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## CHS Campus To Be Transferred to COM

Chuuk Parents, Teachers, and Students Worry About the Future - Angry About Lack of Communication

By **BILL JAYNES**  
The Kaselehlie Press

Looking more like a gray fortress with its two story concrete bunker like buildings, Chuuk High School in Weno seems like it could withstand a siege. Many of the teachers, students, and parents believe that is exactly what is happening now. It's not new news. In December of 2005 the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia agreed in their meeting to accept the offer of Chuuk Governor Wesley Simina to take over the High School campus as the College's permanent facility.

Last week, COM-FSM President Spensin James leaned forward in his desk chair wearing a weary, slightly embattled, expression on his face. When asked about the situation with Chuuk High School his eyes, ever so slightly, rolled upward. "This was not our plan. It was Chuuk State's plan." Chuuk State wasn't after the CHS campus in particular, but simply needed a permanent facility.

The accreditation team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges had two main concerns about the current operation of the College in Chuuk. They told the administration that they must improve their facilities and that they must find a permanent facility for the Chuuk Campus. If



Photo by Alonso Holufang

A Chuukese student studies in the shade at the National Campus

the College did not meet those requirements they would lose the accreditation for the entire college.

It was a tall order. He said that Chuuk is the only state that does not provide facilities for the College. All of the rest of the campuses sit on land provided to them by the respective State's governments. \$65,000 of the \$2 million the College spends each year for the Chuuk campus's operational expenses goes for rent of the land for the current campus.

In a letter on the COM website dated January 24 regarding the status of the COM-FSM Chuuk Campus permanent site, President James said, "It has taken over 30 years and about 10 Directors and Presidents to get to where we are now."

Clark Graham, a teacher at Chuuk High School is concerned. He only has rumors to go on and can't seem to get anyone to respond to his concerns. He wonders why the COM FSM officers and board did not meet with the approximately 50 affected teachers at the school or at least with the Chuuk High School Administration so that everyone affected would know what was going on.

President James said that he was just as surprised as the teachers that they didn't know what was happening when COM staff members arrived on the campus to do a facility inspection. "I feel sorry for him and all the citizens [of Chuuk] that did not understand what was going on. I think the Chuuk leadership owes the people an explanation." He said, "I don't think that we should be the ones sharing the information. We were thinking that things had been discussed with the people before they [Chuuk State Government] made the offer."

He said that the Board of Regent's decision

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## Financially Plagued MiCare Moves to New Digs

Move Is Actually Saving MiCare Money and Increasing Access for Members

By **BILL JAYNES**  
The Kaselehlie Press

On February 29, the public was invited to an open house for the new MiCare Health Plan office in Jose San Nicholas' still new Town Plaza Commercial building in Mapusi one block south of Dollar Up. Father Francis Hezel read from scripture and blessed the building. Director Yoshiwo George gave a short speech to the gathered participants before his wife Antilise George cut the ribbon allowing participants inside for a tour of the new office space and refreshments.

Perhaps if you didn't know better it would be easy to think that the financially embattled MiCare system is wasting money by moving

into a new building. Director George mentioned MiCare's financial struggles in his own dedicatory speech. When he was asked about the wisdom of a move into such an attractive office space he was quick to point out that the old building limited access to its members many of whom are elderly or infirm. The new office is on the first floor with more available parking. As icing on the cake, it costs over \$200 less per month than the old quarters.

Every penny counts for MiCare. The audited accumulated deficit from fiscal year 2005 stood at \$1.45 million. George says that the current un-audited figure now stands at \$1.6 million. This new figure is after the National Government injected \$300,000 into



Director Yoshiwo George holds the ribbon while his wife Antilise cuts it.

the plan's coffers. The plan is in need of a cash transfusion if they are to survive. With that in mind, the MiCare Board recently approved a 10% premium increase

that will take effect on March 1, 2007.

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# NEWS

## China Increasing its Presence in FSM in Big and Small Ways

**Ambassador says people of FSM should know more about China than what is reported in the media.**

By **OLIVIER WORTEL**  
The Kaselehlle Press

KOLONIA, Pohnpei – No one in the FSM can deny the very public and cooperative influence of the Chinese Presence in recent months on this island and throughout the nation. In the last year China has been active in providing funding for a number of large infrastructure projects and donations, as well as an increased willingness to assist smaller-scale programs and organizations.

It is an upswing in activity perhaps made more stark just as the U.S. has clearly and openly begun a process of decreased funding over the next decade ultimately leading to the end of the major bi-lateral agreement between it and the FSM sometime around the year 2023.

Following on the heels of the landmark April 2006 ministerial meet-

ing in Fiji, where China and 8 Pacific island countries (the Cook Islands, the Republic of the Fiji Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Niue, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, the Independent State of Samoa, Kingdom of Tonga, and the Republic of Vanuatu) signed an economic and cooperative agreement that provides \$300 million in preferential loans and other aid to expand trade, investment, and infrastructure development, are a host of on-the-ground projects both big and small in the FSM.

In Pohnpei, the construction of the Western Pacific Tuna Commission and Official Residences for the nation's President, Vice President, and Speaker of Congress, as well as plans to build a new State Administration Building later this year; In Kosrae, a project is underway to begin construction of a new High School; In Yap, deliv-

ery of a custom-built Cargo and Transport vessel for the outer islands will be handed over later this month. (The state of Chuuk has yet to make a request of the Chinese Embassy in Pohnpei.)

Chinese Ambassador Liu Fei, in a lengthy interview at the sprawling Embassy Complex in Palikir, says that these efforts on the part of the Chinese government are not only intended to assist with economic ties, trade and investment, but are also part of a broader effort to give people a better and more positive understanding of China, which is itself, the Ambassador says, a developing country.

"China is a friendly, peaceful country," the gracious Diplomat states. "Normally, the media misses this point, in understanding China fully. It's a cultural difference. The media's picture is different than what you actually see. We are very open and practical...and I think people like to see what happens in China, to see it as it is now."

Recent actions also show an increased interest at the smaller scale as well: a new computer for the newspaper, the Kaselehlle Press, only days after arriving on the island, and more recently, a donation of over 200 books on a variety of Chinese subjects and themes and sectors to the Pohnpei Public Library, and the College of Micronesia. Kosrae High School, and Xavier High School in Chuuk, will also be receiving the China collections.

The U.S., followed by Japan and Australia, are still very much the

leading financial donors in the region, explains Liu. At this point it is not one of competition, but rather of collaboration on shared objectives by the more industrialized nations with interests here, with China in a supportive role.

"We are very keen on helping the education, private, and infrastructure sectors, as well as trade and investment and the other areas that have been outlined in the country's Strategic Development Plan. We are very much the same in focusing on the key sectors here...we actually are on the same policy with the U.S. Government in this regard." Ambassador Liu makes it a point to meet "quite often" with the other foreign diplomats on the island. "If the U.S., Australian, and Japanese Embassies want to work with me, I always welcome them."

There is also discussion of collaboration between Zhejiang College in the southern province of China and the COM-FSM to work

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Ambassador Liu Fei listens to a speech by Mr. Kandhi Elieisar, Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs at a reception for the parents of students who are recipients of scholarship grants for study in China. His son, Clayton is in his first year in college in China.

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## About A Pohnpeian Writer And Journalist Abroad

Wolana Day, who writes for The Wakefield Chieftain newspaper, wants to become “a famous author.”

BY **OLIVIER WORTEL**  
The Kaselehlie Press

KOLONIA, Pohnpei – Have you ever taken the time to look at the sign over the front entrance to the Kaselehlie Press office? The wooden banner over the door includes a photo of two of the original staff members of the nation’s longest-running newspaper, Forda Joe, and Nemily Skilling. But there are also three young girls there reading one of the first issues, and one of them (on the far right) is Wolana Day, who somehow made her way into that photo so many years ago. She is now herself an aspiring writer and young journalist for The Wakefield Chieftain, a newspaper for the school she attends, Wakefield High School, in Virginia.

(The Chieftain is an eight-page tabloid-size paper printed in color,

with a fairly professional design and layout that includes a local comic strip, an Op-Ed, Horoscope, a slew of student related articles and photos (about college, scholarships, school food, sports, voting), and even a “Senior Taboo advice column.” The masthead indicates that the paper has been in existence for 18 years.)

When we found out about this, we were of course interested because as writers ourselves, we are always looking for local people who are interested in pursuing the profession, not only to help, for example, in running an independent publication such as the Kaselehlie Press, but also in a broader sense, to help in a wide range of areas so desperately needed in this young nation, to give it credibility, visibility, and ultimately, sustainability.

So we decided to follow up and



contact Wolana to ask her a few questions about her budding interest as a journalist and writer – a profession that is a rare ambition for young people in the FSM. Our conversation brought out some interesting ideas, particularly in regard to the importance of devel-

oping and inspiring, as Wolana put it, “more young minds to be creative thinkers and writers.”

Indeed, it touched at the heart of the central and supposedly most

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together on learning exchanges and scholarships related to the field of Marine Science. In years past China gave 2 or 3 scholarships. Last year China gave a record 17 scholarships to FSM students. This year it will be 12. Ambassador Liu is also working hard to create direct trade links between local retailers and Chinese manufacturers and corporations to, as she put it, "reduce the unnecessary costs for the people."

The books and the scholarships and learning exchanges by students as well as exchanges with high-ranking FSM officials are a way to "balance the view of China," says Liu. Important so that one can have a "fair judgment."

In an atmosphere where the western media usually reports on the political strife between China and Taiwan, the drought and desertification encroaching across large parts of the country, and its massive economic potential and growing trade surpluses with its major trading partners, this is a way to reveal a fuller ideal of the world's most populous nation, one that has 5,000 years of recorded history, 56 minority groups, and borders Russia, Korea, Nepal, Yemen, and India.

"This is the people's connection, not what the media presents, where only the political view is shown. The traditional connection, the custom and culture and people." Ambassador Liu spoke at length of her youth growing up in the Fujian Province of China, where she could see the island of Taiwan across the Taiwan Strait in the South China Sea. She speaks the Taiwanese dialect perfectly and has many friends who are Taiwanese, including high-ranking diplomats.

China is also involved heavily in Pohnpei in the Agriculture and Fisheries sectors. They developed and maintain the large Pilot Farm project in Madolenihmw, growing numerous varieties of vegetables. And the 28-boat tuna-fishing operation, Luen Thai, from Hong Kong is also based permanently in Pohnpei, with plans to increase the number of fishing vessels to up to 40 next year.

There is also a vision to assist and expand the T3 program here, helping the trade school offer training on carpentry, plumbing, washing machine repair, electrical works, and other hands-on trades. Moreover, a desire to work on building a primary industry revolving around local foods: noodles made from taro, breadfruit, or banana flour. "Healthy, balanced, cheaper," is how Liu puts it.



*Ambassador Liu Fei presents Chinese book collection to the Pohnpei Public Library*

Ambassador Liu, who has been in the region for more than 20 years with posts in Brisbane, Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, states that she is "very much attached to the local condition," and that "We're really working for the country, because the Compact will end, and the FSM needs to develop their primary industries."

"I want to bring China to the FSM. People are looking at China, are now paying attention to China." And on the increasing role that China is assuming in the develop-

ment of the FSM: "We won't be the leading ones. At least not for awhile. We are here to assist...and we are also hoping that China will play a leading role in the sustainable development of the country."

The Ambassador will make her first trip to the other Islands of the Federation this month and next to attend the Kosrae Inauguration ceremonies in the last week of February, and then to Yap for the vessel handover and Yap Day on the first day of March.

## Court Asks State To Offer Opinion On Santos Case

**"Our view is that there is a defect in the Impeachment Law," says Acting AG, L.M. Bacalando**

By **OLIVIER WORTEL**  
*The Kaselehlie Press*

KOLONIA, Pohnpei – The Order came down from State Supreme Court Chief Judge Judah Johnny in the Impeachment case of AG Edwel Santos and the 6<sup>th</sup> Pohnpei Legislature. In what appears to be a slight twist in what might be called the Impeachment Events – Articles of Impeachment against AG Edwel Santos by the 6<sup>th</sup> PSL on November 24<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Counter Claim of Unconstitutionality by the AG on November 28<sup>th</sup>, then followed by a Motion to Dismiss the AG's lawsuit by the 6<sup>th</sup> PSL on December 29<sup>th</sup> – the Court has asked the AG's office for its own opinion on the 6<sup>th</sup> PSL's Motion to Dismiss the Santos lawsuit against it.

"Because the issue here involves (the) propriety of naming State as the defen-

dant, but not the Pohnpei Legislature, it will be fair to invite (the) State to file a brief, now in capacity of amicus curiae," concludes Justice Johnny in his Order as the Court now must decide which way to rule on the Motion to Dismiss. *Amicus curiae* literally means *friend of the court*.

The Impeachment Scenario now sits beneath a layer of legal machinations: An Impeachment Resolution, which now sits stalled as a result of the Lawsuit of Unconstitutionality, which in turn hinges upon a counter Motion to Dismiss.

The Legislature's counter motion gives four grounds upon which it rests its argument that the suspended AG's lawsuit against the Articles of Impeachment against him should be dropped. The Court has already ruled in favor of one of those grounds: that the State Supreme

Court is indeed the proper venue for the case. Now the Court is focusing on the third ground noted in the Motion to Dismiss, that the "Pohnpei Legislature is not the proper Defendant in this action," one that the Court claims is, "of special and utmost importance."

Why? Because, the Judiciary states, "the consequence may either be dismissal of this action, or a substantial change in the posture of cases similar (in) nature that will hereafter come before this court." In simpler terms: a huge precedent-setting factor exists here.

The twist in the case lies somewhere in the gray area of the law that is now asking an institution – in this case, the State, or AG's Office – to weigh in on a matter that involves its suspended boss. A bit befuddling not only for the fact that Santos is still technically the

Attorney General, but cannot act in that capacity as he is currently suspended with pay; but also because staff at the AG's Office still consider Santos their boss.

Yet the Legislature holds a different view, and this, moreover, appears to be at the heart of the legal wrangling: that there is room for legal and linguistic interpretation of the Impeachment Act of 1992. The Legislature's position holds that it should not be named as the Defendant in the lawsuit, but that "the Office of the Attorney General would serve to defend," since one typically sues the State, not just one specific branch of government in such matters. And further, the Legislature says that this points out "the error of the Office of the Attorney General in represent-

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# NEWS

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Yoshiwo said that for the most part people pay their premiums "pretty much on time." Those that don't pay on time face penalty fees and interest and could result in cancellation of their benefits. They would still face the possibility of court collection procedures and all of the

court costs associated with that type of action. He said, "Since I came on board last March 2006, the plan has not experienced serious premium collection problems."

Indeed it is not that the collections are slow but that the amount collected is simply not enough. There is a bill pending in the FSM Congress to make enrollment for FSM National Government employees

compulsory for all of the nearly 700 employees. George said, "If it can start with the National Government first, then the States, the municipalities, and the private sector...[this] will certainly broaden the base, which is needed for a better secured health plan."

To all of the members and participating entities in the MiCare Health Plan, Director George says, "...the

system is experiencing some financial stress, however, it is doing its best to service the needs of the members. With the new and improved office, and the government interventions to generate additional revenues, the management is hopeful to work with all participating entities to keep the plan financially sustained and secured, and to offer broad and better healthcare benefits and services to the members."

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## Three New Homes in Time for the New Year

By **JEANNIE STONER**  
USDA Rural Development

**Pohnpei, FSM, January 10, 2007**

– For three Pohnpeian families, 2007 is starting out very well indeed. It just doesn't get more exciting than welcoming in a new year in your new home.

In the Federated States of Micronesia, commercial lenders cannot use land as collateral for a loan due to prohibitive land alienation laws. For three families in Pohnpei, who desperately wanted their own homes, family land that was given to them was their only asset. Since they could not turn to commercial lenders, one option was to seek assistance from the Pohnpei State Housing Authority, which remains the only agency that can secure mortgage loans using land as collateral. Unfortunately, the Housing Authority could not meet the demand for services and had no funding available to assist these applicants.

These families turned to USDA Rural Development, and their partnership with the Pohnpei State Housing Authority. USDA Rural Development is able to provide assistance for new homes and repairs by overcoming barriers to lending for Pohnpeians. USDA Rural Development Programs offer individuals financing options that are unavailable through commercial lenders. These programs offer public housing agencies a greater ability to meet their development goals to provide safe, sanitary housing to individuals in the community.

· Mayliza Ariote, her husband Eugene Edmund, and their 12-year old son have been living with Ms. Ariote's mother in her two-bedroom house since their son was born. Ms. Ariote and Mr. Edmund applied for a Direct 502 Loan for \$45,000, which was approved, and they spent their first Christmas in their own home.

Ms. Ariote was very appreciative and said: "Now I am staying in a brand new, very nice, comfortable and affordable house funded by USDA Rural Development. I am really happy and appreciate the wonderful help this program has given me. I would like to thank USDA Rural Development very much and have a Happy New Year!"

· William Joel is a missionary and a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia. He and his

wife Lihner are teachers at Calvary Christian Academy. In 1998, they lost their home to a fire. The family of four have been living in his brother's home since that time. The Joel family was in the same situation as Mrs. Ariote. The Joel's received a \$50,000 Direct 502 Home Loan from USDA Rural Development for new housing construction. They were able to remove the burned structure and build their home.

Mr. Joel wrote "It is with sincere appreciation that . . . we celebrated our first Christmas in our new house and it was all made possible because of your help. On behalf of my family and I, I would like to say thank you very much and Happy New Year to everyone at Rural Development and to the US Government."

· Molina Ramirez and her husband Loatis Seneres had been moving back and forth between his parents' home and her parents' home since their marriage. Ms. Ramirez and Mr. Seneres' application for a Rural Development home loan in the amount of \$50,000 was approved. Molina and Loatis finally have a new home of their own!

Ms. Ramirez said: "We really want to thank your office for the good services that we have had. We appreciate all the support and assistance that you have given and hope that you continue doing this for all the people of our nation in order to develop our living environment to a better one."

According to Lorraine P. Shin, USDA Rural Development's Hawaii State Director, "The delivery of the housing programs in the Western Pacific is consistent with USDA Rural Development's commitment to improving the quality of life for low-income persons in rural areas – one homeowner, one rural community at a time."

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development has invested over \$72 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration. These investments provide equity and

technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Over 1.2 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development Office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>. USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider, and Employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20250. For more information on USDA Rural Development programs in Pohnpei, please contact Cheryl Burkindine, Rural Development Manager at (691) 320-2581 or at [cheryl.burkindine@pb.usda.gov](mailto:cheryl.burkindine@pb.usda.gov).



*Mayliza Ariote and husband, Eugene Edmund, move from her mother's house to their new home in time for Christmas!*



*Molina Ramirez and Loatis Seneres move from her parents' house into their own new home*

### Lucas Luakua

Sunrise: February 13, 1990    Sunset: January 06, 2007



**"I would go and come back." I waited but you did not come back! Till we meet again!**

His families in American Samoa, Canada, Hawaii and California thank many friends and acquaintances in Pohnpei for the outpouring of support and sympathy.

We thank:

Pastor Kalau and the family of Pacific Mission Fellowship  
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Your prayers sustained us,  
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## 5 Keys to Safer Food- Poster Competition

By **MOSES PRETRICK**  
FSM Dept. of Health

Last year, elementary schools from the Northern Pacific Region (Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau) participated in a regional food safety poster competition to promote the international food safety theme "5 Keys to Safer Food". Food is more enjoyable if you know it is safe to eat. Most food-borne illnesses are preventable by taking precautions. Choosing safe food is in your hands.

Have you ever vomited, had stomach pains, diarrhea, or fever? These are just a few of the more frequent symptoms associated with food-borne illness. Unfortunately, most people do not see the connection between the symptoms they are suffering from and the food that they ate.

What are the "5 Keys to Safer Food" that were promoted during the school poster competition?

**(1) Keep clean.** Food safety begins with keeping clean. Dangerous microorganisms (bacteria) are found everywhere. A few of the places where these unseen dangers exist include money, animals, soil, hair, skin, the human mouth and nose. They are also present in raw meat, chicken, fish, and raw eggs—foods that spoil very easily.

Every day dangerous microorganisms can be transferred to your hands and from your hands to food. Washing your hands thoroughly (on both sides, around your thumbs, under you nails, and between your fingers) with hot or clean water and soap reduces the level of contamination.

What can you do to keep clean?

- Always wash your hands before handling food and after going to the toilet. Also, avoid touching your nose, mouth, hair, or anything likely to be dirty while preparing food.
- Keep food contact surfaces (cutting boards, knives, utensils, etc) clean and wash them before and after use. When buying food at school or elsewhere outside the home, avoid those establishments whose food handlers do not wash their hands, equipment, and food contact surfaces. Look to see if the vendor is touching the food with his/her hands or using utensils. The use of utensils when handling food is better.
- Prepare, store, or buy food in

places free from flies, cockroaches, mice, rats, birds, animals, and other pests that carry dangerous microorganisms. Keep food in sealed containers that do not allow pests into the food.

**(2) Separate raw and cooked foods.** Some foods like raw meat, chicken and seafood may contain dangerous microorganisms that can easily be transferred to other food. The transfer of microorganism from one food to another is called cross-contamination. Do find out if your food is likely to be cross-contaminated by answering these few questions:

- Do you use the same chopping board or the same knife for both raw food (meat, chicken or seafood) and ready-to-eat food (e.g., salad, fruits, sliced processed meats, or cooked foods)?
- Are your hands in contact with both raw food (meat, chicken or seafood) and ready-to-eat food (e.g., salad, fruits, sliced processed meats, or cooked foods)?
- Do you place cooked food back onto the same plate or surface that it came from before cooking (i.e. when it was raw)?

If your answer is yes to any of these questions, you are at risk of contaminating your food with dangerous microorganisms. When buying food, always look to see if the person handling them separate raw from cooked foods.

**(3) Cook thoroughly.** Cooking food thoroughly (well done) is one of the best ways of killing microorganisms in food. How do you tell when food is cooked thoroughly? If you have a thermometer it is easy. Cooking food (particularly the part that is slowest to cook, e.g. the center of a large piece of meat) to a temperature 158 °F (70 °C) is considered thorough cooking. If no thermometer is available, you determine if food is cooked thoroughly when:

- juices that come from the food when cooked are clear, not pink;
- blood is not visible when you cut into cooked meat;
- egg yolks are not runny or liquid; and,
- soups and stews are brought to boiling.

Dangerous microorganisms can still be alive and cause sickness if high-risk food like meat is undercooked or raw. Very small pieces of meat like hamburger meats are particularly dangerous when undercooked or raw. When buying from the school canteen

or anywhere outside the home, it is best to select foods that have been cooked thoroughly.

**(4) Keep food at safe temperatures.** Microorganisms grow very quickly if food is stored above 41 °F (5 °C) and below 140 °F (60 °C)- the temperature danger zone. In FSM, many take-out lunches are sold and eaten at room temperature, about 86-104 °F (30-40 °C), allowing microorganisms to rapidly increase in numbers and get to dangerous levels. If your lunch is not going to be consumed in 2 hours after it has been prepared, consider preparing it the night before. Put it in the refrigerator. Pack it the next day with a frozen drink in a watertight bag. The frozen drink will help keep your lunch below the danger zone. When eating out, select hot food that is hot. Cold food should be kept cold or refrigerated. Buy from the vendor who sells hot food hot and cold food cold.

**(5) Use safe water and raw materials.** Use only safe water when preparing food. If in doubt about the safety of the water in your area, check with your local EPA or Health Authority or simply boil the water. Boiling should kill the dangerous microorganisms that may be present in the water.

What about ice in drinks? If the water used to make ice is unsafe so will be the ice itself. Buy only where you believe it has been made from safe water and where you can see it being handled hygienically.

Wash fruits and vegetables, especially if they are to be eaten raw.

Read food labels carefully and follow instructions, especially for imported prepackaged foods. Start with the date. "Use by", "Best before", "Sell by" or "Expired on" tells you how long the food remains safe to eat. If you have any questions about food labels check with your National Food Safety Office in your state.

Food is more enjoyable if you know it is safe to eat. And remember the "5 Keys to Safer Food".

The competition was sponsored by the Northern Pacific Environmental Health Association, with funding assistance from the World Health Organization.

In FSM, Pohnpei and Chuuk are the only states that took part in the poster competition, which was organized by their respective Sanitation and Education Offices. The food poster competition is one of many ways of promoting food safety at School, Home and Everywhere Else. Cash prizes have been awarded to the top three winners from Pohnpei, who are also pictured below with their parents and school principals. Prizes will also be awarded to winners from Chuuk soon. The first place winners are Marilyn Hagilmai from Kolonia School (Pohnpei) and Elijah Mori from St. Cecilia School (Chuuk); second place winners are Ann-Marie Rosario from Nett School (Pohnpei) and D-Boy Tommy from St Cecilia School (Chuuk); and, third place winners are Codey Ligorio from Nett School (Pohnpei) and Nikki Ericson from Berea Christian School (Chuuk).



*The winners of the Safer Food poster contest with their principals and family members*

### **Error Corrections:**

We strive to be factual in all that we print but occasionally make mistakes. Last issue in the article entitled, "Economic Development should be balanced" we said Senator Perman's son Quincy was a medical officer in the Navy. He is actually a paramedic in the Air Force. We also said that the Omnibus Development Act was called the Amenable Develop-

ment Act, a significant difference.

In the article on the PVB we said that MSU is Missouri State University when it fact it is Michigan State University.

On the back page the author's name on the Sokehs article is Herson Anson rather than Andon.

We apologize for the confusion.



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## NEWS

# Dorm Life at COM-FSM Sees Positive Change

By **ALONSO HOLUFANG**

Intern

The Kaselehlie Press

It's a whole new year and the dorm students in the National College of Micronesia – FSM are up to something different. The students living in the dorm today decided to come together and make some changes

These include the new Dorm Manager *Johnson Sepeti*; new R.A.'s (Residence Assistants) for *Boys dorm - F.J. Yatiman and Marcelino Marino, and Girls Dorm - Julie Layan and Lisa Santer*; There are also new activities like games, picnics, trips around the island and to other islands; and new dorm student officers.

The new dorm manager *Johnson Sepeti* was hired in January 2007. He was introduced to the dorm students during the last social night in the dorm.

The New R.A.'s are there to help and assist the dorm students. Like the staff, the R.A.'s have their own room and get paid biweekly. At night they assist the staff for bed check. When trouble comes between two dorm students, the R.A.'s are the first to go

take care of it. If they can't handle it, then the staff comes in on it. If the staff cannot handle it then of course that's when the college security guards and the police come in.

This year the dorm students gathered with the Director of Campus Life, James Yaingelou and along with some of the live-in staff, they made up a whole new group in the dorm called "The Officers." The officers are different from the R.A.'s and they are making a difference in the dorm. They plan almost everything for the dorm. This is a big change because from this point on, it is going to be the dorm officers who organize activities. Percy Yalisman from Yap, President of the dorm organization says that everything is going to be better now since some of the power is with them, the dorm students. Other members of the dorm organization are Travis Kilafwasru (Vice President), Callo Santiago (Secretary), and Genevy Samuel (Treasury).

Donan Seramai, a dorm resident said, "The officers of the dorm are effective. Ever since it was approved, most of the activities change from

boring to fun. Let's take the social nights for instance. The social nights were usually boring back then. The last social night which was organized by the dorm officers, was great". "It was my best social night in the dorm," Seramai said. It was great because there was not only music playing, but there were funny skits, dances and a live band.

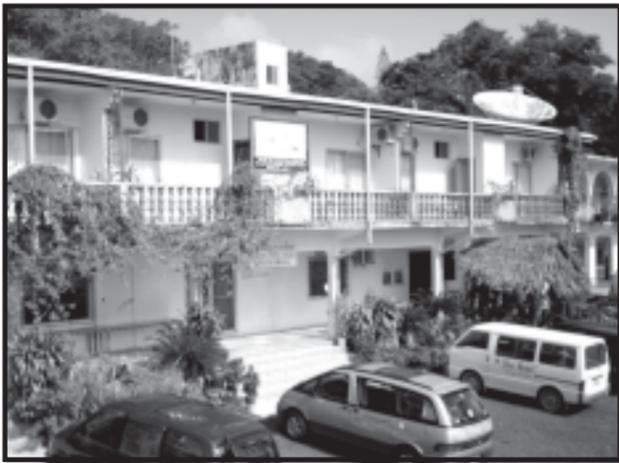
"Life in the dorm is completely different from before," said student Romple Emwalu. "I lived in the dorm from spring to fall 2006 and life is much more peaceful than before. Everyone knows each other and there is hardly trouble around the dorm. In fact, those who want to have a Bible study don't need any staff any more to organize anything. Everything is done by the dorm students. Unlike my freshmen year, today there are hardly any people who make trouble in the dorm. Today, since the dorm students have their own organization, everything is going to be great. Hopefully there are not going to be any bad activities in the dorm," Emwalu said.

The dorm officers are planning new activities. This year they decided

to change the places for picnics and trips around the island. The officers have already changed the way the dorm students conduct social nights, and now they are planning to change the picnic activities and where they usually take place. The picnics usually take place at Black Coral Island, but now the dorm students want a different place, such as Nahlap Island or Ahnd Atoll.

Clifton Mangwerus, a former dorm R.A. said, "It's good now that the dorms are responsible for their own activities. Having their own officers will take care of the problem in which activities are done without the dorm students' opinion. Most of the time, the activities are planned or organized by the staff and whether the dorm students like it or not, it's already done. Hopefully, the activities they have made will get rid of their boredom and make them study more for their classes. Now that the tuition for the College of Micronesia – FSM has increased, the dorm students will definitely need to stay in school."

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## KP-Perspective

### “Wanted” in the FSM

(Note: This “Perspective” deals with a fictitious person I have named Cindereena. I could equally well have named her Josepheena, Altereena, Asapheena, Contadeena, or any of the many other “eena’s” that call the FSM home. She could have been named Karol, Joan, Nancy, or any other name that a parent might assign to a female. The only requirement for this opinion piece is that she is a young person living in the FSM and that she is a “she”.)

When I first met Cindereena, I knew immediately that she was smart and personable, even if she was quiet with adults. She never laughed when I or any other “grown up” tried to joke with her. She was all business with us but I saw her with her friends in her church youth group and I could see that she knew happiness. She never let on that her happiness was only found there and only with them.

I never got a chance to know Cindereena when she was truly loved though I knew her friends loved her in their way. Like a good number of children, she was probably once loved, coddled, and maybe even a little bit spoiled. Now that she is older, she is not much more than a paycheck; the only one in her household.

Cindereena has her own little fatherless family now and she doesn’t know how to deal with it...none of it.

“They” call her a “wanted”, and Cindereena is wanted by poseur “Prince Charmings” she has met and known but will never see again once they leave her in the grey and sticky dawn. Many of her “friends” are transients in the FSM. The fish they pull from the ocean leave an indelible odor in their pores but that doesn’t bother her. The fish stink is a small price to pay for the ready cash they have available when they are on land. They are always able to pay for the drinks they consume, one after another. Cindereena watches them pay and it interests her.

Many of the men Cindereena meets don’t speak her language but they do know how to let her know that she is wanted. She knows that language. She is con-

fused by the flattering, bleary eyed men who stare at her over the rim of their glasses or cans. Like everyone else she wants to be loved for who she is. She hasn’t experience that kind of love, so she is prepared, even eager, to take what she can get, even if it hurts sometimes. None of the men leave bar tabs when they sweep her away and that is a new thing for her.

Her biological father has always, in Cindereena’s memory, been able to down quantities of alcohol that defy science. Her family has constantly had to choose between paying for Dad’s alcohol or paying for the things they need to live. Bar tabs follow him around like an adoring puppy with an aggressive nature. Lately, she and the men she has taken to the FSM’s seamier regions have been paying the bills he won’t get a job to pay himself.

Cindereena is pretty except for the times when she is bruised, battered, and swollen. Sometimes it is the transient, poseur prince she left the bar with that delivers the blows. More often than not, she gets her back breaking “spankings” from her father who is eager for her meager paycheck. Friends and family who live in the village see it all and hear it all, shake their heads and cluck their tongues. Not one of them says a thing to anyone that can or will do anything.

If Cindereena ever mentions to her father that the money she earns is being washed down his gullet, into his bloodstream and out his urethra, there is hell to pay, and she has paid it before. She still is. It’s possible that Cindereena knows more about hell than the most loquacious fundamental televangelist.

Mom hopes, though she would never say it, that the “attention” her husband gives Cindereena will not be turned on her. Mom has many times known the “attentions” of her husband. When Cindereena has been out all night, as she often thinks she must be, with a prince that might eventually take her to his kingdom, it is Mom who finds and hands the stick to Dad, who, being twice Cindereena’s size can beat her

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Loss in the FSM

[Editor’s Note: The following letter was passed on to us by the Speaker of the Pohnpei State Legislature.]

Dear Mr. Speaker,

It was with deep regret I learned about the death of a young man from Ponape on the news the other night in Iraq. He must have been a baby when as a Peace Corps volunteer during Speaker of the House Etwell Santos time in office I worked as assistant in the house drafting bills for an Act and service as secretary to the Health Committee among other duties. I lived with Emmico Santos family and know how important family is to everyone on the island I loved, so please if you have a newspaper now would you please extend my condolences to the family and everyone else living in his municipality.

I currently have a grandson, a

Marine who has just started his second tour of duty in Iraq and wake up every morning praying the marines won’t knock on our door today.

Someday I’d love to return to the Island for I understand you have a road which goes all around now. No more having to travel by boat to get to the Agriculture School. If you have a minute to spare I’d love to hear all about the improvements which have take place.

Once again, my condolences to the young man’s family and to the people of Ponape for their great loss.

Sincerely and with great respect,  
Joyce D. Miller  
Killingworth, Connecticut

P.S. or should I say Kassalehh. Sorry, forgotten how to spell some of the words. Must be old age. I’m now 80 years old.

### Not PTA This Time

Dear Editor,

Referring to the Letter to the Editor on page 11 of the last issue, “Thank you to PTA”, there needs to be some correction concerning the organization responsible for the road improvements that we are all enjoying, no doubt. While PTA does very good major works to the road system, the elimination of dangerous potholes has been largely taken up by “Dial-a-Ditch”, a road safety project sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation. In particular, Dial-a-Ditch has been working on the PICS

road from the US Embassy which is undergoing a progressive upgrade to eliminate potholes and damaged areas of road surface which will, if left unchecked, develop into serious road conditions. Dial-a-Ditch works in conjunction with PTA, Transportation and Infrastructure and Public Works and has been working on Pohnpei’s road system for over one year and has eliminated many of the tire-ripping, car-shaking, suspension-wrecking potholes in and around town. Often these areas are con-

See “Not PTA” on Page 12

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## OPINION

# Guidelines from The Center of the Universe

It's time to give out a few more Center of the Universe awards. Forgetting that I am the Center of the Universe I have had these pictures for quite some time but felt that they'd be just a bit too self serving to publish in the paper. I forgot that for people at the Center of the Universe with worlds revolving about them there is no such thing as too self serving. I must have lost my mind for a short period of time.

We've spoken many times about automobiles as great tools to establish yourself at the Center of the Universe and this time it's personal. The car in the pictures is the family car that my wife purchased over the period of a year through the help of someone who is definitely not at the center of the universe. It used to look great but over time several people who were operating at the center of the universe in a far greater way than I ever could have anticipated helped it to look the way it currently looks.

I told you before that I would not name the recipients of the award and this time is no different. However, this time it is because I have no idea who they are. That's why they're getting the award.

It is only on a rare occasion that I can park in the parking space in front of the office which is clearly marked "The Kaselehlie Press". Every now and then I do get to park there and the fourth place Center of the Universe award goes to the person who apparently ran their bumper down the passenger side length of the car my wife

bought while I was parked there. It takes a great deal of talent to run a black bumper the entire length of a vehicle and just keep going. Amazing! This recipient is definitely worthy of a Center of the Universe award! Good for you. You know who you are and I don't.

My family formerly lived in Danpei, Pohnpei. That says volumes I know but the third place award goes to the person who took a sharp object and carved the words...oh, wait, in the interest of propriety, I can't tell you what they carved into our hood in the middle of the night one night while we tossed and turned trying desperately to ignore the screaming drunks carousing down the street. The person who ripped off our antenna and threw it on the ground doesn't get an award for lack of creativity. Anyone can grab a shaft and rip it off. It's an obvious maneuver.

The second place prize goes to the person who, according to my son, backed into the car at Nihco Marine Park while he slept. That's the oldest dent in the car. We have a pretty good idea who did that one but we can't prove it. Therefore that person gets a Center of the Universe award.

There were many contenders for the award. There was the time at Panuelo Gas Station when we were waiting to be served and a person driving a vehicle with Kolonia Town "License" plates got out of his car without putting into it into park. If you're following us down the road you'll notice that our bumper has a leftward

lean. He doesn't get an award though because he wasn't actually driving the car.

There was the time I played reverse gear roulette in the Namiki parking lot and was waiting for traffic to clear when the son of a friend of mine backed into me. I absolutely know who did this one. Probably because no one has offered to repair the damage I'm not going to give him a Center of the Universe Award. After all, there is such a thing as pride.

The First Place Center of the Universe prize goes to a special person. This is classic...I was doing my radio show at V6AV FM 88.1, The Mixx. That night the parking area was full with sakau revelers and so I parked across the street in a small parking area belonging to the Pohnpei Campus of the College of Micronesia. I was at least five feet off the road. While I was doing my show someone swerved off the road and trashed the rear driver's side of my wife's car. Though the rear of the car was moved over about 3 feet from its original position I didn't notice until after I left.

I found the skid marks in the gravel in the morning along with the broken glass from our tail light. There were no skid marks from the driver that hit me but my wife's car left a nice trench when it yielded to the massive force of the colliding vehicle. Apparently, the winner of this award never touched his or her brakes before they hit the car. I think that the breadfruit tree just beyond my wife's car would have fared better but then there would



be no first prize award due to the laws of physics and what happens to biological creatures when they are stopped suddenly. My wife's car has no roots other than love so it yielded.

Congratulations to the winners! This particular way of winning is now closed!

Bill Jaynes  
Center of the Universe

## ...Not PTA

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sealed with rainwater (we all know how much it rains here) which makes driving safely even more difficult.

Dial-a-Ditch is planning to monitor the main road system more thoroughly and to respond more quickly to areas of concern. Potholes can be reported on cell phone number 920 5500. We wish everyone "Safe Driving" in 2007 and remember, "Dial-a-Ditch - For Peace of Mind on our Roads!"

Michael Treacy  
Dial-a-Ditch Project Coordinator

PS Photos of recent work attached



Repair near Dausokole Bridge in Nett



Pothole near the U.S. Embassy before attention by Dial-A-Ditch

Potholes near the U.S. Embassy after repairs

# NEWS

## Kosrae High School Students Get Two New Buses

**Kosrae, FSM - January 17, 2007:** The Kosrae school bus fleet serves the Kosrae High School by transporting students island-wide to a single high school. The fleet previously consisted of seven buses, ranging in model years from 1981 to 1992. All of the existing buses are in poor condition, with rusted bodies and chassis. Other problems included engines, drive trains and brake systems in need of overhaul. Often, the school buses would breakdown, resulting in students getting to school or home late.

The Island of Kosrae has a "not employed rate" of greater than 19.5 percent. This statistic is made up of individuals over the age of 18, who reside within the community and are ready, willing, and able to be employed, but are unable to find employment. The Kosrae State Government met the requirements to qualify for a grant under the Rural Development

Community Facilities Economic Impact Initiative Grant (EIIG) Program. The projects must be essential community facilities and services for public use in rural communities with a population of less than 20,000 that have a "not employed rate" of at least 19 percent.

Under the EIIG program, USDA Rural Development stepped in with a \$140,250 grant and purchased two new school buses for Kosrae High School. "I am very pleased that rural communities in the Western Pacific, especially the students of Kosrae High School, will receive benefits from this initiative," said Hawaii State Director Lorraine P. Shin.

One of the new buses purchased has a wheelchair lift on board, and there is adequate space for securing one or more wheelchairs inside. Kosrae High School has one wheelchair-bound student who, otherwise, would have no way to

get back and forth to school. Now, this high school student and, perhaps others in the future, will have accessible transportation to get to school each day. The students are thrilled and excited about their new buses. "We thank State Director Lorraine P. Shin and Area Director Joseph Diego for your continued support and assistance," said Bruce Howell, Director of Transportation and Public Works.

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# NEWS

## ...Wolana Day

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important tenet over the next 20 years for this nation: *education*. The ability to think *critically* and *creatively* should be an outcome of this.

The themes of *diversity* and *options* also crossed the computer screen in the interview, as it relates to the educational experience. Clearly, schools in the FSM – at least the public high schools – do not offer much in the way of extra-curricular activities that are so necessary to keep a students' attention and to broaden them as individuals – such as music, a newspaper or yearbook course, art classes, to name just a few. Here then – pay attention aspiring reporters – is the Standard Interview Style:

KP: When did you first become interested in writing? And what caused it? Was there anything in particular, such as an event, publication, class, book, etc.?

WD: I first became interested in writing when I was in third grade. I had never really like reading but when I gave it a shot, it sparked

my imagination and creativity. The book that caused all this was called *A Hundred Dresses* I think. After reading that, I got more into reading and it became an inspirational hobby for my little, nonsense stories.

KP: How long have you been writing for your school newspaper, The Wakefield Chieftain?

WD: I've been writing for the Wakefield High School Chieftain since I started here (which was this year). It is counted as an English credit and it is an elective. I plan on taking it all the way through my senior year because it's not only fun, but it also makes a college application attractive.

KP: How often is the newspaper published?

WD: We don't really get to publish a lot of issues because we have a small staff of nine students... Our teacher was hoping to get at least four issues published this year, but she set a goal of six issues.

KP: Wait a minute, did you say "small staff of nine students?" Here at the KPress, we have just two. We can only dream of such numbers. Any idea about what you would like to do in the future,

as far as professionally?

WD: Ever since I was in the third grade, I've always wanted to be a best-selling author. It's still a consideration, but I've started looking at being a high school English teacher so I can inspire more young minds to be creative thinkers and writers. It's either that or being a therapist. I like helping people out with their problems.

KP: Could you relate your general impressions of life and school in the U.S. as compared to here in the FSM?

WD: Moving here to the states was not as big of a deal as I originally thought it would be to tell the truth (it was GETTING here that was emotionally stressful). I've been lucky because I have met so many cool and different people. Adjusting was not really difficult. Here in the U.S., you get more class options which could benefit you. They can open your mind to career possibilities. Plus, the schools are bigger so you can meet a whole variety and diversity of people. I go to Wakefield, so variety and diversity is very large. The school systems here are also a lot better, depending on the area you live in, than our third world country ones.

KP: Are there any writers or styles of writing that you admire?

WD: Well, I like Marion Zimmer Bradley's books. They're very scandalous. And I also just love Sharon Creech's, *Walk Two Moons*. I just like books that are adventure/fantasy themed. I'm not really into those novels and teenager drama junk (it's probably not even good for your brain because they can be so stupid and pointless.)

KP: What stories are you currently working on for the school newspaper?

WD: For the upcoming issue, I am writing an article on the effect that studying with music can have on your short-term memory and class performance. I'm not writing it alone. My teacher assigned another student in my class as a co-writer, but I'm doing most of the writing, which is okay with me.

KP: Anything else you would like to add?

WD: Nothing more than to say that I look forward to visiting Pohnpei soon.

# The Wakefield Chieftain

"Se potete capire questo, li lodo"

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Wakefield High School, 4901 South Chesterfield Road, Arlington, VA 22206



## ...Santos

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ing an impeached official.

The lawsuit is worded like this: *Edwel H. Santos, Attorney General of the State of Pohnpei – Plaintiff – vs. Pohnpei State Legislature – Defendant.*

Acting Attorney General, L.M. Bacalando stated that the AG's Office would be filing an Amicus Brief with the Court, offering a third-party opinion on the matter, as requested by Chief Justice Johnny. Bacalando's opinion on the matter when we asked was contrary to that of the Legislature.

"In that case, the Legislature is the proper defendant," he stated. "You look at the nature of the case, and it's essentially one that asks the Legislature from further implementing the Impeachment

Act, to stop the appointment of a Special Prosecutor." And this is appropriate, Bacalando says, because "there's something wrong with the law."

If for no other reason, the Acting AG states with confidence, because the Impeachment Act was passed by the Legislature, subsequently vetoed by the Executive branch, and then overridden by Legislature.

"It is the Legislative branch that has a hand on this Impeachment Act. There is no hand by the Executive Branch...(and) it is unconstitutional."

"The best position is *amicus*," says the Acting AG behind a pile of caseload documents on his desk, surrounded by a swath of legal texts and assorted books neatly aligned in book cases. "We will give our view regardless of one side or the other." And that view, adds Bacalando, is one that ultimately rests

upon upholding the Constitution, the supreme law of the state.

As a final note, Bacalando says, "Resolutions (the Impeachment variety) do not determine innocence or guilt."

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## ...CHS Angst

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to accept the offer is public record and can be seen by contacting the administration at the National Campus of COM. He doesn't know whether or not the Chuuk State government has any documentation on the offer but he said that would be the place to look for it.

Some of the students on the outer islands have already begun to attend satellite high schools that have been opened on their own islands and there are more scheduled to be opened. Graham is still concerned. He said in a letter he wrote to the National Campus to which he never received a response that his 9<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies students wonder what will happen with the 9-11<sup>th</sup> grade CHS students that live on Weno Island and do not have the money to attend a private high school. "Where will they go to high school?"

President James said that he was told by Governor Simina that the Chuuk State administration plans to build a new high school on Weno and that the budget is already earmarked from Compact funds. The process might take a while yet because the plans still need to go through the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication, and Infrastructure, the Project Management Unit that works with GMP, Hawaii.

The college has signed a memorandum of understanding that gives them the right to renew the lease on their current campus on a year by year basis. The current lease expires at the end of this year.

The college's Board of Regents has charged President James to take ownership of the CHS campus by the end of 2008. Governor Simina, by an executive order on November 11, 2006 has established a working group to com-



plete the survey of the campus boundaries and to deal with any legal issues that need to be resolved in order to hand over the title of ownership to the college by the summer of 2007. President James said, "We need the site as soon as possible but we will wait," until all the CHS high school students are satisfactorily placed in a school.

Mr. Graham, asked in his letter, "Does anyone in Pohnpei or individuals associated with COM-FSM campuses, the Chuuk State Government of their affiliates stand to benefit financially or in some other way from COM taking over the CHS campus?" President James shook his head, "I can't imagine how."

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**SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE**

**ACROSS**

- 1. Linear measures
- 5. Exchange
- 10. Table support
- 13. Lowest female voice
- 14. Large black bird
- 15. 10-cent coin
- 16. Diplomacy
- 17. Representative
- 18. Wicked
- 19. Increase
- 21. Wobbles
- 23. Plot of ground
- 24. \_cotta
- 25. Avarice
- 28. Father
- 29. Female relative
- 33. Clutch
- 34. Play on words
- 35. Companion
- 36. Strange
- 37. Unmarried persons
- 39. How \_you?
- 40. Viewing
- 42. Statutes
- 43. Heavenly body
- 44. Trunk of body
- 45. Scarlet
- 46. Strips off rind
- 47. Enticed
- 49. Strike
- 50. Formal discussions
- 53. Fights
- 57. Baking chamber
- 58. Essentials to life
- 60. Strong affection
- 61. Conduct.
- 62. Decree
- 63. Biblical garden
- 64. Be wrong
- 65. Onionlike vegetables
- 66. Lease

**DOWN**

- 1. End or outcome
- 2. Verve
- 3. Engrave
- 4. Added up
- 5. Expanse of land
- 6. Furious anger
- 7. Hail!
- 8. Made depressions in
- 9. Go in
- 10. Have life
- 11. Moslem ruler
- 12. Solid jellylike substanc
- 15. Small part
- 20. Bow head briefly
- 22. Sea eagles
- 24. Snarled
- 25. Apparition
- 26. Cowboy's exhibition
- 27. Senior
- 28. Pester for payment
- 30. Raise spirits of
- 31. Yellowish red
- 32. Water pitchers
- 34. Hog
- 35. Not many
- 37. Animal's muzzle
- 38. Boy
- 41. Manhattan —
- 43. Colonist
- 45. Dwell
- 46. "The — and the Pendulum"
- 48. Make merry
- 49. Stops
- 50. Relief
- 51. Always
- 52. Grizzly —
- 53. Part behind
- 54. Rich ore source
- 55. Level
- 56. Caused to go
- 59. Knot

## Word Search - BOXES

*All the words in the list are found in the diagram in an unusual way. Each word reads either clockwise or counterclockwise around the edges of a box (sometimes a square and sometimes a rectangle).*

- ANTIQUES
- BATHROBE
- BOXING
- CATTAILS
- CHANCERY
- DESERT
- DETAIL
- DETECTIVES
- ELEVATOR
- FAVORITE
- FOOTGEAR
- FOOTPATH
- GALAXY
- GRILLAGE
- HORSECAR
- ICEHOUSE
- KEESHOND
- LIFEBOAT

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- LINGUIST
- MARRIAGE
- MOSAIC
- NESTLING
- RHYTHMIC
- ROLLER
- SPARERIB
- SQUEEGEE
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# RELIGION

## Things To Think About On Election Day

Election Day is right around the corner. Many times when you start talking about politics people will say, "You should not mix religion and politics." As a result it might be surprising for some to read an article about politics on the religion page. However, the Bible teaches that God should be all of our life, not just part of our lives. Therefore, a person who is a dedicated Christian will make their political decisions based on their relationship with God. With that in mind let us consider a few things that both politicians and voters should consider on Election Day. At the beginning of this article I should point out that my intention is not to encourage any one particular candidate over any other (in fact at the time of this writing I cannot even name one person who is running for any office) I simply believe that there are some principles that all involved in the political process must keep in mind.

There are some things that politicians need to realize about being a government leader.

First, all government leaders need to recognize that their power comes from God. In John chapter 19 we read about Pilate interrogating Jesus. Pilate asked Jesus many questions, however, Jesus would not respond to any of them. This made Pilate angry and he said, "Do you not realize that I have the power to crucify you and to release you." At that point Jesus decided to break His silence when He replied, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above" (John 19:10-11). Jesus confirmed in this statement that God is the source of the government's power. In Romans chapter 13 verse 1 the apostle Paul says, "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are

appointed by God." This verse does not mean that God approves of all governments, quite the contrary; however, all world leaders have their power through His Divine providence. Because of this government leaders need to consider God's will as they lead the nation, state, municipality or village.

Government officials also need to realize their role as leaders. The Bible tells us that there are two things governments are supposed to do. One, protect and reward those that do good. Two, punish those who do evil (1st Peter 2:13,14). Unfortunately, many times in the world governments become the very ones that practice the evil they are supposed to protect good citizens from and punish.

A third thing for politicians to realize is that they "set the bar" for the citizens. Corrupt leaders will have a corrupt citizenry, good leaders will have a good one. There is a

principle that shows that followers rarely rise above the example of their leaders. This is clearly illustrated in the case of Jeroboam, king of Israel. Jeroboam was given his kingdom by God. However, he did not trust God nor do what God would

have him to do. Because of this he led the people of Israel into the worship of idols. Because of what he did the Bible says, "and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which caused Israel to sin." (1st Kings 15:34, 16:19; 2nd Kings 13:2).

Government leaders are not the only ones that have things to think about on Election Day (and beyond). Voters have many things that they need to consider as they cast their votes. FSM citizens are greatly blessed because they have the opportunity to vote for their leaders. There are many nations in the world where this is not the case. Voting is a great responsibility and should not be taken lightly. As you consider whom you will vote for you need to think about which leaders will be the godliest. Consider which leaders will best fulfill their God given roles. Often people vote based on which politician they are related to or which one comes from the same town as them. Also many times people vote for the person who is most charming or who makes the best promises. However, these are not the proper motivations for making your voting decisions.

Many people believe that religion and politics are two things that should never be married. However, the Bible affirms, "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). Because of this religion and politics should not only be married, they should never be divorced.

Scott Shanahan  
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## ...Wanted

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more effectively. He's good at it.

"Cindereena, why don't you call the Police when your Dad has beaten you like that?"

"What would they do? My family would just tell them it is 'family business' and kick them off the property." She's painfully aware of the realities.

Cindereena, at one time attended the College of Micronesia. Now in the middle of a menial task she has a tendency to forget what she is doing. She sits down, and stares into space. She doesn't seem to be entirely certain why that happens to her but she has her suspicions. If you can get her to be honest about her feelings instead of giggling, which she, surprisingly, still does, you might find that the new problems she experiences with her capacity for thought worry her. She

thinks her brain is deteriorating and wonders if it is from the beatings she has endured.

Cindereena is waiting for her Prince Charming who, one day will arrive in his golden carriage and put the glass slipper on her foot. The Prince will already be in love with her and not just her body. He will sweep her away to his fairytale kingdom and take care of her *and* her family forever.

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### Sokehs Powe Students Study Pohnpei Bananas

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On 15 January, 2007, the Class Six students of Sokehs Powe Elementary School met for their fifth session of the school year on learning about Pohnpei bananas, as a part of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) Youth-to-Youth project. This project is being implemented by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP).

The main objectives of the IFCP/CSP Youth to Youth Rare Bananas Program are to help children: 1) to increase the number of banana varieties about which they know and can identify; 2) to increase the understanding about the health values of Pohnpei bananas and 3) to increase the number of rare bananas that the children's families grow at their homes.

The overall project aim is to increase awareness of the diversity and values of Pohnpei banana varieties, in particular rare ones like *Utin Iap*, *Karat*, *Mangat*, *Ihpali*, *Akadahn*, and *Akadahn Weitahta*, which are yellow- or orange-fleshed and have a high content of provitamin A carotenoids. Consumption of these bananas helps protect against diabetes, heart disease, cancer, vitamin A deficiency, and anemia (weak blood). A long-term aim is to increase the production, availability and consumption of these bananas. Part of the lessons include learning about the analysis of Pohnpei bananas carried out in laboratories around the world, including those in Hawaii, Australia, Fiji, and Switzerland.

When asked, "How many Pohnpei bananas do you know?", Carson Elias, Abigail Isaac, Kosack Keller Jr., Vance Kullion, and Kenye manuel won a prize for naming the most bananas. The highest number of bananas named in the class was five.

Another activity the class engages in is playing "Banana Bingo" which helps the children learn the appearance of the many Pohnpei banana varieties and also shows how the names are spelled. The game was devised to include photos of bunches for 24 different banana varieties. There are 21 cards, each card showing a distinctly different set of 16 varieties. One variation of the game is to name the color of flesh of the banana variety that is called out. Winners receive a prize at the end of each game. "Banana Sokehs Powe Elementary students Bingo" is fun and educational at the same time.



Prize winners from left to right Vance Kullion, Abigail Isaac, Kenye Manuel, Carson Elias, and Kosack Keller Jr

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the class was filmed by the "Pacific Way" television program which goes out to twenty countries in the Pacific. Sokehs Powe Elementary students will be part of a documentary for tele-

vision broadcasting (Channel 20). The focus of the film is conservation and use of food plant genetic resources, along with dietary change and its impact on health, nutrition, and culture. Heading this team was Larry Thomas, Coordinator of the

RMC, and Joji Nabalarua, camera/editor specialist.

Thanks go to Darlington Lebehn and Marty Solomon, the instructors for class six, for assisting in translating and facilitating each lesson.

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## Australian Scholarship Awardees Return Home From the South Pacific and Australia in 2006

### Australian Embassy Press Release

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In 2006, seven (7) Australian Regional Development Scholarships (ARDS) awardees and three (3) Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) awardees returned to the FSM after having completed

their studies in tertiary institutions in the South Pacific and Australia.

By accepting a scholarship under AusAID, awardees are obligated to return to their home country after the completion of their studies, to apply their skills and knowledge to assist in the development of their country. In return for the awardees' commitment to return to the FSM after graduation, the Australian scholarships cover the awardees' tuition and institution

fees, living expenses, basic overseas health coverage, tutorial assistance, and oftentimes economy class air travel back to the FSM at the end of each year for the entire duration of their study program.

Many returnees come back to previous employers to fulfill their obligations under their educational leave arrangements, while others confidently enter the job market.

ARDS preliminary applications

for school year 2008 will be available from the Australian Embassy starting 1 March 2007. The closing date for applications will be 1 May 2007.

For more information on scholarship opportunities through the Australian Embassy, please contact the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei - (691) 320-5448 or at [australia@mail.fm](mailto:australia@mail.fm) or visit the Embassy's website at [www.fsm.embassy.gov.au](http://www.fsm.embassy.gov.au).

**Below is the list of 2006 graduates:**

| Name            | FSM State | Degree/Program   |
|-----------------|-----------|--|
| Wilmer Kilmete  | Pohnpei   | Diploma Civil Engineering                              |
| Gloreen Malakai | Pohnpei   | Diploma Nursing  |
| Derensio Konman | Chuuk     | Bachelor of Law/Professional Diploma in Legal Practice |
| Holden Nena     | Kosrae    | MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery)    |
| James Lukan     | Yap       | Masters in Education                                   |
| Martha Moufa    | Chuuk     | Diploma Anaesthetic Science                            |
| Dora Sammy      | Chuuk     | Bachelors Clinical Nursing                             |
| Snyther Biza    | Pohnpei   | Masters Geographical Information Science               |
| Patricia Jack   | Pohnpei   | Masters Natural Resource Economics                     |
| Maria Falmad    | Yap       | Diploma Information Technology (Software Development)  |



After graduating from Fiji School of Nursing, Gloreen Malakai is currently going through a 2-month orientation at the Pohnpei State Hospital, where she has worked in each ward of the hospital.



Fiji Institute of Technology graduate, Wilmer Kilmete, pictured here using CAD, currently works for the Pohnpei State Department of Land, Division of Surveys and Mapping