

Petrocorp reduces wholesale fuel price

"We are completely committed to transparency," says Board Chair Willie Hawley



Petrocorp fuel farm in Weno, Chuuk

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

The sign at Amcres gas station in Kolonia, Pohnpei on November 5 showed that the station was no longer charging \$5.87 per gallon of fuel as it had for several weeks. The new price had dropped 77 cents to \$5.10 per gallon. Customers lined their cars up at the pumps sometimes causing traffic delays as they waited in the street for their turn to buy fuel at the new "low" price.

Business at other gas stations that didn't change their signs quickly enough or who hadn't yet obtained a delivery of fuel at the new price was sparse to non-existent.

FSM Petroleum Corporation, known as PetroCorp, is the public corporation that was set up through legislation passed ear-

lier this year. The corporation, which is owned by the Federated States of Micronesia, bought out the FSM assets of Mobil Oil of Micronesia, Incorporated in Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap.

MOMI had no assets in Kosrae. Negotiations are underway with Kosrae leadership for a lease of the fuel farm there. If those negotiations are successful PetroCorp will also begin supplying fuel in Kosrae.

Jared Morris, of Fiji has been on the job as PetroCorp's Chief Executive Officer for two weeks. For over four years Morris worked for the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. During that time he helped the fourteen member nations with fuel supply issues. He provided consultation on regu-

latory issues and also helped several Pacific Island nations to transition to a new fuel supply arrangement as he did for the FSM. Before that time he worked for Shell Oil as a project engineer. Morris is an expert on fuel supply especially in the Asia market. He said that the new arrangement provides operational efficiencies in the FSM that would not exist if each State handled its own fuel supply needs individually.

Public information about PetroCorp during the period of its startup was sparse. In the last few weeks the commodities value for a barrel of crude oil dropped to between \$60 and \$70. Prices at gas pumps around the world began to drop and most FSM residents expected the price to go down

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Pohnpei Legislature passes a bill to dissolve EDA and PFC

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM - At press time, Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa had on his desk a bill for signature that would completely dissolve the public corporation known as the Economic Development Authority and the Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation. The responsibilities of those two corporations would be brought under a new Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture if he chooses to sign the bill into law or to allow the bill to become law without his signature.

According to the Pohnpei Office of Public Affairs, before the Governor's office closed for the Pohnpei State Constitution day holiday weekend Governor Ehsa had not yet signed the bill. If he did not do that by Sunday, November 9 the bill became law without his signature. He could also have chosen to veto the bill or to sign it into law. At press time it was not possible to discover which action he chose to take.

Two standing committees of the Pohnpei State Legislature combined to review the proposed bill, the Committee on Resources and Development, chaired by Senator Peter M. Lohn, and the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, chaired by Robert P. Nakasone. Their report recommending the bill said that during the terms of at least three governors and several legislatures many committee hearings have taken place. The committees chose not to go into the history of those deliberations saying instead, "Suffice it to say that your Joint Committees feel it is time to terminate the semi-autonomous existence of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation (PFC), and bring their functions under the direct control of the Governor, with bud-

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VCS player John Fredrick swings at a pitch. Palikir B catcher Pedrus Ifamlik prepares to catch the pitch, while Home Plate Umpire, Nickontro Johnny observes the action.



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President Mori's National Day message to the people of the FSM

November 3, 2008

My fellow Citizens and friends,

On this special day for our Nation, I am pleased to extend greetings as your President. In doing so, I am joined by Vice President Alik and our families, in offering our congratulations to all citizens and friends throughout the Federation, for achieving this twenty-second anniversary of our Nation's independence. While our nationhood is relatively young at this age, we have attained a level of maturity as a sovereign and independent people, aspiring to work and live as a united people for our common welfare.

On this twenty-second anniversary day, we can be proud of the accomplishments we have made in the face of formidable challenges and adversities. Our unity as a Federation remains strong, despite the diversity of our people, the vast distances that separate us, and our limited natural resources. We can be proud of our unique political system befitting our varied circumstances and the enjoyment of peace, freedom and respect for our diversity.

Our Federation has also attained respect and recognition in the global community. We speak with an equal voice in the community of nations and have made friends who share in our concerns, interests and values. Our Nation is an active member of the international community and has also borne beneficial fruits for our nation-building efforts. Given our inherent shortcomings and the challenges confronting our government and people, we will continue to count on the generosity and assistance of our friends and partners such as the United States, Japan, China, and Australia, among others.

On this historic occasion, I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the invaluable assistance provided by our development partners and urge their continued support and cooperation. The congratulatory messages received from the resident missions, and perhaps others from abroad are indicative of the strong bonds of friendship we have with them, and I want to thank them all for their kind words on this special day.

My fellow citizens and friends,

I wish I could say that all is well at home and in the world for that matter. The high cost of fuel and basic food commodities have cost tremendous hardship on ourselves and our families. These cost increases have a disastrous impact on all of us and we must therefore look for immediate short and long term solutions. The important first step is import substitution. I encourage the use of healthy and affordable local food instead of imported food. Self sufficiency, as I have said should be a goal of our National Food Policy.

In pursuing our goal of our food policy, we should ever be mindful and sensitive to our delicate environment. The link between food security and environment can not be overlooked. Our farm lands must be cultivated sustainably so as not to be used at the expense of our fragile environment.

Since taking Office, we continued to face formidable financial challenges that threaten to break our spirit as a people and undermine the unity of our Nation. These financial crisis and challenges are not only confined to the home front, but are now a major global concern. The global financial crisis, as evidenced by the current delicate situation in the bigger countries, is a matter of grave concern as we are all at risk as part of the globalized economy.

On this anniversary occasion, I called on the leadership and the people of our nation to rededicate and reaffirm our resolve to work together in addressing these challenges facing us all. Vice President and I have benefited tremendously from your individual and collective support and cooperation during the past year, and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the contribution you have made, whether big or small, to the on-going task of nation-building.

Having inherited what we have today from our founding fathers, it is only appropriate that we also recognize their pioneering work in the formative stage of our Nation and pay tribute to them by making this twenty-second anniversary of our independence a true celebration of their enduring legacies.

Once again, congratulations, and may the Almighty God keep us protected, united and at peace in the years to come.

New Kosrae Surf Camp Beckons Surfers Looking for Something New

By Kosrae Visitors Bureau

TOFOL, KOSRAE, Federated States of Micronesia, Oct 27, 2008 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- A new surf camp is now open for surfers of all skill levels on the still-unspoiled Micronesian island of Kosrae, one of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Kosrae Surf Tours Corporation (KSTC), an ecotourism business providing all-inclusive surf tourism packages, is the only licensed surf tour on the island. KSTC provides once-in-a-lifetime experiences to adventurous tourists looking to explore hidden destinations.

According to Grant Ismael, director of the Kosrae Visitors Bureau, Kosrae offers the perfect surfing experience for the surfer who wants to surf in a secluded region, away from the crowds.

The cost of the surf camp is \$150 USD per day, per surfer, with a non-surfing partner rate of \$100 USD per day. The typical stay at the surfing camp is 10 to 14 days. This fee includes accommodations in cottages at Kosrae's rustic Treelodge Resort, an eco-lodge that sits next to an ancient mangrove forest and calm lagoon. Also covered are food, land and boat transfers, as well as a full-time surfer guide. Optional activities included at no cost include a one-day boat-based snorkeling/bottom fishing trip, several land-based snorkeling trips, kayaking, jungle hikes, and anthropological site tours. Air travel to Kosrae is not included.

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Since moving to Kosrae in 2000, 27-year-old KSTC owner Matt Rott has put himself at the forefront of creating responsible surf tourism and is working with the government to prevent an overcrowded surfing scene on Kosrae, allowing the island to protect its secluded surfing for years to come.

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KSTC is booking the 2008-2009 season that runs from October 1 to March 31. Reservations can be made through The Perfect Wave of Sydney, Australia at <http://www.theperfectwave.com.au>. Click South Pacific Camps, then Caroline Islands.

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getary oversight by the Legislature, through the creation of a new executive Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture.”

LB No. 92-08, the report says, “arose from the ashes” of another bill considered earlier this year by the Legislature on another piece of legislation that was considered. LB 47-08 would have created a new public corporation and would have folded EDA and PFC into the new corporation after dissolving those two separate corporations.

The legislation has a long title because of the many things that legally must be included in the bill in order to accomplish the end goal. Indeed the title is long at nearly 150 words.

The legislation:

- Establishes the new office of Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Executive Branch;
- defines the details of how investments owned by the public corporation relative to the transshipment privilege fee should be handled and by whom;
- Sets up details relating to the establishment of a five member Advisory Board for the new office and requires advice and consent of the legislature on members nominated to it;
- Repeals chapters 1, 2, and 8 of

the Title 36 of the Pohnpei code relating to the Economic Development Authority, the Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation, and the financing of fisheries programs;

- Transfers the assets and liabilities of the Economic Development Authority and the Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation to the new office of Fisheries and Aquaculture; and
- Provides terms for compensation for employees of the two dissolved corporations whose services might not be needed as a result of the bill.

Section 8 of the bill transfers the assets and liabilities of EDA and PFC. It also transfers all contracts and obligations of the two dissolved corporations to the new executive offices. This would include the agreement between PFC and Luen Thai for fishing and the agreement with Oceania for cold storage management and other purposes.

The Governor’s office filed suit against Oceania to terminate the contract. Their requests for a temporary restraining order and request for preliminary injunctive relief was denied by the FSM Supreme Court. The case is still pending at the Supreme Court.

The new legislation, according to the committee report would not affect the ongoing legal proceeding in the Oceania case. “...Any defenses available to EDA and PFC shall now be the defenses of the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture.”

Lions Clubs international district governor visits Pohnpei Lions

By Raul C. Miralles

Kolonia, Pohnpei - On Tuesday, October 21st, while the Pohnpei Lions Club was holding its regular meeting at the China Star Restaurant, the newly elected Lion District 204 Governor Goring Duenas was with them, thus making the special guest the inducting officer of the newly appointed Region 3 Chairman, Lion Rick Dereas, this year’s Pohnpei Lions Club president. Region 3 of Lions Clubs International District 204 comprises of Pohnpei State and Marshall Islands. The induction ceremony came shortly after the regular meeting, followed by an inspirational speech by the lion district governor.

Lion Governor Duenas, a retired educator from Guam joined the LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL in 1988 and since then has held several positions within the organization.

The Governor, in his speech, highlighted the importance of “Lionism”, in the service of the community. He further said he will continue to challenge all fellow lions to always be visible in the community as he men-

tioned and quote, “we are lions, service-oriented people, so let us join hands together to give back to the community what it deserves.

Over the years, the Pohnpei Lions Club has contributed to the quality of life on Pohnpei and elsewhere. Among the many recipients of the club’s projects are the following entities:

- *Pohnpei State Hospital
- *Pohnpei Public Library
- *Micronesia Red Cross
- *Special Education Department
- *Diabetes Program
- *Elementary Schools
- *Private Individuals

Assistance took the form of hospital equipments and medicines, books and learning materials for schools, monetary donation to the Asian tsunami victims, diabetes screening, distribution of free eyeglasses and eye exam with prescription, Christmas and Easter gifts for special children and needy families, assisted student with school tuition, cleaning up side of roads, outside government buildings and renovation of homes for the handicapped, among others.

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- Biological Control - Way Forward to Controlling Whiteflies in FSM

By Konrad Englberger

Plant Protection Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

The prospects in combating the whitefly problem in FSM is forthcoming due to biological control measures being put in place by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), overseas institutions and local governments and agencies of the Federated States of Micronesia.

A new whitefly species, *Aleurotrachelus trachoides*, almost unseen with the naked eye was first reported in Chuuk and later in Pohnpei in 2003. It has been causing damage to crops of economic importance like kava (sakau), tomato, hot-pepper plant, sweet potato, and others. Farmers have been experiencing significant crop losses due to the new whitefly species. Other host plants include ornamentals like the Golden dewdrop, *Durandea erecta*. The new comer has also been observed attacking a small, native plant locally known in Pohnpei as "Sakau en Leng."

Although there are other whitefly species present in FSM, they do not pose significant threat as there are existing natural enemies providing sound biological control. After the reporting of the new species, *A. trachoides*, considerable efforts were put in place through public awareness (radio programs and production of

leaflets, cultural and chemical control), field surveys and laboratory work in the attempt to identify locally known or existing biological agents-beneficial insects that feed on the pest. In collaboration with experts at the University of Guam (UOG), USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), Californian Food and Agriculture and the Hawaii Agriculture, studies were carried out in Pohnpei to determine best and safest control of whiteflies.

In June 2008 the Plant Protection Advisor (PPA) introduced one beetle species and one wasp species from USA for biocontrol. The laboratory test showed that the wasp *Encarsia formosa* does not feed on the new white fly species and the beetle *Delphastus catalinae* did not rear in the Lab.

During the past 12 months, SPC in cooperation with British Museum and the Global Plant Clinic identified some locally existing insects and a fungus. Simultaneously, work on the biology of *A. trachoides* and presence of existing local natural enemies was pursued. The study showed interesting findings. The following, locally occurring natural enemies (a wasp, *Amitus* sp., two beetles, *Nephaspsi dispar* and *Evorinea* sp. and a fungus (Entomopathogenic fungus) *Aschersonia* sp.) are found to be controlling the new pest. Further field observations are reveal-

ing that the fungus is giving very good control of the whitefly. The combination of beetle and fungus is giving a good control as the beetle feeds on whitefly eggs and the fungus thrives and overgrows on the whitefly pupa, suffocating it before an adult whitefly exits.

The fungus was found in an area in Kitti municipality and the beetle in Kolonia Town. The fungus and beetle have been manually transferred to other areas in Pohnpei by SPC local laboratory techni-

cians. Positive results in the control of whiteflies have been observed over time (about six months) by the SPC PPA. "At some locations, the whiteflies disappeared within about five to six months; hence, affected plants like the kava and hot-pepper plant is thriving again," commented John Wickep of FSM Resources and Development.

During the past four months the SPC Whitefly Project has distributed over 500 beetles to different areas in Pohnpei. Less numbers of fungus has been distributed and more are yet to be provided to other infested areas in the near future. People are advised not to spray chemicals on infested plants once the biocontrol agents (beetles and fungus) are released at specific sites as this would kill off the beneficial organisms. For natural crop protection, a non-toxic spray solution can be made by mixing the following: one cup of vegetable or coconut oil and one tablespoon of liquid soap is mixed with one gallon of water. The solution could then be filled into a sprayer before treatment of infested plants. The spray solution should be applied to the underside of infested leaves. The ideal time for application of spray is early in the morning or late in the afternoon. It is advisable to repeat spraying if there is rainfall after application. For good control, spraying should be done several times on a weekly basis. Other non-toxins that can be included in the spray solution are: chillie peppers, garlic or tobacco.

Note: Oil spray can cause burning of leaves or plant parts when applied during hot, sunny days or when temperatures exceed 80 degrees Fahrenheit! It is advisable to conduct a test on one or two plants prior to full application to a larger number of plants. People who need assistance in whitefly control should contact the SPC Office in Kolonia at Telephone numbers: 320-7523 or 320-3160. For more information, please contact Konrad Englberger or Klasthine Diopulos at the SPC Office.



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residents expected the price to go down here as well. When prices didn't go down in what many residents considered to be a timely fashion all manner of conspiracy theories regarding PetroCorp began to arise in the FSM.

"We have nothing to hide," said Board Chairman Willie Hawley. Hawley was elected during a PetroCorp Board meeting held in Kosrae on the 27th and 28th of October. In November the company issued two press releases that Hawley said will be the first of many. "We are completely committed to transparency."

He said that PetroCorp's purpose is to deliver fuel in the most economical and sustainable way and to provide stable fuel prices in the FSM. There are no hidden agendas. "We have no profit motivation."

The Board consists of seven members. Willie Hawley, Redley Killion and Yalmer Helgenberger were appointed with the advice and consent of the FSM Congress as National Representatives on the board. The governors of each FSM State also submitted nominees to their legislatures for advice and consent. Faustino Yangmog is the Yap State Representative. Feliciano Perman represents Pohnpei. Senator Gibson Siba represents Kosrae. Alexander Narruhn represents Chuuk.

Hawley said that unlike FSM Telecommunications Corporation, another public corporation that was established by Congress, PetroCorp received authorization from Congress to get a loan for startup but they allocated no money from FSM coffers. "PetroCorp has received no grant money from the FSM or from any other source," said Hawley.

The legislation that established FSMTC required that the company operate as a monopoly. No such provision was written into the law that established PetroCorp.

Before Board members were confirmed, transitional organizers from the FSM Department of Resources and Development asked Congress for a grace period on taxes. That request was denied. Congress told the organizers that the company must operate like any other commercial entity or not at all.

Hawley said that the corporation which employs 25 people in the FSM pays every penny of the taxes that it owes just like any business should.

The complexity of fuel pricing has contributed to the public misunderstanding about PetroCorp. Fuel pricing is influenced by many factors that include not only world commodities prices for crude oil, but shipping costs, and even the value of the US dollar at the time of the purchase. Morris said that within the last few weeks the US dollar has begun to rally and that if it continues to do so PetroCorp will be able to realize further savings on their fuel purchases and that those savings will be passed on to the FSM consumer.

Many people are not aware that even tanker shipping prices are commodities that are traded on the open market. If a refinery in the United States is closed due to a natural disaster, fuel suppliers that counted on that refinery to meet the demands of customers there must import fuel from other refineries. In that case the price for fuel tanker shipping services goes up due to the greater international demand and so does the price for delivered fuel.

Commodities investors make a great deal

of money on the market by guessing correctly in which direction the price for shipped fuel will go.

Before the existence of PetroCorp, fuel prices were highly volatile in the FSM and were sometimes adjusted more than once a week—most often in an upward direction. At that time when crude oil commodities values were up, the value of the fuel in the tanks owned by MOMI was higher and they could and did charge more money for the fuel. When crude oil commodities values were down the factors that might have been in place to drive pump prices down such as competition and market size were not factors at all in the FSM so decreases in price happened less often here than increases.

Hawley and Morris said that FSM citizens can count on a price adjustment once a month coinciding with the arrival of new fuel shipments just as FSM residents expected before PetroCorp began operations. They said that this kind of stability would help FSM residents to make workable budgets because they would know on a monthly basis what they would have to pay in order to meet their fuel needs.

PetroCorp's management considers many factors in determining their prices. They consider not only how much they paid for the fuel but how much they think they will have to pay for the shipment they will receive the following month. Morris said that prices are based on their best "estimate". This is no blindfolded, dart board type of guess. The repercussions of haphazard guessing could be devastating to the flow of fuel in the FSM.

Like most other fuel suppliers PetroCorp relies on informational tools like the "Mean of PLATTS Singapore." PLATTS (www.platts.com) is a publication of McGraw

Hill Publishing Company that provides trading information on commodities of many kinds including fuel from Singapore, which is where the FSM gets its fuel. The "Mean of PLATTS Singapore" is the average commodities value for several commodities over a period of time including refined fuel. McGraw Hill also publishes tanker shipping commodities prices and many other commodities trading averages.

PetroCorp uses several monthly averages to make their best guess about how much money they will have to pay for their next shipment of fuel. If they set their wholesale prices too low they will not have enough money to pay for the next shipment. If they set them too high the FSM economy is affected and consumers are upset.

FSM consumers are upset. Most don't understand why it is that in many places in the United States pump prices are approximately three dollars lower per gallon than in the FSM. Like most things in the FSM the difference is the cost of transportation.

Morris said that if the FSM had crude oil refineries "on their doorstep" and local sources to supply them like fuel distributors in the United States do fuel costs would be lower in the FSM.

PetroCorp sets the price for wholesale fuel purchases. They don't set the price at the pumps. That is up to gas station owners.

Peter Christian, Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development said that PetroCorp set their wholesale price at a level that would have allowed gas station owners to charge less than \$5 per gallon for gasoline at the pumps. "We're disappointed. Five dollars (per gallon) would have been a bench mark for PetroCorp," he said.

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Palikir B Team wins 2008 summer Pohnpei Little League Baseball Championship

It was a long season, 72 regular games and 35 more "post-season" games in a double elimination play-off. But when the final out of the final game was complete, the Palikir B team had scored 8 runs and the VCS team had scored 6. The Blue Jays were the third place team, and Ihoang came in fourth. In total, 18 teams and nearly 400 girls and boys, ages 9 to 12, competed during the season. Large crowds packed the seats of Spanish Wall Baseball Field for almost every game. At the Awards Ceremony, trophies were given to the top four teams, plus trophies for the Most Improved Team, Pohnpei Plumbing, and the Best Sportsmanship Team, the EMC Blocks.

This was the first organized little league baseball program on Pohnpei in the last few years. It is the hope of the organizing committee, and many of the coaches and players have also expressed their desire, to see an expanded baseball program on Pohnpei in the near future. One of the goals of the recent league was to operate, as much as possible, in compliance with international little league baseball rules, so that if a team from Pohnpei does have the opportunity to compete at the international level and play baseball in Guam or Saipan, or perhaps even in

Japan or the US, the coaches and players will know the regulations of the game, and thus will not make any embarrassing mistakes. All of the officials who witnessed the games in the 2008 Pohnpei Little League were impressed by the improvement made by all the teams in both the baseball skills and the baseball knowledge needed to play the game. There is now no reason why a Pohnpeian little league baseball team cannot play at the international level.

The program was supported by the generosity of several donors and the organizing committee, the coaches, and especially the players, wish to extend a big THANK YOU to Mr. Peter Konings of European Union for supplying the beautiful trophies and other league equipment. Appreciation is also extended to all of the umpires who called thousands of "balls" and "strikes", and hundreds of "safes" and "outs". Other valuable support was provided the Office of the Governor, the Sports Office of the Pohnpei State Department of Social Affairs, the FSM National Olympic Committee, and the Micronesia Human Resource Development Center. Anyone who is interested in helping out with the next baseball league should contact one of these offices.



Mr. Norwin Nanpei, representing Mr. Peter Konings and the European Union awards the Champions Trophy to McKay Ifamilik of the Palikir B team. Bob Spegal, representing the Organizing Committee looks on.

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Conservation Society of Pohnpei Receives International Award

Arlington, Virginia – The Nature Conservancy congratulates the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) for receiving the prestigious Equator Prize at the World Conservation Congress in Barcelona.

The Equator Initiative, a United Nations-led partnership that supports grass-roots efforts in biodiversity conservation and poverty alleviation, selected CSP as one of only 25 winners of the 2008 Equator Prize from a field of 310



highly competitive nominations from around the world.

“The Conservancy is thrilled that the Equator Initiative has recognized the tremendous achievements of CSP,” said Bill Raynor, director of The Nature Conservancy’s program in Micronesia. “This award signals that CSP is not only doing a great job of conserving the natural heritage of Pohnpei – it can also serve as a model for other groups around the world.”

The Nature Conservancy helped launch CSP in 1997 with a start up challenge grant and has since worked to connect the Society with international funders and other resources.

“Since the inception of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei ten years ago, the community it serves has always been at the center and forefront of CSP’s mission,” said Patterson Shed, executive director of CSP.

“Our achievements are the direct result of strong partnerships and community support. CSP wishes to thank all our partners for believing and supporting a decade of conservation from Ridges to Reefs in Pohnpei.”

Shed accepted the \$5,000 (U.S.) prize

during a high-level awards ceremony in Barcelona, which included such dignitaries as Prince Albert of Monaco and American billionaire Ted Turner. Shed assured the prize committee as well as leaders from international groups and foreign governments that the prize is ultimately a recognition of the commitment of the people of Pohnpei.

The prize committee declared:

“The level of competition for the prize was extremely high and the depth of nominations received was truly impressive. Among this year’s remarkable entries, you provided us with a strong demonstration of the inventiveness of community-based work currently being undertaken in the tropics, often against tremendous odds.

In addition to receiving a monetary endowment of \$5,000, delivered to you by our local UNDP country office, your organization joins an increasingly influential avant-garde of 78 previous Equator Prize winners that stand at the forefront of translating local action into global sustainable development. In that spirit, you now become an essential part of our core global network of Equator Prize winners and we look forward to promoting and enhancing your work.”

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Pohnpei Legislature confirms some Ehsa nominees in special session

Committee tables action on appropriations to pay for court judgments against the State

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FM – Governor John Ehsa called a special session of the 7th Pohnpei State Legislature from October 27-31, 2008. Among other things the Governor asked the Legislature to consider his nominees for Chief Justice and for various boards.

Governor Ehsa's nominee for Chief Justice of the Pohnpei Supreme Court was current Associate Justice Nickontro Johnny. The Committee on Judicial and Government Operations chaired by Senator Robert P. Nakasone held hearings regarding the nominee and on October 30 recommended that the General Assembly not grant its consent to the nomination of Mr. Johnny for the position. One of the reasons they gave was that they felt that Mr. Johnny, although a good and competent Associate Justice should stay in that position until he has had more seasoning on the bench. The nomination was defeated in the General Assembly by a vote of 17 to 6.

In the Pohnpei State Legislature advice and consent of nominees is by simple majority.

Anna Mendiola, who was once the board chair of the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation before being removed by former Governor Johnny P. David late in his term was confirmed as a member of the board by a vote of 12 to 11.

Wilber Walter was confirmed for the PUC board by a vote of 15 to 8. Moses Pretrick was also confirmed to that board by a vote of 19 to 4.

The nomination of Iginio Iriarte to the Pohnpei Port Authority failed by a vote of 11 to 12. Tony Serapio was confirmed to the PPA board in a vote of 14 to 9. Ricky Carl was also confirmed for the PPA by a vote of 15 to 8. The vote in favor of the nomination of Ioanis Tihpen was 13 to 10.

The Governor's nominee for the Department of Land, Eric Elias was defeated in a vote of 11 to 12.

Governor Ehsa also asked that the Legislature consider several requests for financial appropriations. The Committee on Finance chaired by Senator Ausen T. Lambert tabled the Governor's request for funds to settle payments of court judgments against the State and the review of additional Infrastructure Development projects. The report said that the committee would deal with those two requests when they are transmitted to the Legislature. They had not been at the time that the committee reviewed its assigned portions of the Governor's communication.

The committee recommended an appropriation of \$120,000 in personnel costs for Pohnpei Transportation Authority which will pay PTA's personnel costs for one quarter. Except for certain Commissioner's Office employees salaries have not been paid to PTA employees for some time. The committee report said that the contract employees had been laid off.

One phone caller to The Kaselehlie Press who refused to give his name said that he had been working for PTA but had not been paid.

The committee said that PTA could not continue with contracts it had been awarded. Certain FSM Congress road projects are currently put off because of the financial situation of the PTA, which prompted the laying off of the contract employees.

Previously the Legislature had approved an appropriation of \$60,000 to the College of Micronesia FSM to start an FSM Nursing School. The new nursing school needs to be approved by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges which had not been done before the expenditure under the previous appropriation had expired. The committee recommended that the amount be re-appropriated.

JEMCO did not concur with the use of Sector Grant Funds. Operations funding for the Pohnpei Visitors Bureau was initially appropriated from the Compact Private Sector Development Sector. The Committee on Finance agreed with the Governor's request that funding source be changed to the General Fund for one quarter's operating funds for the PVB.

JEMCO also did not concur with the use of Sector Grant Environment for upgrade and maintenance of Historic Parks and Sites. The Committee on Finance agreed with the Governor's request to utilize the General Fund to fund the maintenance project and recommended that the General Assembly approve the bill including that wording.

The Pohnpei State Legislature passed on first and second reading the appropriations bill LB No. 111-08. The bill is now with the Governor Ehsa for his approval.

FSM promotes itself in Japan at successful trade and investment seminar

FSM Information Services

Tokyo, Japan – FSM President Emanuel Mori addressed the first Investment and Trade Seminar held in Tokyo, Japan on October 1st. In his keynote address delivered from Honolulu, via Internet video transmission President Mori welcomed the business people and other professionals from Japan who attended the seminar and expressed his hope that interested businesses from Japan would consider investing in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The seminar was sponsored by the FSM Government, and was co-hosted by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in close coordination with FSM's embassy in Tokyo, Japan. The seminar was attended by approximately 200 people representing different businesses in Japan. It was the largest attendance at a seminar for small or medium countries promote themselves as a potential investment location for foreign investors.

FSM Ambassador to Japan, the honorable John Fritz, Secretary Peter Christian of the Department of Resources and Development of the FSM National Government and Administrator of the Office of Economic Affairs, Mr. Valerio Hallens represented the FSM government at the seminar. In his address, Ambassador Fritz reiterated President Mori's statement on the close ties between Japan and the FSM, citing the two countries' historical bond, and the strong relationship that has been developed during their 20 years of diplomatic relations.

President Mori and Ambassador Fritz both acknowledged the FSM's gratitude to the Government of Japan for sending former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori as special envoy to the FSM. Prime Minister Mori visited the FSM in mid September on the occasion of the anniversary of Japan-FSM diplomatic relations and the installation of the first resident Ambassador from Japan to the FSM. While in Pohnpei, the special envoy also witnessed the exchange of diplomatic notes on the Japanese grant to FSM for the improvement and extension of the Pohnpei International Airport.

In addition to FSM's effort to promote foreign investors to consider Micronesia as a safe location for establishing business, MRA, an FSM company, was promoting the FSM for Japanese companies to form and register as FSM corporations, citing the FSM's close proximity to Japan and stable constitutional government as advantages over other domiciles for corporate registry.

Representatives of law firms and public accountants from the United States, Australia, and Japan participated and spoke at the seminar.

A follow-up seminar is taking place during the week of November 10 for a more focused group of interested corporations. An expert on the subject to captive insurance will be conducting a seminar on the issue during that time.

A draft of the FSM's captive insurance regulations has been submitted by the banking insurance board, to the FSM Attorney General's office for review.

U.S. allocates \$115 million in Compact grant assistance to FSM for fiscal year 2009

On October 7, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia agreed to the allocation of \$115,864,828 in funding from the United States Government under the Compact of Free Association for the new fiscal year. These allocated funds will be divided monthly during the course of Fiscal Year 2009 among the following compact grant sectors:

EDUCATION SECTOR	\$ 29,867,423
HEALTH SECTOR	\$ 23,425,463
INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR	\$ 48,428,760
ENVIRONMENT SECTOR	\$ 585,658
PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT SECTOR	\$ 1,766,669
SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT	\$ 11,790,855
TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATED TO FSM:	\$ 115,864,828

Included in the Health Sector amount above is \$1,947,620 in Compact funding to assist the FSM in its efforts to contain a recent multi-drug resistant (MDR) outbreak of tuberculosis in the State of Chuuk.

At present, approximately \$4.8 million in Compact Sectoral Grant Assistance for Fiscal Year 2009 remains unallocated.

For additional information regarding the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia, please visit the DOI OIA Compact Website (<http://www.uscompact.org>)

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Twenty-one candidates are certified for the 2009 Congressional elections

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei – The Office of the National Elections Commission (NEC) has certified the official candidates for the upcoming 2009 Two-Year Seat Congressional Elections.

According to the office of NEC, twenty-one (21) candidates have been certified as contenders for the Congressional Elections in March 2009 for the two-year seat of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Candidates for the 2009 National General Elections are:

Chuuk State

1. Peter M. Sitan
2. Able M. Kristoph
3. Tender Haser RickySach
4. Tesime Kofot

5. Roger S. Mori
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13. Masachiro Christlib
14. Tony H. Otto

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2. Dion G. Neth
3. Fredrico O. Primo
4. Berney Martin

From Kosrae State:

1. Paliknoa K. Welly

From Yap State

1. Isaac V. Figir
2. Fidelis Thiyr

The closing date for candidates to file for the Two Year Seat Congressional Elections was on the FSM National Day holiday. Despite the holiday the National Elections Commission had staff members in their offices in each State in order to facilitate last minute filings. Commission staff members said that no potential candidates attempted to file after the published closing date for filing for candidacy.

Kumer Panuelo Lands 297 pound Marlin At 13th Annual True Value Tournament

The Pohnpei Fishing Club

A total of 897 pounds was weighed during the 25 October weigh-in for the 13th Annual Pohnpei True Value Hardware's Fishing Tournament. Just about a-third of that total belonged to Kumer's marlin, caught on his boat Tygris. That fish was enough to win two True Value \$200 gift certificates awarded for Big Fish, and Total Boat Weight. A total of \$1,400 in True Value Gift Certificates was up for grabs in this 13th Annual Tournament.

Nine boats participated in the contest. Top four finishers in each category were: Angler: Kumer Panuelo (324.5 M), Alex Tretnoff Jr. (39 W), Steve Bowley (19.5 YF), and Steve Finnen (17 MM). Lady: Jade Ford (23 YF), Nihda

Weilbacher (12 SJ), Maria Spegal (10 SJ), and Janet Whitaker (6 B). Total Boat Weight: Tygris (332), True Blue (178 Johnny O'Keefe), Rosie II (136.5 Reinhardt Weilbacher), and Pohnlik Special (103.5 Maria Spegal)

All the 13th Annual Tournament anglers and Pohnpei Fishing Club members extend a big thank you to Pohnpei True Value Hardware for its continued generous support.

The final tournament of 2008 will be the 5th Annual Budweiser/Bud Light Tournament on November 29th. See you there.



A TALENTED LOCAL SINGER REMEMBERED O'KEAN H. ARACELEY 1935 – 2008

O'kean H. Araceley, one of Pohnpei's most talented singers, will be remembered for his creation of the "Pohnpeian Key" known locally as "Kih en Pohnpei."

Araceley died due to illness at Stroub Hospital in Honolulu on October 20, 2008, according to a news release from family members.

In the 1960s, he created the famous local band called the Kolonia, Nett, Sokehs (KNS) and later changed the name to Wein Madolenihmw, U, Kitti, Nett, and Sokehs (known as WMUKNS).

Pohnpei State and Micronesia lost one of the most talented Pohnpei singers of our time, according to Kamilo Luzama (a member of WMUKNS band).

Mr Araceley later created additional local bands, known as the 2000, 2001, Best Yet. His latest band was Palikir Likin Lamalam.

O'kean worked for the private sector as well as the Pohnpei and FSM governments.

"He was a very diligent and honest man and was very generous with his time. He also was very loyal and had many friends in Pohnpei and all over Micronesia. He will be missed by all...may he rest in peace," said former Pohnpei Governor and FSM President Leo A. Falcam.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We, the family of the late O'kean H. Araceley wish to express our humble gratitude to all our relatives and friends who have faithfully stood by us during our time of bereavement.

Thank you

The family

KAPING MULEDEK

Peneinei en O'kean H. Araceley

Wia kaping laud ong Mwohn Sapw, Iso ko, oh

Koarosie me patehng peneinei an-soun aht pahtou oh insinsuwed.

Kalangan en kupwur koaros.

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K-Press Perspective

FSM unite!

For the benefit of the readers of this column and for those who work in the FSM government department I'm eventually going to write about here, let me remind you that anything that appears under the heading of K-Press Perspective is strictly my opinion, thus the heading, "Opinion" at the top of this page.

Sometimes I use this column to vent on subjects that I feel strongly about in the FSM, my adopted home. Sometimes I write this column when I can't figure out how to keep myself out of what might otherwise have been a hard news story or when I have an opinion to express about a hard news story. Sometimes I just flat can't figure out an angle that would qualify as hard news.

It's my favorite column to write. Sometimes I write it first when I'm feeling particularly inspired and sometimes I write it last as a reward for finishing a particularly difficult series of hard news articles like happened in this issue.

In a hard news story I couldn't tell you about a blog I read that popped up on one of my Google alerts a few days ago. The American writer of the blog expressed her frustration with marketing logic in Kosrae where she lives. She said that she asked a store owner why it was that certain items that she had come to count on buying in his store just a few months ago are no longer available on his shelves. The store owner said he doesn't like customers to come into an empty store. He said that the items she asked about always sold too fast and so he doesn't bring them in any more.

Former late night talk show host Arsenio Hall would have put that response under the category of, "Things that make you go, 'huh?'" I put it into the K-Press Perspective.

I said I was going to write about an FSM government department. I'd better get at it:

I'm not a world traveler. Until recently I really hadn't left the island much and I probably won't get another opportunity to travel again for quite some time. It's not like I constantly hang out at the airport in Guam, the jumping off point for many international junkets for government officials of the FSM, but if I did I would probably most often see FSM representatives from Foreign Affairs there, which makes perfect sense. It's sort of difficult to handle foreign affairs without traveling to foreign places—makes perfect sense to me.

The second most frequent international travelers I might see are representatives of the FSM's Department of Resources and Development. The representatives of that department are constantly "out there" representing the FSM to potential investors and for other reasons related to FSM development.

On Thursday the sixth of November I had a sit down with Secretary Peter Christian and five other representatives of the Department of Resources and Development.

I can always count on Secretary Christian to give me intriguing quotes whenever I converse with him. Sometimes it seems like he dares me to use them. I'm going to use one here. For him it's a surprisingly tame quote but it says a lot to me. "People in the FSM need to know about where the trips we are taking are leading."

With that in mind he has committed his department to do a once a month column for the Kaselehlie Press about the progress and even the failures of the divisions of his department. I told him that I was going to tell you about that commitment and that you would count on it.

I don't say things like this often enough. I'll say it now, "Yay for Peter!"

Our meeting took place on the morning that Christian and Roger Mori, the Assistant Secretary for Trade and Investment were preparing to jet to Tokyo for a series of seminars that were being presented to a focused group of potential investors from Japanese businesses on the newly established Captive Insurance Plan of the FSM (see Japan Trade Fair on page 8). They were accompanying FSM President Manny Mori.

It has been said many times, "It costs money to make money." The FSM is no exception. The trip to Tokyo is designed to stimulate interest amongst buyers who have expressed serious interest in an investment package in the FSM that is mutually beneficial to the buyers and to the FSM.

R&D representatives don't have the easy task they might have if they were in charge of FSM economic development. They are coordinators and facilitators whose goal is to enable the State leaders to develop their own plans for the management of their own resources and to develop more resources for the development of their own economies.

The seat of power in the FSM is in the States not at the National Government by Constitutional design. Christian and his

staff members are aware of that. Christian said that whenever his staff members schedule a visit to the FSM States they give State leaders at least a week's notice. "They don't have time to drop whatever they're doing to listen to some guy from the National Government telling them how they should do things," said an animated Peter Christian.

There really is no clear leader for FSM resources and development in the FSM as a whole. The members of the R&D team would not go so far as to say that the organization of the FSM has hampered economic development in the FSM so I am left to say what they wouldn't.

FSM States have entirely separate sets of regulations regarding foreign investment and other R & D related issues. A foreign company that operates successfully in Yap has to have a completely different foreign investment permit to do the same type of business in any of the other States.

States are very guarded about sharing information with the National Government. Howard Iriarte who is charged with developing a national database on foreign investors and investment activities in the FSM didn't say that he has been having problems getting the information he needs. He did say that some FSM State foreign investment offices have been hesitant to share information with him because their own regulations don't require them to share information with the National Government.

Secretary Christian said about his department, "We walk a fine line."

The department wants to help the States. Christian sent a letter to each of the State Governors within a month of taking office asking them for a list of ten development issues they would like his department to help them with. He also asked them for a

list of three export products the Governors would like his Department to push internationally. So far, several months after the letter was sent he has received exactly zero responses to that letter.

I told you that this column is based purely on my opinion. Opinions are nice because you can take mine or you can leave it. You can write me a letter if you disagree and I will print it as a letter to the editor.

Here's my opinion on FSM R&D in a nutshell: It seems to me that economic resources management and development is too important an issue for the future of the FSM people to leave to disparate development. Some united front should be put into place for the nation. I personally don't care whether it's the National Government's Department of Resources and Development or some other entity.

Actually, come to think of it it'd be great if Chuukese people, Pohnpeian people, Yapese people, or Kosraen people began to think of themselves as FSM people. It's not an elegant name but it is an elegant idea.

Of course, that's just what I think. Tell me what you think. Write to us by sending an email to Kpress@mail.fm. You can post a letter on our website at www.kpress.info or you can use the postal service and send a letter to P.O. Box 2222; Pohnpei, FM 96941. All letters must be for attribution (you must provide your name like I always do). I might edit your letter. If you're going to be slanderous or evil about an individual or organization you can expect that we won't print your letter. We wouldn't do it if the letter was about you either.

We'd like to hear from you on this subject or any other.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

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President Mori visits Pilot Project Farm in Madolenihmw

FSM Information Services

Palikir, POHNPEI – On November 01, 2008, President Manny Mori and members of his Cabinet visited the FSM Pilot Farm in Pohnlang, Madolenihmw at the invitation of Her Excellency LIU Fei, Ambassador of People's Republic of China to the Federated States of Micronesia.

The farm is funded by the Government of China. It covers an area of 80,000 square meters. Half of it is designated for traditional local crops like sakau, yam, taro, banana and others. The other half has been brought under cultivation of vegetable consisting of 5,928 square meters canopy, and 2,000 square meters newly-completed open area for various kinds of vegetables. Melons have been and will be grown on it. The farm also has two pig houses and two chicken houses, and the 5,000 square meters farm is yet to be exploited.

The Project has successfully grown over 40 vegetable varieties and has trained about 600 local farmers and technicians.

The President and his cabinet toured the farm especially the nurseries and the green houses. The

President was brief about the farm's current development, including vegetable and fruits it produced, and how they made use of the organic fertilizer to build an ecological farm.

Ambassador LIU welcomed President Manny Mori and his cabinet members to the farm, and thanked them for the visit, "This is the honor of the farm for the senior leaders to visit the farm to support the project", said the Ambassador.

She stated that the Chinese technicians also put a lot of effort in participating in the whole process of vegetable production including a great deal of labor work besides their own responsibilities.

She also noted that after the visit the project may adopt new methods that will really move the farm forward and make it more useful and more beneficial.

Secretary Lorin Robert on behalf of President Mori thanked Ambassador Fei for the kindness and hospitality extended to the President and his cabinet members.

He noted that agriculture is one of the development objectives of the FSM besides tourism and fisheries. So we will continue to look to your country for support. He also made mention of the other projects specifically for the vessels in Chuuk and in Yap that the Chinese are willing to refurbish at their own costs.

German Ambassador presents credentials

FSM Department of Foreign Affairs

Palikir, Pohnpei – President Manny Mori recently accepted credentials from the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, His Excellency Christian-Ludwig Weber Lortsch, in a presentation of credentials ceremony in the President's Cabinet Room.

In remarks made during the credential ceremony, Ambassador Weber Lortsch took note of the longstanding historical and cultural contacts between Germany and the FSM. The Ambassador stated that the Government of Germany hopes for continued cooperation with the FSM on the environment and various other issues of mutual concern. He underscored the potential for growth in the FSM, indicating that he would be honored to make contributions to ecological advances in the area of tourism. Taking note of the presence of the recently accredited Spanish Ambassador to the FSM, Ambassador Weber Lortsch affirmed the commitment of the European Union to promoting interests in the North Pacific.

President Mori congratulated and welcomed Ambassador Weber Lortsch in a responding statement, assuring him of the FSM's strong desire and commitment to advancing shared values and interests at all levels with Germany. President Mori referenced the historical bond between Germany and the FSM, many remnants

of which still remain today.

On a bilateral level, President Mori expressed appreciation for German assistance in areas such as agriculture, forestry and education, making particular reference to the German Embassy's collaboration with the Micronesian Seminar in making German historical documents from the region available for research.

"Such assistance bodes well with my administration's establishment of a new office responsible for keeping and preserving our culture and history. This is of course important to our heritage as a people."

President Mori noted that these areas of cooperation complement priority development efforts. He also referenced the range of interests between Germany and the FSM, including shared global efforts to protect and manage the environment, ensure the right to development and guarantee for a safe and peaceful world.

"Today, we find ourselves faced with added challenges that have significant impacts on our efforts for progress such as the rising cost of fuel, the food crisis and the fury of Mother Nature. Some are within our control while others are not."

President Mori went on to acknowledge Germany's contribution to the European Union funds, which has direct impact on the FSM's future in renewable energy.

Attendance at the Credential ceremony included Vice President Alik L. Alik, Lt. Governor Churchill Edward of Pohnpei, the diplomatic corps and the President's cabinet.

Astronomical Tide Prediction November 12 - 25, 2008

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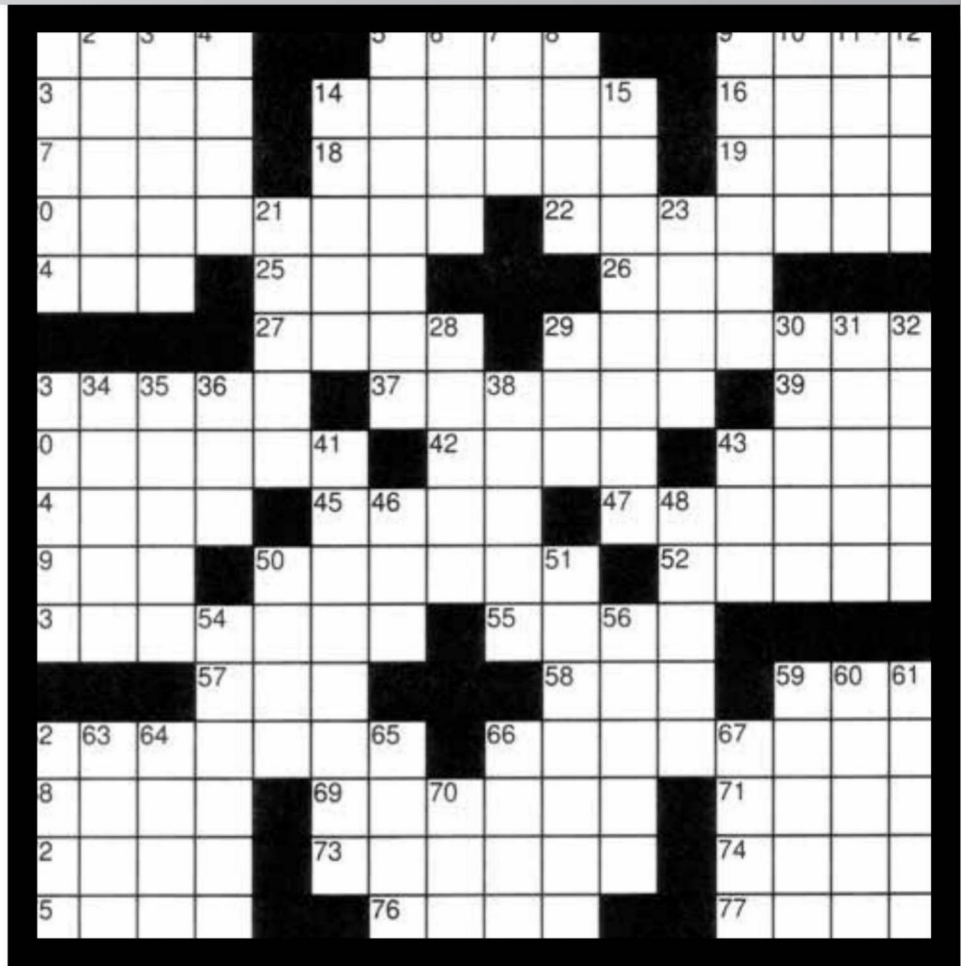
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Crossword - Skedaddle!

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1. Profit from</p> <p>5. Skedaddle!</p> <p>9. Ball goes</p> <p>13. Rod in a hot rod</p> <p>14. Cool dessert</p> <p>16. Unbleached color</p> <p>17. Work soil</p> <p>18. Deal maker</p> <p>19. I'm talking to ya!</p> <p>20. Obscure</p> <p>22. Becomes less wide</p> <p>24. Messy place</p> <p>25. Bud</p> <p>26. Mixing place</p> <p>27. Issue</p> <p>29. Male kin</p> <p>33. Take an oath</p> <p>37. Foil</p> <p>39. Key hider?</p> <p>40. Self-sacrificer</p> <p>42. Round beads</p> <p>43. Protein for vegans</p> <p>44. Storybook being</p> <p>45. When all ____ fails ...</p> <p>47. Tightened text</p> <p>49. As well</p> <p>50. X-File extras</p> <p>52. Tetris players, probably</p> | <p>53. Provoked</p> <p>55. Knitted</p> <p>57. Stay put</p> <p>58. Live and breathe</p> <p>59. Plie path</p> <p>62. Arty buildings</p> <p>66. Happy</p> <p>68. Junk hauler</p> <p>69. It often gets flushed</p> <p>71. Script part</p> <p>72. Foot holder</p> <p>73. Request for more</p> <p>74. Length x width</p> <p>75. Watch over</p> <p>76. Televisions</p> <p>77. Evaluate</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1. Hotel-door posting</p> <p>2. Be</p> <p>3. Pewter or brass</p> <p>4. Pommel</p> <p>5. Request</p> <p>6. Captain Hook's fear</p> <p>7. Workout spot</p> <p>8. ____ Wolf</p> <p>9. Lack</p> <p>10. Say again</p> <p>11. Make a pot</p> | <p>12. Accumulations</p> <p>14. Git!</p> <p>15. Venture across</p> <p>21. ____ board</p> <p>23. Spellbound</p> <p>28. The ones over there</p> <p>29. Catch a con</p> <p>30. Express strong feelings</p> <p>31. Sliver snack</p> <p>32. Macho men</p> <p>33. Killed, like Goliath</p> <p>34. Cart</p> <p>35. Trial go-with</p> <p>36. Had a little lamb</p> <p>38. Small song-birds</p> <p>41. Classify</p> <p>43. "My Country ____ of Thee"</p> <p>46. You might flip yours</p> <p>48. Sand mounds</p> <p>50. Like fine wine</p> <p>51. Deck needs</p> <p>54. Sworn</p> <p>56. Put on paper</p> <p>59. In flames</p> <p>60. Crypt cryptics</p> <p>61. Sod spoiler</p> |
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62. Hey, buddy!
63. It might need a rub
64. Hooligan
65. Potential heirs
66. Dab
67. Strip
70. Titanic problem

K Press Puzzle Pleasure

It's About Time

The following puzzle contains 42 words that are associated with time and its measurement. There's no time LIMIT to solve this puzzle, so you don't need to set your WATCH.

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| AEON | DECADE | MINUTE | YEAR |
| AGE | DELAY | MONTH | ZONE |
| ANNUAL | DIGITAL | MOUNTAIN | |
| ATOMIC | EARLY | PACIFIC | |
| (clock) | EASTERN | PENDULUM | |
| BELL | EPOCH | PRESENT | |
| CALENDAR | FUTURE | QUARTZ | |
| CAPSULE | GNOMON (pin on a sundial) | SECOND | |
| CENTRAL | HAND | SHEET | |
| CENTURY | HOUR | SOLAR (time) | |
| CHART | LATE | STRIKE | |
| CLOCK | LIMIT | TARDY | |
| DATE | MACHINE | TEMPO | |
| DAY | | WATCH | |



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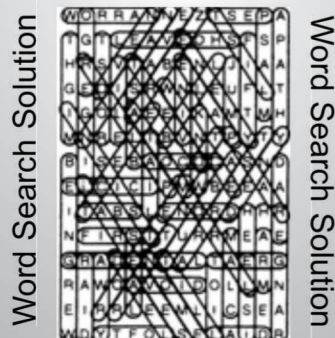
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Nukuoro Softball Teams Promote GO LOCAL!

By Dr. Lois Englberger

Two Nukuoro softball teams, Madalama and Nukers, have decided to promote Let's Go Local. Mr. Juity Heinrich, a team coach and player for the Madalama, contacted the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) in early September. Now the teams are making efforts to grow and consume more local food.

For their softball games, they will now be wearing LET'S GO LOCAL t-shirts.

In order to learn more about island foods and to learn how a good diet can help them be healthier and play a better game, the Madalama team members met for a training session on September 8, 2008, at the IFCP Training Center. Ms. Mihne Pretrick and Kathay Larsen, IFCP, explained the CHEEF benefits of local foods, which are Culture, Health, Economics, Environment, and Food security and talked about the relationship between eating healthy island foods and feeling good.

The Nukers group met on September 19, 2008, for a session, with Dr. Lois Englberger and Mihne Pretrick, sharing about the GO LOCAL messages. Mr. George Steven mentioned that Olympic athletes have nutrition specialists who help them eat the right thing as their diet affects how well they play.

Juity Heinrich wrote this:

We challenge all softball players in the "Nutrena League" to try and GO LOCAL...

It's our CULTURE...

It's our HEALTH....

It's our ENVIRONMENT

It's our ECONOMY

It's our FOOD SECURITY ...

And if you grow and harvest it yourself, it's very cheap!

Remember:

PLAY HARD, STAY STRONG, and BE HEALTHY!!!

Good health to you all,

Juity Heinrich

Thanks are again extended to the New Zealand Embassy for funding and Pohnpei Arts and Crafts for the t-shirts. So let's go local and have a great softball season!



RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Soro (giant swamp taro)

Ingredients:

- 1 good-sized corm of giant swamp taro, ground
- 8 coconuts, grated
- 3 tablespoons sugar, or coconut juice, or sugar cane juice

Method:

1. Wash, peel, grind taro.
2. Place on leaves (banana, or giant swamp taro) and wrap up.
3. Bake or boil the taro wrapped up in the leaves until done.
4. Then remove the cooked taro from the leaves and place in a pan.
5. Squeeze the coconut cream on top of the taro and pound it in.

Note: For health reasons, it is better to avoid use of sugar or minimize its use. An alternative is juice from drinking coconut or sugar cane.

Pumpkin Pudding

Six servings

- 6 medium drinking coconuts with good flesh inside
- 3 cups pumpkin, peeled and cut into pieces

1. Cut the tops off the coconuts. Pour the coconut water into a bowl.
2. Put the pumpkin pieces in the coconut shells and pour the coconut water over the pumpkin.
3. Bake in an earth oven, or in the energy-efficient charcoal oven, or other oven at a moderate temperature for about 1 hour.
4. Cool and serve!

NOTE: This is a high-energy food, yet low in animal fat, very good for sports players. For health reasons it is best to avoid adding salt or sugar to recipes if possible. Also, many people like the taste of "natural foods". One can add seasonings at the table, if desired.

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Funny Exam Answers

Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. She was a moral woman who practiced virtue. Her death was the final event which ended her reign.

In midevil times most people were al-literate. The greatest writer of the futile ages was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verses and also wrote literature.

Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.



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