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Pohnpei and FSM Cultural day celebrated in Pohnpei

Pohnpei, FSM—This year's Pohnpei and FSM Cultural Day kicked off with a musical competition for youth groups held at the Spanish Wall stage on March 30. On March 31, the official date for the cultural day holiday the celebration lasted all day long. Highlights of the day were the many performances by young people enrolled in the Early Childhood Education programs throughout Pohnpei. They performed in the morning and older aged groups performed during the late afternoon.

Governor Ehsa said that this year the Pohnpei State Legislature designated only \$1000 for the event and that the community itself had risen to the occasion making this year's event one of the best attended and organized in several years.

Students from PICS High School also held their own cultural day activities at the Pohnpei Island Central School nahs. The day included a traditional sakau ceremony and performances by the students.

Unfortunately, Pohnpei's Office of Social Affairs did not respond to our repeated requests over several days for more detailed information on any of the cultural day events.



Photos by Bill Jaynes

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Improved "Telecom Bill" now a law

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

April 3, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—On April 1 the FSM Congress passed Congressional Bill number 18-145 popularly known as the "Telecom Bill". The bill deals with the liberalization of telecommunications services in the FSM primarily by eliminating the legal monopoly that FSM Telecommunications Corporation has held since it was established over 30 years ago, even before the birth of the nation itself.

"It also establishes an independent regulatory authority, and sets up an 'Open Access Entity' for the purpose of owning assets related to a future fiber optic project connecting Palau, Yap, and Guam," the committee report on the bill says.

According to a blog by the FSM Public Information Officer, President Manny Mori signed the bill into law today.

For the last seven months the FSM Congress Standing Committee on Transportation

and Communication chaired by Senator Peter Christian diligently worked first to understand the original bill submitted by the Executive Branch, and then to make it better for all of the involved parties. After all of the hearings both public and private and the fact finding missions that took the committee to Palau, Washington D.C., and elsewhere in the United States, as well as an important hearing at the Yap Legislature in February, the committee was able to recommend the passage of a new "Telecom Bill".

"Your committee understands that this bill was the result of extensive discussion between TC&I and Telecom," the committee report says. "These discussions were mandated by your committee in light of the opposition of Telecom to the previous C.B. No. 18-77 (the bill originally submitted by the Executive Branch). It appears that a common ground may have been found."

The committee report said that part of the impetus for the bill was the possibility of a World Bank grant of \$27 million to connect Yap to a proposed Palau-Guam fiber optic cable. One of the conditions of the grant was the participation of more than one country.

There were questions about the progress of Palau on the project but the committee said that the consideration of the "Telecom Bill" is "first and foremost a domestic matter." It said that the bill should be passed "because it is in the best interest of the FSM to do so, not depending on what a sister country may or may not be doing."

The report said that the World Bank had also offered a "Country Allocation" of \$13 million just for the FSM for a total grant of approximately \$40 million.

Unlike the originally submitted bill that the Kaselehlie Press thoroughly reviewed after its submission last year, the new bill "does not attempt to restructure Telecom by altering its shares structure or its Board of Directors," the committee report says. Under the new law, "...The Open-Access Entity will now be owned by the National Government as represented by the Secretary of Finance and Administration." In the CB 18-77 the owners were the Secretary of Transportation, Communication, and Infrastructure and the Secretary of Finance and Administration.

According to the committee report, the changes in the new law also dealt with a significant problem in the previously submitted bill, that of cross-subsidization of markets. "The witnesses testified that the bill envision(s) an Open-Access Policy whereby in those markets where there will be competition market mechanisms will dictate pricing; however, in those place where it is unlikely that there will be more than one entity, such as small islands or remote locations, the dominant provider will be subject to regulation by the Regulatory Authority as far as rates are concerned," the committee report said. "It is envisioned that initially rates will be the same across the country but that may change if more companies enter the

market, creating competition and creating a downward pressure on the rates.

The committee said that it "will not shy away from offering amendments or even repeal(ing) this law should in practice the regulatory scheme turn out not to be satisfactory, that is to bring about better and more cost-effective telecommunications services to the country."

The committee said that it was in favor of passing the bill but also expressed its understanding that the law is "just the first step in a long and involved process involving extensive consultation among several countries and donors."

The committee report adopted by Congress put in writing its disappointment with the fact that the Executive Branch had been dealing with the World Bank for about three years and only brought Congress in to the process last September. "A lot of the policy decisions envisioned by this bill would have benefitted from earlier consultation with Congress, which would have made this whole process smoother."

A World Bank spokesperson who visited the Kaselehlie Press office earlier this year said that World Bank did not approach the FSM with a grant offer. The FSM approached the World Bank asking what it could do to help with its telecommunications infrastructure needs. The grants were available but it could not give the grants for the benefit of a single telecommunications operator. She said that the World Bank never lobbies for changes of law in any member country in order to give those countries a grant and it didn't do so in the FSM. She said then that if Congress did not pass the bill to abolish the Telecom monopoly there was another grant "FSM only" grant for power stabilization in the FSM that it had discussed with the Executive Branch, but the regional grant of \$27 million would not have been available.



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International Air and Surface search for overdue skiff from Chuuk

US Coast Guard

March 26, 2014

Chuuk, FSM — The 19 foot skiff with two persons aboard that was reported overdue 13 days ago from Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) was located near Satawal, Yap State on March 25, 2014.

Locals from the island of Satawal spotted a vessel with one person aboard drifting one nautical mile offshore and launched a vessel to assist. They quickly determined the vessel was the missing 19 foot skiff and immediately rendered assistance to the 50 year old survivor. U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam was notified of the rescue via Pan-Pacific Education and Communication Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Guam. PEACESAT provides public service satellite telecommunications to remote islands throughout the Pacific.

The survivor is fatigued, but in good health. The second man reportedly jumped overboard a week earlier, a few days after the vessel became disabled and adrift. Officials from FSM are arranging to transport the survivor back to his home in Chuuk State. Satawal is approximately 302 nautical miles west of where the vessel became disabled in Chuuk State.

Multiple resources from FSM, Australia the U.S. and commercial mariners conducted searches for the overdue vessel, which departed from Chuuk on March 13. The resources included five "Good Samaritan" commercial ships, one U.S. Coast Guard C-130 aircraft from Barbers Point, Hawaii, one U.S. Navy P-3 aircraft from Okinawa, Japan, one Australian P-3 aircraft, and the Patrol Boat FSS Micronesia from Pohnpei, FSM. A total of 5300 square nautical miles were covered during the search.

Chuukese woman awarded the Next Generation Youth Leadership Award

Tumon Bay, GUAM

On April 1st 2014, Payuta Inc., (umbrella organization for non profit organizations in Guam) at its 4th Non Profit Congress, awarded the Next Generation Youth Leadership Award to Ms. Nedine Songeni, a young Chuukese woman working for the Humanities Council in Guam. The Congress was held at the Westin Hotel in Guam. In attendance at the conference were other non profit partners from Marshall Islands (ALson Kelen), Kosrae (AG Johnson-Asher), Pohnpei (Pohnpei Women's Council), Chuuk (Cindy Mori of Chuuk Chamber of Commerce) Yap (Yap Women's Association and WAAGEY), Palau (Anne Singeo) and CNMI.

Huge congratulations go to Ms. Songeni who showed that Chuukese in Guam are law abiding and productive members of the community.



There to witness the award ceremony were the AG of Kosrae State, Ms. Lorrie Johnson-Asher, Pohnpei Women's Council Legal Advisor Marstella E. Jack, Ms. Songeni and Emele Duituturaga of the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO).

Bribery charges against Genesis owner and management in RMI

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press
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April 2, 2014

Majuro, RMI—On March 20, Marshall Islands' Attorney General Jack Jorbon filed 52 criminal charges against the owner and the manager of Genesis Island Enterprises RMI according to an article in the Marshall Islands Journal (MIJ) that was published on March 28. The charges allege that Owner Herminio Alfonso, and Manager Ariane Jay Demayo bribed Majuro hospital officials on multiple occasions in order to win bids for medical equipment, supplies, and maintenance.

The MIJ article said that charges against "implicated Marshall Islands government workers allegedly involved in the scheme will be filed 'in the coming weeks'". On April 3 the Attorney General made good on that promise and filed 90 criminal counts against RMI government workers.

Alfonso and Demayo were both charged with 52 criminal counts—13 each of bribery, theft by deception, securing execution of documents by deception, and criminal conspiracy.

Alfonso is also the owner of Genesis Hospital in Pohnpei.

When asked for a statement on the charges, Dr. Merlynn Abello Alfonso responded by email on her husband's behalf. "We are in a situation where we cannot disclose all the facts right now. Our legal counsel in RMI is dealing with the matter. It is obvious to us that we have been unwittingly victimized in an intricate web of shocking deceit that our names and business (have been) used as a mean(s) to someone's own ends. Some information is just coming to light on our end to help us understand what hit us. We maintain innocence in all this and intend to see this through."

Of the two charged men, Demayo was present at the initial hearing on March 21 before Chief Justice Carl Ingram. During the

hearing Ingram ordered Demayo to hand over his passport to the Clerk of Courts.

The MIJ article said, "The charges list 13 instances between June 26, 2012 and June 26, 2013 when Genesis staff are said to have paid bribes ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to associate hospital administrator Francis Silk in exchange for him 'using his influence to steer bids toward Genesis by communicating confidential information to Demayo, usually by email, regarding potential MOH (Marshall Islands Office of Health) orders, and Genesis in turn would provide a "padded" price quotation for the needed item,'" the MIJ article quoted from the charging documents. "Silk also aided Genesis by using his influence as associate hospital administrator to recommend sole sourcing to Genesis and not provide an adequate number of price quotations from other vendors."


The MIJ article continued, "Financial documents from Genesis that are included as evidence with the charges against Alfonso and Demayo include a check register that lists payments to people under the headings, 'incentives to Dr. Eleuterio Magtangob,' or 'Sir Francis incentive,' or 'activity for Sir Baines.' A Genesis "profit and loss" statement for 2013, included as AG's evidence exhibit number two, lists nine individuals receiving over \$93,000 as 'incentives' in 2013.

"The 52 charges against Alfonso and Demayo allege that Genesis bribes were used to accomplish orders from the hospital for x-ray films and numerous laboratory supplies and equipment," the article continues. "One of the alleged bribes was for a maintenance contract. But the AG in his court papers stated: 'although the cont(r)act was paid in full, the CT scan was not properly working.'

"The charges say the Genesis pair 'deceived other health officials who signed on purchase requisitions' to believe the documents were 'legitimate and urgently needed.'"

The preliminary hearing on the charges is scheduled for April 3. If Chief Justice Ingram finds good cause to move to trial, Alfonso and Demayo will be asked to enter pleas of "guilty" or "not guilty at that time.

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7th Anniversary of the JICA Alumni Association of the FSM

JICA

The Annual General Meeting for JICA Alumni Association of the FSM (JAA-FSM) to celebrate the 7th Anniversary of the establishment of the association took place on March 27, 2014, at Mangrove Bay. The meeting was attended by Mr. Ihlen Joseph-IsoNaniken of Uh, Honorable Lorin Robert-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Eiichi Suzuki-Ambassador of Japan to the FSM, JICA Resident Representative, and Mr. Moses Prestrick-JAA-FSM President, in addition to board of directors and ex-participants of JICA trainings.

In his opening address, Mr. Kaoru Iwasaki-Resident Representative of JICA, stated that he is pleased to see the JAA executives from each of the four FSM States present at the meeting-an indication of the success in the establishment of JAA-FSM which would contribute to the advancement of bilateral ties between Japan and FSM. He also reassured JAA-FSM that JICA will continue to provide as much support as possible for its activities.

The former President of the association-Moses Pretrick, presented the JAA-FSM logo and reviewed its history. JAA-FSM was established in 2006 in Pohnpei as a non-profit corporation with the purpose to (1) gather and create friendship

among all JICA Alumni and those who studied in Japan and JICA volunteers within and outside of the FSM, (2) develop relationships between the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the alumni with the frames of the Official Development Assistance Program of Japan; and, (3) support economic, culture, scientific and technical cooperation between the FSM and Japan.

Hon. Robert made a comment about "Kizuna"-the bonds of solidarity between friends- and stated that as gift to the people of Japan, FSM presented two coconut fiber ropes symbolizing the Kizuna between the two governments, and expressed his appreciation.

IsoNaniken Joseph shared his experience in Japan when he attended the Grant Aid Seminar in Tokyo as Assistant Secretary for the Department of Finance in 1988 and expressed his appreciation for JICA training programs.

It was also during this meeting that the next executive members of the JAA-FSM were elected. Mr. Simpson Abraham-President of JAA-Kosrae, was elected as the President, Mr. Bermance Aldis from Pohnpei as Vice President, Ms. Maelynn Edwin-Secretary of JAA-Yap, as Secretary, and Mr. Charles Sakios- JICA Administrative Officer, as Treasurer.

FSM PMU says report on Weno road contract flawed

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlle Press

April 2, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—An article in the Marshall Islands Journal (MIJ) proclaims, "PII found blameless in Chuuk project snafu". The headline and the article comes from a report by J.M. Robertson Inc. commissioned by Century Insurance Incorporated, the company that issued a surety bond for Pacific International, Inc. the construction company based in the Marshall Islands that had been hired for the Weno Road project in Chuuk. But the FSM's Project Management Unit says the Robertson report is seriously flawed and has demanded its retraction.

In a letter to Engineering Consultant John M. Robertson dated April 1, Bruce Howell, PMU's contracting officer demanded that Robertson retract the report by April 10 or the PMU "shall take further appropriate action with the Guam Board of Registration - PEALS." PEALS is the Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors which issues professional standards and regulates the industries.

FSM's Project Management Unit terminated PII's contract for the road project on November 7 and on November 12, "the Owner Tendered completion of the Contract work to the surety, Century

Insurance Company. In mid-February, 2014, the attorney acting on behalf of Century Insurance engaged the services of J.M. Robertson Inc. to conduct an investigation to determine what liability, if any, Century Insurance Company bore for completion on the Contract Work," the Robertson report says.

After the KPress deadline we received a copy of Mr. Robertson's response to PMU's letter. "The report is well documented as factual reporting of the circumstances surrounding the wrongful termination by the PMU of the construction Contract for the Weno Road project," his letter says. "It will stand on its own and will stand up against any complaint before the Guam PEALS-board or any other tribunal having competent jurisdiction."

The MIJ article on the report says that J.M. Robertson, Incorporated, a Texas engineering firm was hired to conduct an "independent engineering review" of the Weno road construction project. "Since this report was commissioned and paid for by Century Insurance Company it cannot be referred to by the author or others as an 'independent' report," the legal counsel for the FSM's PMU wrote in an email dated March 24 to the legal counsel of Century Insurance.

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National Steering Committee and State Focal Point Meeting in Tofol, Kosrae

GEF Small Grants Program

Well known for her iconic Sleeping Lady figure landscape, warm hospitality, white sandy beaches and home to the last remaining Terminalia forest in the world the FSM Small Grants Programme embarked on the State of Kosrae. On March 15-17, 2014, the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme-FSM (GEF SGP) convened its annual country level National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting at the College of Micronesia-FSM Kosrae State Campus Small Business Development Center conference room. The two days meeting marked the first meeting of the Programme held in Kosrae State. The meeting reaffirmed the Programme's commitment to continue and enhance its grant making support to all FSM NGOs, and Community-Based Organizations to access the available GEF resources within the country. Through funding allocations from the GEF, the SGP FSM Programme committed to an ambitious goal to grant \$1.1 million USD in 2014 to provide support to community driven projects that directly mitigate threats to the FSM environment and support community empowerment and sustainable livelihoods development.

In addition to the meeting, the Programme staff and the NSC had the opportunity to pay courtesy visit on Governor Lyndon Jackson to provide information on the Programme and to encourage Kosrae State support to NGOs and CBOs operating in Kosrae to be able to access SGP support and design innovative



projects in line with the Country Programme Strategy (CPS) with specific deliverables in each of the GEF focal areas namely: biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, protection of international waters, sustainable land and forest management, as well as elimination of persistent organic pollutants (POPs). A number of direct stakeholder engagements and one community proposal writing and project design development workshop were carried out focused on requisite criteria for support from the SGP to NGOs and CBOs in Kosrae. At this meeting the NSC reviewed a number of projects from NGOs and CBOs and approved at least \$149,950.00 USD in support of these community projects. The NSC also visited Tafunsak community to witness first hand a mangrove replanting project by the Kosrae Women Association (KWA) in response to the mangrove cutting problem in Kosrae.

The SGP Programme staff and NSC thereafter linked up with the 4th FSM Environment Conference also held in

Kosrae from 19-21 March. The SGP National Coordinator Mr. Patterson K. Shed and two SGP grantees (KWA and Yela organizations) working in Kosrae were given the opportunity to highlight SGP work to date through presentation at the conference.

The SGP is a funding modality of the GEF, approved by the GEF Council on a replenishment basis and implemented by UNDP on behalf of the GEF partnership. Within parameters established by the GEF council, the Programme seeks to provide maximum country, and community-level ownership. As a global Programme, the SGP brings together over 125 country programmes across world regions. Within the FSM, the Programme is hosted by the United Nations Joint Presence Initiative office (UN JPI) located on Kaselehlie Street in Pohnpei. We will be glad to further assist interested FSM NGOs, CBOs and communities on questions concerning the SGP grants. Feel free to call the FSM SGP office at: 320-4192 or by e-mail at: jolynneg@unops.org.

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All completed applications should be submitted online unless there are extenuating circumstances that prevent the applicant from doing so or if applying to Fiji School of Nursing or Fiji School of Technology. Applications are due by the 30th of April 2014.

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Wednesday, April 16th

Yap Delegation to Congress reached out to citizens residing in Hawaii

FSM Congress News

Colonia, Yap. March 24, 2014 –On March 15, 2014, Senator Joseph J. Urusemal and Senator Isaac V. Figir of the Yap Congressional Delegation Office completed an outreach initiative with FSM citizens, primarily targeting Yapese, residing in various communities in the US State of Hawaii.

This is part of the Office's ongoing effort to educate citizens abroad on Congressional efforts in addressing challenges faced by the nation, and on initiating citizen involvement to unite with their States and National governments to tackle these issues. Similar initiatives were carried out in Yap, Pohnpei, and Guam in previous months.

Of primary discussions were concerns revolving around the FSM's economy and the abilities of the governments to sustain its operations. This is a major concern as 2023 is nearing when the financial assistance to the FSM under the amended Compact of Free Association (COFA) with the United States is scheduled to end.

When asked who will come to the aid of the FSM after the termination of the financial assistance, the Senators response was "first, we must ask, what we, as a people, can do to help ourselves."

The Senators were alluding to a point that the FSM governments have since independence been heavily dependent on foreign aid, and the people have also become "too dependent" on their governments for subsidies and other services that can be privatized.

In line with this, both Senators appealed to the participants to "change attitudes of dependency, and to take action" by considering ways in which they can contribute to their government's efforts toward self-sustainability and sustainable economic growth.

The Senators emphasized on the old proverb that "where there's a will, there's a way." Including other success stories of Yapese residing abroad, the Senators motivated the participants by sharing the success of Mr. Joe Gimen who resides in Hilo. Mr. Gimen, who despite his paraplegic condition from the neck down, through mere determination and willingness to succeed, manages to train others, design and sell handicraft souvenirs focusing on promoting tourism in Yap.

"Such individual efforts do not have

to be grave," the Senators suggested. It could be through contribution to the development of the private sector and investments in the FSM, remittance, professional or technical expertise or ideas to the government, or mere active involvement in civic and government affairs, including seeking assistance from the National and State election offices for active participation in the political process of voting for leaders and any possible referendums in the upcoming State election in November 2014 and National election in March 2015.

On government initiatives, the Senators shared the President's efforts, and the creation of the 2023 Planning Committee involving the four State Governors working on ways to address issues of the economy and the financial stability of the nation.

They also reported on recent Congressional measures aimed to address this issue, including a recent law reducing the FSM National Government's share of the compact funds from 10% to 5%, and redistributing the 5% over the four States.

Recent Congressional appropriations aimed to assist the FSM governments in dealing with dwindling compact funds for government operations were also reported.

In particular, the Senators encouraged the many students in attendance to utilize their scholarship awards effectively and to "aim to obtain [their] degrees faster" in light of the decreasing scholarship funds under the compact. To assist with the decreasing scholarship funds, Congress appropriated over \$1 million in National Scholarship this fiscal year, including over \$100,000 in scholarship for striving Yapese students in colleges and universities using social program funds earmarked for Yap.

Although the compact funds for fiscal operations are dwindling into 2023, the set aside compact funds into the Compact Trust Fund is subsequently being increased. Despite the initiative, some have estimated that the Compact Trust Fund will be \$600 million short of that goal by 2023.

Congress continues to pour local revenue into the FSM's own Trust fund including a recent \$7 million this fiscal year. Congress have also enacted a new law creating sub-accounts in the FSM Trust Fund for each State, should a State decide to contribute to it's sub-account.

On law reforms, the Senators reported

that the implementation of the reformed FSM tax laws is pending subscription of two more States. Yap, being one of the two States, has not changed its tax laws because of a Constitutional conflict. "We hope that all four states subscribe to the tax reform laws," stated one of the Senators.

Aside from issues surrounding the FSM's economy, another area of particular interest to the groups involves immigration to the United States.

On this, the Senators encouraged all FSM citizens, Yapese or not, to "promote positive Micronesian image" while residing abroad and to "subscribe to the laws and cultures of the communities" which they reside. The Senators further added that this is not only for surpassing the "negative Micronesian stereotypes", but also for those future Micronesians who wish to utilize this right and opportunity for employment and education in the United States.

The outreach initiative involved a combined 200 plus Yapese in various

communities across Hawaii. A significant number of the attendees were students, but the groups also included young professionals, successful entrepreneurs, veterans, seasonal laborers, etc.

In a letter of appreciation after the meetings, Chairman Urusemal commented that he and Chairman Figir "were remarkably impressed with the educational and professional accomplishments of the general Yapese population" in Hawaii. In congratulating them, the Chairman pleaded to the citizens to "continue to promote such highly positive impression" of Micronesians, and encouraged their "active involvement in the civic and governmental affairs of Yap and the FSM".

This meeting marks the second open consultation the Senators have had with constituents outside the FSM in their quest to keep the public informed and engaged in government affairs. For more information or questions on the works of Congress, please visit www.fsmcongress.fm.

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December 31, 2013 and 2012

ASSETS	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Cash and due from banks	\$ 4,356,306	\$ 5,631,960
Federal funds sold	715,000	1,955,000
Interest bearing deposits in banks	<u>32,538,435</u>	<u>23,333,361</u>
Cash and Cash equivalents	37,609,741	30,920,321
Interest bearing deposits in banks	7,136,000	7,910,000
Short-term investment in money Market funds	2,988	737,374
Securities available for sale	21,521,459	19,761,625
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	42,493,400	41,210,085
Accrued Interest Receivable	266,961	405,939
Premises and equipment, net	2,620,467	2,826,678
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>507,495</u>	<u>408,489</u>
	\$ 112,158,511	\$ 104,180,511
<u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>		
Liabilities		
Deposit		
Noninterest-bearing	\$21,485,217	\$27,897,153
Interest-bearing	<u>71,522,965</u>	<u>56,973,498</u>
Total deposits	93,008,182	84,870,651
Accrued interest payable	37,206	31,343
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	<u>872,380</u>	<u>670,767</u>
Total Liabilities	93,917,768	85,572,761
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$5 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized;		
934,348 shares issued and outstanding	4,671,740	4,671,740
Additional paid-in capital	4,663,576	4,663,576
Retained earnings	9,552,093	9,003,520
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>(646,666)</u>	<u>268,914</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>18,240,743</u>	<u>18,607,750</u>
	\$112,158,511	\$104,180,511

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Statements of Comprehensive Income

Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Interest Income:		
Loans	\$ 4,401,713	\$ 4,777,530
Investment securities and due from banks	557,761	568,918
Federal funds sold	<u>5,934</u>	<u>5,688</u>
Total interest income	<u>4,965,408</u>	<u>5,352,136</u>
Interest expense:		
Savings	126,189	129,457
Time deposits, \$1000,000 and over	76,858	92,428
Other time deposits	<u>32,353</u>	<u>36,889</u>
Total interest expense	<u>235,400</u>	<u>258,774</u>
Net interest income	4,730,008	5,093,362
Provision for loan losses	<u>40,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Net interest income, after loan losses	<u>4,690,008</u>	<u>5,073,362</u>
Non-interest income		
Loan fee income	186,659	243,394
Service charges on deposit accounts	195,460	205,163
Other	<u>428,165</u>	<u>316,388</u>
Total non-interest income	<u>810,284</u>	<u>764,945</u>
Non Interest Expenses:		
Salaries and wages	1,621,242	1,673,011
Occupancy	373,045	379,225
Professional Fees	305,760	198,112
Employee benefits	302,128	314,283
Furniture and equipment	253,425	303,141
Data processing	227,696	230,258
Correspondent bank fees	168,549	165,667
Gross receipts and use taxes	166,637	144,502
Telephone	154,750	186,018
Travel	111,025	129,340
Director and Shareholder	99,737	74,129
Electronic banking	95,916	39,524
Stationary and supplies	72,083	146,000
Insurance	66,068	66,504
FDIC deposit insurance	44,340	82,518
Credit and collection	18,517	20,585
Business development	17,427	29,030
Postage	13,831	13,681
Tellers and operating losses	4,321	12,404
Miscellaneous	<u>31,683</u>	<u>28,187</u>
Total non-interest expenses	<u>4,148,180</u>	<u>4,236,119</u>
Net Income	1,352,112	1,602,188
Other comprehensive loss:		
Net unrealized loss on investment securities	<u>(915,580)</u>	<u>-(340,294)</u>
	436,532	1,261,894



Clearing the Pacific on Mine Awareness Day

By Dr Terry Beven,

Australian Ambassador to Federated States of Micronesia

Seven decades since the end of World War II, explosive remnants of war continue to impact on the lives of Pacific islanders. They pose a threat to the lives of people in the region, and are a barrier to development and economic growth.

A lot of work still remains to be done to safely clearing this ordnance. However International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is an opportune time to reflect on the significant progress that has already been made.

Last month, the team from the non-government organisation, Cleared Ground Demining located and removed their 30,000th item of explosive ordnance from Palau. Cleared Ground Demining has been operating in Palau for more than four years and has successfully cleared hand grenades, torpedoes, mortars and rockets from the country. The organisation's current operations are entirely funded by Australia, and we're proud to be able to support this work.

Each individual item of ordnance that has been removed tells an impressive story about improved safety, improved access to services and improved quality of life for the people of Palau.

The removal of 58 items of ordnance on Peleliu Island, for instance, cleared the surface route for a new water pipeline. This will protect the safety of construction workers and ultimately bring clean drinking water to households. Part of this land will also be returned to its original use of growing tapioca, thus benefitting local farmers.



Australia is supporting Cleared Ground Demining to remove explosive remnants of war in Palau.

A further 19 items of ordnance were located in the vicinity of the Peleliu Medical Clinic, allowing for safer passage for people to receive medical treatment. And 53 items have been cleared from a popular recreational area at Scarlet Beach, improving safety for locals and tourists alike.

But Palau is just one of nine Pacific island countries contaminated by explosive remnants of war. The Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are all also affected.

Last year an Australia-funded Regional Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training School opened on Peleliu Island to help address this threat. The school is run by Cleared Ground Demining and is training Pacific organisations and law enforcement authorities to safely identify and remove explosive remnants of war.

Cleared Ground Demining carried out their first Explosive Ordnance Disposal Level 1 course last year. Ten of Cleared Ground Demining's national staff completed the course and now have the skills to locate, excavate and identify explosive ordnance, and determine whether they are safe to move. The school will adopt a broader regional focus this year. Police from Kiribati have been invited to be the first international participants.

The violence of war does not always end when the fighting stops. Seventy years on, Pacific populations continue to be threatened by explosive remnants from World War II. But the strides made so far have been substantial. Today, on Mine Awareness Day, I am proud of what Australia has been able to achieve along with our partners to better the lives of communities across the region.

Pohnpei Office Manager

MRAG Asia Pacific is seeking to employ an Office Manager in its Pohnpei Office.

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- Coordinating security arrangements for the office;
- Assisting with and support MRAG AP projects coordinated through the Pohnpei Office.

Applicants for the position must have strong knowledge of FSM company administrative and regulatory obligations, and ideally, previous experience in the management of commercial or Government offices in Pohnpei. Knowledge of the fisheries sector would also be an advantage. Applicants must have strong interpersonal, written and oral communications skills, as well as excellent personal integrity and a strong work ethic.

Applicants should submit a cover letter providing an overview of their suitability for the position, as well as a CV outlining previous work history, relevant skills, qualifications and experience. Salary will be negotiated with the successful applicant based on skills and experience. Applications should be submitted to dsouter@mragsiapacific.com.au and received by close of business Thursday 17th April.

For further information about this position, please contact Scott Christensen on 320-8653 or Duncan Souter on dsouter@mragsiapacific.com.au. Further information on MRAG Asia Pacific can be found at www.mragsiapacific.com.au.

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First conservation easement in the Asia Pacific region protects the last Ka Forest in the world

Landmark land deal in Micronesia paves way for innovative conservation throughout the Pacific

The Nature Conservancy

Yela Valley, Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia—A unique land protection deal will safeguard 78 acres of forested wetland in the Yela Valley on Kosrae, Micronesia. This is what is hoped to be the first deal of what may be a few aimed to preserve the 1,400-acre valley encompassing the largest stand of *Terminaliacarolinensis* (“ka”) trees in the world, several other endemic plant species and the endangered Micronesian pigeon.

While conservation easements are relatively common in the United States, this is the first conservation easement outside of the Americas. By bringing a new model of conservation to the Federated States of Micronesia, a local family on Kosrae teamed up with government and conservation groups to protect this biologically rich part of the world.

This revolutionary land deal is also preserving their culture and traditions—the forest provides locals with freshwater, fish from the rivers and traditional medicine. The trunk and immense buttresses of the ka tree were traditionally used to make canoes, and the nuts are an edible treat for children.

The land will be protected by a conservation easement purchased with a grant provided by the U.S. Forest Service and the David and Lucille Packard Foundation and held by the Kosrae Island Resource Management Authority (KIRMA). Conservation easements, whereby the landowner retains title to the land but agrees not to exercise development and other rights, are being looked at as an extremely promising conservation tool in Micronesia because they are an especially good fit in traditional island cultures where usage rights traditionally overlap and forests remain in the family passed down through the generations. This model permits the important conservation area to stay in that ownership while allowing sustainable traditional harvest and use of the natural lands but prohibiting future development and resource exploitation.

“It is very important for the people of Kosrae to protect the Yela ka forest because it gives the people of Kosrae a sense of pride for having something unique that you cannot find anywhere else,” said William William, Project Manager of the Yela Environment Landowners Authority (or Y.E.L.A., an organization formed by the family landowners).

The local families sought expertise from The Nature Conservancy to establish a legal conservation framework for their land. However, they have also added their own innovation by opting to use the proceeds from the sale to create an endowment that will ensure the forest’s long-term conservation.

The biggest challenge for Micronesia, as is

for many, if not all, Pacific Islands is to sustain conservation programs beyond the injection of foreign grants.” said Willy Kostka of the Micronesia Conservation Trust. “This easement solves that challenge for the Yela landowners and conservation partners and will serve as a model for the rest of Micronesia and the wider Pacific.”

“Instead of the person or persons who sign the sale agreement solely benefitting from the sale proceeds, as is often the case in the US, the Alik family has invested that income into a trust fund managed by the Micronesia Conservation Trust,” said Mike Conner, a senior project director for The Nature Conservancy. “Every year after a forest inspection shows the terms of the easement have been upheld, each of the families will receive a payment nearly the average salary on Kosrae now and for future generations.”

Because development is so intensive in tropical coastal regions, few if any landscapes of the quality and history of the Yela watershed remain in the world. The entire valley is dominated by native and endemic forest, with almost no invasive species; its streams, freshwater wetlands and mangroves are free of the influence of roads, water diversions, paddy agriculture and shrimp farming so common in the Asia-Pacific region. This pristine site is therefore already serving as a natural laboratory for research pertinent to the wider tropical region as well as to global issues. It can also serve the people of Kosrae as a “demonstration forest” and an ecotourism attraction educating people about the natural services it provides.

“KIRMA has worked with the landowners to develop a management and monitoring program that allows low impact activities, such as ecotourism and harvesting of medicinal plants, that can be undertaken while protecting and educating visitors about the important conservation values of the property,” said Robert H. Jackson, Administrator of KIRMA.

“The Forest Service is thrilled to be a part of this precedent-setting watershed protection effort ongoing with the Yela watershed project, and the collaboration amongst partners has been exceptional,” said Deputy Regional Forester Jeanne Wade Evans. “The Forest Legacy program continues to be an important tool to prevent loss of critical forestland to climate change stressors and other uses. By engaging local partners in the use of conservation easements, we hope to further expand these conservation efforts”.

The Honorable Alik Alik, Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia said “These conservation projects help meet the goals of the Micronesia Challenge, an ambitious commitment by five Micronesian governments—the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to “effectively conserve at least 30 percent of the near-shore marine resources and 20 percent of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia by 2020” ultimately to strike a critical balance between the need to use their natural resources today



Photo by the Nature Conservancy



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and the need to sustain those resources for future generations.”

This effort is supported by:

- The Kosrae Island Resource Management Authority (KIRMA)
- The Micronesia Conservation Trust
- The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
- The State of Kosrae
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Kosrae Conservation and Safety Organization
- The U.S.D.A. Forest Service
- The David and Lucille Packard Foundation

Operation Sewing Basket

The Ayuda Foundation had a table at the recent Guam Quilt Show, held Saturday, March 22, 2014, at Guam Shopping Center where donors could deliver fabrics and sewing notions. The donations, more than 30 boxes, will be delivered to Chuuk's Women's Council.

Chuuk State is grappling with a high birth rate and low school attendance. Chuuk's political and social leaders wish to teach ladies skills that will increase their earning ability, broaden their learning skills and enable them to lift themselves and their families above the poverty level, to become business owners, to become taxpayers, to become thoughtful voters and to become leaders in their own community.

Kiki Stinnet, President of the Chuuk Women's Council, has received a grant to purchase sewing machines, has a building to house the training, but materials and fabric are so expensive in FSM that she has requested The Ayuda Foundation to gather excess fabrics and

sewing equipment, i.e.

- Bias Tape
- Curtains
- Drapes
- Fabric Scraps
- Flat Fabric
- Gathered Skirts
- Lace Pieces
- Lining Materials
- Needles
- Pin Cushions
- Ribbon
- Ric Rac
- Scissors
- Sewing Baskets/Boxes
- Sewing Machine Needles
- Straight Pins
- Tape Measures
- Thimbles
- Thread
- Transparent Tape

The Ayuda Foundation declares a success for its First Annual OPERATION SEWING BASKET, a program to provide sewing fabrics and equipment to teach sewing skills to young ladies in Chuuk. More than 30 boxes of fabrics, lace, ric rac, thread, zippers, needles, thimbles, thread, pins, instruction books, quilting magazines, etc. were donated during the quilting exhibition. All of the boxed items will be carried to Chuuk via Matson Navigation Inc. thru the courtesy of Triple B freight forwarding company. Neither company will assess charges to either the Ayuda Foundation nor to the Chuuk Women's Council; all items will be donated without charge to the end users.



Jennie Leon Guerrero, Special Projects manager for Ayuda Foundation showcases samples of donated goods to "Operation Sewing Basket".

For additional details or interviews, please contact Ayuda Special Projects Manager, Jennie Leon Guerrero at 671-473-3003 or leonguerrerojennie@yahoo.com

Honorable Dennis K. Yamase, Senior Associate Justice Supreme Court of the FSM resigns

Supreme Court of the FSM

The Honorable Dennis K. Yamase, Senior Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia, has officially submitted his resignation to be effective April 18, 2014. The main reason for his leaving is to help in the care of his elderly parents in Hawai'i.

Associate Justice Yamase was nominated by President Leo A. Falcam on April 9, 2002 and confirmed by the FSM Congress on June 25, 2002. He has also served as a temporary judge on the Chuuk State Supreme Court handling both trial and appellate division cases and has assisted that court in reducing its appellate back log. He has served on numerous appellate panels for appeals from the Kosrae State Court trial division.

For over the last eleven years, Associate Justice Yamase has played an integral part in the developing jurisprudence of the FSM. He has sat on appeal panels dealing with important first impression constitutional issues on the separation of powers search and seizure, involuntary servitude, due process, equal protection, *habeas corpus*, double jeopardy, civil rights, the application of custom and tradition, jurisdiction, standing, and others.

In the trial division, Associate Justice Yamase has presided over court matters involving multi-million dollar economic and environmental damage awards from vessel groundings, and resulting coral reef damage and oil and hazardous substances spills. He has handled large contractual damages claims, tort cases, admiralty and maritime claims bankruptcy, temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, writs of prohibition, mandamus, and garnishment, disciplinary matters, and other complex civil litigation of all types, as well as numerous issues dealing with the jurisdiction of the FSM Supreme Court and its relationship to the state courts.

In the criminal area, Associate Justice Yamase has rendered sentences of imprisonment in dozens of illegal firearms cases for violations of the FSM Weapons Control Act and has presided over high profile criminal matters involving high level government officials. He has handled both civil and criminal matters in fisheries violation cases. He has dealt with criminal law issues dealing with arrest, search and seizure, suppression of evidence, revocation, *habeas corpus*, human trafficking, and other matters dealing with the constitutional rights of the criminal defendant.

Associate Justice Yamase is a 1982 graduate of the University of Hawai'i Richardson School of Law, where he was a member of the law review editorial board. During and following law school he served as an intern, law clerk, and/or attorney for the FSM Supreme Court, FSM Congress, and the Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau (ROP). His other legal experiences include serving as: the Senior Legislative Counsel, Senate of the Olbilil Era Kelulau (ROP National Congress); the Executive Secretary, ROP National Code Commission; attorney in private law practice in Honolulu, Hawai'i; the Deputy Legislative Counsel and Legislative Counsel, FSM Congress; the Special Legal Counsel to the ROP Vice President/Minister of Administration Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.; and the Executive Director of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Law Revision Commission (LRC). He has also served as the Legal Counsel to the ROP Transition Commission dealing with transition matters in implementing and funding under the Compact of Free Association (COFA) with the United States. He served as staff to the 3rd FSM Constitutional Convention and meetings of the Asian Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (APPU).

Associate Justice Yamase developed the FSM

Legal Information System (LIS) website at <http://www.fsmlaw.org.>, as a Consultant to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Improving Access to Laws Project. The FSM LIS is in wide use by legal practitioners as a free legal research website with access to state and national constitutions, codes, court cases, court rules, and many other legal resources. The FSM LIS is a part of the international Free Access to Law Movement (FALM).

Associate Justice Yamase has completed or assisted on projects for the following codes of law in the region: the Yap State Code (YSC); the FSM Code (F.S.M.C.); the draft Chuuk State Code (CSC); the ROP National Code (PNC) and ROP National Code Annotated (PNCA); and the Annotated Commonwealth Code for the CNMI (hard copy and CD-ROM formats).

Associate Justice Yamase has organized and participated in training programs for the various local, municipal, land, and state court judges throughout the FSM. He is certified as a judicial trainer through the Pacific Judicial Development Programme (PJDP) Training of Trainers (TOT) and Regional Training Team (RTT) programs, he has taken a trainers class at the National Judicial College (NJC), and has a B.Ed. degree in Secondary Education- Psychology from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. As a member of the Pacific Judicial Development Programme Regional Training Team he has also participated in training judges in various South Pacific jurisdictions. He has taught College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) Trial Counselor Certificate program courses in constitutional law, contracts, and torts while residing in Chuuk. He has conducted numerous workshops, seminars, and training programs for high school students and others, and has participated in the FSM Supreme Court's Law Day programs.

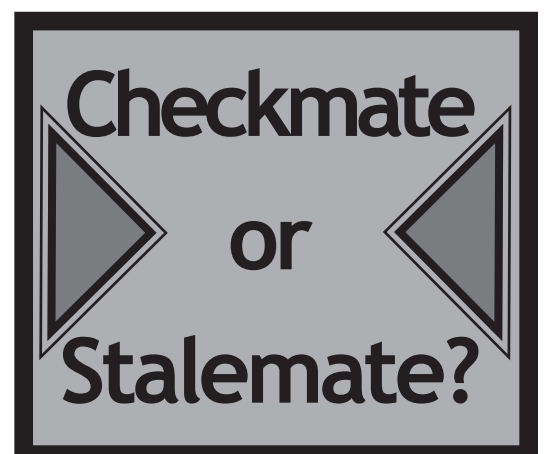
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"Initial reaction to the report is that it is unprofessional, filled with unsupported opinions, and contains many false and misleading statements," the same email continued. "The report appears to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct for Guam professional engineers and it should not be relied upon by Century Insurance Company without further consideration of the facts," it concludes.

"As stated in your letter, the investigation was commissioned by the Surety, Century Insurance Company," Robertson's letter in response to the April 1 letter from the PMU demanding retraction of his report says. "The instruction given to me by Mr. Steven Pixley, General Coun(sel) for Century Insurance, was to conduct an independent investigation and to let the chips fall where they may. I can say in response to your allegation, that the investigation would have been conducted in the same manner and the report would have read the same whether it was prepared on behalf of the FSM Government, the Chuuk State Government, the PMU, the US DOI Office Office of Insular Affairs, or Century Insurance."

PMU says that it has already received one or more bids from contractors who want to finish the road project.



Third Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting

The FSM Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM), in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA), hosted the 3rd Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting of the Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in the Pacific Island Countries (J-PRISM), on February 27, 2014 at the OEEM Conference room from 8 am to 11 am.

Invitations were sent to State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Directors, State Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and Public Works Directors, FSM Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure Secretary, FSM Department of Foreign Affairs, PMU Project Manager,

SBOC Director, Japan Embassy staff, and Pohnpei Waste Management staff. The meeting enabled EPA/KIRMA and Public Works Directors to address key outputs and activities implemented in their states during the 3rd year of the J-PRISM program, and propose a way forward.

The Government of Japan responded to eleven Pacific Island Countries (PIC) requests for its support of improved solid waste management in 2009. As a result, FSM is part of this regional technical cooperation project receiving technical assistance in the area of waste collection and disposal and landfill management. The overall goal of J-PRISM is to enhance sustainable management of solid waste in the Pacific region for the purpose of strengthening human and institutional

capacity base through implementation of the Pacific Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy.

In his opening remarks, JCC Chairman Mr. Andrew Yatilman welcomed the participants and noted J-PRISM's assistance to the FSM states in the area of solid waste management.

Additionally, JICA Resident Representative Mr. Kaoru Iwasaki expressed his warmest regards to everyone and emphasized the importance of the J-PRISM's program in the area waste management.

State EPA/KIRMA and Transportation and Infrastructure/Public Works Directors from Chuuk, Yap, Pohnpei,

and Kosrae presented on the current progress of their outputs under the J-PRISM program. Outputs that were addressed pertained to Policy and Strategy, Waste Collection, Waste Disposal, Awareness, and Legislations. A discussion followed the Directors' presentations in which several topics were raised for the Directors to share and exchange their views. Topics such as leachate monitoring, sharing of landfill designs among states, and submission of monitoring action plans were raised during the discussion. Those representing the states included: Yap EPA Director Christina Fillmed and DPW&T Director Vincent Figir; Chuuk EPA Director Ishmael Mihkel, DPW Assistant Director Binasto Ruben; Pohnpei EPA Director Albert Roby, Pohnpei EPA Environment Specialist Charles Lohn, Kosrae EPA Director Robert Jackson, and DT&I/PW Director Weston Luckymis.

Since 2011 through J-PRISM's technical assistance, the FSM states have developed solid waste management plans, improved waste collection and disposal systems, improved the management and operation of existing dumpsites, and participated in landfill and waste management techniques trainings in Japan. At the national level, FSM OEEM has finalized a National Solid Waste Management Strategy and is awaiting endorsement.

The JCC meeting ended with the closing remarks by Mr. Shiro Amano, Chief Advisor of J-PRISM. As well as praising effort of concerned parties, he told the importance of the waste management, which is an endless issue, as long as people produce waste, to be tackled for the next generation.



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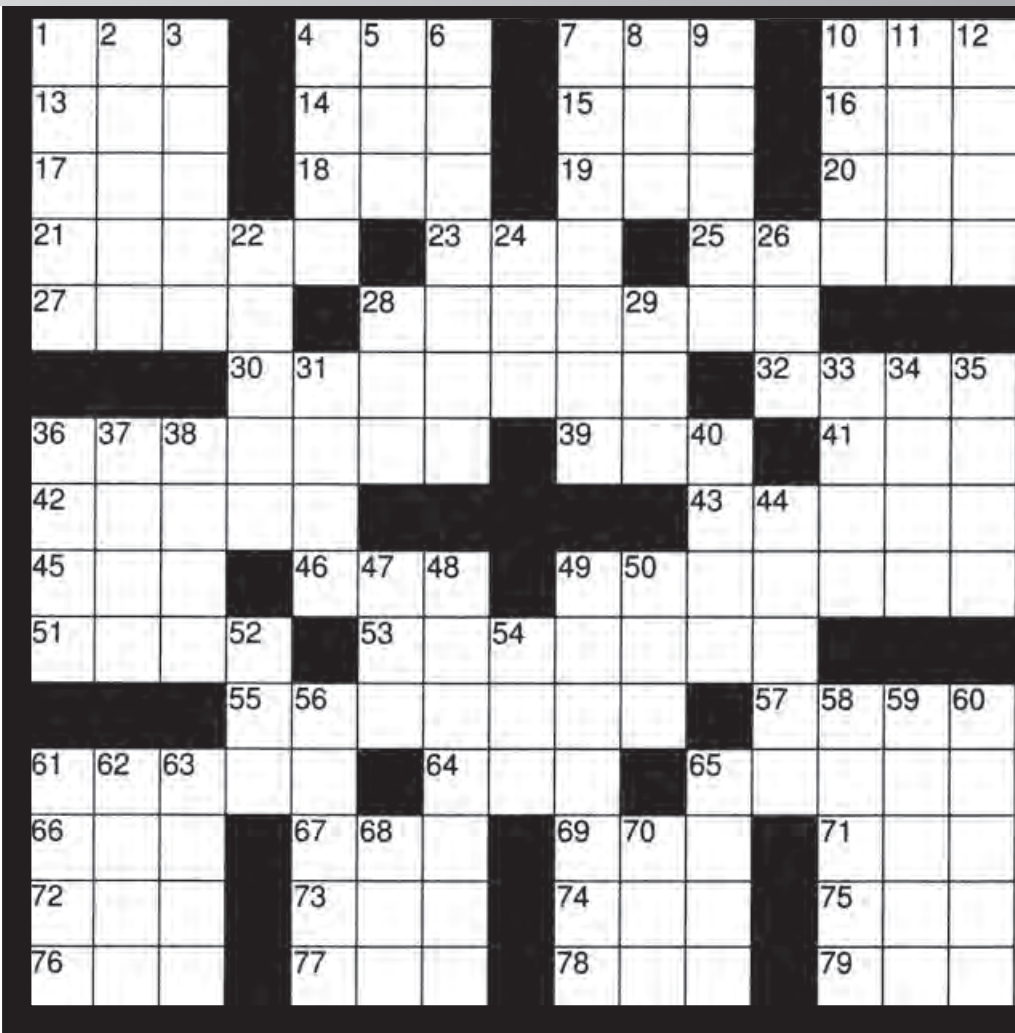
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- 1. Actor Davis
- 4. ___ Girl Friday (Cary Grant film)
- 7. Actor Byrnes
- 10. Actress Ryan
- 13. ___ About Eve
- 14. Star Wars: The Phantom Menace boy
- 15. The Thin Man actress
- 16. TV's Mrs. Morgenstern
- 17. Actress Farrow
- 18. Sister ___
-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

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

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



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

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"Y" Words

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

Embassy of Sweden shows interest in IFCP

By *April Turner*
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

On the 24th March, Island Food Community of Pohnpei welcomed Anna Hamrell the First Secretary of the Embassy of Sweden, Tokyo, Japan. Ms. Hamrell had heard of the excellent work of the Let's Go Local campaign from colleagues in Japan and here in Pohnpei.

Ms. Hamrell was moved by the Non-Communicable Disease crisis in FSM, with some of the highest global rates of obesity and diabetes, and the recent declaration by the Honorable Governor Ehsa proclaiming action on this health emergency.

The work of IFCP in promoting local foods for their health benefits inspired Ms. Hamrell who stated "that the work IFCP does is very important indeed".



Embassy of Sweden First Secretary enjoys an akadahn banana with Chairman Adelino Lorens and Office Manager Mona Tara

Enjoy a local food lunch at the Blue Plate Café

By *April Turner*
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Every Thursday the Blue Plate Café at the College of Micronesia FSM Pohnpei campus serves a lunch of innovative local food dishes, drinks and desserts. Coconut tortillas, fish burgers, taro chips, madeu tea, karat pie, karer tik cream cheese tart, and many others were sampled. All were delicious, not to mention, healthy and local!

The café is a teaching restaurant for the hospitality and tourism management program, thus the student waitstaff are well-trained and the food prepared by the students is also nicely presented.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei commends and supports the effort of students and teachers to supply healthy, local lunches and we encourage the public to support their work as well.

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B. Soft Taco BPC Style (Choice of grilled fish fillet or chicken & vegetables wrapped in coconut tortillas)

DESSERTS: \$3.00 ea.

A. Choco Karat Banana Muffins

B. BPC Banana Split

DRINKS: \$1.25 ea

A. Chilled Coconut (Uhpw)

B. Cinnamon Bark (Madeu) Tea Blend

C. Iced Tea

D. Coffee

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Applications close: April 25th

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20 boats, \$1,000 and lots of wet!

Steve Finnen
The Pohnpei Fishing Club

It was a cold and stormy day. The seas were the color of death. Well it wasn't that bad. It was wet and wild on Saturday, March 22, but luckily there were no lost boats, only a delayed one.

The Pohnpei Fishing Club provided the prize money for this tournament, and we had a good turnout. 20 boats registered. A lot of fish and colds were caught. It was impossible to go out without getting drenched at least five times. We are happy this is not the North Pacific.

The format for this tournament was simple, the five biggest fish won prize money. This format was a result of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission tournament when 6 marlins were caught.

We weren't that lucky this tournament but two billfish were landed, and talking to the fishermen, a few got a way.

Congratulations to Ferny Perman for taking the tournament with a 116.5 pound marlin. He must know how to fish since apparently he only went out for an hour. The rest of the winners are listed below.

Boat Name	Angler	Species	Weight	Prize
Hide Away	Ferny Perman	Marlin	116.5	\$400.00
Luhken Sehd	Steve Finnen	Sail Fish	57.0	\$300.00
Happy Hookers	Raynard Panuelo	Yellowfin	45.0	\$150.00
Happy Hookers	Wilmar Aquino	Yellowfin	44.5	\$100.00
Pelagic	Jeff Aingemea	Yellowfin	43.0	\$ 50.00

Many thanks to our host, Mangrove Bay, for both the registration and weigh in. The Association of Filipino Ladies in Pohnpei, provided the barbecue to raise money for their Christmas gift giving to the less fortunate on Pohnpei. Hope you supported them. Many thanks to Bill, Paul, Tina, Praise, Jun and Kumer's guys, for help at the weigh in.

Our next tournament is set for April 26. Thanks to everyone who braved the weather to watch the weigh-in.

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“Local” photographer attracts donation for family violence victims

Pohnpei Women’s Council

The Pohnpei Women’s Council Center for Research and Empowerment received a donation from Terry Garity of Cedar Park, Texas to help with its shelter for family violence victims.

This donation was made possible because of a photograph that was shot by Bill Jaynes portraying Yolanda Joab at the Kepirohi Waterfalls. Joab had volunteered to serve as a model to help Jaynes build his photographic portfolio. When he posted the photos to Facebook, Garity said of the above photo, “This is photography as art. I don’t know if you are marketing yet, but if you will send me a digital copy that I can enlarge, I will make a donation to one of your island charities.” With Joab’s permission and agreement Jaynes selected to give the money to the Pohnpei Women’s Council Center for Research and Empowerment



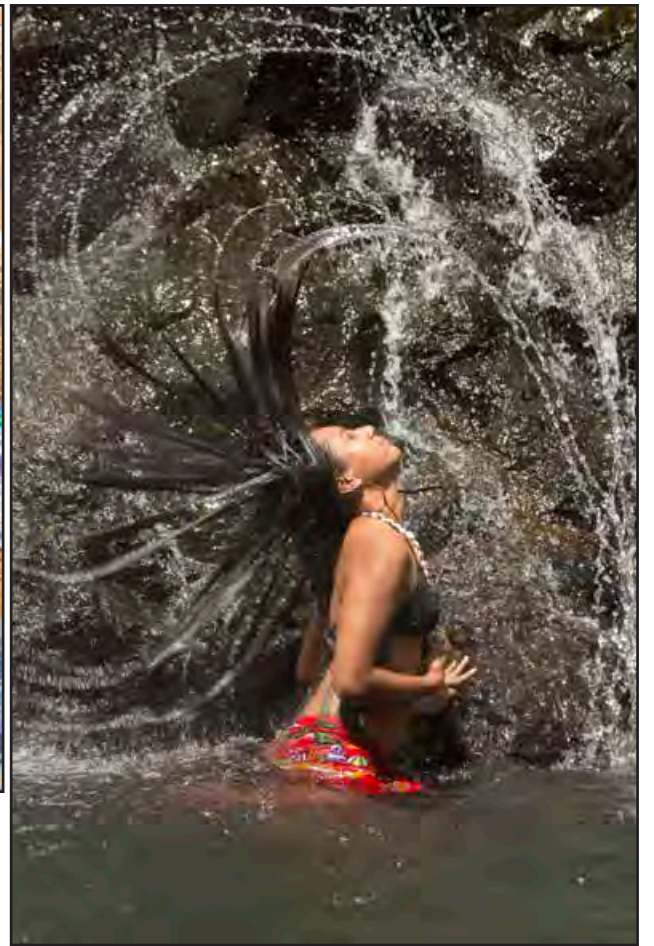
plans to frame the photo of “Joab at Kepirohi” in bamboo.

Garity is a retired school teacher from the Austin, TX area and is still active in volunteer projects in education. He was Tamme Jaynes’ fifth grade teacher, one of her favorite teachers. The two reconnected several years ago through the magic of social media.

Garity is a talented woodworker and

Jaynes said that he is currently researching the possibility of selling prints of his work the proceeds of which will also go to the shelter project of the Pohnpei Women’s Council. “Wherever and whenever it happens, domestic or family violence hurts everyone, the victims, the perpetrators, and even those who stand quietly by and let it happen. Something has to be done,” Jaynes said.

Receiving the donation were Secretary to the Council Bernolina Hedson and Legal Advisor Marstella E. Jack with the famed photographer Bill Jaynes. Kalahngan muledek to our donor.



“Joab at Kepirohi Waterfalls”

Donations are accepted in any form or manner towards sheltering and counseling of victims of family violence. Contact Lululeen Santos at the Pohnpei State Office of Social Affairs for more details.

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