift we have here on Pohnpei. Enjoy the different types of guava that we have as fresh fruit, juice, jelly, or in your favourite recipe (maybe even a guava milkshake for those exceptionally hot days!)

Acknowledgement is made to the South Pacific Foods Leaflets No.4, 1995, on Guava.

Astronomical Tide Prediction April 1 through April 14, 2009

	Pohnpei		Chuuk				
Wednesday	04/01 06:11 AM 3.9 01:25 PM 1.7 05:59 PM 2.1 11:11 PM 1.5	04/08 02:33AM 4.0 08:39AM 0.9 02:43PM 4.0 08:47PM 0.8	04/01 04:37AM 2.2 07:55PM -0.1	04/08 02:12AM 1.7 08:08AM 0.6 01:55PM 1.5 07:54PM 0.4			
	Thursday	04/02 07:07 AM 3.5 09:03 PM 1.8	04/09 02:59AM 4.3 09:13AM 0.7 03:13PM 3.9 09:09PM 0.8	04/02 05:07AM 2.0 07:51PM -0.2	04/09 02:17AM 1.9 08:42AM 0.5 02:15PM 1.3 07:51PM 0.4		
		Friday	04/03 09:29 AM 3.3 06:59 PM 1.5	04/10 03:25AM 4.5 09:46AM 0.7 03:40PM 3.7 09:30PM 0.8	04/03 05:42AM 1.8 07:56PM -0.2	04/10 02:30AM 2.2 09:15AM 0.4 02:30PM 1.1 07:50PM 0.3	
			Saturday	04/04 02:16 AM 2.4 04:38 AM 2.3 11:51 AM 3.4 07:19 PM 1.3	04/11 03:52AM 4.6 10:18AM 0.8 04:05PM 3.4 09:50PM 0.9	04/04 11:24AM 1.7 08:01PM -0.1	04/11 02:48AM 2.3 09:47AM 0.4 02:39PM 0.9 07:49PM 0.3
				Sunday	04/05 01:36 AM 2.7 06:33AM 1.9 12:53 PM 3.7 07:41 PM 1.1	04/12 04:18AM 4.5 10:50AM 0.9 04:28PM 3.1 10:08PM 1.0	04/05 12:23PM 1.8 08:03PM 0.0
Monday					04/06 01:49 AM 3.2 07:23 AM 1.5 01:36PM 3.9 08:03PM 1.0	04/13 04:44AM 4.4 11:22AM 1.2 04:49PM 2.8 10:23PM 1.1	04/06 03:00AM 1.2 06:56AM 1.0 01:01PM 1.8 08:01PM 0.2
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Assets		Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 28,070	Liabilities:	
Federal funds sold	55,000	Deposits:	
Interest bearing deposits with banks	5,021	Non-interest bearing	\$ 205,333
Total cash and cash equivalents	88,091	Interest bearing	534,330
Interest bearing deposits with banks	5,154	Total deposits	739,663
Investment securities available for sale	160,729	Accrued interest payable	972
Investment securities held to maturity	48,610	FHLB advance	35,000
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	2,198	Long-term borrowing	-
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	515,168	Other liabilities	1,628
Accrued interest receivable	4,133	Total Liabilities	777,263
Premises and equipment, net	22,571	Commitments and contingencies	-
Goodwill	783	Stockholders' Equity:	
Other assets	10,840	Common stock	1,813
Total Assets	858,277	Additional paid-in capital	13,097
		Retained earnings	66,616
		Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(222)
		Common stock in treasury, at cost	(290)
		Total Stockholders' Equity	81,014
		Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 858,277

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA BRANCHES

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

At December 31, 2008 / (\$ in thousands)

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 709	Deposits:	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	17,965	Non-interest bearing	\$ 14,022
Accrued interest receivable	82	Interest bearing	45,944
Premises and equipment, net	143	Total deposits	59,966
Other assets	-	Accrued interest payable	142
Due from Headquarters	41,244	Other liabilities	35
Total assets	\$ 60,143	Commitments	-
		Total liabilities	\$ 60,143

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Year ended December 31, 2008 / (\$ in thousands)

Interest income:		
Loans		\$ 1,122
From related parties		943
Total interest income		2,065
Interest expense:		
Savings deposits		261
Time deposits		559
Total interest expense		820
Net interest income		1,245
Provision for loan losses		84
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		1,161
Non-interest income:		
Service charges and fees		414
Other income		226
Total non-interest income		640
Non-interest expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits		445
Occupancy		188
Furniture and equipment		38
General, administrative and other		380
Total non-interest expenses		1,051
Net income		\$ 750