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DOJ Files 13 Charges against Marehalau and Calderon Charges were Filed On the New President's First Full Business Day

By **BILL JAYNES**
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Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM (May 14) - Attorney General Marstella Jack, on the first business day after new FSM President Manny Mori was selected by Congress, on May 14 filed with the FSM Supreme Court, formal charges against former FSM Ambassador to the U.S. Mr. Jesse B. Marehalau of Yap and FSM Embassy employee Enrico Calderon of the Philippines. Marehalau and Calderon are innocent of the charges unless proven guilty.

The 13 charges look like a laundry list for white collar criminals including two counts of Bribery in Official and Political Matters, one count of Criminal Conspiracy, four counts

of Over-Obligation of Government Funds, two counts of Tampering with Public Records and Information, and four counts of Theft Against the Government. The two named defendants face a total of \$800,000 in fines and 170 years in prison if they are convicted of the charges. If they are convicted of the Charge of Tampering with Public Records and Information they also will be "disqualified from holding any position in National Government".

Under the heading "Basis to Issue Penal Summons", Fletcher Poll, Certified Fraud Examiner, who has been an investigator of the Office of the FSM National Public Auditor for seven years said, "there is a basis to 'strongly suspect' that the defendants



Former FSM Ambassador
Jesse B. Marehalau of Yap

Jesse B. Marehalau and Enrico Calderon committed the offenses charged in the Criminal Information filed in this matter." The filing documents filed with the Supreme Court

listing charges and background span 52 pages of detailed information regarding the charges and relate to activities between October 1, 2001 and September 30, 2006.

Poll's "Affidavit in Support of Application for Issuance of Penal Summons and Arrest Warrant" requested that an arrest warrant be filed for the arrest of Enrico Calderon because "...there is a substantial likelihood that defendant Enrico Calderon will fail to appear before this Court in response to a penal summons." Calderon is serving time in a Federal Institution in New Jersey following his confession to U.S. law en-

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Congressionally Funded Projects in Yap Could Have Been Managed Better

Government cannot be "...confident that the projects costs are reasonable or appropriate." ...NPA

By **BILL JAYNES**
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A recently concluded inspection of the congressionally funded projects funded in Yap State under Public Law 13-36 reveals several management shortcomings in Yap State for fiscal years 2005-06. 13-36 was passed by Congress in the Third Regular Session of the 13th Congress despite a Presidential Veto. It appropriated \$2.8 million from local non-Compact revenues to provide funding for social and economic development projects in the four States of the Federated States of Micronesia. Yap has two delegates and the law allowed for an allocation for the States based on \$200,000 per delegate.

The law was amended three times to include specific projects identified by Yap Congressional representatives after funds had already been appropriated. It appears that the further refinement of the initial bill 13-36 may have been unlawful according to a ruling on the case of Udot Municipality vs FSM in 2001. The Supreme Court said in that case, "What Congress, or individual congressmen, may not do is involve themselves in the administrative and executive process of



Amin Village Women's House Project in Yap

determining which projects are to be funded after the money has already been appropriated."

The auditor stopped short of saying that the three amendments on 13-36 were illegal saying that "the interpretation of the Court ruling as it pertains to CFMS projects is outside the scope of our review."

13-36 as amended, regardless of whether those amendments were legal or not included funding for the following projects in Yap:

FSM Scholarships for Yapese Students \$180,000; Fuel and provisions for outer island travel \$28,000; Yap State virgin oil and copra development \$30,000; Purchase of printing equipment for a Yap newsletter (The Yap News

Networker) \$20,000; Renovation of the Yap Delegation office \$10,000; Purchase of vehicle for the Yap Delegation office

\$12,000; Supplemental to Wanyan Gagil women's house construction \$10,000; Amin Village women's house construction \$30,000; Magachgil Village women's house construction \$30,000; Rang Village women's house construction \$30,000; Gilman municipality power extension \$20,000 for a total of \$400,000.

The National Public Auditor (NPA) said, "Yap Congressmen selected projects from the constituents or those activities and

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Candidates Line Up for July 3rd Special Election

To fill the two four year at-large seats vacated when FSM President Manuel Mori of Chuuk, and FSM Vice-President Senator Alik Alik of Kosrae, were sworn into their offices on May 11, a special election will take place on July 3rd.

Deadline for submission of Petitions for nomination was set at May 24th by the National Election Commission.

May 29th was the deadline to request absentee voting by mail.

On June 3 polling will be open for Travel votes and closed for registration of new voters. June 23rd will be the closing date for requests for voting at special polling places. June 26th will be the closing date for requests to vote at another polling place.

Candidates from Chuuk and Kosrae who completed their petitions for nomination in time for the May 24th deadline are listed inside on page 6.

NEWS

National Public Auditor Releases Inspection of Chuuk Compact II Funds

“We cannot determine specifically what was purchased with the [missing] \$1,058,309.78”

By **BILL JAYNES**
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Palikir, Pohnpei – A recent inspection of the Chuuk Compact II funds was released to the National Government on April 17. According to the cover letter from the National Public Auditor, the inspection had two main objectives 1) to “describe the flow of information and flow of funds from the request for the draw down of Compact II funds to the repayment to DOI and 2) determine if expenditures paid from Compact II funds were actually used for Compact II authorized purchases.”



Haser Hainrick
FSM National Public Auditor

According to the inspection, the objectives were only partially achieved and the auditor said that the \$1 million that

made it to the Sector Grant checking account was properly expended but they could not determine what was purchased with the \$1,058,309.78 that never made it

there.

According to the report the problem starts with a misaligned view of where Compact funds should be deposited on draw down. The Chuuk State Department of Administrative Services (DAS) which manages the Compact II funds for the State points to a March 7, 2006 memo which authorizes the Department of Finance and Administration (DoF&A) to transfer all funds *except* for Federal Emergency Management Agency and Sector Grants (Compact II funds) to the Chuuk State Savings Accounts. They also cite a May 23, 2006 letter to DoF&A which specifically requests the transfer of Compact II funds for June 2006 to the Sector Grant checking account.

Fund and other funds..

The first transfer of Compact II funds into the Chuuk State saving account instead of the Sector Grant checking account was done on June 2, 2006. Compact II funds of \$2,058,309.78 were commingled with other Chuuk funds. From June 2-19, \$950,453.25 was transferred out of the Savings Account, 74% of that amount was transferred into the Chuuk State General Fund. Therefore, on June 19 when the Sector Grant checking account had a negative balance the savings account balance had been drawn below the amount that was to have been deposited into the Sector Grant account. There was only enough money to transfer \$1 million at the time. The remaining \$1,058,309.78 of the amount they were supposed to have transferred into the account was not available in the savings account.

Chuuk State Legislature established the Compact Funds Control Commission (CFCC) to provide greater accountability in Compact II expenses paid by DAS. The director of DAS is also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of CFCC, which meets biweekly to discuss issues concerning the operation of CFCC. An independent consultant hired by the FSM President to manage day to day activities of CFCC is Vice Chairman of the Board. The consultant has staff members who are paid by Chuuk State and are charged with reviewing and approving individual requisitions, purchase documentation, and disburse-

DoF&A says that since the DAS letter of March 2006 didn't specify into which account the Compact II funds should be deposited, DoF&A relied on a letter from DAS dated January 14, 2004 that authorized Compact II fund to be deposited into the Chuuk State savings account.

In June 2006 Compact II funds were transferred into the Chuuk State savings account and commingled with other funds there. Chuuk State utilizes the savings account as a sort of staging area for all non-Compact II dollars. Money is transferred into that account from many sources including, for example, their share of tax dollars from the National Government and many other types of allotments. The Finance Department draws down the savings account to supply its General

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ments. CFCC recently received the authority to obtain Compact II checking account bank statements for reconciliation purposes. Recently CFCC has begun to co-sign Chuuk Compact II checks for additional assurance that funds are available and expenditures are proper.

The CFCC Vice Chairman found the \$1.058 million discrepancy and notified the Department of the Interior who considered the amount that wasn't transferred as misused Compact II funds. Chuuk repaid the missing amount on December 6, 2006.

It is uncertain how the Treasury Department managed to

overdraw the savings account if they were relying on financial data that would have shown exactly how much they had available for allocation to the General and other funds. One of the auditors who did the field work said that was not the purpose of the audit.

The Deloitte and Touche audit of Chuuk state for 2005-2006 fiscal year could not yet be found on the FSM Public Auditor's web page (<http://www.fsmpublicauditor.fm/audits.htm>) but if the auditor's statements about insufficient record keeping in 2005 at Chuuk State hold true for 2006 it would explain a great deal.

The auditor noted in the Inspection of Compact II funds in Chuuk State that DAS and CFCC had not previously been

reconciling their expenditures. The figures that the offices listed for Compact II expenditures and draw downs were widely disparate and neither of their records matched the figures recorded at the DoF&A.

The response letter from CFCC Vice Chairman, CPA Alan W. Burnham concurred with the findings of the inspection and said that they will continue the efforts of attempting to work closely with DAS. He said that since the auditor conducted the field work they had already reconciled data for FY 2007 with the state's Funds Status Report through March 13 and that they plan to reconcile to that report quarterly. They were still working on reconciling 2006 data as of the letter's date of April 2, 2007.

The response letter from the Director of DAS in Chuuk, Mr. Whiliplat Bisalen also concurred with the findings and said that they had made repeated requests to have DoF&A transfer funds for Compact II funding into the Sector Grants checking account. He said, "I am merely indicating the fact here and not accusing DoF&A of any intended wrongdoings."

He said, "Additionally, I wish to bring to your attention the fact that the Accountant who is responsible for bank reconciliation and transfer to/from all accounts was off-island at that time for medical reason. I am not saying that this occurred because of her absence, but it could not have taken place had she been there to monitor such transfers and deposits."

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programs the Congress members felt were important to the community." He said, "The State of Yap, and more specifically the State Governor, is tasked to carry out and implement these projects, yet the State is not involved in any review of the projects to coordinate and prioritize the projects, commit technical and management resources to the projects, or determine the relevancy to the State development plans."

Projects as allocated by Congress essentially established the "budget ceiling" for those projects. Every funded project with the exception of the Yap State virgin oil and copra development project which has had no expenditures as of yet, came in at or very near the appropriated ceiling amount established by Congress. In some cases, contractors changed their quoted prices upwards when they found out how much money had been appropriated for the project they were giving quotes on.

The NPA noted exceptions on all of the projects except for the virgin oil and copra project which, according to a Yap State Congressman will have their funds reallocated to another project. The auditor noted no exception on the purchase of a vehicle for the Yap Delegation Office.

Gilman Power Extension/Relocation Project: The only contractor available to perform the work for the project originally provided a price proposal of \$17,507 for the

project and indicated that the quotation would be valid for a period of two years. When Congress appropriated \$20,000 for the project a few months later, the contractor raised the price to meet the appropriated amount for the project, an increase in price of some \$2500.

The contractor received \$15,000 (well above the 10-15% allowable by law for construction projects) for the extension but since they had not obtained landowner easements the work had not begun 11 months after the advance had been given.

Quarterly reports were required under the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) but never submitted by the contractor.

Network Newspaper Equipment: Congress appropriated \$20,000 to provide equipment to The Yap News Networker newsletter (YNN). Shortly after YNN purchased the equipment for \$13,421 the publisher ceased publishing the paper for nearly two years and "was no longer using the equipment for its intended purpose." The newsletter started up again in January of 2007.

The Project Control Document (PCD) lists the grantee (YNN) as the administering agency. "This conflict of management responsibilities allows the grantee (publisher) to be the overseer of those funds as well."

The auditor has recommended that the Director of Yap State Office of Budget and Planning retrieve

the unused funds of \$6,579 from the publisher of YNN.

Once again, quarterly reports were required by the MOA but were never submitted by the publisher.

Fuel and Provisions for Travel by FSM Officials to Outer Islands: Two trips were made in May and October of 2005 by FSM government officials aboard an FSM Surveillance Patrol vessel. There were no records of how provisions were distributed on the outer islands nor were the key individuals who were to oversee the project identified according to the PCD.

Of the \$22,882 expended on the project, \$15,482 was spent on 1000 - 50 pound bags of rice, \$1850 for 100 cartons of cigarettes. 200 cases of sugar were purchased for a total cost \$1740. \$358 worth of Betel Nuts was purchased. \$474 was spent on Grocery Items and Baked Goods. There was a restaurant bill of \$153. Unidentified items totaled \$494.

According to the inspection, open purchase orders and expenses over obligated appropriated funds by \$2,754.

The FSM Department of Transportation and Administration accepted in lieu of the required PCD, a written request from then President Urusemal.

Renovation of the Delegation Office: No inspection official or project manager was designated for the \$10,000 project. According to the auditor, this resulted in double billing by the contractor in the amount of \$2580.80. The payments were approved and processed for payment by the Delegation Office and as a result, FSM Finance processed two payments for the same work. The audit recommended that the double payment be retrieved from the contractor.

Other exceptions were noted on the project.

Construction of Women's Houses in Yap: Each of the three houses funded by 13-36 received a waiver from law that requires a minimum of three bids. Apparently a village chief requested that a local contractor should be the recipient of the contract for the buildings regardless of price. On the Magachgil house three price proposals were received; "the lowest proposal was selected and used to

negotiate a lower scope of work to meet the funding limit."

The house with the largest square footage had the lowest cost per square foot which might seem to indicate that the contractors gauged their prices on how much was available to do the job.

Contractors were awarded advances ranging from 30% to 50%, levels which exceed the 15% maximum allowable advance for construction work.

The NPA questioned the waivers that were granted for the bidding process normally required by law. Waivers are usually only granted when the impact of delay on the project "adversely affects public health, safety, or convenience."

Other exceptions were noted on the projects.

FSM Scholarships for Yapese Students: Scholarships for 35 approved students ranged from \$1250 to \$7000 during the 2004-2005 school years.

Once again, President Urusemal wrote a letter requesting the release of funds for the scholarships with no PCD. The funds were allotted by the FSM Finance Office on the basis of the letter.

In at least one case a Scholarship Board member from Yap State approved a family member's scholarship award.

"Someone other than a board member signed a Board member's signature approving 14 scholarship candidates, of which four awardees were funded."

There were three different application forms to apply for the scholarship.

Scholarship checks are two party checks. One endorsement must be that of the scholarship recipient and the other must be from the college where they are attending. In at least one instance, a student picked up the check from the Finance office and cashed it without having it co-signed by the college.

One student received \$10,500 in a period of 7 months which exceeds the maximum allowable limit of \$7000 per year per student.

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NEWS

Candidates Line Up for July 3rd Special Election

Director of FSM Elections Submits List of Nominated Candidates for Vacated Seats

The deadline for submitting petitions for nomination for the vacated "at-large" seats in Congress was May 24, 2007. The following people submitted their names for inclusion in the election (listed in the order they were submitted to FSM President Mori):

For the State of Chuuk Seat:

Johnny Meippen
Mark (Macky) Mailo
Masao Nakayama
Moulten Soulik Sellet
Redley Killion
Setiro Paul
Steve Mori
Willie W-3 Williander

For the State of Kosrae Seat:

Ben Jesse
Canny L. Palsis
Claude H. Phillip
Lyndon H. Jackson
Renster P. Andrew

ELECTION TIMELINE

May 24 - Close for Nomination Petition
May 29 - Last Day to Receive
Absentee Request
June 3 - Close of New Registration
June 3 - Last day to send Absentee Ballots
June 3 - Open for Travel Votes
June 13 - Close for Substitute Candidate
June 23 - Close of request to Vote at
Special Polling Place
June 26 - Close of request to Vote at
Another Polling Place
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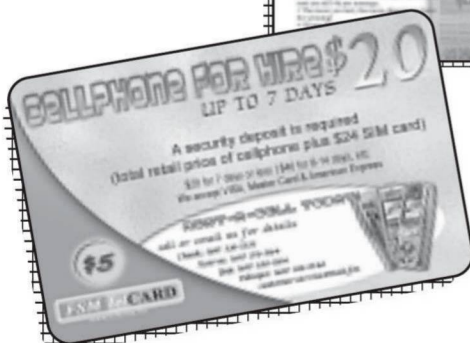
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forcement officials in August 2006 that he had obtained and altered sample FSM passports in order to illegally smuggle more than 50 Filipino citizens into the United States from December 2004 until early January 2006 for payments up to and over \$10,000 per smuggled person.

Calderon, during his interview with US law enforcement officials said that Marehalau allowed him to take sample FSM passports from a box kept in Marehalau's office at the FSM Embassy in Washington D.C. He said that Marehalau not only knew of the scheme but he approved of it and offered his assistance. Further, Calderon said that he understated to Marehalau the number of smuggled persons so that he could keep more of the proceeds for himself since he had agreed to give Marehalau \$1000 per smuggled person. He said that he gave Marehalau \$20,000 to \$30,000 of the proceeds from the FSM passport fraud scheme.

Auditors reviewed Marehalau's personal bank records from a Virginia bank and found a "large number of cash deposits, amounting to over \$25,000, from December 2004 to December 2005" that were neither from Marehalau's paycheck, nor from reimbursements by the FSM Government that he received for representation and other expenses. The deposits stopped a few weeks before Calderon was arrested for Conspiracy and five counts of felony alien smuggling.

During an interview with Poll, defendant Marehalau denied all knowledge of the FSM passport fraud scheme. However, he "could not account for the numerous cash deposits in his personal bank account."

Although Marehalau initially stated that he kept the sample FSM passports obtained from American Banknote who prints the passports locked in his desk he later recanted that statement and said that the sample FSM passports were kept on a table in his office.

According to the charges and other information received over time including the audit of the Embassy there had long been an inappropriate relationship between Marehalau and Calderon. The audit of 2006 recommended that the Embassy personnel structure should be revised to ensure separation of financial duties

and adequate oversight of the finances. Enrico Calderon had been hired as the Embassy driver but Marehalau also gave him responsibility for the books which were generally stacked in boxes with no organization.

Under the charges filed on May 14 the situation resulted in fraud and theft and complicity between Marehalau and Calderon to defraud the government of movable property and cash. According to the charges, Marehalau and Calderon "kept FSM Embassy financial matters almost entirely between themselves, and did not share these matters in any detail with other FSM Embassy staff or FSM Government officials."

Embassy personnel said that they were often told that "the home office wasn't sending payroll money," and so payroll was often late. Bills were delinquent including housing allowances for staff members. Landlords often called employees homes to tell them that rent was late.

The allegations state that between October 1, 2001 and continuing until his repatriation to Yap State in September 2006 Marehalau repeatedly created unauthorized obligations for the FSM Embassy's Operating Fund and Imprest Fund Accounts with a number of financial transactions with vendors which are unlawful expenditures under FSM laws and regulations.

The allegations indicate that the transactions were not merely a matter of bad management or poor book-keeping but were instead criminal in nature and intent and resulted in the defendants' personal gain. These matters were not merely a lack of sufficient document but an actual alteration of books and record keeping documents to cover up criminal offenses.

Allegations include, inter alia (among other things) double-invoiced or double-billed expenses that resulted in Marehalau's receiving an amount greater than the expenses that he actually incurred. He is alleged to have received reimbursements for expenses he did not actually incur.

On other occasions Marehalau was reimbursed for expenses that should have been covered by the use of per diem and expense funds that he had been advanced under his FSM Travel Authorizations (TA's). On at least one occasion, Marehalau nei-

ther submitted documentation of the expenditure of advanced TA funds nor did he reimburse over \$3200 advanced to him.

Poll said in her affidavit that Marehalau was able to obtain the reimbursements without detection by the FSM Government because he signed both the FSM Government Miscellaneous Payment - Request Transmittal Form and the FSM Embassy check. During the time covered by the 2006 audit Marehalau is accused of unlawfully collecting more than \$70,000 in expenses. According to records the unlawful expenses include, "but are not limited to," clothing, appliances, electronic equipment, restaurant meals, groceries, liquor, fuel, lawn services, personal telephone calls, cable television services, medical bills, hotels, car rentals, beauty products, DVD's and a public storage facility.

According to witnesses, Marehalau kept either at his home or at a public storage facility items unlawfully purchased with the assistance of Calderon. Since his removal as the FSM Ambassador Marehalau did not return any of the movable property nor did he account for the disposition of those items.

In the August 2006 interview with Calderon he admitted that he routinely prepared Miscellaneous Payment - Request Transmittal Forms and cut extra payroll and other FSM Embassy checks in his own name for services that were either never rendered to the FSM Government or for payments over and above what he was allowed under his employment contract.

He said that he often hired personal friends or associates to provide contractual services for the FSM Embassy. Those friends then kicked back a portion of their earnings to Calderon. He cut and cashed approximately \$90,000 in unlawful checks for himself or for his personal friends or associates.

He went on to say that Marehalau knew about the illegal transactions and that he kicked back up to 50% of the illegal gains to Marehalau on a quid pro quo (you scratch my back I'll scratch yours, literally, "something for something") arrangement. Calderon was allegedly allowed to continue writing illegal payments for himself in exchange for Marehalau's doing the same.

During the period of time in question Marehalau obtained at least four unauthorized loans from U.S. Banks

ranging from approximately \$68,000 to approximately \$190,000 on behalf of the FSM Embassy. According to Poll's research none of the loans were authorized by the FSM Government nor did Marehalau inform the Government that he had obtained the loans.

In his fiscal year 2003 and 2004 budgets Marehalau indicated that the FSM Embassy required \$12,000 for a "lease for the Embassy vehicles. His written budget requests made no mention or reference of any kind to a loan from Riggs Bank for \$68,322,27 at 6.7% interest per annum for the purchase of two vehicles from Ford Motor Company.

Other overdraft loans were obtained by Marehalau who wrote a letter to the Vice President of the Embassy Banking Division at Riggs Bank fraudulently claiming authorization to incur debt on behalf of the FSM Embassy.

Other FSM employees said that they had no knowledge of the loans but some suspected that Marehalau was engaging in the activities when they saw loan statements from U.S. Banks in the FSM Embassy mail.

Marehalau is alleged to have used the money he obtained from the overdraft loans to "cover funding shortfalls caused in large part by his unlawful expense reimbursements, the unlawful FSM Embassy checks cut by defendant Calderon, his misuse of Imprest Fund and Operating Fund Accounts, and other expenditures.

Marehalau is additionally alleged to have chosen "Brotherhood and Sons" a Virginia-based contractor owned by Domingo Alim, an acquaintance of Calderon, for renovation work on the Embassy without a competitive bid process. Calderon admitted that Alim paid him and Marehalau kickbacks in order to secure the renovation contract. A review of Calderon's personal bank records revealed the deposit of a personal check from Alim in the amount of \$3000 on October 7, 2005.

Poll's affidavit made mention of expenses paid from Imprest Funds for hotel bills and other expenses for FSM Officials traveling under FSM TA's that should have been covered by those officials' per diem allocations. It is unclear at this time whether subsidiary charges will be filed and no mention was made in the affidavit of the names of those officials.

NEWS

Dignitaries Break Ground for New United States Embassy Compound in Pohnpei



U.S. Ambassador Suzanne Hale addresses assembled dignitaries while Pwouhd Lepen Nett Nanmwarki of Nett Iriarte looks on. Ambassador Hale said that when Renee Varner and she signed the papers leasing the land to the United States for purposes of an Embassy Compound "both of our hands were shaking." She said that neither of them had ever signed a paper that people would still be using so far in the future. She said that no one knows what the FSM or the U.S. would be like in 110 years but that we all work together for a bright future.



Jane Chigyal, Secretary for Europe and the Americas, Pohnpei Legislature's Speaker Nelson Pelep and U.S. Ambassador Suzanne Hale turn the first shovels full of dirt over for the new complex



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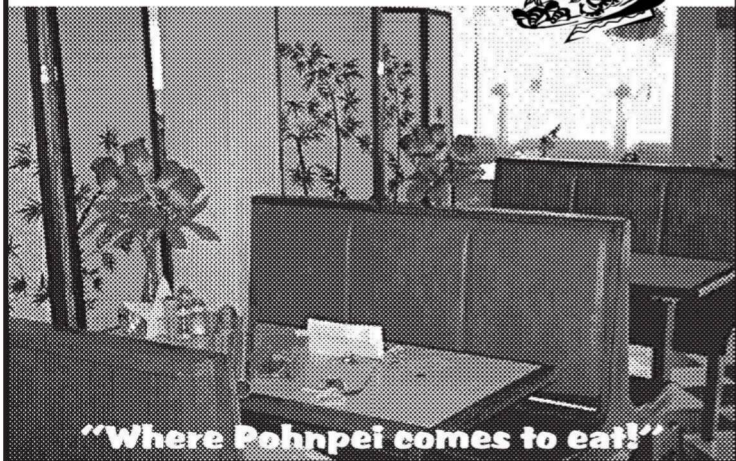
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JOB OPENING



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SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- assist in drafting of Program Estimates for approval;
- preparation of reports for submission to National Authorizing Officer;
- coordination of the activities of the Project Steering Committee and preparation of minutes of Committee Meeting Minutes;
- assist with the proposal evaluation process, assuming responsibility for communications with the MCT Grants Technical Committee concerning CEPP activities, projects and proposals;
- maintenance and management of CEPP project records and files;
- assist with the preparations for and conducting of CEPP Calls for Proposals;
- serve as the primary contact for all CEPP grants;
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- develop database (i.e. in Access) of CEPP projects for monitoring and reporting purposes;
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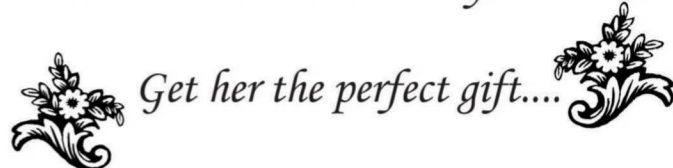
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Transnational Crime Targeted in Joint Program

In support of the FSM Government's approach to combat Transnational Crime, the Australian Federal Police delivered a two-week Law Enforcement Intelligence and Investigations Management Program in Pohnpei.

This training program underpins the establishment of a Micronesia regional transnational crime unit in Pohnpei that is being developed in partnership between the AFP and the United States Joint Interagency Task Force West

(JIATF West). It is anticipated the unit will commence operations in October 2007.

The training program, officially opened by the FSM Attorney General Marstella Jack on 14 May, has 22 law enforcement officers from FSM, both state and national police, CNMI, RMI and Palau.

FSM National Police Chief Pius Chotailug stated "the aim of the program is to build capacity to combat

transnational crime and to foster a closer working relationship between Law Enforcement Agencies in the Micronesia Region with other TCU's already established in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea and in particular, the Pacific Transnational Crime Coordination Centre located in Fiji.

Chief of Police Chotailug said that the Micronesia TCU will significantly enhance the sharing and exchange of law enforcement intelligence and lead to

more effective intelligence driven law enforcement operations. There will also be synergies with similar units being established in South East Asia by the AFP and JIATF West.

"Transnational crime can only be defeated if we join forces and coordinate our efforts to combat this increasing level of crime within our region" said Chief Chotailug.

The training program concluded on 25 May 2007.

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Suva, Fiji



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The Secretariat invites suitably experienced and qualified individuals to apply for the position of **Gender Issues Adviser**.

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The Weather is in Good Hands at the NCEP

Whether they are tracking Tropical Storms, Tsunamis, or Climate Changes, NCEP has what it takes

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Camp Springs, MD – The first two supercomputers in history designed by Cray were delivered to the U.S. Government. One was designed for code breaking and the second was designed for weather analysis. The current super computers that handle the data that the National Centers for Environment Prediction (NCEP) needs receive over 239 million global observations daily. Receiving the data is not enough. The hard data has to be processed using complex mathematical formulas into usable form. The computers can handle 8.29 trillion calculations per second on a sustained basis.

There are currently two super computers leased by the NCEP. They lease two for the same reason that Dr. Gerard J. Fryer, Geophysicist at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Ewa Beach, Hawaii has two pagers and two cell phones strapped to his belt making him look just a little as if he is wearing Batman's utility belt—redundancy. The information that the supercomputers handle is so important that consideration was made for the possibility of one computer going down which according to Ucellini it has done before. He said that transfer to the other computer was quick, nearly seamless. The operational computer is housed in Gaithersburg, MD. The backup system is located in Fairmount, WV.

It's not all about computers and data processing. There are dedicated and brilliant people in the loop too, and those people and their systems are constantly working to get better at what they do, and they do plenty.

Dr. Louis W. Uccellini, Director NCEP gave Pacific Island journalists a slick presentation on what the NCEP does. The management and evaluation of NCEP alone is mind boggling and all of the intensive drilling and historical analysis is designed to produce the "products" that NCEP produces 4 times a day.

Ucellini said that agencies want 99.9% on time delivery of predictions in all areas and the NCEP deals with environmental predictions "from the sun to the sea." Since 2000 the agency has done very well indeed with a low track record of 95% on time delivery and sustained highs in timeliness above 99%.

The journalists took a tour of the

area where employees work at semi-circular desks, flat screen computer terminals surrounding them like sentinels, each one demanding attention, each one showing vital information that the staffer of the NCEP can use to generate the product they are responsible for; reports on environmental conditions and predictions.

When we were in Camp Springs there was a storm sitting off the Eastern Coast of Florida. It worried me because it looked for all the world like a hurricane to my untrained eye but meteorologists assured us that the storm was losing steam. They showed us the northern edge of the storm as it showed on their screens and asked us to look out the southern window. There in



Dr. Louis W. Uccellini
Director NCEP

the southern window of the NCEP was the finger of cloud the satellite showed. Northern windows showed clear skies just like the satellite showed. The shades had been closed so I know they hadn't been peeking.

NCEP also has "special order products" for special occasions. When those special occasions are called for it usually means that some massive natural phenomena or man made disaster has occurred. For instance, during Chernobyl the Center was called on to monitor the areas over which nuclear fallout might pass. At the time we were there technicians were watching a cloud of volcanic ash from a volcano that had erupted in Indonesia. Aviation navigation relies on information like that because if a plane flies through a cloud of volcanic ash it can choke out the jet engines causing the plane to fall from the sky.

Central Operations are headquartered at Camp Springs, Maryland along with the Ocean Prediction Center, the Hydrometeorological Center (quantitative precipitation

predictions), the Climate Prediction Center, and the Environmental Modeling Center. Miami, Florida is the home of the Tropical Prediction Center. The Aviation Weather Center is in Kansas City, Missouri. The Space Environment Center is located in Boulder, Colorado where phenomena such as solar flares and storms are monitored. The Storm Prediction Center is in Norman, Oklahoma.

Not showing on NCEP literature is the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. Dr. Fryer, took the assembled journalists through a presentation on a visit there. The presentation wasn't great but it still managed to clear up a lot in terms of how Tsunami's work and what they look like when they are



Dr. Gerald Fryer
Geophysicist PTWC

traveling at over 500 miles per hour from their source.

Tsunamis start when an underwater disturbance like a geological plate shift occurs as might be common across fault lines around the Pacific Rim. Despite all of the movies that show massive walls of water zooming across the ocean, tsunamis are usually one to two foot tall swells in the open ocean but unlike a normal swell the length from the front of the swell to the back of the swell is in the range of 50 to 150 miles. It is when all of the pressure of the swell runs into sloping shallows that they begin to turn into massive waves with enough forward energy to inundate inland areas.

Dr. Fryer said that tsunamis aren't really one wave but a series of waves. He played a two minute video clip taken in Thailand after the first wave had hit in the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami of two years ago. The second wave was more devastating. He said that if people had understood the tsunami phenomena many could simply

have walked to higher ground after the first wave came through. They didn't know and people died.

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has strategically placed sensors around the world that help scientists to quickly determine that a tsunami exists and that warnings need to go out.

In the case of the tsunami that recently devastated coastal regions of the Solomon Islands, Dr. Gerard said that everything worked exactly as it was supposed to do. He said that the first bulletin was sent 15 minutes after the earthquake occurred, a few minutes after the tsunami had already hit Solomon Islands shores.

Dr. Gerard stressed above all else that tsunami warnings are not effective for seismic activity just off shore. It just happens too quickly to have much effect as in the case of the Solomon Islands. He said that in those cases, sensitivity to what is going on around you is vital.

He said that if people on shore feel a long, low rumbling they should immediately head to higher ground. The likelihood is that a Tsunami is on its way.

The FSM Weather Station in Pohnpei received a good deal of criticism for issuing tsunami warnings on the heels of the bulletins received from the Tsunami Warning Center about the Solomons' Tsunami. What most people are not aware of is that the warnings issued by the center in Hawaii are generated by software that determines the countries that *may be* in the path of a tsunami not the ones that will be. The tsunami warning for the FSM was lifted later in the day but since tsunamis travel at a speed of 500 miles per hour and they can continue for a period of hours it is "better safe than sorry."

NOAA is extremely careful with the language that goes out from their system. They constantly analyze the effect of the language in the information that they put out. Dr. Gerard said "we're in the process now of revising our language" for the advisory interpretations.

It is up to local emergency authorities to determine whether or not evacuations should be ordered, not the weather service.

OPINION

KP-Perspective

Residents of the Rock

Many of you are aware that I just got back from a media tour to the United States. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet some of the highest leaders of that country and to mingle with the leaders of the Pacific Islands at the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders in Washington D.C. I even got a glimpse of World Bank's embattled leader Wolfowitz as he walked through the lobby of a hotel while I was there.

I met and got to know journalists from New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Yap, Fiji, and the Marshall Islands, and our Liaison from Washington D.C. as we traveled together from place to place in a whirlwind of journalistic activity that had me up until at least 3:00 in the morning every night and until 5:30 on deadline night.

I lost the cord to my rented laptop in Honolulu, and my notebook with all of my notes and quotes in the cafeteria at the State Department. The airlines waylaid my baggage on my return and ripped one to shreds. I barely made it to the car two days later without it falling to pieces. Even with all of that it was well worth the trip and I'm glad I got the opportunity to go.

We went to wildly diverse places, from the halls and offices of the Rayburn building where Senior members of the House of Representatives like Jesse Jackson have their offices, to Coconut island the island that became famous as Gilligan's island. Actually, now that I think about it, perhaps those two places aren't as diverse as all that.

We sat through everything from the wildly slick presentation given by Dr. Uccellini, the Director for the National Centers for Environmental Prediction headquartered in Camp Springs, MD to the one given by the brilliant but harried and scattered Geophysicist, Dr. Gerard Fryer at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. That was the one where my face nearly melted off while I

was slipping out of my chair and underneath the table.

We were in meetings with Condoleeza Rice, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, American Samoa Congressman Eni Faleomavaega, Director of the Department of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne (who will be in Pohnpei next month), and the Interior Department's Christopher Hill. We met and interviewed, Senator Kalani English who said that he may run for the Governor of Hawaii in the next election since Governor Linda Lingle, who we also interviewed, will have served her last term. We interviewed Rear Admiral of the U.S. Coast Guard Sally Brice-O'Hara who is in charge of the biggest territory the Coast Guard covers. Yes, I'm shamelessly name dropping.

It was one of the more exciting times I've ever experienced. It wasn't only exciting because of the people with big names and big titles that we met who might be able to recognize us if we met on the street again. It was exciting because of the Department heads and employees of the other places we visited and all that they do.

I noticed as we went from place to place and talked to each person that one common theme seemed to emerge, and I don't think it had anything to do with the nebulously named, "Year of the Pacific". I think it had to do with a fact that I had not fully realized before as a boy raised mostly in landlocked areas of the United States. We are all connected. From Washington D.C. which is not far from the Atlantic Ocean to New Zealand on the Tasman Sea in the South Pacific and all points between on both sides all around the world. All of us!

If Taiwan (and I'm not picking on you. I just seem to hear more about you than any other country) over fishes FSM waters, people in Belgium don't have tuna which bums them out. People in Poughkeepsie can't afford tuna any more so they don't buy it. The same

thing happens in Mercersburg and the rest of the U.S. and before you know it, the same Taiwanese fishermen who over fished in the first place are out of a job and that's just assuming that the economics get them before the fish are extinct.

If the budget office in the FSM doesn't allow enough money to buy fuel for FSM Maritime Police Patrol Boats they can't patrol the way they need to do in order to protect our EEZ and Rear Admiral Brice-O'Hara is compelled to divert US Coast Guard vessels to our waters to help, which leaves the US's EEZ unprotected. Too much area, too few people; we *have to be* connected.

According to the Department of Homeland Services, if our immigration is lax, the US's borders might be compromised.

A well placed FSM representative in Washington D.C. lets the camel's nose under the tent with just one shady financial transaction and before long the whole camel is in the tent wearing a flak jacket wearing DHS colors and armed to the teeth. Meanwhile the FSM Department of Justice gets to prepare yet another travel authorization document.

We're not just connected by defense or fisheries issues. There are two super computers, one in Gaithersburg, MD and the other some place in West Virginia and some very intense and smart people sitting in rooms over 9000 miles away from where I'm writing this perspective that are monitoring hundreds of thousands of instruments all over the Western Hemisphere. Their job is to tell us that a Tsunami is coming, or that an El Nino is going to steal all of our water, or that a Typhoon is barreling hell bent for the FSM and we need to prepare. We're connected and we rely, every day on information from that office in Camp Springs, MD and another one in Ewa Beach, HI. I never knew it. Maybe you didn't either.

Most Americans don't know anything about us out here. I guess that's true but I couldn't absolutely prove it. I was going to do a Street Talk while I

was in Honolulu or Washington D.C. to try to find out but I found it simply impossible. On those evenings when I walked to dinner alone as I did nearly every evening, I can't remember a time in my life when I felt so alone except maybe the week I spent at the Deschutes River during which time the trout started to seem like pretty good conversation-alists. Now that I think about it, walking down any given U.S. City Street, I'd probably more easily get a greeting from a passing trout than from one of my fellow members of the human race so I'm generalizing here.

I keep thinking about what Speaker Nancy Pelosi mentioned in her short talk at the Pacific Island night in Washington D.C. It was nice of her to leave Congress and come to see us there but one comment bugged me and it still does. Maybe I've interpreted it wrong. She is a representative from California. She said that Californians have long been connected with the Pacific Rim. All I could think at the time was that the Pacific Rim sounds like the place I sit for my morning constitutional. Images of the Ti-d-bol man flitted through my head. I swear! That's the first thing I thought. Of course, my mind is more course than that so I didn't phrase it quite that way in my head.

I know that when I lived in California I didn't know about Chuuk, or Kosrae, or Yap, or Niue, or Tonga, wait a minute, I had heard of Tonga, but never Raratonga. I had a good friend from Fiji so I knew about that. I remember seeing the signs from Guam at the political conventions and always wondered about them. Mwokil, Pingelap, Kiribas? Never heard of'em in California. Udot? Isn't that written on the side of vehicles along with a string of numbers assigned by the Department of Transportation.

The thing is we don't even need to know about each other to be connected. We just are, as inhabitants of this orbiting chunk of rock.

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Setting the records straight.....

I want to correct some inaccurate statements that this Column made in the last article. They were made due to a lapse in our memory and not intended to discredit anyone and I apologize to anyone who may have been inconvenienced.

I stated that former President Jacob Nena lost the election and therefore was not around to be candidate for the presidency. This is not correct. In fact he won the At-Large seat in the election following his 2-year stint as President to fill in the void left by the death of former President Olter. Congress gave his 2-year Vice President, Leo A. Falcam, the presidency instead, and in doing so, prompted the usually quiet Vice Speaker (Claude Phillip) to get on his colleagues for not honoring the "Gentlemen's Agreement" about rotating the presidency. Phillip said it was the pledge of the "rotation" that led Kosrae State to approve the constitution.

I also stated that it is rare for the Congress to unseat a sitting president and send him back to sit like an ordinary senator in the Congress.

It is incorrect. In fact it was former President Jacob Nena who faced the first humiliation of such change when he lost his bid for the presidency. He then was appointed as Vice Chairman of the HESA Committee. History is repeating itself as we witnessed recently the appointment of former President Joseph Urusemal, who also lost his bid for the presidency, to head the HESA Committee in the 15th Congress.

In the listing of the presidential sittings, Pohnpei served in the Vice President's seat for 6 years, not 8 as published.

Former President Bailey Olter served one term as Vice President under former President Tosiwo Nakayama and former President Leo Falcam served 2 years as Vice President under former President Nena.

The aftermath of the political maneuvering...

So it's Immanuel (Manny) Mori of Chuuk State President, Alik Alik of Kosrae State Vice President, Isaac Figir of Yap State, Speaker and Resio Moses of Pohnpei, Vice Speaker.

GREAT! EACH STATE GETS A PIECE OF THE PIE. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

After the event at Palikir, people gathered at sakau bars and other places and talked about the results. At one of the more popular sakau bars, a jobless man, who frequents sakau bars in the hope that someone will buy him a cup, made an interesting observation about the results of the presidential selection. He said, "How come the FSM Congress selected the two senators from the bankrupt states to be President and Vice President?"

I admit I had no answer to give him. I know, though, that he meant Chuuk and Kosrae States, the two states that have gone through difficult times with their finances.

Contrary to the movement that giving them more money will solve their financial problem, I think there's more than meets the eye. We have read reports of over appropriation, mismanagement, incompetence, theft, nepotism and fraud as factors that contributed to the Chuuk's financial mess. In the Kosrae case, the outgoing administration bankrupted the State Treasury as they were nearing the

end of their administration. The new administration walked into the financial fiasco.

Both States had to beg the National Government to bail them out each time and the National Government, acting like a good father, bailed out his "naughty boys."

So what should we expect from the new administration? Will it be, like earlier administrations, where so many resources were spent up front traveling all over the country to "get to know" the people that did not elect him in the first place? Or will they get down to business and get the economy moving forward?

From what pool of human resources will the new President select his cabinet? From the same old collection of familiar individuals or will he reach out to get fresh blood?

What about those Chinese gifts of new buildings now collecting dust and weeds at Palikir? Will the new leaders of the government move into the three buildings and make use of the gift? What do the Chinese expect in return?

What is he going to do about the already run down Tuna Commission building and the image of the FSM with respect to hosting the Tuna Commission in the FSM?

How will the new President handle the PMU/GMP issue that dominated the media in recent weeks?

What about JEMCO and its counterpart in the FSM? What approach would the new administration take?

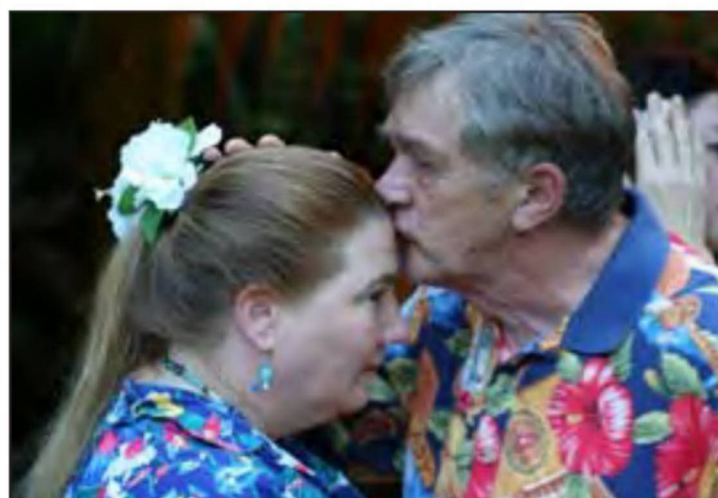
We want to see if Speaker Figir meant what he said about improving the image and the "political behaviour" of Congress. We think he was referring mainly to the notorious "pork barreling" by some members of the FSM Congress.

These are some of the questions that citizens ought to ask their leaders or hold them accountable.

We will take hints from the inaugural speech of the new President and hold him and his administration accountable for what transpires then.

Good luck Mr. President, Vice President, Speaker and Vice Speaker.

Meikie Flach and Peter Ainslie



Wish you all their very best! They will miss you all...until next time.

NEWS

Why a Will Is Important - Karepe Me Kekehlík Kesempwahl

Micronesia Legal Service

If you have anything that belongs to you when you die (your "estate") and you would like to have these things given away in a way that is not set by Pohnpei State law then you should make a will.

The law in Pohnpei today is that if you die and you do not have a will your estate will be divided like this:

Land – your spouse can use all of your land during his or her life. He or she cannot sell the land. They can allow short term leases. When your spouse dies then the land will go to your children in equal shares. If you do not have a spouse your land will go to your children in equal shares. Buildings on the land will usually be considered part of the land.

Personal Property – Personal property is everything except land. Some common examples are bank accounts, shares, household goods, and vehicles. Your spouse will get one third and your children will get two thirds which will be divided in equal shares.

That is the law if you die without making a valid will. If you want your estate given away in any way different than what this law says then you must make a valid will.

Your heirs can divide your land and personal property in any way that they want to and the court will almost never disagree but if even one heir disagrees then the

court must follow the law.

You can make a verbal will or a written will.

A verbal will is valid **ONLY** if these, the following three legal requirements are met:

1. You think that you are going to die soon and you actually do die soon after making the verbal will.
2. Two persons can tell the court what you said. These persons can not get anything from your estate.
3. The Pohnpei Supreme Court is notified of the will within six months of your death.

A written will is much better. A written will must be signed and dated by you and it must be signed by two witnesses at the same time that you sign the will. The witnesses must not be persons who are going to get something from the will. The will does not have to be nortarized and it does not have to be filed with the court.

You do not need to wait until you are old or sick to make a will. You can make a will at any time in your life, You can change your will as many times as you want to.

Remember, if you do not make a will your estate will be divided in the way set by Pohnpei State law unless all of your heirs agree on how it will be divided.

If you have any questions you can call any lawyer or you can call Legal Services at 320 3762 or come in any Monday between 9:00 and 3:00.

Ma komwi ahneki mehkot me komwi men kiong emen mwuhirin omwi mehla me weksang dahme kosonned en Pohnpei kosoanehdi komwi udahn pahn wiada kekehlík.

Kosonned en Pohnpei iei ma komwi mehla oh sohte omwi kekehlík me manaman omwi dipisou-kan pahn nekpesang duen met:

Sapw – omwi pwoud kak doadoahki sapwelimomwi sapw koaros erein ah mour. Ni ansou me omwi pwoud mehla sapwelimomwi sapw pahn nekpesang nanpwung omwi ser kan pwal parek. Ma sohe omwi pwoud sapwelimomwi sapw pahn nekpesang nanpwung omwi seri kan pwal parek.

Ihmw akan me mihmi pohn sapw pahn wiada kisin sapw.

Dipisou mwer - Omwi poud pahn ale silikis ehu oh omwi seri kan pahn ale silikis riau, pwal parek. Dipisou mwer wehwehrki soang koaros likin sapw karasepe mohni en bank, dipisou en ihmw, share oh sidohsa.

Iei kosonned ma komwi mehla oh sohte omwi kekehlík me manaman. Ma komwi mwahuki kosoanehdi nekpesang omwi dipisou kan weksang dahme sansal powe komwi udahn pahn wiada kekehlík me manaman.

Me pahn ale sohsoh kak nekpesang sapwelimomwi sapw oh ahmwi dipisou kan ni mwomw ehu me irail pein kosonehdi oh ele mwolen kopwung sohte pahn lidere. Ma mie emente me pahn ale sohsoh me sohte pwuhngki soang en nekpesang me irail teikan pwuhngki kosoandi en kosonned me pahn uhd doadoahk.

Wiepen wiada kekehlík:

Kekehlík me wiawi ni lokaia sohte manaman ma e sohte idawen ire siluh me sansal pah.

1. Komwi ahenki madamadau me komwi pahn mehla ni ansou mwadang, oh komwi mehla ni ansou mwadang.

2. Mie aramas riemen me sohte pahn ale mehkot sang ahmwi dipisou kan me kak kasalehong Mwolen Kopwung audepen kekehlík ni lokaia me komwi wiada.

3. Kekehlík wet pahn kapidelong nan Mwolen Kopwung en Pohnpei sohte pwandasang sounpwong weneu mwuhirin komwi mehla.

Kekehlík me wiawi ni inting mwahu sang mehlel kekehlík me wiasi ni lokaia. Komwi pahn wiada kekehlík oh sain kekehlík oh soun kadehdeh riemen pahn sain ni ansou-ote me komwi sain. Aramas me pahn wia soun kadehdeh sohte kak ale mehkot sang sohsoh.

Kekehlík sohte anahne wiawi pahn kaula oh sohte anahne kapidelong nan Mwolen Kopwung.

Komwi sohte anahne awih lao komwi mahlahr de soumwahu laud pwe en wiada kekehlík. Komwi kak wia kekehlík ansou sohte lepilipil oh komwi kak wekidala kekehlík ansou koaros.

Tamataman - ma komwi sohte wiada kekehlík omwi sohsoh pah nekpesang nin duen kosoandi en kosonned en Pohnpei.

Ma mie omwi peidek komwi kak dengwala Legal Service ni 320 3762 de komwi kak kohdo ni ophis en Legal Service ni Ehd nanpwung kilok 9:00 oh kilok 3:00.

Leo Etscheit Foundation And Memorial Fund Appoints Citi To Provide Investment Consulting And Custody Services

Citi Press Release

Hagatna, Guam — Citi is pleased to announce that the Leo Etscheit Foundation and Memorial Fund (Etscheit Foundation) has appointed the firm to provide investment consulting and custody services to its trust fund. Senior Institutional Consultant, Daniel A. Roland, CIMA, of the Hagatna, Guam office will take the lead on providing the organization with specialized investment consulting services offered by Consulting Group, the institutional investment consulting unit of Citi's Smith Barney division.

"The global investment environment presents significant challenges and opportunities to institutional investors like the Etscheit Foundation," said Mr. Roland. He noted that his Guam based team,

the Asia Pacific Group, uses the in-depth research and analysis of Consulting Group to help institutional clients develop investment strategies focused on achieving long-term goals.

Ron Etscheit, grandson of the Foundation's founder and a Foundation Trustee commented, "Two of the main reasons that we selected Citigroup's Consulting Group over a wide selection of bidders for the position, was the proven track record they could document with institutional clients such as the Etscheit Foundation and their highly disciplined and rigorous investment consulting process."

Ferny S. Perman, Foundation

Trustee noted, "With the specialized tools and resources provided by Consulting Group, we feel we that, unlike when we were working with our previous service provider, we are now well-equipped to develop investment policy statements, determine asset allocation strategies, conduct investment manager searches, and monitor investment performance over time."

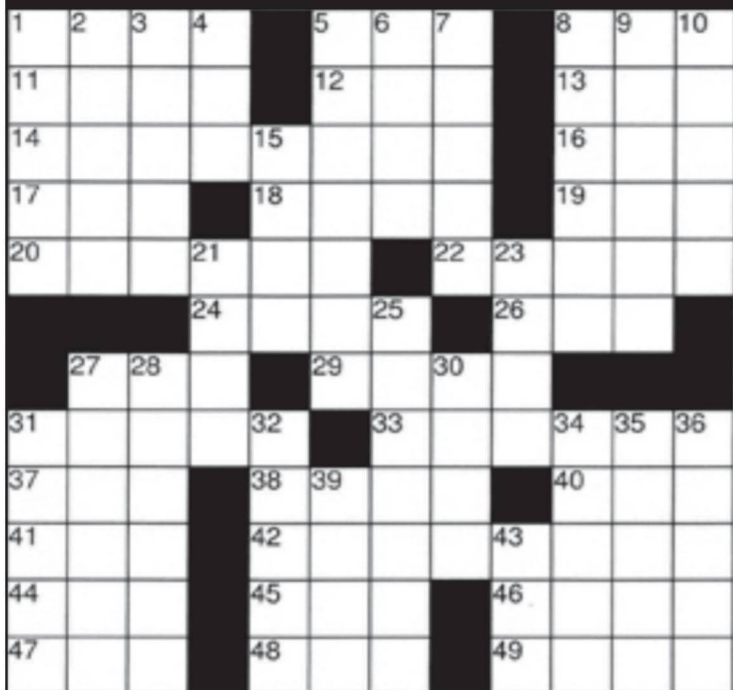
Pohnpei State Governor Johnny P. David, the third Foundation Trustee added "we are pleased with the improvements offered under this new arrangement, as I am sure Leo Etscheit would be, as the increased income will allow the Foundation to continue to improve the day to day lives of the

people of Pohnpei that find themselves as in-patients at the Pohnpei State Hospital.

The law firm of Berman O'Connor & Mann (Guam) undertook the Request for Proposal on behalf of the Etscheit Foundation and assisted in the selection of finalists for consideration.

The Etscheit Foundation was established in 1980 by a bequest from the last will and testament of the late Mr. Leo Etscheit, a wealthy and respected Pohnpei businessman. The Foundation is mandated to dispose of income earned in a manner that will provide for the well-being and comfort of in-patients of the Pohnpei State Hospital.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE

ACROSS

1. Elephant color
5. Baseballer's need
8. What 5 Across is often made from
11. Tibetan priest
12. Yuck!
13. Animal assemblage
14. Dashboard display
16. ___ work and no play...
17. Coal container
18. Realty measure
19. Tell a fib
20. A bit, to a dollar
22. Like an untended garden
24. Offshore
26. Motorist's need
27. "That's show ___!"
29. Doorbell sound
31. Ice cream holders
33. Courtly family
37. Dowel
38. Chums
40. Belly
41. Cry of discovery
42. Estrange
44. Try to court
45. 2,000 pounds
46. Thing
47. Neither's partner
48. Spy with the eyes
49. Minus

DOWN

1. World that can be whirled
2. Spokes of a wheel, perhaps
3. In the midst of
4. Sweet potato
5. Deli worker
6. Antiquer's aid
7. Tossed
8. Showy flower
9. One side in a game of eight ball
10. Like Swiss cheese
15. Consumes
21. Fog
23. Like quiche
25. Flight provider
27. Weepy cry
28. Like a game under a dome
30. Sniffer
31. What Jack broke when he fell down
32. Petty quarrels
34. Playing marble
35. Minstrel's instruments
36. Flower parts
39. Skin soother
43. Nothing

Word Search - COMIC RELIEF

Brutus isn't just an infamous character in Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar". He is also the nemesis of Popeye, the sailor, though he is better known in the comics as Bluto.

ALLEY OOP
ANDY CAPP
ARCHIE
BEETLE Bailey
BLONDIE
BRENDA Starr
BRUTUS
CALVIN
CHARLIE Brown
DAGWOOD
DENNIS the Menace
DICK TRACY
DILBERT
FLASH Gordon
GARFIELD
HAGAR the Horrible
HAZEL



HELGA
HOBBS
JUGHEAD
LINUS
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RELIGION

Speaking Through Symbols

Theologian Karl Rahner is very often hard to understand but to me one quote has become very easy. This is my favorite quotation from Karl Rahner. "Christianity is not a formula that makes everything clear; rather it is the radical submission of myself to absolute mystery who has revealed himself as ineffable love." God always remains the great mystery, far beyond our imaginings, far beyond our definitions, far beyond our dogmas. This is why we react well to the Bible which uses symbols, pictures, parables from every day life. Because God is mystery, we need to speak of God through symbols that, because of their content, point to this mystery which we call God. Then we are invited to believe not in the symbol but in him who is behind the symbol.

I cannot speak of other church calendars but the Catholic church celebrates what we call Pentecost fifty days after Good Friday. This year Pentecost Sunday is May 27. Pentecost

was a Jewish feast celebrated fifty days after Passover. For us Pentecost refers to the giving of the Holy Spirit. Actually in the Bible there are two versions of the giving of the Spirit. In John's gospel the Spirit is breathed into the disciples on the Sunday two days after the death of Jesus. In the Acts of the Apostles the Holy Spirit is sent upon the disciples fifty days after the Passover. We have here two versions of the same doctrine. The two stories are less important than the belief in God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus.

When someone asks us to tell him or her about the Holy Spirit, it always seems best to speak of the three most common symbols in the Bible referring to the Holy Spirit. These three symbols are every day experiences. They are Water, Air and Fire.

Water does many things. It cleans. It refreshes. It gives life and growth. Today it even generates electricity because of its power flow. During the El

Nino of several years ago, Pohnpei became so dry that crops could not grow. Fields, where in dry seasons the grass is brown, become freshly green when the rains come. Yes, the Holy Spirit cleanses and refreshes. But most of all the Spirit is the life- and growth-giver.

Without air we cannot breathe and live. Without wind the sailing ships that came to Pohnpei many years ago could not move. I remember the Kapinga fishermen hurrying home to Porrakied around noon on Saturdays in about ten canoes here in Pohnpei. A beautiful sight. Without wind there could be no movement of those sailing canoes. Like water the breeze refreshes too. We have had old and now new windmills which are useless without the wind. And wind or breeze is nothing but the movement of air. Without the Holy Spirit we too are without holy desires, without enthusiasm, without hope, life and movement. We are becalmed.

Fire warms. It purifies metals. It

makes metals flexible and malleable. It gives light. The sun is a ball of fire that warms and illumines. The Spirit gives the warmth of love and desire. The Spirit touches our spirit to bend it into the shapes that God sees as best for us. It melts frozen or uncaring

hearts. In those moments of illumination that we experience it is the Spirit of God who is at work. Ezekiel in chapter 47 speaks of water as flowing under the threshold of the temple and moving out into the desert to make it bloom. Is this water life, God's word, God's power? If so, it has to be the Spirit. Jesus tell the woman at the well in Sychar that he would give her living water, the Spirit indeed (Chapter 4). Jesus speaks of Baptism in John 3: 5 and Baptism means to be immersed in water. In our case to be immersed in the Spirit (John 3). And we find in John 19 water coming from the side of Christ.

See the wind blowing life back into the dry bones of Israel in Ezekiel 37. See Jesus breathing on the disciples and saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20) Wind shakes the house when the Spirit came to the disciples on Pentecost (Acts 2).

Tongues of fire appeared over the Apostles' heads on that same Pentecost giving them enlightenment, courage, desire to love Jesus and all whom Jesus loved.

We often speak today of discernment. When we have to find out how to proceed, how to live out our lives, we have to use our head, our minds. But I think this might not be enough. It is my impression that the Spirit leads us through desires. These desires we have to discern and to ponder and test to see if they are the same that would likely be found in Jesus himself. We discern in order to test. In the first letter of John we read, "...do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God..." Test our spiritual desires (and illuminations) to see whether they correspond with the desires and lights of Jesus Christ.

William McGarry, S.J.

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Dream Come True

"The end of a matter is better than the beginning" Solomon wrote in the book of Ecclesiastes. That has proved true as the culmination of two grant projects coincided this spring at Ohwa Christian High School (OCHS) in Madolenihmw. Former librarian Jayson Ringlen, with the encouragement of Mrs. Carmihna Lipai, Director of the Pohnpei Public Library began the application for a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development grant to improve library facilities at OCHS. The award of this grant has enabled the library to purchase new tables, chairs, library shelving and to establish a small computer lab. This has been accomplished with the assistance of Ace Office Supplies and Pohnpei Computer Consulting. The new

computer lab allows students at OCHS to gain experience in keyboarding and basic word processing. A yearbook project gives them an opportunity to learn desktop publishing.

In addition, enhancement of the library collection was made possible by a Direct Aid Program grant administered through the Australian Embassy in Kolonia. Rev. Gary Gardell worked with Mr. Andrew Jackson-Calway to facilitate this grant. Mrs. Lyn Prees of Sydney, Australia gave invaluable assistance to select titles, obtain the necessary Performance invoices and facilitate purchase and shipping of the collection.

To celebrate the completion of both grants an open house/dedication of the new collection and



Noel Boylan, Kim Gardell and Carrie Boylan examining some of the new collection at the OCHS library open house, May 3, 2007

library facilities was held on May 3rd. The administration, staff and students at OCHS would like to

express their gratitude to all who have helped make the dream of a computer lab and upgraded library facilities become reality.

Kosrae Women's Team Visits Pilot Farm in Pohnpei

Palikir, Pohnpei (FSMIS) – On May 12, 2007, at the invitation of the Chinese Embassy in the FSM, Mrs. Shra C. Lonno Alik led a Kosrae women's team, which was made up of about 20 people, to visit the Pilot Farm in Pohnpei. Chairman of External Affairs Committee of the National Congress, Senator Paliknoa K. Welly also took part in the visit. H.E. Ms LIU Fei, the Chinese Ambassador to the FSM warmly welcomed the Kosrae women team. She pointed out that the Pilot Farm had been sponsored by the Chinese Government since 1998. With the devoted efforts of Chinese technicians, over 20 kinds of vegetables and melons can be grown locally.

The farm now produces 6,000 to 10,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to the local market, which have become very popular. The Chinese technicians also provide some training courses on vegetable growing to the local farmers. The project has greatly promoted local agriculture, improved people's living standards and assisted the economic sustainable development in the FSM.

Mrs. Shra C. Lonno Alik said that it was the first time the Kosrae women team had been to Pohnpei to visit the Pilot Farm. Some members of the team even traveled by air for the first time enjoyed the trip

very much. The women are from each community in Kosrae. What they learned from the farm would be of great help for agricultural practices back home.

The Kosrae women's team was very excited when being invited to taste tomatoes and watermelons grown on the farm. They took notes and asked questions while touring the vegetable fields and were amazed by the easy techniques

applied to the farming. They also found the way of managing a pig-farm and a chicken-farm nearby very useful. They believed that this trip provided very useful knowledge not only on vegetable growing but also on how to set up pig-farms and chicken-farms. Before leaving the farm, they sang a happy Kosrae song to express their gratitude to the Chinese technicians.

Senator Paliknoa K. Welly

thanked the Chinese Government for all the kind assistances to the FSM Government and people for the past years and said he would continue to further the friendly cooperation between the FSM and China.

By the time this report goes to the press, some of the ladies from the team will have set up green houses in Kosrae and will have begun vegetable growing.

China Film Show Enjoys Successful Crowds in Pohnpei

Chinese Embassy Press Release

The first *China Film Show* with four purposefully chosen Chinese features including *Crouching Tiger*, *Hidden Dragon*, *Heavenly Grassland*, *The Story of Lotus*, and *Xi'Lian*, all of which were free to the public, was successfully held by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the FSM from May 18th to 21st, 2007 at Pohnpei Center Cinema. H.E. Mme. LIU Fei, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the FSM, and some government officials attended the opening ceremony for the Show. Nearly 500 local residents were attracted to go up to enjoy the movies.

The movies mentioned above, except *Crouching Tiger*, *Hidden Dragon*, are all on the subject of rural areas in China, reflecting stories adapted from real countryside lives. Some Chinese farmers, through their unsophisticated wisdom and unremitting endeavors, become rich using their own hands, which can be of great educational significance to the FSM residents.

Pohnpei Competitor's Association Standings
PCA VOLLEYBALL CLUB STANDINGS

SDA SCHOOL - Final Stats

| Rank | Team | GP | W | L | PCT |
|------|------------|----|---|---|-------|
| 1T | Devils | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1T | Bubble Gum | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1T | Barbies | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1T | Natasha | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 5 | The Naz | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0.667 |
| 6 | Mariko | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.500 |
| 7T | Angels | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0.333 |
| 7T | Spartans | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0.333 |
| 9T | Tashy | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.000 |

MADOLENIHMW HS - as of 18 May

| Rank | Team | GP | W | L | PCT |
|------|---------------------|----|---|---|-------|
| 1T | 151 Grand | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1T | Why Not? | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1T | Pick-ups | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 4 | No Rules | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0.667 |
| 5 | Piece of Cake | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0.500 |
| 6 | Young Stars | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0.250 |
| 7 | Better than Nothing | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0.200 |
| 8 | Rebels | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.000 |

OHWA CHS - Final stats

| Rank | Team | GP | W | L | PCT |
|------|------------|----|---|---|-------|
| 1 | Young Boys | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 2 | Boom2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.000 |

COM-FSM POHNPEI CAMPUS - Final Stats

| Rank | Team | GP | W | L | PCT |
|------|-------------|----|---|---|-------|
| 1 | Kitti | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0.750 |
| 2 | Nett | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0.667 |
| 3 | Madolenihmw | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.500 |
| 4T | Kolonia | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.000 |
| 4T | Sokehs | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.000 |

PCA CHESS CLUB STANDINGS

OHWA CHS - Final Stats

| Rank | Name of Player | GP | W | L | D | PCT |
|------|-----------------|----|---|---|---|-------|
| 1T | Mikeal A | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1T | Nickson Primo | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 3 | Suptract Sehpin | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0.800 |
| 4 | Ketson Sepin | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0.600 |
| 5T | Arty Weital | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0.500 |
| 5T | Michealson S | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0.500 |
| 5T | Steven Mathias | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0.500 |
| 5T | Wayne Weital | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0.500 |
| 5T | Person R | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.500 |
| 10 | Sulux Uhura | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0.364 |
| 11 | Roger Simon | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0.200 |
| 12 | Arvizu Neibert | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0.143 |
| 13 | Simson | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.000 |

SDA SCHOOL - Final Stats - Minimum 12 Games

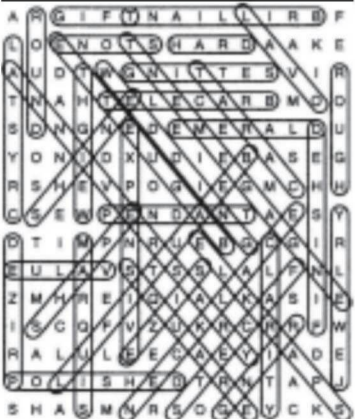
| Rank | Name of Player | GP | W | L | D | PCT |
|------|-------------------|----|----|----|---|-------|
| 1 | Genevieve Estur | 19 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 0.947 |
| 2 | Yuki Omura | 31 | 19 | 10 | 2 | 0.613 |
| 3 | Jordan Jano | 14 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0.571 |
| 4 | Danzel Etse | 25 | 14 | 10 | 1 | 0.560 |
| 5 | Odesa Satelle | 19 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 0.526 |
| 6 | Genelyn Estur | 20 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0.500 |
| 7T | Maderson Ramon Jr | 19 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 0.474 |
| 7T | Nathaniel Nanpei | 19 | 9 | 10 | 0 | 0.474 |
| 9 | Samuel Hadley | 17 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 0.471 |
| 10 | Peter Jesse | 29 | 13 | 14 | 2 | 0.448 |
| 11 | Mark Pangelinan | 14 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 0.286 |
| 12 | Taukir Rahman | 12 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 0.167 |
| 13 | Laura Fujimoto | 19 | 2 | 15 | 2 | 0.105 |

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LAST Issue's Solution



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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office at 7:00pm. Public welcome. For details, call 320-2123.

Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Cliff Rainbow Restaurant at 6:30pm. Public Welcome.

The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.

Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.

Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meeting every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.

Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30p.m. Everyone welcome.

The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15p.m at PCR/Nantehlik.

St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.

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HEALTH & NUTRITION

Coconut, The Tree of Life

By AMYLEVENDUSKY
Pohnpei Island Food Community

The coconut tree, with its long trunk and crown of waving fronds, is a symbol of the Pacific. It has value as a food for humans and livestock. Coconut also provides wood for building, material for weaving, leaves for shelter, oil for cooking, and roots for medicine. The oil can also be used as fuel for your car, saving money and the environment at the same time. When dried into copra, it is an important source of income.

There are many varieties of coconut trees, for example 'talls', 'dwarfs' or hybrids between them. Tall varieties flower about 8 years after planting and often live 70 years or more. Dwarf varieties flower about three to four years after planting and they are easy to harvest as they are low-bearing. Other differences include skin color and the amount of milk and meat. Coconut trees bear nuts all year round. It takes about a year after the tree flowers for the nut to mature.

Coconut products differ in their nutrient content. Coconut oil is almost 100% fat with no carbohydrate and no cholesterol. All fats and oils consumed by humans are mixtures of saturated and unsaturated fatty acids with different chain lengths. These groupings are important because they pose different health risks. For example, there is strong evidence of a link between a high intake of saturated fat (found in meat, milk, cheese and eggs) and heart disease. Coconut also contains high levels of saturated fats.



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However, coconut oil is very different from other fats because it mainly contains medium-chain fatty acids or medium-chain triglycerides (MCT's) which are also found in human breastmilk. These may have health-giving properties; for example, protection against heart disease. **Studies have shown that a high intake of coconut is NOT linked with a risk of heart disease within a traditional lifestyle that includes enough physical activity, a diet with plenty of fish, root crops, starchy fruits and vegetables, low salt intake and minimal use of tobacco and alcohol.**

Coconut toddy is an excellent source of vitamin C, which is important for fighting infection and helps the body absorb some forms of iron. Toddy is produced by binding and cutting a newly formed coconut bud. Paper-thin shavings are sliced off twice a day so that the dripping sap continues to flow. The sap is then collected. The fluid may be drunk fresh, cold or heated. When you boil this sap down, it becomes a thick syrup like molasses.

The drinking coconut contains a refreshing, nutrient-rich liquid. The juice can be given to children and adults with diarrhea to replace lost fluids and minerals. Soft drinks or soda, on the other hand, may be harmful



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to your health because they often contain a large amount of refined sugar. So, instead of reaching for a sugary imported soda to drink or a sugary imported snack food to eat, reach for a coconut!

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Alex Tretnoff, Jr. Takes the Prize Soon He'll Take to the Skies!



Pohnpei Fishing Club President Steve Finnen presents two free Continental Airline tickets to Alex Tretnoff Jr., the 14th Annual PFC/Continental Micronesia Tournament Champion Angler. Alex's total weight caught was 295 pounds, which included a 180 pound marlin, two tunas, a wahoo, and two barracuda. The two tickets are good to any Continental Micronesia destination, so Alex may soon be fishing in Honolulu, Cairns, Japan, or even Bali!

PCA MONOPOLY CLUB STANDINGS

SDA SCHOOL - Final Stats

| Rank | Name | GP | AFP |
|------|--------------------|----|------|
| 1T | Keoni Samo | 1 | 1.00 |
| 1T | Leighton Edward | 1 | 1.00 |
| 2T | Maggie Billingsley | 2 | 2.00 |
| 2T | Mack Pangelinan | 2 | 2.00 |
| 2T | Genevieve Estur | 1 | 2.00 |
| 2T | Mark Pangelinan | 1 | 2.00 |
| 7 | Vincent Pangelinan | 3 | 2.33 |
| 8 | Luke Carlos | 2 | 2.50 |
| 9T | Kimberly Morales | 2 | 3.00 |
| 9T | Dorian Mix | 2 | 3.00 |
| 11 | Laura Fujimoto | 3 | 3.33 |
| 12T | Emily Ford | 1 | 4.00 |
| 12T | Zackery Edward | 2 | 4.00 |
| 14 | Tunir Akntar | 2 | 5.00 |
| 15T | Tiffany Sanchez | 1 | 6.00 |
| 15T | Kevin Mix | 1 | 6.00 |
| 17 | Acer Apis | 1 | 7.00 |

OHWA CHS - Final Stats

| Rank | Name | GP | AFP |
|------|---------------|----|------|
| 1 | Arvizu N | 3 | 1.33 |
| 2T | Mike Lawrence | 3 | 2.00 |
| 2T | Michealson | 4 | 2.00 |
| 2T | Peter | 1 | 2.00 |
| 5 | Roger Saimon | 4 | 2.25 |
| 6 | Nickson Primo | 2 | 2.50 |
| 7 | Ketson Sehpin | 5 | 2.60 |
| 8T | Pedrus | 2 | 3.00 |
| 8T | Akino | 1 | 3.00 |
| 8T | Chuuk Kehn | 2 | 3.00 |
| 8T | Sulux Uhura | 1 | 3.00 |
| 12 | Wayne Weital | 3 | 3.67 |
| 13 | Steve M | 1 | 4.00 |

PCA SOFTBALL CLUB STANDINGS

MADOLENIHMW HS - as of 18 May

| Rank | Team | GP | W | L | PCT |
|------|---------------------|----|---|---|-------|
| 1 | Better Than Nothing | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 2 | 151 Grand | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0.667 |
| 3 | No Rules | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0.600 |
| 4T | Rebels | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0.500 |
| 4T | Piece of Cake | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.500 |
| 6T | Young Stars | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0.333 |
| 6T | Dahme Sohki | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0.333 |
| 8 | Pick-Ups | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.000 |

GP=Games Played W=Wins L=Loss PCT=Winning Percentage (W/GP)

PCA SCRABBLE CLUB STANDINGS

SDA SCHOOL - Final Stats - Top 12

| Rank | Name | GP | AFP |
|------|-------------------|----|------|
| 1T | Valerie | 1 | 1.00 |
| 1T | Cameron Naruhn | 1 | 1.00 |
| 1T | Pete Jesse | 1 | 1.00 |
| 1T | Melissa Ramon | 1 | 1.00 |
| 5 | Mrs. Villegas | 6 | 1.17 |
| 6T | Laura Fujimoto | 3 | 2.00 |
| 6T | Mathew Donre | 3 | 2.00 |
| 6T | Genevieve Estur | 1 | 2.00 |
| 6T | Bear Solomon | 1 | 2.00 |
| 6T | Demi Pelto | 1 | 2.00 |
| 6T | Maverick Salvador | 1 | 2.00 |
| 12 | Lae Annie Edward | 5 | 2.40 |

COM-FSM POHNPEI CAMPUS - Final Stats

| Rank | Name | GP | AFP |
|------|----------|----|------|
| 1 | Uinsiry | 1 | 1.00 |
| 2 | Simako | 1 | 2.00 |
| 3 | Clarence | 1 | 3.00 |
| 4 | Stacy | 1 | 4.00 |

GP=Games Played AFP=Average Finish Position

PCA BASKETBALL CLUB STANDINGS

OHWA CHS - Final Stats

| Rank | Team | GP | W | L | PCT |
|------|--------------|----|---|---|-------|
| 1 | Terrorist | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 2T | Young Boys | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.000 |
| 2T | Pingpin Ohwa | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.000 |

MADOLENIHMW HS - as of 18 May

| Rank | Team | GP | W | L | PCT |
|------|---------------------|----|---|---|-------|
| 1 | 151 Grands | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0.875 |
| 2 | Rebels | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0.800 |
| 3 | Better Than Nothing | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0.600 |
| 4 | Pick-Ups | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0.500 |
| 5 | Young Stars | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0.429 |
| 6 | Piece of Cake | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0.333 |
| 7 | No Rule | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0.250 |
| 8 | Dahme Sohki | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0.200 |
| 9 | Mwcohrok | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.000 |

COM-FSM POHNPEI CAMPUS - Final Stats

| Rank | Team | GP | W | L | PCT |
|------|--------------|----|---|---|-------|
| 1 | Staff | 8 | 8 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 2T | Ball Hunters | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0.625 |
| 2T | Sapruu | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0.625 |
| 2T | Jeza Kanza | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0.625 |
| 5T | Grand Award | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0.500 |
| 5T | IBC Sharks | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0.500 |
| 7 | Kiradals | 7 | 2 | 5 | 0.286 |
| 8 | Fokai | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0.250 |
| 9 | Cobras | 8 | 1 | 7 | 0.125 |
| 10 | KYT | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.000 |

PICS HIGH SCHOOL - as of 18 May

| Rank | Team | GP | W | L | PCT |
|------|----------------|----|---|---|-------|
| 1T | Kiradals | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1T | J-Kanza | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 3 | KBT | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0.667 |
| 4 | Pojej | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0.500 |
| 5T | Young Warriors | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.000 |
| 5T | Kassut | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.000 |
| 5T | Spartans | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.000 |
| 5T | Keneheks | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.000 |

GP=Games Played W=Wins L=Loss PCT=Winning Percentage (W/GP)

PICS HIGH SCHOOL - as of 11 May

| Rank | Name | GP | AFP |
|------|-------------------|----|------|
| 1 | Rihter Halliens | 1 | 1.00 |
| 2 | Larry Asher | 6 | 1.17 |
| 3T | Kerley Araceley | 2 | 2.00 |
| 3T | Iisa Rose Iriarte | 1 | 2.00 |
| 3T | Samuel Helmi | 1 | 2.00 |
| 6 | Jason Donre | 5 | 2.20 |
| 7 | Salvador Jacob | 3 | 2.33 |
| 8T | Adelino Primo | 3 | 3.00 |
| 8T | Justice Hebel | 1 | 3.00 |
| 8T | Stacy Santos | 1 | 3.00 |
| 8T | Bryan Raymond | 2 | 3.00 |
| 8T | Kentrick Manuelo | 4 | 3.00 |
| 8T | Gina Amor | 1 | 3.00 |
| 14T | Bryon Edgar | 1 | 4.00 |
| 14T | Ramina Cantero | 1 | 4.00 |
| 14T | Marvin Weital | 1 | 4.00 |
| 14T | Mataoro Charley | 1 | 4.00 |
| 18T | Ricky Leopold | 1 | 5.00 |
| 18T | Stephanie Jim | 1 | 5.00 |

MADOLENIHMW HS - as of 11 May

| Rank | Name | GP | AFP |
|------|-------------------|----|------|
| 1T | Bellannie Silahra | 1 | 1.00 |
| 1T | Rasner Silbanuz | 2 | 1.00 |
| 1T | H-son Valentine | 1 | 1.00 |
| 4 | Arely Ehsa | 1 | 2.00 |
| 5T | Floreen Teriong | 3 | 2.67 |
| 5T | Malinda David | 3 | 2.67 |
| 7T | Pelsihda Pahmer | 1 | 3.00 |
| 7T | Johnny Alexander | 1 | 3.00 |
| 9 | Peterson Primo | 2 | 3.50 |
| 10 | Walerine Patricio | 1 | 4.00 |

GP=Games Played AFP=Average Finish Position