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FSM founding father Resio Moses dies at 65

FSM Congress

PALIKIR, POHNPEI - The Honorable Resio S. Moses, Vice Speaker of the new Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia was called to his eternal rest on June 22, 2009, at the Pohnpei State Hospital where he was undergoing medical treatment.

In accordance with the wishes of the family, the body of the late Vice Speaker laid at his residence in U Municipality. The family set funeral services and burial arrangements for June 23, 2009, at 1 p.m. at the family residence. Vice Speaker Moses was 65.

The family arranged for the National and State Governments to be part of the funeral services on June 23. Both governments coordinated a short service to pay homage to a man who contributed much to the establishment of the FSM as a sovereign nation and who was instrumental in building the foundation of the

Government of the FSM and most especially, the Government of the State of Pohnpei.

Resio S. Moses is a name in Micronesia that has become synonymous with words such as independence, statehood and leadership, but the name is most especially revered as that of a man of strong and unwavering principles.

His rich background spans two major eras in Micronesian history, the era during which the island nations in the Micronesian archipelago was a Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands under the United States' administration as well as the current Micronesian era, where each Micronesian island nation chose its own destiny to either remain with the US or became a sovereign, self governing nation. Resio S. Moses played a major role in both.

His rich background is rivaled only by his



varied experience which encompasses a range of fields that include being student service coordinator to an educator to a College President; an administrator of community services to District Administrator of Pohnpei District to Governor

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Doone and Heldart file appeal on Chuuk Gubernatorial election

Doone alleges, "... the commission and the court are very much afraid of taking this election challenge on the merits."

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press



Governor Wesley Simina gives his inaugural address in Chuuk on July 2

Weno, Chuuk - Gillian Doone and Ritis Heldart, former candidates for Chuuk State Governor have filed a complaint (04-2009) in the Chuuk State Supreme Court alleging a multitude of improprieties and outright illegalities in the recently completed Chuuk State Gubernatorial race. It is the third notice of appeal. Appellees are the Chuuk State Election Commission. The Real Party of Interest is listed as Wesley Simina and Johnson Elimo. Johnson and Elimo took their oaths of office on April 14 after a runoff election was held in Honolulu. Their public inauguration was held on Thursday, July 2.

The appellants Doone and Heldart are being represented by Gideon K. Doone.

The issues now before the Appellate Court of the Chuuk State Supreme Court are limited to the precincts of Huchua, Elin-Penienuk of Tonoas Municipality as well as the precinct of Nukaf, Pata Municipality. Doone claims that election irregularities were found that "would very well change the



Former Gubernatorial Candidate Gillian Doone

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ONPA releases audit on Chuuk Special Education Program Office expenditures

ONPA, "SEPO did not use its funds in compliance with the applicable laws..."

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei- June 22, 2009 –The FSM Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA), on June 22 released its audit of the Chuuk State Special Education Program Office funds (SEPO). The audit covered fiscal years 2006 and 2007 in their entirety and half of 2008, through March 31, 2008. The audit report named substantial discrepancies within the scope of the audit.

Discrepancies included problems with unqualified SEP (Special Education Program) teachers, unapproved and unbudgeted payments and expenditures in the department, inadequate controls for fixed assets, mischarged expenses, unaccounted distribution of school supplies, unaccounted advance payments to suppliers, and problems of the appearance of conflict of interest in the purchase process for the department. The audit said that construction activities did not comply with regulations.

Many of the required Individual Education Plans (IEP's) for students were incomplete or outdated. Each student in the Special Education Program should have an IEP to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the education being provided for each student. An IEP is required by the terms of the grant and establishes a student's status, performance, needs and specific objectives. On the second day of ONPA's testing of IEP documents the Department of Education Director stopped the review because the IEP records are confidential. By then auditors had already discovered that many of the IEP's were incomplete and that required annual evaluations were not being performed. They also discovered that though some parents had signed the IEP for their children, the parents were not receiving copies of the reports that SEPO is required to give to them.

ONPA said that there was inadequate monitoring of the SEPO budget and that the US Special Education Program grant fully funded programs rather than supplementing local funds. The grant was never

intended to fully fund programs.

The FSM National Department of Education (NDOE) has taken the stance that many of the services provided to Special Education students are the same ones that are being provided to students throughout the Chuuk School system and that money expended for those services is Chuuk State's contribution to the program. They say that because of this there is no way to quantify the level of Chuuk's financial participation in the Special Education Program.

NDOE received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education as assistance to help the FSM provide free and appropriate public education to FSM children with disabilities. The eighth FSM Congress passed a law (08-21) to support the legal requirements and the framework of the U.S. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The law was later amended by the 14th Congress of the FSM (14-08).

The FSM law requires that the FSM Secretary of Education establish, in cooperation with counterparts in the FSM States, policies and procedures to ensure the ongoing identification, location, evaluation, and special education of children in the FSM with disabilities.

An official of the National Special Education Program Office told auditors that the NDOE had been receiving annual grants of approximately \$3.8 million. The official who was unnamed in the audit report told auditors that the money was subject to a distribution formula. The formula required that the National Special Education Program Office (NSEPO) take 10 percent of the total annual grant for general supervision of the program.

50% of the remaining money was divided equally amongst the four states. 30% was distributed to the FSM States based on total school enrollment for each of the states. 20% of the money left after the NSEPO supervision fund had been pulled from the total was distributed to the states based on the number of students with disabilities being

served in those states.

The audit's introductory materials show that NSEPO annually received approximately \$200,000 more than the distribution formula would have allowed.

ONPA Audit Manager, Eric Spivak said that the audit should have included a footnote that would have explained the extra money. He said that each of the FSM States contributed back to the National Government a portion of the U.S. SEP grant money they each received for teacher trainings hosted by the National Government.

Pohnpei State's Special Education Program consistently received the largest portion of the annual funding with a total of over \$3.1 million distributed to Pohnpei during the 2 and a half year period the audit covered. Chuuk was second at over \$2.9 million, followed by Yap at over \$1.8 million. Kosrae received a total of nearly \$1.6 million.

The ONPA audit showed that in Chuuk only 14 of 55 special education teachers had the degrees required for their position under the terms of the grant.

Chuuk has long claimed that there is a dearth of qualified teachers yet, 84 percent of teachers hired for special education jobs took jobs that had never been advertised by the Chuuk State Personnel Office.

41 teachers in the program did not have required degrees. In FY 2007, SEPO spent a total of \$479,396 for teacher salaries. According to the audit, that year 14 teachers took a share of \$269,296 spent for their salaries. If that figure was divided equally amongst qualified teachers which it apparently was not, the annual salary expenditure for each qualified teacher would have been approximately \$19,235. The remaining 41 unqualified teachers cost Chuuk State Government a total of \$210,100 that year; just over \$5100 per unqualified teacher if the total was divided equally amongst the teachers.

According to the audit, Chuuk State hires teachers without degrees and expects them to work toward obtaining a Teacher Certificate.

The audit said that most of Chuuk's Special Education teachers do not meet the minimum qualification for the job and that most of them are not pursuing the education to become qualified for the job. Only eight of the 41 unqualified teachers in the program were enrolled in a program to obtain a college degree.

According to the audit there is no financial incentive in place for an unqualified teacher to become a qualified teacher by obtaining a degree.

One teacher without a college degree was paid a bi-weekly salary of \$315 (\$8820 annually before tax) while another teacher who had completed an associate degree was paid a much lower figure of \$190 bi-weekly (\$5320 annually before tax).

A laundry list of fixed assets (equipment, furniture, and fixtures having a useful life of more than one year with an acquisition cost of \$1000 or more) could not be located by the department. When some of the items were located they were found to be at the homes of SEPO employees. Some other of the items were broken. The list included laptop computers, desk top computers, air conditioners, and copy machines. One employee had installed two Yamaha 40 Horsepower engines belonging to the department on his own boats.

Over 50% of travel expenses paid from the US Special Education grant were for non-SEPO employees to travel to events unrelated to Special Education.

SEPO paid \$4500 for the house rental of a non-SEPO employee.

As has been previously noted in other Chuuk State audits, fuel vendors were paid in advance for SEPO fuel needs. When employees needed fuel they went to the pre-paid vendor and got it. There was no record kept of how much fuel was actually delivered and for what purpose the fuel was used. Auditors could not determine if the entire number of gallons of prepaid fuel was ultimately

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Military buildup opportunities a mixed bag for the Pacific islands region

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Peilapalap, Pohnpei-When the Association of Pacific Island Legislators met in Pohnpei in June their main topic of discussion was the US military buildup in Guam and how it will affect the Pacific region. The gathered legislators heard presentations from many speakers on various aspects of the buildup.

Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Chief of Staff for Guam's Lt. Governor's office said that Pacific Island governments and business people should be proactive in seeking opportunities for themselves both before and after the military buildup. She said that businesses in Guam in order to be competitive might look to outsource some services to Pacific Islands businesses. With that in mind, she said, business minded people in the Pacific islands ought seriously to consider joint ventures with

Guam businesses.

She recalled a conversation with a business person from a Fortune 500 company who boasted that his company would likely provide aggregate for the buildup that would be shipped from the US state of Texas because Guam's aggregate is not the type that is needed for the construction. She said that rather than importing aggregate from so far away, Pacific islands and particularly Pohnpei ought to look into whether or not aggregate that could be provided from the islands would be suitable for construction requirements in Guam.

She said that land use issues surrounding the buildup have in no way been fully resolved and that it may well be that the US will need to seek additional space on other Pacific islands.

Pacific Island legislators asked her dozens of pointed questions most of them centering on how they can get the in-

formation needed to make good moves for their home islands related to the buildup. She said that getting information is often quite difficult and that even the military leaders based in Guam don't have all of the answers. The majority of decisions regarding the buildup are being made at the Pentagon. Guerrero said that she has been able to find out most of what she needs to know by keeping her ears open and by utilizing the Internet.

She encouraged the members of APIL to be creative in their thinking regarding opportunities surrounding the military buildup in Guam.

Joseph P. Bradley, Senior Vice President of the Bank of Guam and the Bank's chief economist gave a presentation entitled Shelter from the Global Economic Storm. With wry wit and a dry sense of humor Bradley gave a detailed presentation on the world financial events and poor decisions that led to the melt-

down of financial markets. He said that he disagreed with the economists who are saying that the world economy is already well on its way to recovery. His view is that the world economy will take years to recover from the events that on the surface seemed to have developed over night but had actually been building for the last 50 years of expansionary US fiscal policy and shortsighted monetary policies.

Bradley said that at least for the next few years the Pacific region will have a bit of a shelter from the global economic storm due to the US military buildup in Guam. The economic possibilities from the buildup will not be reliant on internal building of economic resources in the area but will come from the billions of dollars that the US and Japan will need to spend in order to accomplish the relocation of the Okinawa military base.

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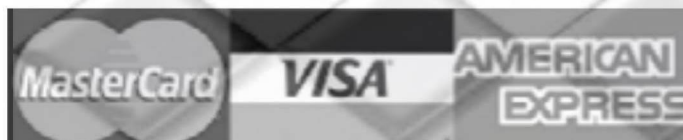
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of the State of Pohnpei; a member of the Micronesian Commission on the Future Political Status of Micronesia to top diplomat of the FSM as a sovereign nation to being FSM's Ambassador to the United Nations; representing Pohnpei as a District in the Congress of Micronesia to representing the entire State of Pohnpei in the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

While Moses' background and experiences are extraordinary for one individual, his main legacy may well be the pivotal role he played in the foundation of the Federated States of Micronesia as a nation. During the US Government's Administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Moses served as a District Administrator for the Pohnpei District and eventually as one of Pohnpei District's representative to the Congress of Micronesia – the leaders who envisioned independence and sovereignty for the Micronesian islands. They laid the foundation for the inception and eventual realization of the Federated States of Micronesia.

When FSM became a self governing nation, Moses was again at the frontline of nation building, first by being a Governor of the new State of Pohnpei and serving his duty in two consecutive terms.

Completing his gubernatorial tenure, Moses moved to the National Government where he took on the position of Secretary for the Department of External Affairs. He went on from Secretary of External Affairs to become FSM's Ambassador to the United Nations where he was instrumental in the establishment of diplomatic and bilateral relations with numerous countries and world organizations.

Moses moved from the Executive Branch and became a member of the 10th FSM Congress in 1997 and has since then been a member. Throughout his parliamentary years, he has been a Chairman, Vice Chairman and a member of the various Congressional Committees at one time or another. During the 15th FSM Congress he was seated as its Vice Speaker and was recently reelected to the same role during the re-organization of the new 16th FSM Congress on May 11, 2009.

A month after the re-organization, Vice Speaker Resio S. Moses was called to his eternal rest.

Both the FSM Government and the State of Pohnpei each declared a Period of Mourning with their flags at half-mast.

Vice Speaker Moses is survived by his wife Susan and their four children: Esmond, Tanya, Resio Moses Jr. 'Sammy' and Rachel and of course many lovely grandchildren.

FSM Signs Implementing Agreement on Article X of the Amended Compact

FSM Information Services

On Tuesday, June 22, 2009, Hon. Secretary Lorin Robert of the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs, signed the Implementing Agreement on Article X between the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia. As witness to this signing was Mr. William Douglas, Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of the United States of America, Mr. Bart Deemer, USAID Field Representative, Mr. Kevin Clark, FEMA Representative, Mrs. Jane Chigiya, Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and members of the FSM Disaster Task Force.

In Secretary Robert's remarks, he stated that the signing of the Implementing Agreement will bring into force the last subsidiary agreement of the Amended Compact. He had hoped that the signing of the agreement could have moved faster, but the delay was necessary to ensure that the provisions in the Implementing Agreement of Article X can be practically implemented.

In conclusion, Secretary Robert emphasized how the new disaster relief and reconstruction arrangement requires the concerted effort and cooperation of the national and state governments in order to be successful.



FSM Secretary for Foreign Affairs Loren Robert and US Charge d'Affaires William Douglass

Micronesia Requests U.S. Support for Phasing Down HFCs Under the Montreal Protocol as New Study Predicts Greater Impacts of Hydrofluorocarbons on Climate

Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia, Washington D.C.

In the Pacific Islands, climate change is not an academic debate: it is an issue of immediate national security. Climate change is a threat to our existence as a nation and our people's homeland. We watch with despair each day as more of our island home disappears under the sea, erasing our culture, our history and the memories that have always kept us strong.

We cannot afford to wait to take action under the climate negotiations being conducted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). There is no guarantee that these negotiations will produce a successful agreement, one that achieves rapid ratification and saves us from dangerous tipping points. We must act now to reduce emissions. We do not have the luxury of time.

That is why Micronesia, along with Mauritius, has called on the international community to regulate hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) under the Montreal Protocol – an action that would reduce emissions immediately in not only developed countries, but in developing countries as well. We understand that a paper published yesterday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences calculates that the unregulated growth of these super greenhouse gases will represent up to 45 percent of total climate emissions under a scenario that stabilizes CO2 emissions at

450 ppm by 2050. This finding is greatly disturbing for it means that we could lose our homes and our countries even if developed countries make significant cuts in CO2 emissions under the UNFCCC negotiations.

We have already written President Obama to ask for U.S. leadership and support for our initiative. The United States is committed under the Compact of Free Association to provide for the security of our islands, and we ask our indispensable ally and partner to recognize that rising sea levels are the greatest national security threat that we face. We need the United States to lead the battle against HFCs. Phasing out these powerful greenhouse gases can be a great victory for us and for all other islands threatened by the rising seas. This would be a victory for the world, giving us confidence that we can achieve more to protect the world's poor and vulnerable from the impacts of climate change. This confidence and momentum will help the climate negotiations as we approach the time for agreement in Copenhagen in December.

[The proposed amendment to the Montreal Protocol by Micronesia and Mauritius is on the UNEP web site at http://ozone.unep.org/Meeting_Documents/oewg/29oewg/OEWG-29-8E.pdf.]

[The new science paper is "The large contribution of projected HFC emissions to future climate forcing", by Guus J. M. Velders, David W. Fahey, John S. Daniel, Mack McFarland, and Stephen O. Andersen.]

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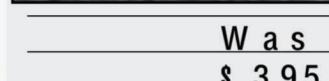
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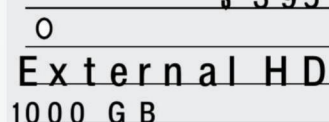
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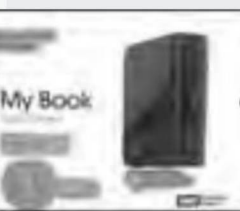


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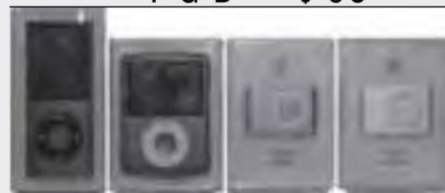
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Dr. Thomas (Tom) W. Barlow died on Monday, June 22, after a lengthy illness.

Tom's death is a profound loss for his family, friends, colleagues, and all who knew him. We will always remember him for his gentle nature, good humor, generosity, and openness to new people and experiences. We miss him terribly, but are inspired by his character and legacy.

He devoted much of his life and energies to improving the well-being of children, particularly in the Pacific. As a lifelong educator, he worked tirelessly in the past 13 years to build and manage an educational research and development organization that has benefitted thousands of schools and youth. Tom was also active in his community and served on numerous boards more recently, Knowledge Alliance, Children's Alliance of Hawai'i and the Waikiki Community Center.

Tom was born in the Nebraska blizzard of 1949.

Tom went to school in Ewing, Nebraska, and graduated in 1967 from Ewing High School. In 1986, Tom received two Doctorates in Education Administration: Curriculum and Instruction, and Philosophy from the University of Nebraska.

In 1970, Tom began his career in education as a language arts classroom teacher and then department chair in the Randolph Public Schools in Nebraska. Also, during this time, he served as a researcher and curriculum developer for the National Center for Humanities where he designed, developed and oversaw the implementation of effective English curricula.

In 1986, Tom became the State Director of the Comprehensive Drug Prevention Systems in the Nebraska State Department of Education in Lincoln. It was here that he developed educational programs and directed policy analysis and research studies in a variety of fields including American Indian curricula, community team trainings,



substance abuse, basic skills curricula, leadership in education, and critical thinking, amongst others.

In 1993, Tom moved to Aurora, Colorado to serve as Senior Director of Curriculum & Instruction Field Services at the Mid-Centent Regional Educational Laboratory (McREL). Here he designed and managed programs to provide technical assistance and professional development in curriculum and instruction and drug prevention education. Tom also administered a number of federal grants and contracts.

In 1996, Tom moved to Honolulu, Hawai'i, to join the staff of the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), becoming its Chief Operating Officer in 2000, and its President and CEO in 2003.

Tom leaves behind his loving partner of 16 years, James Coolidge, six brothers and sisters, Donna, Joan, Vera, Kenny, Garry and Larry, and his adoring friend, Twilla Barlow.

Services are pending the first part of August, 2009.

In remembrance of Tom and his love for PREL, the Pacific and for all children, all contributions in his name and honor can be sent to the PREL Pacific Teacher Scholarship Fund, 900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1300, Honolulu HI 96813-3718 the fund Tom founded and passionately treasured.

In his life as in his passing, Tom showed us all his strength to persevere and to always overcome life's obstacles. One is reminded of the words of Lord Alfred Tennyson.

*We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven; that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will,
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.*

Oscar award nominated 'Whale Rider' star joins Greenpeace ship tour

Greenpeace

Aitutaki, Cook Islands, June 24: Hollywood actress and youngest ever Oscar nominee for Best Actress Keisha Castle-Hughes arrived today in Aitutaki on the Greenpeace ship Esperanza to speak up for a strong global climate treaty.

"I get really upset over situations that are morally unjust. Pacific Islanders have hardly contributed to climate change, and yet are bearing the brunt of the problem," said Ms Castle-Hughes.

The New Zealand based actress, who rose to fame at the age of eleven as the lead character Paikea in the film 'Whale Rider', said she has always been interested in the Pacific. Whilst growing up, Ms Castle-Hughes mother, Desrae Hughes was keen for her to learn about the region.

"I grew up with a lot of Pacific Islanders. I attended at one point a church in the Tongan language and lots of students at my high school were from the Pacific," said Ms Castle Hughes.

Ms Castle-Hughes is one of a range of high profile ambassadors working with Greenpeace New Zealand on its Sign on campaign www.signon.org.nz. The campaign calls for the New Zealand government to adopt a 40 per cent by 2020 emissions reduction target. (1)

Ms Castle-Hughes is joining the Greenpeace ship, Esperanza as it visits Rarotonga and Aitutaki to draw attention to the impacts of climate change.

Greenpeace is calling on world leaders to agree a strong, legally binding and fair climate change treaty at the Copenhagen meeting in December. A fair treaty will be one where those with the most responsibility for the problem take action to solve it and those who are most at risk are protected.

Pacific Islanders are among the first activists to highlight the issue of climate change to the world. Impacts being experienced include rising sea levels, increasing temperatures, changing weather patterns, and threats to food security due to ocean acidification and salination of soil. Greenpeace is here to provide a platform for Pacific Islanders and stand with them as they ask for Australia, New Zealand and other developed nations as a group to cut emissions by more than 40% by 2020.

E-Waste Disposal and Recycling Issues

By Robert Spegal

This is number three in a series of four awareness messages about e-waste. Support for this activity is provided by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP) and the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs. The information contained in these messages is from a variety of on-line and off-line sources.

"E-waste" is a term that is used to describe a type of waste consisting of broken or unwanted electronic or electrical devices. Another acronym is sometimes used – WEEE which stands for "Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment". The two previous articles in this series explained what e-waste is, and how big of a problem it might become for the FSM. In this article we will examine some of the developing issues and trends surrounding e-wastes.

One of the continuing topics of e-waste debate is about the exact definition of e-waste and at what point in an item's "life" does it actually become e-waste. Some people claim that once the original owner no longer wants the item, it has become e-waste, irregardless of whether the items is sold, donated, or discarded. Others prefer to make a distinction between, 1) items that can be reused or still have some value as raw material, and 2) the items that are basically worthless and need to be thrown away.

For many products in the first group (such as computers, various office machines, and various home appliances) it is possible to disassemble the item into repairable, reusable components. Industries involved with removal of usable parts and their reassembly to create "new" products have developed and are expanding in China, India, Kenya, and elsewhere, primarily in developing countries. In one Chinese city, the thousands of men, women, and children, employed in this processing effort, often work in dangerous conditions and suffer health problems caused by exposure to the toxic substances in e-waste items. However, where proper occupational safety standards are in place, the processing of items into reusable parts is a good strategy to reduce the amount of e-waste that is entering dumps and landfills.

The first group also includes products that

have value for the raw materials from which the item is made. An example of this type of item recycling is aluminum. The metal box that houses a computer's components is made from aluminum, as is the metal casing of a hand-held electric drill. Aluminum is used in many potential e-waste products because of its strength and light weight. This metal can be melted down and then used again to make new products. The rising cost of, and demand for, most raw materials has made this type of recycling a more profitable business venture than in past years. But, once again, if the processes involved do not comply with appropriate safety standards, the employees involved may be at risk.

Since the resources required to perform reuse and recycle processing of e-waste are usually not found on small islands, this potentially serious pollution problem will continue to grow, unless these items can be removed off-island.

The second group of e-waste items are those which have no value, but are hazardous if not disposed of properly. Where landfill operations do not comply with environmental protection and safety standards, the danger of health problems and environmental damage is present. When dealing with fragile island eco-systems, one of the best solutions is also to send these types of e-wastes to overseas disposal facilities.

Trade of e-waste is regulated by the Basel Convention and the transportation of e-waste is regulated in the Pacific region by the Waigani Convention. Both these agreements aim to prevent unsafe practices regarding hazardous wastes in general and recognize e-waste as a special concern. The FSM is party to both of these conventions.

A final issue to note about the e-waste problem in small Pacific nations like the FSM, is that often the reuse or recycling value of e-waste items does not cover the cost of off-island transport for all of the hazardous items. As would be expected, businesses involved in reuse and recycling efforts tend to deal with only the profitable items, leaving the worthless items for local, often unsafe, disposal. A policy called "Extended Producer Responsibility" or EPR is one strategy to cover the cost of valueless waste items. EPR is a policy directive or legislation that makes equipment manufacturers financially responsible for each of their products at the end of the product's useful life. This means that the manufacturer must accept and recycle the items that it produces, and this tends to create motivation for manufacturers to make "greener" products that last longer and are easier to recycle.

An ADF, or "Advance Deposit Fee" is a different approach, which has been utilized on some islands, to address the same problem. The ADF is a duty levied upon an item when imported into the country. This extra cost is generally passed on to the consumer. The funds raised are earmarked by the government to cover the "end of life" costs associated with the item. The amount of the tax may vary according to these costs, and may include a "deposit" paid back to the consumer for bringing the item to a recycling facility, or to a removal/disposal operation.

...SEPO

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delivered or whether or not the fuel was used for official purposes.

One employee of SEPO owned a business that supplied goods to the SEP office. That employee facilitates the procurement for all the divisions and programs under the Department of Education including the SEP office. The employee provided \$30,452 worth of goods to SEPO during the period of the audit.

ONPA noted that the purchases were subjected to competitive assessment

by obtaining three vendor quotations and choosing the vendor with the lowest price. Just the same, the transaction "increased the risk of unfair business practices, encouraged unhealthy competition, compromised the interest of the State for personal interest, and gave the perception of preferential treatment in awarding purchase orders.

The audit said that most of the problems discovered during the audit could have been avoided if adequate oversight had been provided by department heads.

ONPA said that it mitigated the impact of two situations that could have impaired the independence of the auditors. Nakama Sana was the auditor in-charge. He

was the Director of the Chuuk State Department of Administrative Services when the Chuuk State Regulations for the Implementation of the Financial Management Act and Public Contract (FMR) was written. ONPA said that since they were not testing for the efficacy of the FMR but rather the compliance of SEP spending with the FMR there was no conflict.

Nakama Sana also has an immediate family member who holds a key position at the FSM Department of Education. ONPA said that the impact of that factor was mitigated by having the audit supervisor, Manuel L. San Jose, Jr. perform the tests of transactions involving that family member.

The audit said that some situations found in the audit have been referred to the National Public Auditor's Compliance Investigation Division (CID) for further review. One of CID's responsibilities is to investigate the possibility that criminal charges should be filed for illegal financial transactions.

ONPA released a draft of the audit to nine governmental entities. Of those only two responded. Lacking further input the National Auditor released its report without further governmental comment.

The complete audit can be downloaded from the website of the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor at <http://www.fsmopa.fm>.

FSM President wants donor help for fibre optic cable

Radio Australia
Radio Interview Transcript
Presenter: Jemima Garrett

Speaker: Emmanuel Mori, president of the Federated States of Micronesia

GARRETT: Telephone communications across the Federated States of Micronesia are poor and costly.

With a new fibre optic cable being laid by the US military through the FSM waters, President Emmanuel Mori sees an opportunity that won't be repeated.

His plan is to link each state to the cable.

MORI: It would improve the state, it would also improve the reception, it is not only going to be attractive to local users but especially visitors, the government. What we are envisaging here is e-commerce, e-help and e-education.

GARRETT: The President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Emmanuel Mori.

Better quality connections would make a big difference to the efficiency and capabilities of both the private sector and government.

When it comes to health, President Mori says there is no doubt that fibre optic cable connections would save lives.

MORI: For example, the United States could

The President of the Federated States of Micronesia has appealed to donors to help him extend a planned fibre-optic communications cable to all states in his far-flung country.

give instructions to our doctors here on specialised situations, critical situations, instead of patients leaving here and die on the plane en route to the hospitals in Hawaii or the United States. So cost saving is there, not only in terms of lives, but in terms of dollar savings.

GARRETT: The FSM has the money to link the island of Pohnpei to the fibre optic cable but has been unable to secure funds for links to Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap raising the spectre that those three states might be stuck for decades longer on the wrong side of the digital divide.

President Mori is appealing to donor countries for help.

MORI: We are in an urgent mode, because as you know the navy or the military cable would be running from one to Guam to Kwajalein, and we want to take the opportunity to have companies that would be laying the cable to do the same at much, much discounted cost. Once these ships leave the area, the cost to remobilise these vessels' personnel be enormous would become about tens of millions of dollars for mobilisation costs alone.

GARRETT: President Emmanuel Mori.

The cost of connecting the three unfunded states while companies contracted to the US military are available to do the work is estimated at around 33 million US dollars.

President Mori says he is seeking grant funding from the United States, Japan and any other donor willing to help - then he will be in a position to find loan funds as well.

MORI: We want a mixture of grants and loans, Loan alone we can't afford it, that's for sure. It has to be a mixture of both loans and grants. If we get grants of 60 to 65 per cent of the total cost, and perhaps a loan of 30 to 35 per cent, then that may be doable, but we certainly cannot just load ourselves with debt.

GARRETT: Good quality telephone and internet connections have the potential to improve every development indicator in the FSM, as well as improve government efficiency and boost business and trade opportunities.

President Mori says fibre optic cable connections will be one of the key items on the agenda for next month's North Pacific leaders summit in the Marshall Islands.

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...Chuuk Election

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results of the runoff election in favor of the petitioners.

The claim states in a matter of fact way, "Petitioners would have been declared winners of the runoff election if illegal votes were not cast on behalf of Wesley Simina and Johnson Elimo."

It alleges that the Chuuk State Election Commission issued an undated certification of results of the April 9 runoff election and Simina and Elimo took their oaths of office on April 14 by virtue of the undated certification of election results, which effectively barred the Doone and Heldart from challenging the results of the election.

Just the same the appellants filed an election challenge with the Election Commission on April 17 which that body dismissed.

Doone and Heldart appealed the commission's decision to the Appellant Division of the Chuuk State Supreme Court on April 27. The Attorney General of Chuuk State, on behalf of the election commission filed a motion to dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction. That motion was rejected by the court on May 1 and it remanded the election complaints back to the commission for investigation and appropriate action on the merits of the election complaints.

On May 13 Doone and Heldart filed a 2nd notice of appeal challenging the "total inactivity of the Chuuk State Election Commission."

It was on May 19 that the Court, on its own motion admitted the real party in interest to be made another party in the lawsuit.

The Appellate Court dismissed a Doone motion opposing the appearance of Mr. Johnny Meippen as counsel for Simina and Elimo due to a conflict of interest.

On May 24 the Appellate Court remanded the appeal back to the Election Commission for further deliberation after it ruled that the second notice of appeal was premature as administrative remedies had not been fully exhausted. Doone claimed that the Commission was required by law to meet within three days which it had not done and their inaction should have been recorded as a dismissal of the contest.

Doone, in the brief that accompanied the third notice of appeal further said that the commission and its attorney of record should be charged with perjury "as it deliberately and erroneously informed the court that the commission met on May 4, 2009, and (that) it systematically scheduled its work on the election contest. Truthfully, however, the commission's meeting was postponed until May 12 for lack of a quorum on May 4." Not enough commissioners showed up for a meeting on the issue.

On May 29 the Election Commission issued a notice inviting Doone and Meippen to file written briefs on behalf of their clients limited to the issue of whether the election contest was filed in a timely manner.

Doone submitted his clients' brief on June 4 contending that its petition of April 17 was filed in a timely manner. On June 5 a hearing that lasted 30 minutes was held in the Governor's conference room. No witnesses were deposed and no questions were

asked except for the arguments presented by both Doone and Meippen on behalf of their clients.

On June 8 the election commission issued yet another denial of the Doone and Heldart's election contest asserting that the petition was not filed in a timely manner. They based their assertion on Section 127 of the Chuuk State Election law.

Gideon Doone said in his filing on behalf of his son and his running mate that it has been rumored that there were four different types of official ballots used in the runoff election including one that was an obvious "Xerox" copy. He says that the use of different ballots makes it easy to deduce that the election was "rigged." Since the margin of victory was so small (less than 1%) he is requesting a recount.

They are asking as remedies for the court to void respective illegal votes from the following precincts that were awarded to Simina and Elimo: Kuchua Election Precinct-127 votes; Elin-Penienu Election Precinct-9 votes; Wonip, Udot Election Precinct - 2 votes for a total of 138 votes.

Doone is asking the court to declare Doone and Heldart to be the winners of the runoff election and to annul prior certificates issued to Wesley Simina and Johnson Elimo.

Finally, Doone and Heldart are asking that a special prosecutor "to investigate and prosecute in accordance with law all those individuals who were involved in bribery and in any other violation of CSL No. 3-96-26."

Doone submitted a legal brief arguing the merits of his clients' case including a detailed legal analysis of why the written filing of the complaint should not be held by the Court to have been filed too late under the law that requires a time limit of five days. The Court will be ruling on this and many other matters.

Doone said "The public interest does demand a careful review of alleged violations of human rights, alleged violations of our own Constitution (Chuuk State) which threatens the very foundation of democracy and violation of our own Election Statute."

Gideon Doone said that at no time have the merits, the real purpose of the election challenge been dealt with neither by the Election Commissioners nor by the court. He said that "from April 17 through June 8, 2009, no meaningful action whatsoever was ever taken by anyone on the merits of the case. The only action taken to date has been (for) dismissal for lack of jurisdiction."

Doone claimed that because Justices Noket and Aisek were nominated to their present positions by the incumbent Governor they have a conflict of interest. Each of the election commissioners owes their positions to the incumbent Governor and even the opposing attorney owes his job to the incumbent Governor. He said that these factors are a clear conflict of interest. "One definite show of conflicts of interest is seen by the reluctance of both the commission and the court to even tab the real purpose of the election challenge: illegal votes, denial of people's right to vote, interference with voters in the pre-casting of votes—all these do threaten the very foundation of democracy. In essence, the commission and the court are very much afraid of taking this election challenge on the merits."

Pohnpei hosts a visit from USS Crommelin

Embassy of the United States of America



Crewmembers from the USS Crommelin and members of the Kolonia community in front of the newly painted bleachers

On June 24, members from the Navy USS Crommelin FFG-37 made a one day visit to Pohnpei. The U.S. Embassy in Kolonia hosted a roundtable discussion on maritime law enforcement. A tour and lunch aboard the USS Crommelin followed the discussion.

Attendees of the meeting included: William D. Douglas, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Kolonia; Captain Kevin Parker, Commander of the USS Crommelin; The Honorable Assistant Secretary Gabriel Ayin, FSM Department of Foreign Affairs; Ms. Polei Atanraoi, Assistant Attorney General, FSM Department of Justice; Mr. Bernard Thoulag, Executive Director, FSM National Oceanic Resources and Management Authority; Mr. Pius Chotailug, Chief, FSM National Police; Lieutenant Commander Stuart Peter, CO FSS Micronesia; Lieutenant Commander Paul Ruhl, Advisor to the FSM Maritime Wing, Australian Navy, Mr. Michael Murray, Advisor, Micronesia Transnational Crime Unit; and Captain Johnny Santos, Micronesia Transnational Crime Unit.

Crewmembers also participated in a community relations project with the Kolonia Town hall. Ten shipmates from the USS Crommelin joined members of the Pohnpei community to paint the bleachers at the Spanish Wall softball field and enjoy a barbecue lunch. Of the ten shipmates, there were two natives of FSM, including the son of Kosrae state governor Weilbacher. Kolonia mayor Marcelo Peterson and Pohnpei Acting Governor Churchill Edward were also among the attendees.

The USS Crommelin is currently working with the Fourteenth United States Coast Guard District to provide maritime surveillance in the Exclusive Economic Zones of the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. Commanding officer Kevin Parker mentioned that this is the first time a U.S. Navy ship has assisted in maritime surveillance and enforcement while transiting the Pacific. He emphasized the importance of U.S. relations with Pacific island countries, of working

together to monitor and deter illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing in the Pacific. Captain Parker said he was impressed with the "warm and open" community of Pohnpei and expressed interest in returning to the state.

The USS Crommelin is an Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate and is assigned to Destroyer Squadron 31. Its homeport is Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The ship's next stop will be Guam.



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NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Pursuant to an order of the FSM Supreme Court entered November 20, 2007, public notice is hereby given that the parcel of land described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

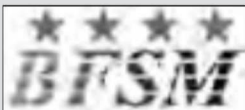
Parcel No. 56-B-05 located in the Kipar area of Sokehs Municipality, consisting of an area of 30,000 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 056-B-00.

Also offered by the FSM Development Bank for sale by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms is the parcel of land described below:

Parcel No. 073-E-03 located in the Rohi area of Kitti Municipality, consisting of an area of 39,624 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 073-E-00.

- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "FSMDB Land Auction" by personal delivery to FSM Development Bank, Corporate Office, 2nd Floor of the Namio Building, Kolonia, Pohnpei.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2009.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must state a bid amount separately for each parcel. Bids may be placed on one or both of the parcels.
- The winning bidder will be notified in writing by FSM Development Bank. Each winning bidder shall pay the full amount of the bid by delivery of a cashier's check payable to the FSM Development Bank no later than 10 days after the winning bidder is notified.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- FSM Development Bank reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- The property is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- The winning bidders will take title to the parcel through a quitclaim deed issued by the FSM Development Bank.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel at the FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm



BANK OF THE FSM ANNOUNCES NEW HIRES, STAFF MOVES & PROMOTIONS AT ITS CORP. OFFICE

After reviewing needs across the organization, a reassignment of key personnel to a dedicated Project Team is taking place to improve customer service and operations across all areas of the Bank. The following changes in management will become effective July 01, 2009:

Patrick Mackenzie, VP/Bank Operations Project Team Leader will lead project team in upgrading and improving all operational areas across the Bank to position BFSM for the next 10 years. Patrick is being transferred from VP/Head of Branch Banking.



Ruth Iriarte, VP/Head of Branch Banking will oversee our 4 branch offices, focusing on customer service, community programs & advertising. Ruth is being promoted from AVP/HR Manager to VP/Head of Branch Banking

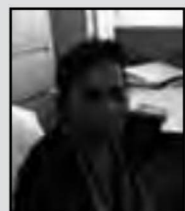


Casmira Nix, Executive Assistant will oversee the administrative functions & management of the Corporate Office. Casmira is being promoted from Administrative Assistant to Executive Assistant.



Esther Welles, AVP/Bank Operations Project Team Member will review, upgrade and improve operational areas across the Corporate & Branch operations. Esther is being transferred from AVP/Finance Officer to AVP/Project Team Member.

In addition to our staff moves noted above, BFSM is pleased to announce the following additions to our staff.



Tulpe Jano joined BFSM on May 04, 2009 as Finance Officer. She is responsible for financial analysis to produce all financial reports for the Board of Directors and Bank Regulatory Agencies.



Merlihna Weital, Human Resources Manager will oversee the planning, development and administration of policies and programs relating to the management of the Bank's human resources. Merly is being promoted from Executive Assistant to Human Resources Manager after undergoing training and providing assistance for the last couple of years to her predecessor.



Marcyleen Roby joined BFSM April 22, 2009 as Administrative Assistant, where she is responsible for administrative functions & assignments.



Vacancy Announcement for Training Manager (TM) Peace Corps FSM & Palau

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

Desired Qualifications:

Knowledge of Peace Corps philosophy and training system, Peace Corps policies and regulations desirable

Position Salary:

\$18,000 - \$30,000 and will be based on past salary history, experience and education.

Basic Functions of the Position:

Manage the design, delivery and evaluation of competency-based training to prepare Peace Corps Trainees for two years of volunteer service in FSM and Palau. Coordinate and manage the development and implementation of the training curriculum, which includes Pre-Service Training, as well as all in-service courses, workshops, and comprehensive language instruction for Volunteers throughout the year. Manage relevant staff and budgets associated with training program

Qualifications – Required

Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes:

- Proven experience researching, designing, and delivering a multi-component, competency-based training program for adults.
- Demonstrated, progressively more responsible management, administration, or coordination of a training program and related staff.
- Knowledge of train-the-trainer approaches, group dynamics and facilitation techniques for education programs.
- Must be a resourceful and creative individual who can design different, flexible options to respond to training needs in a scenario of scarce resources.
- Demonstrated facilitation skills and ability to make presentations comfortably in front of a group.
- Experience managing budgets and expenses in a high accountability environment.
- Must be computer literate and proficient in Microsoft Office products.
- Must be a licensed driver with the ability to operate a standard shift, 4-wheel drive motor vehicle.
- Fluent in English.
- Job requires brief to extended periods of travel for training site development, PST and IST

- Guides program staff in the design, monitoring, evaluation and revision of a comprehensive set of technical, core, language, cross-cultural, sector, and health/safety competencies which will prepare Trainees and Volunteers to effectively serve with their community counterparts.
- Develops and implements a community-based training program based on competencies that integrate technical areas, language, cross-cultural, and core topics.
- Manages a team of trainers, volunteer co-trainers, and staff in the implementation of training curriculum and goals.
- Develops and monitors a training budget in collaboration with the PTO, Administrative Officer, and Country Director.
- Oversees the planning and preparation of training activities and events.

- Oversees the development of all training documents/reports and shares those with key staff in a timely manner that allows for integrated planning and evaluation.
- Facilitates large and small group training activities, modeling a variety of non-formal, adult education techniques in the delivery of training.
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Qualifications – Education/Experience:

- University bachelor degree in adult education, human resources management, or development related field OR 5 years of equivalent experience in adult, non-formal education required.

Application Process/Deadline: Submit resume with cover letter and three reference contacts to eneason@fin.peacecorps.gov no later than July 16, 2009, or mail them to: Peace Corps Micronesia, Attn: Training Manager Job Opening, P.O. Box 9, Kolonia, Pohnpei. Proposed start date: Monday, August 17, 2009.

Position Duration: 1-year contract position renewable upon satisfactory performance.

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Kosrae Tourism Stakeholder Conference June 23 – 24, 2009

Kosrae Tourism Conference Taskforce

The tremendously successful Kosrae Tourism Conference organized by Kosrae Visitors Bureau ended its final day, Wednesday, June 24 on a positive note: The discussions were open and frank resulting in the establishment of two ongoing committees, a Kosrae Island Branding Committee and a Cultural Heritage and Cultural Outreach (CHACO Committee) as well as numerous projects.



Over 60 participants, including KVB staff, hoteliers, tour operators, handicraft workers, clergy, Chamber of Commerce representatives, Kosrae State officials, educators, David Kendell (Continental Director of Sales and Marketing for the Pacific and Asia) and Bermance Aldis (Deputy Assistant Secretary FSM Department of R&D), preformed a SWOT analysis of the Kosrae Tourism industry, discussed cultural and landowners issues as well as branding strategy.

The Speaker of the 8th Kosrae State Legislature, the Honorable Lyndon Jackson provided the keynote address for the conference. Speaker Jackson spoke convincingly about the need for developing partnership between the public and private sectors to strengthen the industry with

limited resources available. The Speaker also emphasized that the conference is a great opportunity for private sector to share their views in an open dialogue with the government.

The morning sessions of the first day of the conference began with presentations developed by the Kosrae Visitors Bureau, members of the KVB Board of Directors and Continental Micronesia represented by Mr. David Kendell. These presentations provided conference attendees with a deeper insight of tourism & airline services, activities performed by KVB, the current situation and challenges surrounding tourism in general.

A panel of government and private sector

speakers including Mr. David Kendell, Kosrae Station manager Mr. Moses Thompson, Mr. Bermance Aldis and Mr. Grant Ismael discussed the range of programs available to promote the sector, as well as taking questions from the other participants.

Following morning plenary session the afternoon breakout sessions addressed the following areas: a tourism SWOT analysis, Branding development, Cultural and Landowners issues. They shared stories of their success, serious issues facing them, and illustrating some of the challenges.

The breakout groups finalized their findings the second morning of the conference, producing

recommendations and projects. Following the plenary session where these findings were reported Mrs. Kenye Livaie, Acting Chair for the KVB Board Directors, offered closing remarks for the conference, thanking the leaders of the state, and the members of Kosrae tourism private sector who had taken time to attend the conference, most importantly, the sponsors who have made it possible.

According to Grant Ismael, chairman of 2009 Tourism Conference task force; "The conference was one of the significant highlights of Kosrae tourism's industry in 2009. The success was due to the work of the task force and the participation of the Kosrae tourism industry stakeholders. I would like to extend special thanks to our consultant Mr. Tilson Kephass and Task force members, Kenye Livaie, Katrina Adams, Skiller Jackson, Kiaru Tilfas, Doug Beitz, and Arthur Jonas".

The two day conference was sponsored by Continental Micronesia, Bank of FSM, Kosrae Chamber of Commerce, Australian Embassy, US Embassy, FSM Development Bank and JICA Alumni.

Crossword - LET 'ER RIP !!

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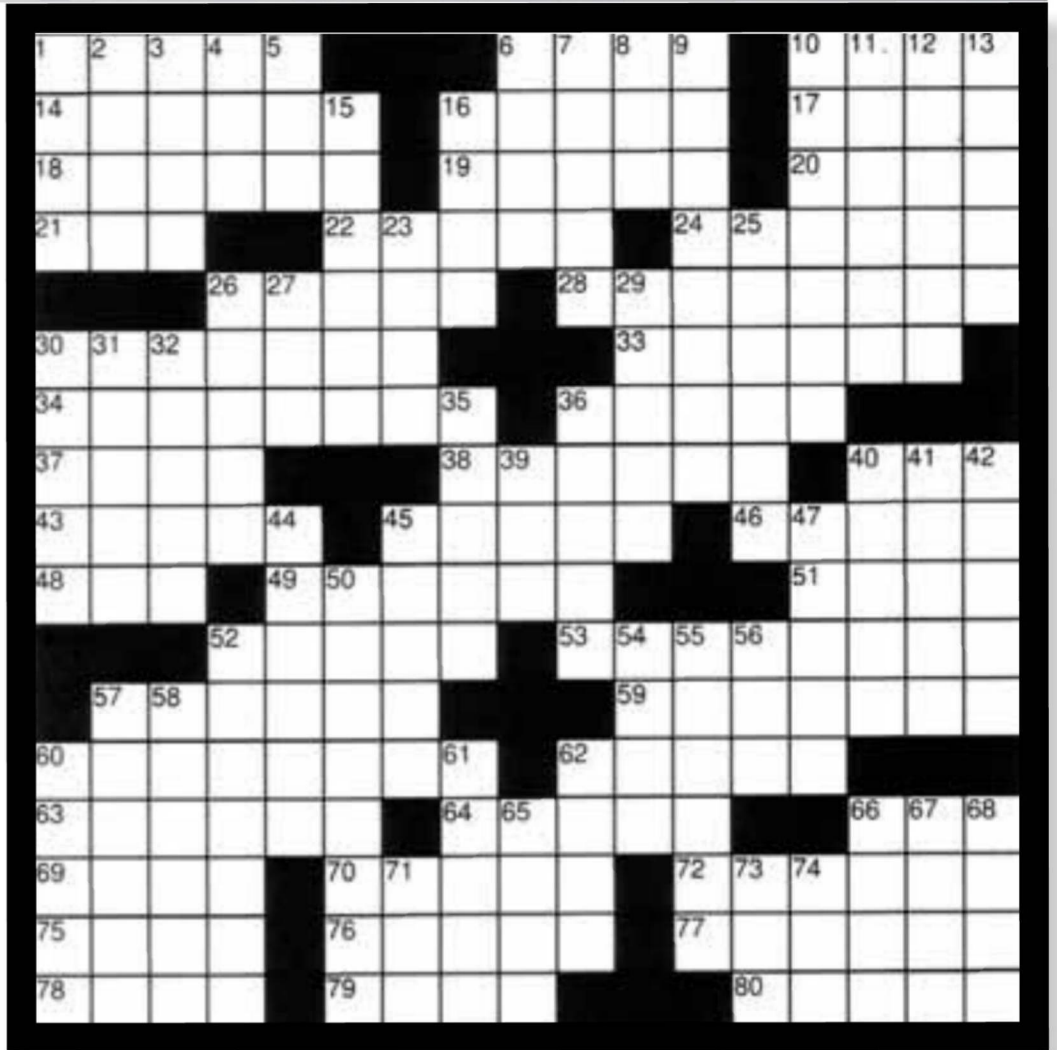
1. Kind of campaign
6. Obsessed one
10. Middle ____
14. Qantas critters
16. Get away from
17. Zola portrayer
18. Let 'er rip!
19. Odin or Thor
20. Kerplunk
21. Common title starter
22. Paint the town red
24. Tuck and others
26. Burger for the grill
28. Start of a Linus poster
30. Like some nights
33. They take your car
34. Tile alternative
36. Ten-speeds
37. Granola bits
38. Deli device
40. Skedaddled
43. Best of ____
45. Take in
46. Tea treat
48. Gloomy
49. Clicker
51. Massive
52. Write-ups of hits
53. Talked to a secretary
57. Intensify
59. Clouseau portrayer
60. They go nowhere
62. Talent
63. Take in
64. Leaves out
66. Chem. or Bio.
69. Clinton opponent
70. Ill-suited
72. Time manager?
75. List entry
76. Wane
77. Moolah
78. Monster home?

79. Final

80. Hangs open

DOWN

1. Revue segment
2. Wool eater
3. Lessen
4. Food preposition
5. Item for a maid
6. Liniment ingredient
7. Tosses
8. Want ____
9. Study one
10. Realms
11. Coffee style
12. "Yeah, right" sounds
13. Under the influence
15. Bombing run
16. Green emotion
23. Famous last words
25. Those in charge
26. What's written on this page
27. Every
29. Sheriff's verb
30. Ones like Oscar Madison
31. Regal regalia
32. Went to pot?
35. Windows predecessor
36. It walks like a man
39. Raffle drawing
40. Path
41. It may require management
42. Special ____
44. Long curtains
45. Alter
47. Driveway drawer
50. Final
52. Cashes in
54. It ____ fair!
55. Came to an end
56. Kindness, for



short

57. Signify
58. They're better than birdies
60. Offed
61. Places to relax
62. ____ a check
65. Ball catcher

66. Phase

67. Arrive
68. Pupil's place
71. Bird watchers, for short?
73. Man's best friend
74. Mad About You role

GOING UNDERGROUND

The words in this puzzle are all things that can be found underground. If you dig deeply, you will strike GOLD and unearth the

43 words buried in the puzzle.

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 D E G A R O T S F O S S I L
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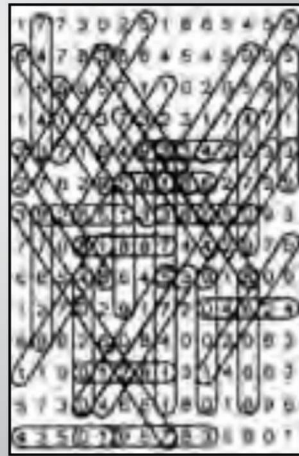
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| ANT | MAGMA | SHELTER |
| BASEMENT | MINE | SILVER |
| BUG | MINERAL | SOIL |
| CABLE | MOLE | STORAGE |
| CAVE | OIL | STREAM |
| CELLAR | ORE | SUBWAY |
| COAL | PIPE | TANKS |
| CONDUIT | POTATO | TERMITE |
| FOSSIL | RAILWAY | TUNNEL |
| GAS | RHIZOME | VOLCANO |
| GOLD | RIVER | WATER |
| GOPHER | ROOT | WELL |
| GRAVEL | SEWER | WIRE |
| INSECT | SHAFT | WORM |
| IRON | | |

Puzzle Pleasure Previous Issue's Solution

Crossword Solution



Hidden Numbers



Bible Verses

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Cliff Rainbow Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at Cliff Rainbow.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the Truk Stop Hotel Restaurant VIP Room. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at:
- rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com

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A cowpuncher out in Dakota
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So he borrowed a pencil an' wrota!

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Astronomical Tide Prediction
July 8 through July 21, 2009

	Wednesday 7/8	Thursday 7/9	Friday 7/10	Saturday 7/11	Sunday 7/12	Monday 7/13	Tuesday 7/14
Pohnpei	04:14AM 4.3 11:19AM 0.7 04:55PM 2.3 09:53PM 1.2	04:43AM 4.1 11:49AM 0.8 05:30PM 2.4 10:25PM 1.3	05:13AM 4.0 12:20PM 0.9 06:07PM 2.4 11:00PM 1.5	05:44AM 3.8 12:52PM 1.0 06:51PM 2.4 11:41PM 1.7	06:18AM 3.5 01:28PM 1.1 07:45PM 2.5	12:37AM 1.9 06:58AM 3.2 02:10PM 1.2 08:52PM 2.7	02:02AM 2.0 07:53AM 2.9 03:00PM 1.3 10:08PM 2.9
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Kapinga Village Holds Charcoal Oven Workshop

By Dr. Lois Englberger

A busy two-day workshop on charcoal ovens was held in Kapinga Village, in Kolonia, Pohnpei, as coordinated by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, Capitol Fabricators Inc., College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Research and Extension (COM-FSM CRE), and the Community of Kapinga Village.

Over 115 participants took part in the two days. The first day June 24 focused on how to build the oven, and the second day, June 26, focused on how to use the oven. The advantages of this oven is that it provides a healthy way of cooking, is cost-saving and environmentally friendly (it releases less carbon emissions into the environment, compared to open fire cooking), and convenient as compared to the traditional earth oven.

Mr. Sosden Gamure of Kapinga Village as-

sisted in the workshop organization and facilitation. Mr. Red Bardelas of Capitol Fabricators showed how to construct the oven. Ms. Welsey Hagilmai, COM-FSM, demonstrated the preparation of a delicious fish dish made with onion, garlic, green papaya, coconut and chaya greens grown in the village. Dr. Lois Englberger showed the Pohnpei Bananas poster and explained about the health benefits of the yellow-fleshed bananas. The IFCP team sang the Let's Go Local and CHEEF Benefits of Local Foods songs and women and children happily joined in the singing.

Thanks are extended to the Global Greengrants Fund for workshop costs.



The FSM National Olympic Committee held its 12th Olympic Day Run on all of the four FSM States of Yap, Chuuk, Kosrae and Pohnpei the morning of Saturday, June 20, with over 600 participants. The official world Olympic Day is June 23 with 205 member National Olympic Committee countries celebrating the Olympic Movement around the world. Pictured are the participants of the Pohnpei walk/run, including Pohnpei Upward Bound students.



Wooden Bowl for Island Food



Gibson Santos displays here, the wooden bowl that he carved and presented to the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) on 17 June 2009, as a part of the celebration for IFCP's newly renovated multipurpose building in the Botanical Garden, Kolonia. The bowl is made of Terminalia wood. It will be used to present Pohnpei's impressive diversity of banana varieties, including Utin Iap, Karat, Akadahn, Daiwang, Mangat and many other yellow-fleshed, and provitamin A-rich banana varieties, which have health benefits.



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NOTICE TO MEMBERS & PROSPECTIVE ENROLEES OPEN ENROLLMENT SEASON JULY 1 THROUGH 31, 2009

The Board of Directors and Management of MiCare are pleased to announce to our members and prospective members that the Regular Open Enrollment Season on all Health Plan Options will start on July 1, 2009 and end on July 31, 2009. For those members who are currently enrolled in the Plan do not need to re-submit new application. However, to cancel or change from one plan option to another or add new dependents, members are required to submit their amendment form before the deadline. Any members may cancel their health insurance or any eligible individual who is not currently register in the Plan may enroll during this period. Changes made during the open enrollment season will become effective October 1, 2009. The following are the three Health Plan Options offered by the Plan.

BASIC HEALTH PLAN (BA)

The Basic Health Plan is a medical insurance that allows members to access medical services from local affiliated healthcare providers. Basic Plan members may access services from off-island healthcare providers if they are approved medical referral from state hospitals and MiCare or medical care received off-island falls under emergency care. Maximum benefits for Basic Plan is \$50,000 per year. This includes cost of medical referral ticket and other non-medical expenses.

SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN (SR)

The Supplemental Plan is a medical insurance that allows members to access medical services from local and off-island affiliated healthcare providers. Individual member in SR Plan are also access to Basic Plan benefits. Supplemental Plan members are allowed to access off-island affiliated healthcare facilities in Hawaii, Guam and Philippines without the approval from state referral hospital. Before the Plan will cover medical costs, a deductible of \$100 must be paid by each member each calendar year. The Plan will pay 90% of the eligible medical costs while member pays 10% co-payments. Maximum Benefits for SR members is \$50,000 year.

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-RESIDENT (SNR)

The Supplemental Non-Resident Plan is a medical insurance offered to members residing off-island. SNR members are allowed to access approved healthcare providers off-island. SNR members are required to pay \$5 deductible for every visit and 10% co-payment. The Plan is responsible to pay 90% after deductible on all eligible charges. Maximum Benefits for SNR members is \$50,000 per year.

◆ LIST OF APPROVED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ON-ISLAND AND OFF-ISLAND ◆ AS OF JUNE 01, 2009

LOCAL ON-ISLAND PROVIDERS

For In-Patient and Out-Patient Services

- Pohnpei State Hospital
- Kosrae State Hospital
- Chuuk State Hospital
- Yap State Hospital
- Genesis Hospital
- MedPharm Clinic & Optical
- Kolonia Dental Clinic
- Pohnpei Dental Clinic
- Sefin Health Clinic
- Family Clinic & Pharmacy

For Out-Patient Services

- Genesis Island Family Clinic
- Pohnpei Family Health Clinic
- Berysin Community Health Clinic

OFF-ISLAND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Honolulu, Hawaii

- Straub Clinic & Hospital
- Kapiolani Medical Center

- Honolulu Medical Group
- Mina Pharmacy

Guam

- The Doctors Clinic
- Perezville Pharmacy

Manila, Philippines

- St. Luke's Medical Center
- Capitol Medical Center
- Philippine Heart Center for Asia
- National Kidney & Transplant Institute
- Delos Santos Medical Center

BI-WEEKLY PREMIUM RATES

PLAN OPTION	Employee Share (48%)	Employer Share (at least 52%)	Bi-Weekly PREMIUM
Basic Plan (BA)	\$ 6.86	\$7.44	\$14.30
Supplemental Plan (SR)	\$15.58	\$16.87	\$32.45
Supp. Non-Resident Plan (SNR)	\$21.38	\$23.17	\$44.55

Note: First four (4) minor dependent children are covered by one (1) premium under BA & SR Options. For SN option, each dependent children must pay SN premium.

Premium for Additional Dependent Minor Children in excess of first four children

Basic Plan	Supplemental Plan	Supp. Non-Resident Plan
\$3.58 each/bi-weekly	\$8.12 each/bi-weekly	none

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