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Pacific Foods and Services files for bankruptcy

By *Bill Jaynes*
 The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FM – Pacific Foods and Services, Incorporated has filed for bankruptcy at the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia. The filing says that it owes over \$1.6 million to creditors but an FSM Supreme Court judgment says that it owes the FSM Development Bank alone more than \$2.2 million.

In January of this year PFS filed suit at the Supreme Court alleging, among other things that the law that allows Congress to accept or deny agreements with NORMA by resolution rather than by a bill is unconstitutional. PFS said in that complaint that when Congress voted in September of 2007 to deny them their fishing agreement with NORMA it effectively put the company out of business.

PFS also owns the Seabreeze Hotel and the Red Snapper Restaurant in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

The Congress committee report cited issues of financial stability as one of the reasons for denying the agreement.

In November 2007, the FSM Development Bank filed suit (CA 2007-035) against PFS and its three officers in an effort to collect on two loans the company took and that the officers personally guaranteed.

One of the loans was taken on November 29, 1999 in the amount of \$437,184.38 at 9% interest and payable by June 10, 2009. According to the complaint, payments on that loan stopped in May of 2007. By October 22, 2007 the company and its officers owed over \$750,000 to FSMDB.

FSMDB's filing said that another loan was taken by the corporation also on November 29, 1999 in the amount of \$800,626.75 at 9% interest. This second loan was for a longer term and was to have been paid by June 10, 2015. By the time the last payment was made on that loan on October 4, 2007 the FSMDB filing says that the corporation owed the bank over \$1.2 million.

The loans were personally guaranteed by the President of the company, Perdus Ehsa; the Vice President of the company, Timakio Ehsa; and Secretary/Treasurer, Ellen Mae Manlapaz (Ehsa). A promissory note, assignment

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President Mori files an amended complaint on the matter of Transco shares

Barney Olter files a separate complaint in Palikir against President Mori

By *Bill Jaynes*
 The Kaselehlie Press

Weno, Chuuk, FSM and Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM – In November of 2008 the FSM's President Manny Mori filed a lawsuit at the Chuuk branch of the FSM Supreme Court alleging certain improprieties surrounding

the transfer of shares of Truk Transportation Company (Transco) stocks. He said that he purchased the stocks from Barney Olter for \$3000 and the defendants in the case acted fraudulently to deprive him of the fruit of his purchase. He said that Myron Hasiguchi moved to purchase the shares for him-

self and that the other defendants acted in a way to make that sale possible. (See "The Kaselehlie Press Volume 9 Issue 3 page 2 - January 7, 2009)

President Mori's attorney, Sabino Asor during the week of January 26 filed an amend-

ed complaint with the court that added two new defendants to the list of defendants in the case. Truk Transportation Company – Pohnpei and TTC Pohnpei Manager, Raymond Varaz have now been added as de-

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Total Coliforms found in school water supplies

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – Officials at Pohnpei’s Environmental Protection Agency are cautious when they talk about a report on water supplies at Pohnpei Public Schools that they sent to the Department of Education on December 16, 2008. They are understandably concerned that the report could lead to a completely unwarranted panic regarding the quality of water supplied by Pohnpei Utilities Corporation. “They are doing a good job with the resources they have,” said Donna Scheuring, a long time consultant with EPA, speaking of PUC’s water services delivery.

The report delivered to the Department of Education showed that six of fifteen schools tested in early December showed little to no chlorine present in the water supply and tested positive for bacteria that falls within the category of total coliforms. Each of the schools had their water supplied by PUC. Total coliform bacteria can come from decaying plant life or other decaying matter, or it can come from the feces of animals such as humans, rats, pigs, or any other warm blooded animal.

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publication says that, “total coliforms are a group of closely related bacteria that are (with few exceptions) not harmful to humans... total coliforms are used to determine the adequacy of water treatment and the integrity of the distribution system. The absence of total coliforms in the distribution system minimizes the likelihood that fecal pathogens are present. Thus, total coliforms are used to de-

termine the vulnerability of a system to fecal contamination.”

When water was tested in early December of 2008 at Nett and Sekere Elementary Schools by the Pohnpei EPA, Escherichia Coli (E. coli) was detected. The water supply for four other public schools was found to contain bacterium that fell within the total chloroform group but no fecal pathogens were found in the water supplies of those schools.

As scary as this all sounds E. coli is already in our bodies. It is a bacterium that is found in the lower intestines of all warm blooded animals. It helps us to digest our food and provides, as a waste product vitamins that keep us healthy. There are many strains of E. Coli and some can cause us to become sick.

Scheuring said that the kind of E. coli that the EPA found is not the kind that has caused massive food product recalls in the U.S. and other places after hundreds of people fall desperately ill. “E. coli is everywhere,” she says, “but its presence in the water supply is not a good sign.”

When asked how bacteria could enter the water supply when testing shows that the water is free of total coliforms when it leaves the treatment plant, Scheuring said that a “really good” water supply loses 10 to 15% of its water due to leaks. “No water system is 100% leak proof,” said Scheuring. She said that when pressure falls in the pipes due to elevation changes in the run of the pipe or even due to high demand further up the water pipe, bacteria from the ground can enter the pipe.

Leakage also causes a problem with the amount of chlorine present in the water supply as the pipe

stretches further from the water treatment plant. Scheuring said that PUC could put enough chlorine in the water to get all the way to the end of the pipe run but then people closer to the plant wouldn’t be able to drink it or bathe in it.

Scheuring said that possibly the best solution is to have chlorine injection systems along the pipe runs to insure that there is a proper amount all the way through the system. If there is not enough chlorine in the water to kill the bacteria it is still alive and flows with the water when someone opens a faucet.

When Pohnpei EPA tested the water supplies on January 26 at each of the six schools that earlier tested positive for total coliform bacteria none of them registered total coliform bacteria of any kind.

Clayton Santos is the Laboratory Supervisor for Pohnpei EPA who is one of the two employees responsible for water supply testing. He said that it’s not unusual to have completely different total coliform readings on different days. During times of rainfall there is more groundwater that surrounds the pipes. Some days there is more demand for water up and down the pipeline which can allow more contaminants to enter the pipes



Nett Elementary School

when the pressure falls.

“E. coli and other bacteria are present everywhere”, said Scheuring. She quoted Dr. Rally Jim, of the Pohnpei Department of Public Health by saying that probably 80% of the people in Pohnpei already have antibodies in their system to protect them from bacteria found here.

She did express concern that there are public schools that are using local water supplies that are untreated. She said that people should be careful with those water supplies. Infants and elderly people should especially be guarded against any water supply and if there is any doubt the water should be boiled.

Three of Pohnpei’s schools are using water filtration systems installed by Drops of Life. One of those systems is still working and is providing clean drinking water for the campus. Unfortunately, two of the schools did not properly maintain their units and those have broken down.

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Update on Tidal Surge Disaster from Preliminary Damage Assessment Team in Mortlocks Islands

FSM Information Services

January 8, 2009

Palikir, Pohnpei - On January 1st, 2009, the FSS Micronesia (02) departed Pohnpei on the first part of its trip to provide emergency relief and deliver the Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Team to the Mortlock Islands in Chuuk State as the first part of the President's Emergency Relief Plan.

The patrol boat was carrying 10 thousand pounds of rice, equivalent to 490 sacks of 20lb and 40lb sacks of rice, and a joint team of damage assessors from Chuuk State and the National Government. The PDA team members for the Chuuk trip are; Ms. Oleen Poll - FSM Rep Team Leader, Ms. Marlyter Silbanuz - FSM Rep member, Mr. Wilfred Robert - DCO Chuuk State Rep, Mr. Alex Narruhn, - Chuuk State Rep: Health, Mr. Amanisio Joseph - Chuuk State Rep: Education, and Mr. Valerio Manuel - Chuuk State Rep: Agriculture.

On January 5th, 2009 a Preliminary

Damage Assessment Report was sent to the National Emergency Task Force to provide initial assessment to the damage the Mortlock Islands received. The results of the report have been grouped together and averaged for the Upper, Middle and Lower Mortlock Islands. If you would like specific information on one of the islands, please contact the Office of Environment and Emergency Management at aneth2008@gmail.com.

Jan 03 and 04, 2009 - Lower Mortlocks (Satwan, Ta, Oneop, and Lekinioch)

The PDA Team saw that on most of these islands there was sea water damage to 80-90% of the taro, 75% of the bananas and 70% of the other crops were sprayed with sea water, with the exception of Oneop Island, where only 45% of the taro was damaged and both Oneop and Lekinioch, which both had well maintained agro forestry systems.

Jan 04-05, 2009 - Middle Mortlocks (Moch, Kuttu, Ettal and Namaluk)

Vice President Alik L. Alik to Attend the Special Leaders' Retreat in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

FSM Information Services

Vice President Alik L. Alik is scheduled to depart Federated States of Micronesia to attend the Special Leaders' Retreat to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Port Moresby on January 27, 2009 to try to find a way forward on the political situation in Fiji. The Niue president Toke Tatagi, the current chair of the Pacific Island Forum, will chair the meeting.

The Pacific Islands Forum Leaders'

The PDA Team found evidence that taro patches had been damaged on every island from 70-80% and other crops were around 75% damaged. On Ettal, up to 95% of the taro and breadfruit was totally damaged by salt water intrusion.

Jan 05, 2009 - Upper Mortlocks (Nama, Piis, and Losap)

As of the time this report was filed, these islands were not yet assessed. We are still waiting for the report to be transmitted.

meeting will focus on the political situation in Fiji and also consider the recommendation of the Ministerial Contact Group. In particular, it will focus on the current political situation and positions being taken by the Interim Government in Fiji. It is not likely that elections will be held in March of this year, as promised by the Interim Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama to the Forum Leaders in 2007.

The Government of PNG will bear the cost for return travel, hotel accommodation (at the meeting site, Crowne Plaza) and per diem for the attending leaders. Accommodation will also be provided by PNG to accompanying officials.

The Vice President will be accompanied by Kandhi Elieisar, Assistant Secretary for Asia-Pacific, Africa, and Multi-Lateral Affairs. They are expected to return to the FSM on February 02, 2009

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of lease for the parcel of land beneath the Sea Breeze Hotel and the Red Snapper Restaurant, a chattel mortgage and other securities were given to FSMDB as a means of securing the loans.

A chattel mortgage is an assignment of ownership of movable property by the borrower to the lender as collateral for a loan, in this case, all of the contents of the Sea Breeze Hotel and Red Snapper Restaurant.

On December 28, 2007, the Court issued a default judgment in favor of FSMDB. A default judgment is issued when defendants have not met the deadline for response to a claim. The court said in its default judgment that Pacific Foods and Services, Inc, Perdus I. Ehsa, Timakio I. Ehsa, and Ellen Mae T. Ehsa (Manlapaz) "jointly and severally" owe the FSMDB \$2,010,546.60. It said that interest from November 26, 2007 would accrue at the rate of \$298.99 per day through December 28, 2007, the date of entry of the default judgment. After that time interest would accrue at the statutory rate. Interest is now accruing on the judgment at the rate of 9% or just under \$500 per day.

It isn't yet certain what effect the PFS bankruptcy filing will have on the execution of the court's judgment in terms of the corporation itself but its officers still appear to be personally liable for the judgment.

On January 18, 2008, the lawyer for PFS, Inc. filed a motion to set aside the default judgment and asked for more time to respond to the initial claim by the FSM Development Bank. His motion said that his clients had been able to meet their payments of over \$18,000 dollars per month until their fishing operations collapsed due to unexpected adverse market conditions in Japan and Asia that were beyond the defendant's control. It said that they notified the bank on October 27, 1998 of the situation and reduced their monthly payment from over \$18,000 per month to \$2000 per month.

The October 1998 date is the one listed by the lawyer for PFS in the filing but since this date is over a year before the loans were taken it is assumed to be incorrect.

Though FSMDB accepted the payments of PFS, the monthly payment amount was nearly \$1000 per month less than what was needed to cover even the interest payments on the two loans and no progress was made on the principal of the loans. The interest also began to stack up.

The PFS lawyer said that his clients are not lawyers and that they are unfamiliar with the legal process. He said that they had difficulty

in securing a lawyer that could represent them at the FSM Supreme Court. He argued that the defendants' failure to respond to the civil action in a timely fashion was not willful and that the default judgment should be set aside.

In the response to the motion filed by PFS' attorney, the lawyer for FSMDB said that the defendants were well acquainted with the legal system and gave what she called an "incomplete list" spanning 20 years and covering ten separate legal actions in which the defendants were named as parties. She further argued that the defendants, as evidenced by ongoing cases involving them "have ready access to legal counsel."

The court ruled on March 6, 2008 to deny the motion to set aside the default judgment saying that the language of the summonses was plain and sets out the consequences of failing to answer the complaint within 20 days. "In the absence of any evidence to support the defendants' contentions, and given that they are experienced litigants, the conclusion follows that the defendants were aware of the risks associated with failing to answer the complaint."

On April 3, 2008, FSMDB filed a motion for a writ of execution that if granted would have seized the contents of all of the bank accounts of the defendants.

Eight days later the lawyer for PFS and other defendants filed an application for an order in aid of judgment. They asked for the court to rule to allow the defendants to pay a total of \$2000 per month and also to pay a one time \$5000 payment to FSMDB. They offered to make those payments until the judgment is satisfied with interest.

FSMDB was quick with a response to the motion and pointed out that the Mathematics of the situation which shows that the offered plan would result in the judgment never being paid. Since interest is accruing at the rate of approximately \$15,000 per month a \$2000 payment would only result in the judgment growing at the rate of \$13,000 per month.

A \$2.2 million dollar debt even without the added burden of interest would take just over 91.6 years to pay off. At the current rate of interest on the adjudicated debt someone who paid \$2000 per month for 91.6 years would arrive in the year 2101 owing more than \$14.3 million assuming that the interest rate is never recalculated during that time.

The FSMDB response said that they believe that the defendants have the ability to make monthly payments on the judgment in a far greater amount than they proposed. They argued that the corporation operates several businesses and the officers who guaranteed the loan "control

substantial non-exempt assets that could be sold or transferred to pay this judgment." It said that FSMDB had requested discovery from all of the defendants as an aid to determine their ability to pay. It also said that it had filed notices of depositions for all of the defendants that were to take place in May 2008. They asked that the Chief Justice grant them an enlargement of time to respond more fully to the PFS' motion.

The court granted that request.

Nearly seven months later, at the end of November no depositions had taken place because the defendants had not yet produced the documents required under the court order compelling discovery. At press time the defendants still had not complied with the court's order for discovery and the depositions had not taken place.

The court ordered the defendants to show cause for why they should not be held in contempt of court for not complying with discovery on the matter or for failing to appear for depositions. It found the defendants guilty of contempt and though it did not confiscate their passports as it could have done it ordered the defendants to remain on Pohnpei until the court ordered discovery is provided to FSMDB. It also ordered that depositions should be taken beginning on December 3, 2008 and that they should continue until completed. Neither Perdus Ehsa nor Timakio Ehsa showed up for their depositions. Ellen Mae Manlapaz did show up for her deposition but her lawyer did not and the deposition couldn't proceed.

The court also found the defendants including their lawyer to be in contempt of court for not appearing at a hearing scheduled for November 25. The penalty for that finding was a fine for each of the defendants and their lawyer in the amount of \$100.

Joseph Phillip, who had been serving as the attorney for the defendants, told the court that his services had been terminated by his clients and that he should not be held in contempt. The court upheld the contempt charge saying that he had not filed a motion to withdraw and the court had not granted one and that he was therefore still the attorney of record. In late January of 2009 he did file a motion to withdraw from the case.

On the 19th of January, in the absence of depositions or discovery documents FSMDB offered a proposed order in aid of judgment.

Their proposed order asks the court to allow the bank to sell six parcels of land belonging to Perdus Ehsa and one parcel of land owned by Timakio Ehsa in order to collect on the loan. If the Court issues the order as it is proposed, which it has not done, the six parcels of land including

the Sea Breeze Hotel and the Red Snapper Restaurant would be sold according to court order. The public land lease would be assigned to the bank. It would also take possession of all of the movable property located there.

On January 28, 2009 FSMDB filed an amendment to their proposed order in aid of judgment that recognized the implications of the bankruptcy application that was filed by PFS, Inc. on January 26, 2009. The new proposed order in aid of judgment eliminates reference to the transfer of the land lease which is held by PFS but still asks for the sale of six parcels of land owned by Perdus Ehsa.

If the court so orders, the land parcels would be put up for sale by sealed auction with bids going to the Supreme Court. Proceeds from the sales would be used to offset the judgment against the defendants. If the sales do not raise enough to cover the outstanding balance FSMDB would come back to the court for further orders on the matter.

Pohnpei Attorney Martin Jano filed civil action 2-09 at Pohnpei Supreme Court on behalf of Perdus Ehsa on a related matter.

The Kaselehlie Press asked the Court for a copy of the filing which is public record. We were told that Chief Justice Judah Johnny had ruled that filings at Pohnpei State Supreme Court are not public record until the court has ruled on the case. They would not release a copy of the filing.

Attorney Jano, in characterizing his filing before the court said that PFS had not been able to make full payments on their loan as they had intended but that they had been paying approximately \$2000 per month on it. "Everything was fine and then something happened," said Jano. "Maybe they (FSMDB) got an in house counsel with nothing else to do and so they filed a claim."

He said that his filing at Pohnpei State Supreme Court asks the court to determine a Pohnpei Constitutional question regarding land sales in Pohnpei. He said that under the Constitution land sales are not allowed except as authorized by statute. "I'm not aware of any law that allows FSMDB to sell land and until there is one I will fight any judgment of FSM Supreme Court that orders it," said Jano.

He also said that the FSM Constitution in Article 11 Section 6A specifically says that the FSM Supreme Court has non-exclusive jurisdiction in issues of land.

Both matters are still before the two separate courts.

Alternative Energy Grant to FSM provided by Government of Turkey

FSM Information Services

The Government of Turkey has responded favorably to an application submitted by the FSM Mission in New York and has approved an amount of \$200,000 towards a project entitled "Solar-Powered Groundwater Supply System for the Atoll Islands of the Federated States of Micronesia". The Mission in New York had earlier obtained an assistance grant in the amount of \$25,000 for securing technical assistance in preparing an application to the Turkish International

Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) for developing the application for this project. The proposed project budget is actually larger than the amount provided for by Turkey, so there will be a need for a supplemental amount appropriated to the project or the scope of the project will need to be reduced.

The project will involve the construction of a solar powered groundwater supply system on a selected atoll island in the Federated State of Micronesia. Water will be

pumped from wells in pristine areas to storage tanks. From the storage tanks, water will flow by gravity to a water use area adjacent to every home on the island. Solar panels providing power for the pumps will be located on a large secure government building, such as a school or municipal office.

The immediate objective of the project is to provide clean convenient groundwater for all the residents of the island. This supply of water will complement already existing supplies of water from household rainwater catchment and storage systems. This will be a pilot project and the selection of the atoll has yet to be

determined. Site selection criteria include accessibility to the island, current school water supplies, island support for the project and state support of the project.

The long term objective of the project is that the groundwater supply system will be replicated on other atoll islands, thereby greatly increasing the number of beneficiaries of the project. The actual installation of the groundwater supply system will take place in calendar year 2009. Final design of the system will be complete and all project materials procured before that time.

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Pacific Freedom Forum condemns assassination of Sri Lankan editor

The Pacific Freedom Forum joins the global condemnation of the assassination of Sri Lankan newspaper editor Lasantha Wickrematunge on January 8 and calls on the Sri Lankan authorities to act swiftly to bring his killers to justice.

Wickrematunge predicted his death in an editorial written only days before he was shot in the head by gunmen on motorbikes. Published posthumously in the Sunday Leader, the newspaper Wickrematunge co-founded 15 years ago, the chilling editorial hinted at the hand he believed would be responsible for his killing but added that it was unlikely that his murderers would face justice.

Wickrematunge's death is a horrific reminder of the censorship and dangers independent journalists and media organizations face in Sri Lanka from both the government and Tamil Tiger rebels.

"As journalists, activists and members of civil society, we stand in solidarity with Wickrematunge's family and the staff of the Sunday Leader. Indeed, our thoughts are with all those journalists in Sri Lanka who, despite the threat of assault, abduction, arrest and death, remain unafraid and continue to champion alternative viewpoints freely and fairly," says PFF chair Susuve Laumaea of Papua New Guinea.

"As fellow Asia-Pacific citizens, we call on the government of Sri Lanka to successfully complete its investigation into Wickrematunge's death and bring those responsible to justice," he says.

"While it may be specific to Sri Lanka, the editorial speaks to all of us. It's a testament to the universal right to freedom of expression and information, and the challenges journalists face in pursuing that right on behalf of the public. It is highly relevant to any community, and I would encourage anyone, whether working in the media or not, to read it."

Co-chair of the Pacific Freedom Forum, Monica Miller, says the killings, violent attacks and threats against journalists are an attack on the whole of society.

"Journalists have a responsibility to report without fear or favor and ensure the public's right to know what is happening in their countries," she says.

"We in the Pacific media industry are reminded at this time of the extraordi-

nary courage of people like Wickrematunge. His moral courage - what he termed the 'call of conscience'; is something the world needs more of. Let us not be afraid to speak out against injustices even if we are in the minority. Let us not be afraid to speak out for those without a voice."

For many in the Pacific, removed from the day to day reality of the ongoing civil war in Sri Lanka, Wickrematunge's outspokenness may seem hard to contextualize. Yet in a country such as Sri Lanka, which holds the record for the greatest number of journalist disappearances reported to the UN, even UN and other development agencies and consular offices released messages condemning his murder.

Sri Lanka scored the lowest ranking of any democratic country in the Reporters Without Borders 2008 press freedom index (165th out of 173 countries). During 2008, two journalists were killed in the country and two others were in prison.

The last editorial of Lasantha Wickrematunge is in its first-published form online at the following link to The Sunday leader website: <http://www.thesundayleader.lk/20090111/editorial.html>



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defendants.

Attached to the new filing are two exhibits. One is a receipt signed by Barney Olter dated July 12, 2008 in the amount of \$10,000 as payment for 2040 shares (certificate number 2984) of Transco's stock.

The other is an affidavit signed by Barney Olter on January 16, 2009 and notarized by Cadalina Donre saying among other things that Myron Hasiguchi and the TTC Pohnpei manager "made" him sign a paper in October, 2008 to repudiate the validity of his Bill of Sale with Mori. It said that they wanted Olter to say the Bill of Sale with Mr. Mori was not valid so that he could sell the stocks to them. "They even suggested I leave the FSM to avoid going to court," the affidavit says.

It says that sometime in mid to late 2008, after he had sold the shares to Mr. Mori, the manager of Truk Trading Company, Pohnpei paid him \$10,000 for the same shares he had sold to Mr. Mori. He said that his understanding was that the purchase by TTC was on behalf of Myron Hasiguchi, the President of Truk Trading Company and President of TTC Pohnpei. The TTC manager, the affidavit says, assured Olter that the \$10,000 used to purchase the shares was from TTC. He said that after he accepted the \$10,000 the manager instructed him to endorse the stocks to him and deliver them to him at the Dekehtik causeway, which he did.

The affidavit refers to the transaction between President Mori and Barney Olter in vague terms regarding the number of shares that were sold at the time of the transaction. As was the case with the bill of sale, whenever the transaction between Mori and Olter is discussed the number of shares purchased is still referred to as "all of my (Olter's) inherited stocks."

The amended complaint changes the dollar damages that President Mori is seeking. With the addition of the two new defendants President Mori's claim for punitive damages now stands at \$750,000. The amended complaint also asks for the court to order Transco to transfer the disputed shares into his name. The causes of action in the amended complaint from Mori's original filing are essentially the same.

Transco's attorney, Steve Finnen, in his re-

sponse on behalf of Transco to President Mori's original filing said that Barney Olter is an indispensable party to the claim and should be named. Mori's amended claim does not name Barney Olter as a defendant.

On January 26, 2009, Michael J. Sipos filed a separate complaint (CA 2009-011) on behalf of his client, Barney Olter at the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir, Pohnpei. President Mori is the sole defendant in that claim. It alleges Breach of Fiduciary Duty; Fraud and Deceit; Negligent Misrepresentation; and asks the court for declaratory relief seeking rescission or reformation of the sales contract between Mori and Olter.

The complaint alleges that sometime before March of 2008 when Olter entered into an agreement to sell "all of his inherited stocks", Mori contacted Transco officials to inquire as to the number of shares issued in Salter Olter's name. It says that because Mori was at that time a member of the Board of Directors of Transco and "as a result of his considerable influence as President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Mori was able to discover the number of shares issued in the decedent's (Salter Olter) name, which was in excess of 2000."

It charges that President Mori obtained a copy of the pending Pohnpei State Supreme Court probate document on the probate issue on the estate of Salter Olter which was before the court. From it he learned that the number of shares that Olter would inherit was not identified in court papers and was not otherwise publicly available in Pohnpei. It says that Mori knew or should have known that Barney Olter did not know the true number of shares he had inherited from his father, the fair value of the shares, or the income producing potential of the shares due to future dividend distributions.

The suit alleges that President Mori did not share the information with Olter and that because of his position as a Board member he owed a "fiduciary duty to both the corporation and its shareholders obligating him to place the interests of the corporation, the shareholders and those with ownership interests in shares (including Olter), ahead of his own."

It says that rather than fulfilling his duties, President Mori instead used the information available to him as a corporate insider to the detriment of Olter and that he intentionally misled Olter. Even the Bill of Sale did not identify the number of shares involved in

the transaction.

Olter contends through the filing that the transaction took place in the President's office and that the President invited him there "to influence Olter in terms of who he was dealing with and to mislead Olter by inducing trust and confidence that the President was acting legitimately, rather than dishonorably and immorally, in the process."

After the bill of sale was signed an FSM government employee was called into the office to notarize the signatures. The President then offered to pay half of the sale amount and half later. Olter refused that offer and the President wrote a personal check for the full amount of the agreed purchase. The suit alleges "on information and belief" that President Mori knew that dividend payments would soon be forthcoming and that the amount on the shares he had obtained would be in excess of \$1000.

Transco, after it received a court order from Pohnpei State, transferred ownership of the stocks to Barney Olter. After receiving the stock certificates he signed over two of them for a total of 120 shares to President Mori. The lawsuit says that this number was in line with what Olter believes was the number of shares he held ownership rights to at the time he agreed to sell his shares to Mori.

The complaint asks for the court to rescind the contract in its entirety requiring Mori to return the 120 shares previously transferred, allowing Olter to return the \$3000 sales price, which would place the parties in the same position they were in prior to entering into the contract. In the alternative it asks for the court to reform the contract to reflect the "mutual understanding of the parties as to the 120 shares Olter believed he owned and the reasonable value of those shares paid by Mori which resulted in Olter transferring them to Mori."

It also asks for attorney's fees and costs and for punitive damages as the court may allow.

President Mori has not yet had an opportunity to respond to the claim. The Kaselehlie Press did contact his attorney, Sabino Asor, who gave us permission to quote from his return email which included an attached copy of Mori's amended complaint. He later faxed us the two exhibits referred to in the amended complaint.

Asor said in his email, "It is sad that Mr.

over land and water and any other territory or waters belonging to Micronesia "by historic rights, custom, or legal title." By doing an assessment of the continental shelf, the FSM has the potential to extend its exclusive water rights beyond the 200 nautical miles by establishing the outer edge of the continental margin where the margin extends beyond this limit.

Three sites have been identified with the potential for extension beyond the 200 nautical miles limit. 1) Eauripik Rise, located in south-western Yap State; 2) the Mussau Ridge, located in Chuuk State, and 3) the Ontong Java Plateau, located in southern Pohnpei State. FSM stands to gain approximately 156,000 square kilometers from the Ontong Java Plateau, 75,000 square kilometers from the Eauripik Rise, and 26,000 square kilometers from the Mussau Ridge.

Olter has been maneuvered into becoming a fighting tool to cover up the Transco-Mr. Hasiguchi-TTC Pohnpei conspiracy to defraud my client and interfere with my client's stock purchase agreement with Barney Olter because Myron wants to retain majority ownership of Transco."

"My initial reaction to Barney's Complaint by Mr. Sipos is that it is very heavy on factual venomous allegations but very little substantive law," said Asor. He reiterated his feeling that Olter's lawsuit was a fabrication by Stephen Finnen's clients (Transco, et al) designed "to distract attention from the fact (that) TTC Pohnpei and Myron Hasiguchi attracted Barney with \$10,000 to breach his Bill of Sale with my client. I will provide you with our refuting proofs later because we were unprepared for the content of Mr. Barney's Complaint. I have not been officially served with it."

Asor concluded, "This is not a personality contest. This is principles about the integrity of contracts and the corporate world in FSM."

Asked for a comment Olter's attorney, Michael Sipos responded by email, "If the initial transaction was improper as alleged, President Mori's efforts to establish share ownership will fail and he will be reimbursed the \$3,000.00 paid. If President Mori feels \$3,000.00 was a fair price for the shares why isn't he responding by agreeing to accept \$3,000.00 from Mr. Olter and voluntarily canceling the sales agreement returning both gentlemen to the position they were in at the start? Refusing to do so makes it appear as though President Mori wishes to achieve a financial windfall at the expense of Mr. Olter's inheritance. None of the later acts by third parties that President Mori complains of are, however, relevant to the legality of the initial sales agreement between he and Mr. Olter. Regardless, if it were not for Transco's eventual disclosures to Mr. Olter he may have never known the details about the number or fair value of the shares he had inherited from his late father. I find it difficult to fault Transco for protecting its shareholders and declining to honor a fundamentally unfair and flawed agreement favoring a privileged insider."

The Kaselehlie Press will continue to monitor filings in both cases at the Supreme Court and will report from both sides of the multiple issues.

President Mori is recommending Congress approve the agreement by adopting the resolution during the Sixth Regular Session of Congress to be held next week. If approved, the FSM will contract an expert in Geographic Information Science (GIS), Mr. Scott Sweet, to do the required work and submit it to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in developing states. FSM will work in partnership with PNG and the Solomon Islands (SI) to submit a joint submission with a deadline of May 2009. This agreement will benefit all parties since PNG and SI have Geology experts that will assist with the project and FSM will provide the GIS expert, Mr. Sweet, to assist with preparing the submission. By submitting jointly, all three countries stand a better chance of having their proposals accepted and not having any conflicts in their reports.

FSM Prepares To Delineate the Outer Limits of its Continental Shelf**FSM Information Services**

Back in August of 2008, His Excellency Masao Nakayama, Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to the United Nations, submitted a proposal drafted by the FSM National Oceanic Resources Management Authority (NORMA) and secured an agreement for foreign financial assistance from the UN Trust Fund in the amount of \$117,568 to contract experts to assist the FSM to put together its position paper to delineate the outer limits of FSM's Continental Shelf as required of the coastal states by Article 76 of the UN Convention of the Law of the Sea, of which the FSM is a party. President Mori has transmitted

a resolution to the FSM Congress to approve the agreement for the acceptance of this foreign financial assistance during the 6th Regular Session of Congress to be held next week beginning on Monday, January 26th, 2009.

Currently, the FSM Constitution states in article 1, section 1 that the "territory of the FSM is comprised of the Districts of the Micronesian archipelago and the waters connecting the islands are considered internal waters regardless of dimensions, and jurisdiction extends to a marine space of 200 miles measured outward from appropriate baselines." This includes the seabed, subsoil, water column, insular or continental shelves, airspace



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FSM patrol boats assisted in emergency operations



FSM National Police

Two of the FSM patrol boats, FSS Micronesia and FSS Independence were involved in the transportation of the PDA (preliminary damage assessment) teams which consisted of representatives from FSM national government, US Agency for International Development (USAID) as well as Yap and Chuuk States. The trips were in response to the tidal surge that hit the islands in FSM in early December 2008.

FSS Micronesia under the Command of LCDR Steward Peter sailed out of Pohnpei with the PDA team on board for Chuuk on New Year's Eve despite their own family plans to celebrate the New Year together.

FSS Independence under the Command of LCDR Simion Weitto left Pohnpei with another PDA team on January 4, 2008 to do the assessment in the outer islands of Yap.

Both patrol boats were loaded before departure for the assigned areas. Freight included some immediate emergency relief of rice on board

The PDA teams worked tirelessly despite the rough seas and uncooperative weather to complete their important tasks.

According to CO FSS Micronesia LCDR Peter, the trip was an eye opener and provided an opportunity for members of the USAID, national and state representatives to experience what the life of members of the national police Maritime Wing personnel is like especially during unfriendly weather conditions. Even on important days like New Years, we had to respond to calls of duties like what we did LCDR Peter concluded.

The two patrol boats returned to Pohnpei after successful completion of the assignments.

FSS Micronesia, a day after she returned to Pohnpei had to sail again on very short notice to investigate a report of a big boat anchored in Madolenihmw. She went to the other side of Pohnpei and found the reported boat to be a schooner that already had been cleared by government officials.

Holiday Season's Message from Postmaster General

The year 2008 was a year to be thankful for despite enormous challenges we faced at the FSM Postal Service organization coupled with the new leadership. I must admit without reservation that the entire personnel of FSM Postal Service did extremely well in providing postal services to the deserving beneficiaries. One character of success is team work. They all played well and were excellent team players which led to excellence and superb performance of them all. This year we experienced part of the global economic crisis which entails to significant operational budget cuts negatively affecting the FSM Postal Services, however, their performance surpassed the statutory mandate and expectation of the FSM Postal Service.

Through the turbulent and stormy weather of our journey this year, FSM Postal Service continued to strive for excellence in customer satisfaction. I am extremely proud of our FSM Postal Service personnel for prioritizing our customers over their loved ones in order to provide postal services during the Holiday Season. To note a few, we were open for customer services on December 24th & 31st, we were open for service on Saturdays until later hours in order to distribute incoming mail in less than 24-hours after arrival of air and/or sea carriers that called on the FSM ports to be certain that mail was received from abroad in a timely manner.

The main player who made this customer service a great success is the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration. My sincere debt of gratitude and appreciation goes to the able leadership of Mr. John Ruwas, Chief of Revenue and Tax Administration, CTA, and his dedicated and workaholic personnel who worked during odd hours tirelessly so that the Holiday Season's incoming mail would be distributed to our deserving beneficiaries in a timely manner.

My special debt of gratitude to all FSM PO personnel at the State's Post Offices and I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the hard working and tireless efforts and the good faith lead support staff of the corporate office who worked by my side all along despite other burning issues that also required their attention. Special thanks to the loved ones of our staff for allowing them to serve the great citizens of this young growing Federation. I take my hat off to all of you.

We will continue to strive for the BEST!

My special Kulo Molalap, Komwakar, Kirischow Tapwur and most especially Kаланган to all employees of FSM Postal Service and to their loved ones.

Your Loyal Servant,
MIDION G. NETH
FSM Postmaster General





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Japan's Grant Assistance to Xavier for Student Center

Embassy of Japan FSM

The Government of Japan provided \$88,478 to Xavier High School in Chuuk State for the Project for Setting-up of Student Center under the Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security.

A Grant Contract signing ceremony was taken place on January 12, 2009 at the Embassy of Japan's conference room in Kolonia. Mr. Shoji Sato, Ambassador of Japan to the F.S.M. signed on behalf of the Government of Japan, and Father Robert Richard McAuliff, SJ, Director of Xavier High School also signed the Contract.

Xavier High School, a well-known alma mater for many FSM's government dignitaries, located in Chuuk State, has got a new project, granted by the Government of Japan for the new student center. It's still fresh to remember that Xavier was on the news paper for having refurbished white color school building assisted by the Japanese private company, Mabuchi Construction, after 70 years of history since they built it as a Japanese navy communication base. This time, Ambassador Sato of the Embassy of Japan reaffirmed the importance of quality of education that FSM has to maintain, particularly like Xavier, the school which steadily keeps

a high educational standard and attracting the prospective future leaders of Micronesia.

The project will set up the Student Center at Xavier by renovating the old unused church. It is expected to help improving the academic and leadership performance of students at Xavier, and will enable Xavier to continue to attract quality students from across Micronesia despite the Chuuk's unfavorable economic situation.

The Student Center includes unique functions like a 'Student Body Association Office' for the students to build leadership skills, and a 'Tutoring Center' for tutoring both Xavier students and students from local public elementary school(s). The Director of Xavier high school, Father Rich emphasised the importance of education, and pointed that the revival of communities will be inevitable in order for Chuuk to resume educational quality.

The entire student population of Xavier High School and the population of Sapuk Elementary School (approximately 300 students per year) are expected to get benefit directly by the project, but also eventually to have an impact on the local community as a whole including other local public schools.



Signing Grant Contract, Left: Father Richard McAuliff, SJ Right: Ambassador Sato

Grassroots for Human Security Project to Island Food Community of Pohnpei

This is the second project for IFCP through the Embassy's Grass-roots Human Security Project Scheme. The training center, which awarded by several donors including the Government of Japan in 2008, is actively used for the local food promotion and various types of workshops for many different age groups throughout the year. Their efforts are restless.

The workshop is often taken place on the additional space in the parking lot in front of the training center if there are large numbers of participants, while its roof has been a threat by falling down because of its decrepitude. It called the urgency in need and the Government of Japan responded timely under the Grass-roots scheme.

This project includes expansion of multi-purpose building by renovating the old storage besides the renovation of the roof. The local food promotion/awareness programs were remarkably aware by many people in the FSM particularly when the fuel and imported food price dramatically rose last year. The new project for IFCP is expected to accommodate more people to join the IFCP's activities and to be the place to foster all generations to aware more on local foods values through grass-roots activities.



Left: IFCP Chairman Mr. Adelino Lorens, Right: Ambassador Sato

Embassy of Japan FSM

Pohnpei's local NGO, Island Food Community of Pohnpei(IFCP) was awarded a grant for 'The Project for the Repair and Expansion of Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) Multi-Purposed Building' approved by the Government of Japan, which is amount of \$21,927 under the Grass-roots Human Security project scheme.

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From Left: Dr. Lois (Researcher of IFCP), Mr. Adelino Lorens (Chairman of IFCP), Amb. Sato, Mr. Hallens (PNI Economic Affairs), Mr. Tohge (Grassroots Coordinator), Ms. Larsen (Office Manager of IFCP)

15th Congress of the FSM kicks off its final regular session

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM – On the 26th of January Speaker Figir gavelled the final regular session of the 15th Congress to order. As has been the practice, the gathered dignitaries and spectators rose to their feet for a moment of silent prayer.

Included in the gallery were FSM President Manny Mori, Kosrae's Governor Robert Weillbacher, Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa, FSM Executive Branch cabinet members, visiting state legislators and other dignitaries from FSM states, the diplomatic corps representing Australia, China, Japan, and the United States.

Three representatives from a very large corporation in Japan were also present on that day as part of an exploration into the possibility of moving their captive insurance program to the FSM.

A new attorney for the FSM Congress, Maisha Kennedy was introduced to the gathered dignitaries.

Yoclyn G. Sibra of Kosrae has been hired as Congress proofreader and was also introduced. During the last regular session of Congress several Senators from Chuuk called for a proofreader to be hired.

As is the usual practice on opening day at the FSM Congress not a great deal of FSM business was transacted on the floor. Individual Senators "rose" on a point of privilege, one after the other, to recognize dignitaries in the gallery.

Perhaps the highlight of the session was two speeches from the chamber floor. One was prepared in advance and delivered by Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Dohsis Halbert. The other was delivered as an impromptu message by Vice Speaker Resio Moses. Both senators are from Pohnpei. (See the complete text of those speeches on this same page)

On the second day of the session, Senator Nelson of Chuuk echoed the sentiments of Chairman Halbert when he suggested that the FSM Congress should pass a resolution urging the new President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, to consider the possibility of transferring the task of monitoring the Compact of Free Association between the U.S. and the FSM from the Department of the Interior to the State Department.

As did Chairman Halbert the day before, Nelson pointed out that the proposed arrangement would be more in line with the fact that the FSM is a sovereign nation and not an internal resource of the United States.

The FSM has its own internal

Vice Speaker Moses' impromptu opening day speech

Mr. Speaker....

I join the President. I know the President, the Governors, Speakers, the Diplomatic community and many others that are here...I presume that they are here not only to celebrate the opening of the new session of Congress, but perhaps to say farewell to those who

struggles.

On the third day of Congress a session was scheduled for 5:00 pm, ostensibly to deal with the possibility of extending the President's Emergency

Declaration regarding the flooding caused by tidal swells of FSM outer islands that began on December 8. The initial declaration was extended for 30 days and the Congress could have extended it further. They did not do so in the morning session despite passionate arguments from both sides of the issue.

None of the five Chuuk delegation members showed up for the evening session and Congress could not transact business.

Before Congress can officially vote on bills, at least 10 of the 14 members must be present. A quorum of Congress is 8 members. Nothing was done and the declaration expired by default. If it is to be reinstated it must, according to Congress legal counsel, be reinstated by President Mori.

Another bone of contention amongst the branches of government is the appropriation of Compact infrastructure grants that would allow infrastructure projects in the FSM to go forward.

FSM law requires that money received from outside of the FSM is to be divided five ways on the basis of a formula.

Currently, approximately 67 million dollars of Compact funds is said to be available for appropriation but none of that money has been listed in the revenue projections presented to Congress by the Executive branch.

According to discussion on the Congress floor, not only is the National Government, under FSM law, entitled to appropriate only 10% of the amount that is available, that body can only act on what the President's office gives them as a revenue projection. Congress cannot appropriate funds that have not been "documented" in the revenue projection.

There are tensions between the FSM Congress and the Executive Branch but there is a new breeze blowing. It is a breeze of reconciliation. Meetings have been scheduled amongst the FSM delegations of Congress and President Mori's cabinet members in order to determine where the problem lies.

At press time, President Mori and Congress Speaker Isaac Figir had scheduled an informal meeting to begin to work out the problems between the two branches.

President Mori, at the request of the FSM Congress has called for a National State Leadership Conference, in part, to deal with the technical problems of dealing with appropriations for Compact Infrastructure funds.

Representatives from the US Department of the Interior will also be at the meeting.

may not return to the new Congress ... and I join them (laughter).

On a serious account, I would wish that all members do return.

Speaker I wish to congratulate the Senator from Pohnpei with respect to the statement (to) the new administration of the United States. I too was listening to the event of international significance and I cannot help but feel that the new President of the United States is ushering in a new period of transformation not only into the American

Chairman Halbert's opening day speech

As the Americans inaugurated their 44th President, an individual who had a very humble beginning, the world, including the FSM was trying to watch every bit of it to see and (to) wonder how the new administration will be different from those of the past.

I observed a lot of government employees on the very next day. Many did not show up to work, while many were sleeping on the job. To me it was perfectly alright. Twenty-six million people watched the historic event on-line, FSM citizens included. Many people went to their friend's or relative's homes where they could watch this historic event on TV.

They all are anxious to see new changes.

"And to all the people and governments who are watching today, from the grandest capitals to the small village where my father was born, know that America is a friend of each nation and every man, woman, and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity, and that we are ready to lead once more," said President Barack Obama.

We in the FSM should welcome the new leadership to lead once more by seeing to it that the Compact is smoothly implemented. The upcoming Compact review will bring in new changes to allow us to benefit more as originally envisioned. In listening to President Obama's speech, I tried to apply some of the important points he touched upon to (the) certain realities in the FSM, and that we not only hope but we also pray that they will be practical applications.

President Obama said, "We remain a young nation, but in the words of scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation; the God given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness."

I immediately remember(ed) the composition of (JEMCO) Joint Economic Management Committee and the Trust Fund Board

political landscape, but rather into the international community.

I feel for some reason, I cannot pinpoint what, that the new President is again ushering into American politics another new era of good feeling.

I think that statement that he did so beautifully on the air did present a very connecting statement, engaging, not typical of the more often arrogant political statements of power politics.

I read Mr. Obama's statement as one that will engage the world. It is one that is not talking down to people, but one that is trying to connect a new system of politics, of religion, of human existence, and I feel, for no other reasons that I can pinpoint, that there will

(and) that all are not equal, all are not free and not all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness. The majority rules and the minority suffers.

President Obama also said, "Today, I say to you that the challenges we face are real. They are serious and many. They will not be met easily in a short span of time. On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord."

Mr. Speaker, distinguished guests, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen. It is (this) same hope that the FSM wants, instead of fear of stringent decisions by the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), we pray for hope that our constitution remain(s) as the highest law of the land and (that it) should not be treated as an internal matter, so subservient to the "fiscal procedures agreement under the Compact of Free Association between us and the United States government".

A motto that is often attributed to President Harry S. Truman, is "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

We do not want to get out of the kitchen but we do not want to be burned. Instead we want to benefit fully from the Compact.

In President Truman's 1945 campaign he warned the farmers of a political trick: "If you cannot convince them, confuse them." Mr. Speaker, the Executive and Legislative branches now seem so confused with the varying instructions on how to handle the infrastructure funds.

The question we ask today is not whether the Compact funds are big or small, but whether we will ever benefit from them during our lifetime. The notion that one does not pin one's flag too tightly to one mast [in the event] that if a ship sinks, we cannot rip it off and nail it to another, seems to be the most prevailing impression.

But if the special relationship that is often talked about is being genuinely practiced, the FSM salutes and congratulates the new administration. If the promises hold true in the FSM, President Obama is a great HERO. President Obama is an indispensable leader.

Thank you very much.

be a new era of transformation in the American politics and in the international community.

And I feel that the FSM should do our best in the international arena to help wherever we can, however small that might be.

I congratulate America and the American people.

I convey to the representative of the United States here sitting, my congratulations!

I join the President, Speaker and all else in Micronesia in making this congratulatory statement.

Japan's New Assistance: \$2 million for Economic Development

A new assistance by the Government of Japan, "Non-Project Grant Aid (NPGA)", has set up in the F.S.M. for the first time. 200 million Japanese Yen (approximately 2 million USD) is available strictly for the purpose of Economic and Social Development of the F.S.M.

Embassy of Japan FSM

The Exchange of Notes signing ceremony was taken place on January 21, 2009 at the conference room of the Department's Foreign Affairs in Palikir, in the presence of H.E. Vice-President Alik-Alik. Most of the cabinet members also joined and witnessed the historical moment. H.E. Mr. Shoji Sato, Ambassador of Japan to the F.S.M. on behalf of the Government of Japan and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the F.S.M. H.E. Mr. Lorin S. Robert exchanged the Notes on the Grant Aid of 200 million yen.

Distinctive features of the NPGA this time are expressed in the remarks made by Ambassador Sato. It was initiated by responding to President Mori's speech in which he announced the economic crisis mainly caused by the worldwide ballooning oil prices. In addition, it is to be noted that the cabinet room suddenly went black when the Former Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshiro Mori had a meeting with President Mori last September. Ironically, this happening certainly convinced Mr. Mori to be aware of the current and serious needs of F.S.M. Furthermore, the significance of assistance was doubled when NPGA was expressed by H.E. Prime Minister Taro Aso during his meeting with President Mori in Tokyo last November prior the official cabinet approval. Although it took some time to reach to this point, Japanese Government's commitment for the NPGA to the F.S.M. this time is based on its firm intention of giving support to F.S.M.'s economic and social development.

NPGA is for the purpose of contributing to promotion of the economic structural adjustment efforts, as well as mitigation of the economic difficulties including indebtedness. Therefore, it does not have a 'project' so that it is called 'Non-Project'. NPGA will be implemented through the purchase of the products by the procurement agent, and the Government of F.S.M. will deposit the 'counterpart funds from its sales. The counterpart funds shall be utilized by the F.S.M. for its development goals according to the own development plans.

Ambassador Sato reaffirmed the strong ties of partnership between Japan and the F.S.M., and reassured that the Japanese Government's continuous support to the Government and people of the F.S.M.



Signing the Notes

Two traditional canoes left Yap for Palau

The Traditional Navigation Society of Yap has opened a new Chapter in the history of traditional navigation as its two traditional canoes departed on another voyage to Palau at 10:00 am today, January 26, 2009.

A few dozen people including family members, relatives, and friends gathered at the Marina this morning to watch the crews or wish them goodbye as they were preparing to depart from the Marina Pier.

The main purpose of the voyage to Palau is to re-enact the stone money expeditions that Yapese made to quarry stone money in Palau back in the 16th century.

The Mathaw Maram is under the guidance of its master builder and traditional navigator Chief Bruno Tharmgan of Maap and the Hokule'a is guided by traditional navigator and former Police Captain Ali Haleyalur from Lamotrek Atoll.

The crowd held a short ceremony this morning prior to the canoes departure.

An introduction of the voyage was made by the Traditional Navigation Society of Yap saying the trip had originally been scheduled to coincide with the Presidential



Inauguration in Palau earlier this month but due to other circumstances had to delay it until today.

Chief Thomas Falngin of Rull gave blessings to the crews on behalf of the Council of Pilung while Chief Leo Racheilug of Satawal gave words of encouragement to the crews on behalf of the Council of Tamol.

Governor Sebastian Anefal who attended the ceremony to say farewell to the crews of the two canoes also thanked every-

one especially the Chiefs and the Traditional Navigation Society of Yap for the hard work and effort to revive some cultural teachings in Yap which include the building of traditional canoes and traditional navigation. The Governor also said he is happy that in just a short time more and more young people are getting interested to learn the two skills.

The highlight of today's ceremony was the acceptance of mission and departure
See 'Traditional canoes' on next page

... coliforms

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Dr. Ralley Jim said that the Department of Health uses statistical sampling along with Global Positional Satellite to determine whether or not there are geographical "hot spots" in Pohnpei for various types of diseases. He said that there have not been enough cases of Hepatitis A to determine one way or another whether or not any village or geographical area had a greater occurrence of the vi-

rus than any other. He said that to his knowledge there doesn't seem to have been a greater number of cases of the disease in Sekere than in any other village of Pohnpei.

Editor's Note: We felt it was important to do a follow up on last issue's article that carried the headline "Rumors of unsafe drinking water untrue". One of the corrections that needs to be made to that article is that we listed the name of the teacher we talk with at Sekere Elementary School. His name is Phillip Albert.

While what we said in that article was factually correct Cynthia Saimon, Principal of Sekere Elementary School was concerned that the article might have led people to believe that she overreacted and started the rumor about Hepatitis being in the water supply in Sekere. Although we never said that nor implied it we understand her concern. She did send a letter to all of the parents of her students but it never mentioned Hepatitis and said only what the EPA report said. She said that it was merely a point of information for the parents.

Just in Case

By John C. Brown, Ph.D., Biochemistry Professor, Kansas University

What do I do if I or someone in my family gets sick after eating hamburger or something else - or for that matter, just gets sick?

No matter when, - if diarrhea occurs, always pay close attention to the symptoms... look for the presence of fever, vomiting, etc., particularly if the person is an infant, a small child, or an elderly or infirm adult. Look for any signs of blood in the stool. If you see anything that worries you, call your physician immediately - don't worry about the possibility of being mistaken and perhaps looking "silly." The organism is difficult to identify [recommended method is to use a genetic probe - associates with the toxin's(s) gene sequence(s)] - so - be as patient as possible - treatment will be given for the symptoms and treatment will be given to help rid the person of the infection.

How long does it take for any symptoms to appear?

Well, the answer to this question is a tough one. There are many things which may influence the onset of symptoms for this particular disease. Symptoms may appear within hours or may appear only after several days. It is for this reason that if diarrhea occurs, one should examine the stool for blood, and pay attention to any other symptoms which may occur, particularly

if the person affected is a young child, is elderly, or is infirm in any way. The following are some of the things which can influence the time it takes for symptoms to occur:

- (1) The actual number of organisms ingested - the higher the number ingested, the sooner the possibility for symptoms (the relatively greater concentration of toxin made).
- (2) The health status of the individual - the weaker or less healthy, the sooner the possibility for symptoms.
- (3) The individual's natural resistance to either (a) the growth of the organism within the intestine, or (b) the effect of the toxin itself. Different people may respond differently.

Usually, the disease is self-resolving (means that the disease clears "on its own") within about 8 days or so. However, as stated above, if any blood appears in the stool, or if watery diarrhea appears in an infant or a small child, one should immediately contact one's physician and describe the symptoms as accurately as possible. Whether or not E. coli O157:H7 is involved, diarrhea for any reason in a little kid can potentially be dangerous - so - discuss the symptoms with your physician if you are the least bit concerned.

How can I reduce the risk of infection from E.coli?

1. Always clean any surface that has come in contact with raw meat, before any

other item is placed on that surface.

2. Always thoroughly wash your hands after handling raw meat, and before you handle any other utensils or other food items.

3. Never use the same plate, tray or utensils for the cooked meat that you use for the raw meat - unless you thoroughly wash the plate, tray or utensils in-between.

4. Always cook meat, especially-ground meat, until the juices run absolutely clear - pink is not good enough. In fact, it is necessary for the internal temperature of a hamburger patty to reach 160 degrees F to kill all of any contaminating E. coli.

5. In day-care centers, schools, etc., any small children with diarrhea should be carefully handled, and kept separate from all well children. All diapers, and any soiled clothing should be kept separate from all well children. The day-care worker, teacher, and health-care personnel should practice strict hygiene at all times, regardless of the health of the children.

The best advice is to of course be smart about all of this... realize that there is always a risk and simply take common-sense actions to minimize the risk.

The item above is excerpted from an excellent and informative easy to read article entitled "What the Heck is E. Coli?" It was used with the permission of the author and can be found at <http://people.ku.edu/~jbrown/ecoli.html>

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by Master Navigator Ali Haleyalur who accepted it from Carlos Yarofaireg of Lamotrek and returned the favor to the navigators from different schools and asked for their blessings.

Haleyalur has accepted from Yarofaireg the turtle shell used by all the masts of different schools of navigation as protection against tornadoes, storms and other sea creatures that could destroy canoes. The turtle shell also symbolizes unity among the schools or navigators and their crews. A trip without unity among the schools or navigators from different mast or schools would never reach its destination safely.

Of the total 17 crewmen, 8 were crew members of the Mathaw Maram and 9 were crewmembers on the Hokule'a.

The crew of Mathaw Maram were;

1. Bruno Tharngan
2. Vincent Figir
3. Edward Pasan
4. Mathew Chomed

5. Bernard Yuruw
6. Blaise Gaag
7. Nicolas Gamagag,
8. Alfred Amthun

Crew of the Hokule'a are;

1. Ali Haleyalur
2. Paulino Gelalumai
3. Johnny Ratiglur
4. Rocky Saremaaitg
5. Spencer Tafileluo
6. Johanness Hashigeluo
7. Rolan Halishilmal
8. Selvister Mailshy, and
9. Magnus Resemanglug

When asked as to when they expect to reach Palau, both navigators Tharngan and Haleyalur said that based on their estimate it could be as early as Wednesday, but it could move to Thursday if the weather will change while they are still underway to Palau.

Yap Traditional Canoes arrive safely in Palau

Department of Youth and Civic Affairs

January 30, 2009

Colonia Yap - Three days after their departure from the Yap Marina Pier, the two traditional canoes from Yap have both arrived safely in Palau. The main purpose for the voyage was for the Yap Traditional Navigation Society (TNS) to train its apprentices. Currently TNS is training its students in the arts and skills of canoe building, sailing, and traditional navigations. The society hopes to have, in the long run, regular open water training voyages between the main island and its neighboring islands. The two canoes Mathow Maram and Semion Hokule'a were captained by Master Canoe Builder, Chief Bruno Tharngan and Master Navigator Ali Haleyalur.

Mr. Haleyalur was initiated under the traditional "pwo" ceremony as a Weri-yeng Navigator back in the late eighties.

Although he has made several open-water voyages throughout the western islands of Chuuk as an apprentice, this would be his first long distance voyage under his guidance as the Master Navigator.

According to both captains, their nearly 300-mile voyage, which they expected would take three to four days, had them face the challenge of rough seas between Yap and Palau. Nevertheless, they reached their destination as predicted.

Minor problems on their canoes were encountered during the voyage, but were repaired along the way. The seafarers were warmly received and welcomed by the Council of Chiefs of Palau at a brief reception set up for their arrival in Malakal yesterday afternoon.

The canoes are expected to return back to Yap prior to Yap Day 2009 and if weather conditions permit. This voyage relied completely on the traditional methods and skills of way finding which is being taught at the TNS institution.

US Ambassador to Asian Development Bank Visits FSM Focuses Attention on Project Effectiveness and Private Sector Development

Pohnpei, FSM - In the first ever visit to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in recent memory by a US Executive Director to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), US Ambassador Curtis S. Chin was in country, in Pohnpei and Chuuk states, from January 19-24 as part of his oversight role as a member of the ADB's Board of Directors. Chin said that he was here "to listen and learn, and to better understand the effectiveness -- as well as 'the good, the bad and the ugly' -- of ADB's past and present development support to the FSM."

"FSM has more than lived up to its reputation for the warmth and the hospitality of its people," said Chin. "I also very much appreciated the opportunity to have frank, open discussions with counterparts in government about the need for all sides to have greater accountability for development efforts, both the ADB and its government partners."

In his visit, Chin also stressed the importance of private sector development and was joined by U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Miriam Hughes in visits to several ADB-supported projects in Chuuk state. According to the ADB, the FSM has received eight loans worth more than US\$75 million and technical assistance (TA) worth more than US\$23 million since FSM joined the multilateral development bank in 1990.

"Ultimately, it is not bank loans or donor nation support that will move countries forward, but their own people combined with the will and the sustained commitment of a government to put in place an environment for businesses to create jobs and drive economic growth," Chin added. "Clearly, while every country must

map its own way forward, no country can in the long run afford to have most of its working population on government payrolls."

Chin said that the ADB had a "very mixed record of success" in the FSM, and while government had to learn from past projects, the ADB too needed to learn and to change. "Change has come to America, and change too must come to the Asian Development Bank to ensure that what is good is built on, but what has been bad or outright ugly needs to be addressed. It is not whether an institution is big or small, but whether it is effective that matters most."

Chin has been a leading advocate for strengthened human resources, good governance and other reforms at the Asian Development Bank, as well as a constant advocate for the smallest or least developed countries served by the institution. He speaks frequently of the need for "responsible development."

"For me, the 'three Ps of responsible development' are a focus on people, in ensuring that development truly benefits the people on the ground; on planet, in ensuring that development is done in a more sustainable manner; and on partnerships, on ensuring that development is done increasingly in better coordination with aid agencies for sure but also with civil society and the private sector," Chin said.

ADB assistance to the FSM has ranged from loans for what proved to be unsuccessful fisheries development and water supply and sanitation projects in the 1990s, to an ongoing grant for a "Weno Water Supply Well Remediation Project" to help "provide secure and safe water supply to the residents of Weno Island in Chuuk state." Other development support to the FSM has led to ongoing construction



of buildings for Small Business Development Centers in all four states, and the renovation of a limited number of elementary/primary schools and dispensaries.

While in Chuuk state, Chin and Hughes traveled to Udot Island to visit two school buildings and a dispensary that have been renovated with ADB financing. "The smiles of the children and the compliments of the teachers and the local mayor was rewarding, underscoring that ADB can have a positive impact," Chin said. "At the same time, however, even with relatively successful projects, critical issues such as the need for maintenance funding, the need to ensure initial building designs are appropriate and adequate, and the need for a big picture approach to ensure teachers are supported and children are learning also remain."

Chin said that FSM government representatives, while acknowledging some ADB success stories, also focused on issues of loan repayment difficulties.

"US advocacy for the special needs of the smallest or least developed countries at the ADB is just one part of the US' continued involvement, commitment and

engagement in the Asia-Pacific region," Chin said. "The US and the FSM have a very special relationship, particularly through the Compact of Free Association, but our relationship also includes many examples of partnership, large and small, from visits of hospital ships to the ongoing work of US Peace Corps volunteers in local communities."

As part of "Pacific Partnership 2008" in support of and in cooperation with the government of the FSM, "seabees" as well as volunteers from the USNS Mercy hospital ship joined with local community to help renovate schools and the hospital in Chuuk, and provide medical assistance among other services.

The ADB is a multilateral development bank owned by some 67 members, 48 from the region and 19 from other parts of the world. ADB's main instruments for helping its developing member countries are policy dialogue, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants and technical assistance. The FSM is represented on the ADB Board by the Australian Executive Director.

Australians and invited guests celebrate Australia Day

Pohnpei, FSM – On January 29 Australians, dignitaries, and invited guests gathered at PCR Nahntehtlik to celebrate Australia day. The event was in no way hampered by the fact that Australia day was on the 26th of January. FSM's Secretary for Foreign Affairs spoke to the crowd of more than a hundred guests on behalf of the FSM. Ambassador Cox also addressed the crowd. The complete text of her speech is below.

Foreign Secretary Lorin Robert, Governor Ehsa, Cabinet members, members of Congress, members of the Pohnpei legislature, Mayor, members of the diplomatic corps, distinguished guests, fellow Australians

I want to personally welcome you all here today – Micronesians, Australians and fellow expatriates. I am delighted that you are all here to celebrate Australia Day with us.

I also want to especially welcome the Governor, the leaders of Pohnpei and business people, upon whom our Embassy depends to keep functioning. It is indeed a privilege for Australians like us to be guests in your land.

On Australia Day, Australians come together to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. It's the day to reflect on what Australia has achieved and what we can be proud of in our great nation.

There have been many momentous events in Australia over the year. I'd like to single out the apology to the Stolen Generation. As the first item of business in the new Australian Parliament, the Australian Government took the momentous step of apologizing to members of the Stolen Generation. The Stolen Generation is a term used to describe Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly removed from their families by past government policies and put into special schools or adopted out to white families. Prime Minister Rudd made a moving speech saying how sorry he was that people had been removed from their families and their culture. I chose that example because it illustrates that our government recognizes the importance of culture and identity, which I know is important in Micronesia as well.

I am pleased to say that I have now visited many communities on Pohnpei and have also made official visits to Kosrae and Chuuk. I have been happy that

we have been able to support grassroots activities too. To name a few, we are helping Pakin Atoll and Pohnpei State with a local fisheries management plan and are supporting the Micronesia Challenge Young Champions Workshop for FSM, which will teach leadership and self reliance. In Chuuk, we have established a Youth Centre in Weno which aims to help train young people and offer them a place to gather and socialize free of alcohol. In Kosrae we plan to fund a program for the prevention of malnutrition in infants and toddlers and in Yap, we have funded maternal and child health programs.

I also wanted to say something about my diplomatic colleagues. FSM is fortunate in having such strong relations with a number of Australia's friends represented here tonight. You have a unique relationship with the United States, the pre-eminent nation in the world, which is the envy of some. You have a strong history of friendship with Japan, among the world's leading nations, and are developing links with China, the world's fastest growing economy. We are not in competition. What I and my colleagues seek is to be your partners in development and firm friends in the international arena. That doesn't mean we will always agree but we will conduct relations professionally. I consider myself fortunate to have such excellent colleagues in the diplomatic community.

It has been a very busy year for the Australian Embassy. Our community has expanded with the opening of the Transnational Crime Unit, which was jointly funded by our partner the United States. Although you don't hear much about the work of the TCU, I can assure you that they are working hard to protect FSM from serious crime, including drug and people trafficking. We now have a full-time Australian Federal Police adviser in Pohnpei. We have also advisers in Finance and education. We have been able this year to offer eighteen scholarships to students from all four states to study in fields as diverse

as law, medicine, economics, environmental studies and engineering.

I am extremely proud of the work of these Australians, together with our Maritime Surveillance team and my own Embassy team, and the Micronesians who work for me and with them. We are jointly seeking to build capacity and help the FSM achieve its goals, whether it be in fighting crime, protecting FSM's precious marine resources, or helping educate future leaders of Micronesia.

Australia is famous for many things – its love of sport is one of them. Our Embassy is no different. My deputy, Janet Whitaker, took up the challenge presented by Lieutenant Governor Edward and helped form an international softball team for the Pohnpei tournament. The TCU helped by providing Micronesian talent to the international team. Our team lost but enjoyed the games no matter what. Our Embassy has also supported sports more widely through a physical education program for primary age children in Yap which we hope will be extended more widely in the FSM. We are also funding a basketball program in Chuuk which promotes substance and violence free living and positive contribution youth can make to the community.

While the last year was very active for my Embassy, the coming year looks set to present more challenges and opportunities. I have just received confirmation that FSS Micronesia will travel to Australia in April for its half life refit. This will give FSS Micronesia another fifteen years to serve the people of the FSM at a cost of around AUD\$3.5 million. I also plan to travel to Yap in March to complete my visits to the states to see our assistance at work on the ground.

We also value the Federated States of Micronesia's contribution to the Pacific Region and welcome your contribution to the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands and support your work on the Pacific Plan, which seeks to advance regional cooperation, including in trade, energy and transport. Much attention

has been given to food and energy security as a priority for the region. I also welcome the opening of the Secretariat for the Pacific Community Office in Pohnpei and its director, Amena Yavuoli.

Next year will be momentous for Australia too as we will host the Pacific Islands Forum, the pre-eminent gathering of Leaders from around the

Pacific. I very much look forward to welcoming Micronesian leaders to Australia where we plan to discuss solutions to the many challenges shared by the Pacific nations. FSM is very much a part of the Pacific, sharing as it does common challenges such as the fragility of island environments and food security challenges as was illustrated most recently by the destruction of crops on the outer islands as a result of the storm surges. We were happy to assist in the assessment of that damage.

Sometimes people think as a country of only 120,000 people, there is not much one can do to influence the world. The message I want to deliver is that there is strength in numbers. The Pacific Islands Forum has over the years made an impact in the world. Its work brought about the banning of driftnet fishing and played a major role in the ending of nuclear testing. Right now, your Ambassador in New York is working with nations from around the world on issues such as climate change. Problems like this require global solutions and cannot be dealt with by individual countries. It is important that FSM take its place in the region and internationally.

We also share a common interest in the betterment of the environment and on the need to address climate change. For Australia's part, we have committed to introducing a carbon pollution reduction scheme, including an emissions trading regime and to negotiating an equitable and effective post Kyoto 2012 agreement. FSM did its part by hosting the SPREP meeting this year which decided 2009 would be the Year of Climate Change.

Before we continue our celebration, I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the Australian community. You are a very important part of our relationship with FSM. Last year I said I would host a function for you, which I have not yet done. Every Australian overseas is an Ambassador for our country because you leave an impression of what Australia is all about. I can safely say that you have all done as I would have expected. Pohnpei has also attracted an increasing number of Australian tourists, including some pretty famous surfers!

I'd like to thank in particular my staff as well as those of PCR who have done marvelous things to get this done. Tonight we have tapped into a small part of our unique culture – but no live didgeridoos tonight. You will have an opportunity to taste a truly Australian delight – we have a unique cake called lamingtons, as well as a range of Australian wine and beers.

Ladies and Gentlemen

It now gives me great pleasure to propose a toast to the President, Government and people of the Federated States of Micronesia, and after which the FSM national anthem will be played and Foreign Secretary Lorin Robert will deliver his remarks.

Thank You



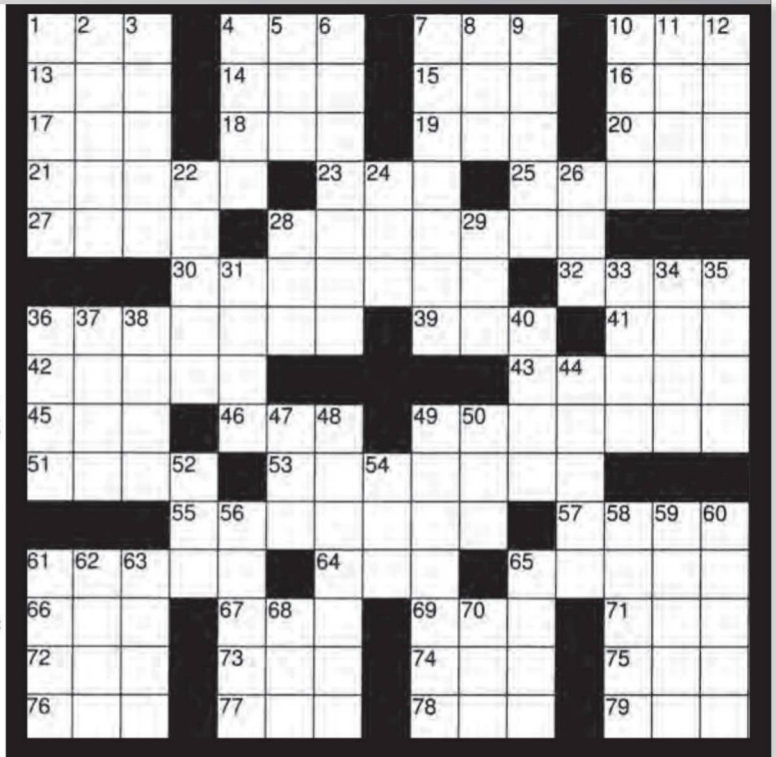
Crossword - T V / F i l m 4

ACROSS

- 1. Actor Davis
- 4. ___ Girl Friday (Cary Grant film)
- 7. Actor Bymes
- 10. Actress Ryan
- 13. ___ About Eve
- 14. Star Wars: The Phantom Menace boy
- 15. The Thin Man actress
- 16. TV's Mrs. Morgenstern
- 17. Actress Farrow
- 18. Sister ___
- 19. Kilmer who played Batman
- 20. Henry and June role
- 21. TV's Green ___
- 23. TV series that often uses DNA testing in its plots
- 25. Our Miss Brooks star
- 27. Actor Connery
- 28. Cousin ___
- 30. Frasier star
- 32. Hemsley's TV sitcom
- 36. Previews, as a film
- 39. Director Peckinpah
- 41. "You ___ There"
- 42. American Idol host Abdul
- 43. Enchanted
- 45. TV's ___ a Living
- 46. TV's L.A. ___
- 49. TV's Diff'rent ___

- 51. TV's Empty ___
- 53. Midler film
- 55. Tim Robbins, in The Shawshank Redemption
- 57. Hot Lips Houlihan, on TV
- 61. Salma Hayek film
- 64. Actor Olin
- 65. Actress Dana
- 66. Actress Ullmann
- 67. The Facts of Life star
- 69. Former TV Tarzan
- 71. ___ Don't Leave (Lange film)
- 72. Three-faced woman of film
- 73. Where to see Joe Isuzu
- 74. He'd say, "What EEZ it?"
- 75. Howards (Hopkins film)
- 76. The ___ We Were
- 77. Top ___ (Astaire film)
- 78. PBS TV chef
- 79. Mrs. Miniver actor

- in Mars Attacks!
- 5. TV's Models
- 6. TV laughfests
- 7. High-flying group of film
- 8. Edmond O'Brien film
- 9. Actor McDermott
- 10. A Beautiful ___
- 11. Ernie's TV partner
- 12. The Journey of Natty ___ ('85 film)
- 22. Georgia of The Mary Tyler Moore Show
- 24. The ___ of All Fears
- 26. Actor in The Crying Game
- 28. TV's Yan ___ Cook
- 29. Mad About You role
- 31. ___ People
- 33. Actor Hamill
- 34. That Thing You Do! setting
- 35. Dick Van Patten role in Mama
- 36. TV's ___ City
- 37. Actress Blanchett
- 38. Tim ___ of Star Trek: Voyager



- 40. Actress Winningham
- 44. Mario Van Peebles film
- 47. TV network
- 48. The ___ Link
- 49. Stage setting
- 50. ___ Sting
- 52. Actor Danson
- 54. Certain movie planet resident
- 56. Actress Bernhardt
- 58. What ___ Want
- 59. Cara of Fame
- 60. Cronyn's frequent costar
- 61. One ___ Over the Cuckoo 's Nest
- 62. Actress Maria ___m
- 63. Who's the Boss? actress
- 65. Actress Redgrave
- 68. Holly Hunter, in The Piano
- 70. She played Caroline on TV

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Your List Goes Here

Words With "Y"

This puzzle is a study of "Y." You should be kept busy finding the 18 4-letter words, 13 5-letter words, and 18 6-letter words for a total of 49 words containing the letter "Y."

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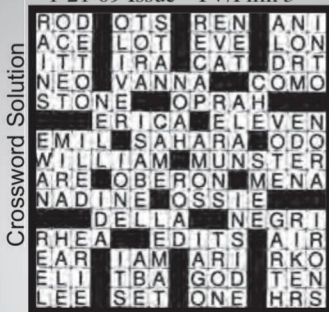
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Puzzle Pleasure Previous Issue's Solutions

1-21-09 Issue - TV/Film 3



Crossword Solution

1-21-09 Issue Starts With "T" and Quest for "QU" 1-21-09 Issue

Word Search Solution

throw, thumb, tidal, tides, tiger, tiled, timed, timid, tinge, tired, token, toner, tonic, tooth, torch, total, totem, towel, tower, trace, trade, trail, train, trait, trash, trial, tribe, trick, trout, trove, truce, trump, trust, truth, tulip, tuned, tunic, turbo, tweed, twice.

4 Letters- aqua, quad, quay, quip.
5 Letters- equal, pique, quack, quail, quark, quasi, queen, quell, queue, quick, quiet, quill, quote, squat, squaw, toque. 6 Letters- bisque, clique, equate, equine, liquid, loquat, masque, opaque, plaque, quaint, quench, quiche, sequel, squall, square, squeak, squint, squire, unique. 7 Letters- inquire, macaque, requiem, require.

Word Search Solution

ANOTHER CLASSIC

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There once was a diver named Hank
Who had to go sit on the bank.
He ran into trouble
When friends saw a bubble
What didn't come out of his tank."

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People of Pohnpei are Passionate about Pineapple

by Kathy Larsen
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Few things are more refreshing on a hot day, than a big bite of a mouthwatering fruit. When the temperature is soaring into the 90's, you hardly care if a little bit of that sweet, juicy, goodness runs out of your mouth and down your chin. You'll worry about cleaning up later. Right now, you just want to enjoy the taste – that wonderful taste. To quench your need for something cool and refreshing on a sweltering day, there is nothing quite like a pineapple. It's just the right combination of sweet and sour. Your taste buds explode with the first bite, and you can hardly wait to eat more. You are actually a bit sad when you come to the last bite. You do your best to savour it, making it last as long as possible. Now that I have made your mouth water, and you are craving a pineapple, I'll get to the "bonus" material.

It may surprise you to know that there is much more to pineapples than just great taste. Pineapples are a protective, health-giving food. Fresh pineapples are full of vitamins and minerals. They contain 100% of the daily recommended allowance of vitamin C. Vitamin C helps the body use iron. Other critical vitamins and minerals that pineapples contain are provitamin A, Vitamin B1 (thiamin), Vitamin B2, Calcium, Iron and Niacin. They

also contain fiber, which is very important for a healthy diet. It is important that your diet contains enough fiber so that your intestines and bowels stay in proper working order. Fiber also protects against diabetes. Unfortunately, here in Pohnpei, we tend to eat quite a bit of refined foods like white rice and white flour. Eating too much of refined foods causes constipation. Raw pineapple further contains a unique substance called Bromelin. One use of this substance is for softening tough meat. Keep in mind however that the substance Bromelin is only found in "raw" pineapple. Once you cook or can pineapple, Bromelin is destroyed. The properties found in raw pineapple will also destroy gelatin, so always use "cooked" pineapple in recipes calling for gelatin.

You can eat pineapple fresh, right out of your garden, or from the market. Eating it fresh and raw is the best way to utilize the vitamin C. To eat a fresh pineapple, first make sure you have a ripe pineapple. A green pineapple will not get more "ripe" or sweet like other fruits, so make sure it is ripe when you pick it. Next, cut off the top and the bottom (twist off the top if you want to use for planting material). Next, slice off the outer layer of thorny skin. Finally, make no larger than 1/4 inch wide "ring" slices all along your pineapple. Some people do not care for the middle "core", so you can cut that out as well if you wish. You can eat your freshly cut pineapple alone, or mix

with other fruits. You can even serve with other vegetables, meats or fish. Pineapple is one of the most versatile fruits that we have available to us here in Pohnpei. Make sure to save the juice when you are cutting up the pineapple as this makes a refreshing drink as well. If you want to grow pineapple at your home, be sure to keep the top that you took off. This is the part that you will then plant back in the ground. You can also plant the suckers. The suckers grow around the bottom of the mature plant when it is fruiting. They can be cut from the plant approximately one month after picking the fruit. You will need to remove a few leaves from the cut end and then dry them in the sun for a couple of days before planting. Make sure that you have properly prepared the ground by digging a good hole and placing plenty of compost inside. The site needs to be well-drained. Once the top has been planted, be sure to properly care for it, watering and weeding as needed. Pineapples are not fast growing plants, but I'm sure you will agree that the taste is worth the wait. If you plant several tops or suckers at different times, you will have crops throughout the year. Harvest times can vary, but typically take about a year to grow.

So, make sure that you take the opportunity to enjoy this fruit-juicy goodness that we are so blessed to have an abundance of here in Pohnpei, and plant some of your own as well.



Pohnpei Ratatouille

submitted by Mat Mix

- 2 cups any kind of squash (uhgao), peeled & cored and cut into 1/2" cubes
- 2 cups eggplant, peeled and cut into 1/2" cubes
- 1 cup diced tomato
- 1 each medium onion, sliced
- 1 tbsp basil, leaf
- 1 tsp salt

Astronomical Tide Prediction February 4 through February 17, 2009

	Pohnpei		Chuuk	
Wednesday	02/04 01:08AM 1.3 10:24AM 3.0 08:58PM 1.4	02/11 04:26AM 3.4 10:10AM 0.4 04:30PM 4.4 10:55PM 0.2	02/04 11:07AM 1.5 09:27PM -0.4	02/11 03:54AM 0.8 08:28AM 0.3 03:18PM 2.0 10:22PM 0.0
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1. Cube the squash and eggplant. Put them in a mixing bowl. Toss them with a little soiu. Let them sit while you prepare the onions.

2. Cook onions in 1/4 cup oil over low heat until they are soft and browned.

3. Add remaining ingredients and bring the mixture to a full boil, then reduce heat and cook very slowly for one hour or until the squash is like you want it. Stir occasionally. Add more spices and salt if needed.

This is a very versatile recipe. The many ways it can be changed are up to your personal tastes and budget. Make your own additions or subtraction so that this stovetop casserole can be your unique creation. I have listed some ideas for you below just to get you started:

1. You can use any type of oil – home made coconut oil or imported olive oil.
2. Try using 1/2 cup of sliced or diced green peppers if you can get them (local green peppers work well too).
3. The squash and eggplant can be cubed without being peeled or cored. They can also be sliced instead of cubed.
4. Remember that neither squash or eggplant have much flavor on their own, they take on the flavor of the food around them. This is why you want to use plenty of onions, tomatoes and various vegetables and spices.
5. An economic way to put tomato into the ratatouille is to use tomato paste. Half of a six ounce can should be enough. You can add water as necessary.
6. Pohnpeian (Thai) basil, "katerin" can be used instead of store bought basil. It has more flavor than store bought basil.
7. Oregano can be grown but it is easily bought.
8. This casserole, like most casseroles, can be cooked in an uhmw. It needs to be placed in a fireproof, covered dish or an aluminum foil baking pan covered with aluminum foil
9. Of course Island Food does not condone of this addition, but this is "my" recipe, so I am allowed to make the addition. You can add half a can of Ox & Palm corned beef or some bacon cooked with onions, and this will add a lot of flavor.



JOB OPENING

Summary of responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the Deputy Executive Director, performs professional accounting work, including auditing, analyzing and verifying fiscal records and reports, preparing financial and statistical reports, providing information to MCT staff regarding accounting practices and procedures, and reconciling general ledger accounts; assists in preparing MCT's annual budgets; prepares year-end audit reports and schedules; trains and provides technical advice administrative personnel, and NGO partners as needed, and performs related work as required.

The incumbent works with a high degree of independence in performing accounting and financial activities for MCT. Successful performance of the work requires good knowledge of non-profit accounting practices and procedures, fund accounting and fiscal management. Responsibilities include direct contact with all MCT program staff and special program staff regarding monthly reports, revenue and expenditure accounts, financial reporting system and payroll activities.

Knowledge of: (at entry)

- Generally accepted accounting practices and principles;
- Fund or non-profit accounting practices and principles;
- Auditing practices and principles;
- Non-profit budgeting practices and principles;
- Computer applications related to the work;
- Standard office practices and procedures;
- Applicable laws, codes and regulations; and

Skill in: (at entry)

- Maintaining accurate financial records and preparing clear and accurate reports for informational, auditing and operational use;
- Reconciling accounts, records, reports and journals;
- Preparing financial and/or auditor statements, schedules and reports;
- Interpreting, applying and explaining complex laws, codes, regulations and ordinances;
- Reviewing and verifying accuracy of data;
- Maintaining accounting records for special accounts and projects;
- Making sound, independent judgments within established policies and procedures;
- Organizing own work, setting priorities and meeting critical deadlines; and
- Communication to interact effectively with co-workers, managers, subordinates and the general public sufficient to convey information and to receive work direction.

TITLE: Accountant

RESPONSIBLE TO: Deputy Executive Director

CLOSING DATE: February 18, 2009

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To Apply:
- Submit a Letter of Interest
- Detailed Resume
- 2 Letters of Reference

Salary US\$15,000 to \$20,000 depending upon qualifications and experience.

Education and Experience:

Graduation from a four-year college or university with major coursework in accounting, finance, economics or a related field and one year of general fund accounting experience.

Example of Key Duties (Illustrative Only)

- Prepares journal entries and reconciles general ledger and subsidiary accounts; prepares monthly financial statements, including distributing monthly revenue and expenditure reports to departments.
- Analyzes and reconciles expenditure and revenue accounts, including investment reports.
- Makes wire transfers and journal funding transfers and reconciles monthly bank statements.
- Monitors grant revenues and expenditures, ensuring data is recorded in MCT's financial accounting system.
- Calculates and prepares reimbursement billings and tracks receivables; reconciles monthly accounts receivable.
- Prepares audit schedules for external auditors and acts as a liaison between MCT and auditors.
- Prepares and files annual financial statements.
- Assists with the preparation of the annual budgets.
- Assists with the fiscal year-end and fixed asset accounting.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.