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## After All the Talk “Tax Problem” Doesn’t Exist

By **BILL JAYNES**  
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**Palikir, Pohnpei** – In the December 22, 2007 issue of The Kaselehlie Press we reported on a meeting of the Chuuk Chamber of Commerce with special guest Gillian Doone with particular emphasis on the State debt of \$47 million. In that article we also reported on the comments of Helen Aten of Aten and Associates, the DHL Agent for Chuuk and former FSM Vice President Redley Killion.

On January 4, 2008, we met with Assistant Secretary for the Division of Customs and Tax Administration, John F. Uwas in the conference room of CTA to discuss the accuracy of the comments we reported on.

Aten said in the Chamber of Commerce meeting that two shipments, one of 16 boxes and another of 14 boxes of computers had arrived in Chuuk for a total of 30 computers.

Uwas showed us paperwork for two shipments, one for 8 computers that arrived in Chuuk on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October and another for 7 computers that arrived on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November for a total of 15 computers. Pohnpei Computer Consulting, owned by longtime Pohnpei resident and businessman, Noel Boylan facilitated the supply of the computers for the two separate and externally funded projects. He paid the full Customs Tax owed for the two shipments in Palikir, Pohnpei once the computers arrived in Chuuk. Uwas also showed us the paperwork for those payments.

Aten said that since Boylan paid the Customs Tax in Palikir the 50% share that would normally go to the State of Chuuk went instead to the State of Pohnpei.

Uwas not only said that wasn’t true but showed us documentation that on both Customs payments, Chuuk State received credit for their 50% share, a total of over \$327 for the two payments that Boylan made that totaled well over \$600 for the two shipments.

While it is true that despite Boylan’s request to write “Chuuk State” on his November 22, 2007 payment of Customs Tax the receiving clerk put the wrong account number on the receipt and Pohnpei did initially receive credit for the payment. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of No-

vember a correcting journal entry was made on the books that credited Chuuk State with \$152.55. The October payment of \$349.57 was initially handled correctly and Chuuk State received \$174.79 from that transaction.

Boylan, according to Uwas handled the transaction properly and legally.

There are questions about the way that DHL is handling Customs transactions in Chuuk. Uwas said that in Pohnpei and Yap, the only two States he mentioned, DHL agents pick up freight based on a Master Airway Bill for the entire shipment no matter how many customers are involved. They then make In-house Airway Bills for

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## P.F. Kluge, Not Just Another “Dog Day Afternoon” on “The Edge of Paradise”

By **BILL JAYNES**  
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When I was introduced to Paul Frederick Kluge at the restaurant of The Village Hotel in Pohnpei, proprietor Patty Arthur, long time friend of Kluge hooked me before he arrived by telling me that he wrote “Eddie and the Cruisers”, one of my favorite books and movies from the 80’s.

Kluge has been a freelancer and reporter for many major publications for over 40 years and has written several books, both fiction and non-fiction including “The Edge of Paradise” a non-fiction book about Micronesia published in 1991.

He co-wrote with Thomas Moore an article that appeared in a September 1972 issue of Life Magazine entitled, “The Boys in the Bank” based on a widely publicized New York bank robbery and hostage situation. The article became the basis for the movie “Dog Day Afternoon” that starred Al Pacino.

He once guided actor Lee Marvin on a return trip to the place where Marvin was wounded in the battle

of Saipan during World War II for which he received a Purple Heart. Most of Marvin’s platoon was killed during that battle. The stories that Marvin told to Kluge during that tour of Saipan inspired the book, “The Day That I Die”. The book was optioned for a movie but it was never made.

The earliest citing of Kluge’s writing that I could find was a 1964 article in Life magazine about the U.S. roots of “The Beatles”. He was 22 years old at the time. Since then he has written articles for Life magazine on other iconic public figures such as Ann Margret, and John Wayne. His words have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Rolling Stone Magazine, National Geographic Traveler, and many other publications.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of December I interviewed Kluge, who introduces himself as ‘Fred’ though he has, since he was 25 years old, had the right to introduce himself as Dr. Kluge. I was nervous to meet him in the same way as I was nervous to meet President Bill Clinton. I get that way around people of great accomplishment but Kluge’s nature put me at ease, though as



Photo by Nigel Jaynes

The Preamble to the FSM Constitution on the road to the Capitol in Palikir, Pohnpei

interviewer I was supposed to put him at ease.

In 1967, after he earned his Doctorate he joined the Peace Corps and was stationed in Saipan. He said of his experience in Micronesia that ‘he never shook the hook’.

The Preamble to the FSM Constitution

Kluge has, over the years, returned several times to Micronesia. In 1975 he was invited by leaders of the day to return as a director of public information at the Micronesia Constitutional Con-

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## FSM President Emanuel Mori Makes State Visit to China

**Palikir, Pohnpei (Department of Foreign Affairs)** - President Emanuel Mori returns to Palikir after making his State Visit to China from 17-22 December 2007. President Mori visited the cities of Shenzhen, Hangzhou, Yiwu, Jiashan, Shanghai and finally Beijing where he met with China's top leaders, President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao. President Mori's State Visit also highlighted the official celebration of the opening of the FSM Embassy in Beijing this year, which was held on 21<sup>st</sup> of December.

At each stop in the respective cities, President Mori was briefed on the economic background and achievements by the respective Mayor or Governor. President Mori expressed willingness to cooperate in areas of interest such as marine resources, renewable energy, tourism and foreign investment. In particular, the Governor of Zhejiang Province informed President Mori that the Province will provide funding

and technical assistance to set up renewable energy projects in the FSM. Zhejiang Province is the sister City of Pohnpei State.

On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007, President Emanuel Mori and President Hu Jintao met for the first time in the Great Hall of the People. During the Welcoming Ceremony, President Hu welcomed President Mori with the playing of the national anthems, the gun salute and the inspection of the Honor Guards. Following the ceremony, President Mori and President Hu proceeded to the East Hall to hold bilateral talks. Accompanying President Mori to the talks were Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Lorin S. Robert, Ambassador to China, Kasio E. Mida, Governor of Kosrae, Robert Weilbacher, FSM Congress Floor Leader Joe Suka, R&D Committee Chairman Dion Neth, FSM Senator Fredrico Primo, Deputy Chief of Mission Carl D. Apis, and Deputy Assistant Secretary Vincent Sivas.

In the bilateral talks, both Presidents acknowledged that since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1989, the FSM-China relations has been warm, cordial, and cooperative at all levels and has been developing rapidly. President Mori took the opportunity to reiterate the FSM's strong support and adherence to the "One China Policy", a policy that has been upheld by the FSM Government since establishment of diplomatic relations. "As testament to the importance that the FSM attaches to its relationship with China, we have opened up an Embassy in Beijing" said President Mori. President Hu Jintao referred to the FSM Embassy as a "sign post" to the development of the FSM China relations.

Both Presidents identified areas of mutual interest such as climate change, environmental protection, tourism, agriculture, fisheries, transportation, private sector development and foreign investment as areas that the two countries can further cooperate on. President Mori also took the time to discuss some future projects and long term plans. He further expressed his gratitude for the generous assistances that have been rendered to the FSM from China ranging from infrastructure projects, to scholarships, and technical and financial assistances.

In honor of President Mori's State Visit to China, a signing of a new Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation was held in the amount of 20,000,000RMB (approximately \$2.7 million) for projects that will be decided upon later by the two governments. Also, during this signing ceremony, letters of exchanges were signed for the donation of a gratuitous grant of \$1,000,000 USD to be used towards the FSM Trust Fund. Signing on behalf of the FSM Government was Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Lorin S. Robert and on behalf of the Chinese Side was Vice Minister of

the Ministry of Commerce, Mr. Yu Guangzhou. The evening concluded with a banquet hosted by President Hu Jintao in honor of the State Visit by President Emanuel Mori.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2007, President Mori paid a call on Premier Wen Jiabao at the Zhongnanhai Ziguangge where President Mori echoed the same sentiments that were expressed to President Hu Jintao on critical issues of importance to both countries. President Mori expressed his appreciation for all the assistance and continued strong support of China towards the FSM's nation building efforts. The Premier further encouraged President Mori to take advantage of the concessional loan scheme that he personally announced during the China Pacific Island Countries Economic Cooperation and Development Forum in April 2006. Both sides agreed to work closely together on projects to be considered under the concessional loan scheme.

Taking advantage of his State Visit, President Mori participated in celebrating the opening of the FSM Embassy in China which had been established earlier in the year. The celebration was held at the Kerry Center Hotel where President Mori and Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Zhang Yesui, together unveiled the FSM Embassy Plaque celebrating the Embassy's opening. The function was attended by many friends of the FSM including Officials from the Chinese Government, Diplomatic representatives from the Pacific Islands, former Chinese Ambassadors to the FSM, several FSM students studying in Beijing and representatives of Chinese private sectors. The Embassy is currently manned by Deputy Chief of Mission Carl D. Apis as the Chargé de Affaires, a.i., while Ambassador Kasio E. Mida is cross-accredited from the FSM Embassy in Tokyo as the non-resident Ambassador to China.

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## Coast Guard Cutters Return From Successful "Operation Santa's Sleigh"

GUAM – The Coast Guard cutters Washington and Assateague returned to Guam after completing a rewarding mission to bring Santa Claus and presents to out-of-the way Micronesian islands. The cutters carried gifts and supplies provided by the Guam Navy Officers Spouses Connection and Coast Guard personnel from Guam.

The cutter Washington headed 270 miles north of Guam last week to Alamagan Island in the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands. While the cutter waited offshore on December 16<sup>th</sup>, Santa (AKA Chief Petty Officer Chris Marks) landed by small boat where he met with P.J. and Lanalei Santos, ages two and three.



Photos by USCG

Meanwhile, the cutter Assateague headed 500 miles southwest of Guam to Yap State in the Federated States of Micronesia. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the cutter waited off Ngulu Atoll while a small boat carried presents and supplies for 14 local children.

According to Lieutenant Bill Kotowski, commanding officer of Washington, "This was the first year of Operation Santa's Sleigh, and we succeeded in bringing smiles to the children on these remote islands. I hope that this operation becomes a yearly Coast Guard mission."

The cutters Washington and Assateague are 110 foot Island-Class patrol boats based in Apra Harbor, Guam. The cutters support many Coast Guard missions, including search and rescue, port security, and maritime law enforcement.

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vention on Saipan. During that time he wrote what has now become enshrined as the Preamble to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

I asked him how he came to write that important piece of the Constitution.

"I was in my office one day and a fellow, I think from the Palauan delegation stopped by. Palau ended up not being under the constitution that was being written. They had proposed a constitution of their own. They were still participating in proceedings but you sensed that the Trust Territory was coming apart.

"There was some language in the preamble to the Palauan-proposed constitution that was that was well meant but flat, and some of the delegates asked me to work on it. They felt it needed to be ratcheted up a notch and I did that.

"I guess I was having a good day; all those phrases, 'the seas do not divide us, they bring us together', 'our earth itself is an island in a sea of stars', all that stuff, I just had it in me in my fingertips that day...

"It was a good moment. It's a little bit of something to leave behind."

### A road not taken...

Kluge said that he thinks about Micronesia more often than people might believe. He said, "This was always a road not taken for me. I chose another life which involved journalism, and professing, and living in the United States, and writing books, but I keep coming back here and taking a few steps on the road not taken here and there."

He said that if he had been assigned to another place as a Peace Corps volunteer in the 60's he might have been just as taken by that place. He smiled wryly, "Maybe if I'd been hooked on China or someplace else I'd be an important person. I'd be appearing on 'Nightline'. Instead I'm coming back here and talking to you and Patty Arthur.

"But really, it does matter to me; maybe because of the fact that it is 'unimportant' as the world goes."

### Camelot?

He said of his time in Micronesia toward the end of the Trust Territory days that though he didn't want to paint a picture of Micronesia as Camelot, "there was magic in the neighborhood at times, with the negotiators going out into the world to make something new."

He said, "One of the promises I made when I left here the first time was to keep coming back to see how things were turning out."

I asked him how things, in his view were turning out.

He chuckled and said, "Well, of course no one elected me judge. I visit for just a short period of time and I have to be cautious in my judgments. They're not judgments, they're just reactions." After a few moments consideration he said, "It always mattered to me how, or whether, small islands could engage with a super power and get any kind of justice, any kind of charity and what they would accomplish. It was such an inherently uneven relationship. Could they hold their own? Would they want to hold their own? Those were questions that were interesting and would test the character both of Micronesia and of the United States.

"My sense is that those islands who have decided to keep a bit of a distance from The United States, i.e. The Republic of Palau, The Federated States, The Marshall Islands, may sometimes regret having not gotten closer and the ones that got closer to The United States, i.e. The Northern Marianas may regret not having gotten farther away.

### Best Interests Served?

"The underlying question, which won't go away, I think about it involuntarily, it ambushes me, is whether everybody's best interests were served by what in retrospect at the time seemed inevitable, the division of the Trust Territory into several component parts. Certainly, there's a lot of doubt and restlessness and turbulence around and I don't think anything has been settled permanently for good or for bad yet.

"The point has always been to have the most benefits from association with The United States and the fewest obligations. You can't blame anybody for that. You wanted to get the most and give

the least...

"I don't know if I'd recognize a happy ending to all of this if I saw it. I won't live to see the end of this..."

"It seemed to be a pure choice once, independence or assimilation. Now everything has gotten tangled up."

### Torn Statesmen of Micronesia?

On the members of the Congress of Micronesia's Future Political Status Commission with whom he worked he said that he always felt that it was one of his "luckier days" to have been associated with them. "They were interesting, complicated men, torn men and frequently very good company."

When asked what he meant by 'torn' he said, "I think they felt the pull of The United States. They were attracted by competition. They were, for the most part, U.S. educated. They had a taste for many things American. They also had a complicated commitment to the places they came from and represented. The conflict between change and status quo was in them a lot.

### Simple Answers and Resolutions

"The answers we proposed then, 'independence', seemed simplistic. Assimilation as a State is impossible so it's always going to be some turbulent, 'in the middle' zone. A lot of the States chose 'Free Association'. That meant, if I understand the idea, that Americans would come here and do well—do good. Micronesians would go to the United States, likewise and do well—do good. I'm not sure that's really happened to the extent that was hoped. I think that people have just stuck around waiting for the future to arrive, to show up to see how they can position themselves in regard to it. It seems we're waiting for the future to declare itself.

"The first generation of leaders was attempting...hoping to make it happen. They were rushing to confront the future. They'd had enough of the Trusteeship. Its days were numbered. They didn't want their future decided in Washington. They wanted a hand in determining the future.

"Unfortunately, now I sense that people are waiting for it to arrive from off the plane or something."

Kluge is in the very early stages of a book set in current day

Saipan. His visit to Pohnpei had nothing to do with that effort. It was a time to catch up on what was going on in the FSM and to reunite with long time friends.

He said that he will be writing a piece on a visit he will be making in the next few months to Antarctica and that part of the subject matter would be how one feels "in their skin" in two vastly disparate climates. He said that his visit to Pohnpei would help him to gather his impressions again on life in a tropical climate.

FSMers may not remember any of the words Kluge had to say to The Kaselehlie Press on December 26 but they will likely long remember these:

**WE, THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA**, exercising our inherent sovereignty, do hereby establish this Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

*With this Constitution, we affirm our common wish to live together in peace and harmony, to preserve the heritage of the past, and to protect the promise of the future.*

*To make one nation of many islands, we respect the diversity of our cultures. Our differences enrich us. The seas bring us together, they do not separate us. Our islands sustain us, our island nation enlarges us and makes us stronger.*

*Our ancestors, who made their homes on these islands, displaced no other people. We, who remain, wish no other home than this. Having known war, we hope for peace. Having been divided, we wish unity. Having been ruled, we seek freedom.*

*Micronesia began in the days when man explored seas in rafts and canoes. The Micronesian nation is born in an age when men voyage among stars; our world itself is an island. We extend to all nations what we seek from each: peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity. With this Constitution we, who have been the wards of other nations, become the proud guardian of our own islands, now and forever.*

Paul Frederick Kluge who says he wants "Wordman" as a description of him on his headstone, no matter what else he has done or where he is from, played an important role in the history of Micronesia that will long be remembered.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Cross-Site Visit

*Conservation Society of Pohnpei*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Cross-Site Visit took place on Parem Island from November 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The two-day workshop held participants from the five community-based MPAs including Woan Koapin Soamwoai (Kitti), Lenger (Nett), Mwahnd, Dehpehk/Takaieu (U) and Temwen (Madolenihmw). Also participated at this annual meeting were the village chiefs of Metipw and Dolapwail (Madolenihmw) and community representatives from Mwudok (Kitti) to learn from the existing MPA network how to integrate traditional fishery management with contemporary marine conservation practices. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual MPA Cross-Site Visit was a co-sponsored event between the Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMA) Network, Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) and local partners. The Cross-Site aims



Photo by Conservation Society of Pohnpei

to raise awareness and increase communities, local and state government engagement in the con-

servation of biological diversity of Pohnpei's marine environment and its MPAs.

mapping the resource, the CCOs carefully prioritized and selected two major threats that they can help manage and designed their own objectives on how to undertake the problems. One of the most common threats being identified at the cross-site was poaching in MPAs due to the lack of enforcement. As a result, the CCOs requested Pohnpei State Marine Conservation Unit (MCU) to conduct surveillance and MPA rules and regulations training to increase awareness within the communities as well as to utilize CCOs in MPA surveillance.

Finally, one of the key objectives for the cross-site visit was to discuss the development of MPA management plans. CSP conducted a presentation on the importance of MPA management plans and reported some of the progresses with Nahtik MPA management plan. Dehpehk/Takaieu, among the five communities, expressed their interests to initiate the development of their MPA management plan in 2008.

Every year, since 2004, CSP and partners work with the MPA network to carry out at least two MPA cross-site visits to engage the MPA communities and enhance partnership in marine resource management. The MPA communities are looking forward to carry on their 2008 workplans and hope to report back to the rest of the MPA network during the 5<sup>th</sup> MPA Cross-Site Visit in 2008.

### VACANCY INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (ICT) MANAGER



The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) invites applications from suitably experienced and qualified individuals for the position of ICT Manager to be based at its headquarters at Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. Information concerning the Commission is available at [www.wcpfc.int](http://www.wcpfc.int) Working as a key member of a small, multi-national team in a challenging environment, the successful candidate, who will report to the Executive Director, will take responsibility for information management and security systems design, implementation and management, data management and communication technology and applications for the Commission's Secretariat. The ICT Manager will also play a lead role in the development and implementation of the WCPFC's satellite based vessel monitoring system (VMS). As the Secretariat's IT systems are yet to be developed this is an opportunity to become involved, from inception, in the design and implementation of corporate systems that will support significant demands from a range of internal and international clients. A competitive employment package will be offered as part of a 4 year contract. (This position was advertised earlier in 2007 but recently there have been a number of improvements in its terms and conditions that will apply from January 2008) Additional information, including a terms of reference and conditions of employment, is available on request from Mr Ken Smithson, Finance and Administration Officer, WCPFC at [kens@mail.fm](mailto:kens@mail.fm) or telephone (671) 3201992. Applications close on 29 February 2008 and should be addressed to the Executive Director and clearly identified as an application for the ICT Manager position. Applications may be emailed.

The objectives of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual workshop were to update lessons learned from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MPA Cross-Site held in Madolenihmw; share and exchange progresses with Community Conservation Officers (CCO); to craft new community workplans toward MPA management; and to discuss the development of management plans for each of the respective MPA communities. Since the past three years, CCOs have been successfully implementing Community Action Plans (CAP) developed during MPA cross-site visits. This year, the CCOs focused their efforts toward the establishment of MPA management plans to help control and reduce the threats being identified by the recent marine and fishery assessments conducted in 2005 and 2006. Results from the assessments revealed unsustainable fishery management and poor land-use practice in Pohnpei affecting the coastal resources, for example, over fishing, sediment runoff and coral dredging.

The CCOs mapped out their individual MPAs during the workshop and clearly identified the surrounding natural resources and the threats affecting the resources. The mapping exercise was a very enlightening process that allows the CCOs to exchange the cultural, economical and ecological values of their respective MPAs. After



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- Provide technical guidance to the Technical Advisor and PTO on the integration of language into technical, cross cultural, medical, and safety/security training modules;
- Facilitate recruitment of language training staff;

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## Embassy of Japan extends Funding to Island Food Community of Pohnpei for the Improvement of Training Facilities

### Embassy of Japan

Embassy of Japan donated \$22,582 to Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) for the project entitled "Project for the Improvement of Training Facilities" under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects.

The aim of the project is to renovate a building for training facilities for IFCP to carry out training programs and workshops for local community people in Pohnpei to promote island food crops for their many benefits such as food security, health, income and livelihoods, environmental and cultural preservation. The new training facilities will be built at Botanical Garden in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

A signing ceremony of the funding agreement was held at the Embassy of Japan in Pohnpei, FSM on December 20, 2007. Mr. Toshio Omura, Chargé d' Affaires ad interim signed on behalf of the

Embassy and Government of Japan. Present on behalf of IFCP were Mr. Adelino Lorens, the Chairman of IFCP, Dr. Lois Englberger, IFCP Secretary/Treasurer, and other IFCP staffs. The grant will be used to purchase needed materials and equipment as well as construction costs for the project.

There is a drastic urgency in Pohnpei at this time in order to avoid rapidly increasing rates of debilitating nutrition-related diseases due to the present shift to imported refined/processed foods, poor diets and unhealthy lifestyles. At present there is a great lack of nutrition/training programs in Pohnpei, so very few people in the communities in Pohnpei understand that heart attacks, diabetes, and many child health problems are related to dietary intake and lifestyles.

Health improvement is one of Japan's aid priority areas towards FSM. Japan has been implementing various technical assistance

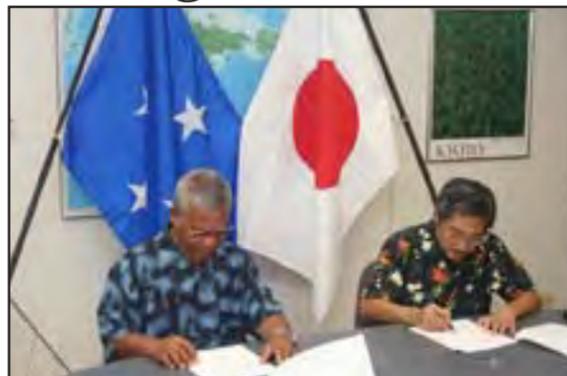


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programs for nutritional improvement in FSM such as dispatching nutritionists to the state hospital and holding health promotion workshops ("Tasty Healthy Food-Go Local 2005"). This time, the Embassy of Japan cooperates with IFCP, which has been working to promote local production and improve the health of people in Pohnpei based on community participation and empowerment. The new training facilities are expected to increase the capacity for pro-

viding workshops for the youth, women, teachers, farmers, high school students and other community groups to increase awareness about the values of the Pohnpei foods. By raising the awareness of the importance of local foods and healthy diet and increasing production and consumption of island foods, a great impact could be made on improving health, enjoyment of island foods, quality of life, and preservation of local island culture.

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## Sparrows Are New Intruders in Pohnpei

By **KONRAD ENGLBERGER**  
 Secretariat of the Pacific Community



Sparrows are not native to Pohnpei and can spread diseases in the same way that feral pigeons and rats do.

In September 2007, Mr. Roseo Marquez of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) reported seeing sparrows at the produce and fish market in Kolonia Town. In October, Mr. John Wichep of FSM R&D reported seeing three sparrows at Senny's shopping center in downtown Kolonia.

In November more than 20 sparrows were sighted at the causeway in Dekehtik feeding on leftover picnic food. Sparrows may feed on garbage, especially if there is no lid or if food is spilled around garbage containers or picnic areas.

The sparrows are small, plump brown-grey birds with short tails and powerful beaks. The birds now present and established in Kolonia are probably the Eurasian Tree Sparrow which is also present in Palau and Yap. The bird is native to Europe and Asia but has spread all over the world. There are not many countries in the world where sparrows are not present.

The Eurasian Tree Sparrow resembles the House Sparrow, but the black throat patch on the Eurasian Tree Sparrow is smaller. The new intruder is about 5.5 inches long with a wingspan of 8.5 inches.

As to nesting behavior, both parents build an untidy cup or a domed nest of plant materials and twigs. The nest is usually placed in a cavity or hole in a cliff, wall or pipe. Both the male and the female incubate 4 to 6 eggs. Eggs hatch in 10 to 12 days and both parents feed the young for about 2 weeks before the young leave the nest.

The first question people may ask is, "How did these creatures get here?"

No one knows but it is assumed that they came on a ship as an adult or as eggs on a shipping container. Once before bird eggs, which looked like pigeon eggs were found on top of a shipping container coming from South Korea to Pohnpei.

The Pohnpei Invasive Species Taskforce is currently making plans to eradicate sparrows and feral pigeons in Pohnpei.

There are several ways to control or eradicate these unwanted birds. One very effective way is to look for breeding sites and destroy the nests and eggs. Birds can be caught at night with a spot light. Another way to eradicate the birds is to shoot them with an air gun.

The public could help by not allowing the birds to breed (nest) around their houses. The public should report nesting sights to one of the following contacts:

The Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) 320- 5409, or  
 The Secretariat of the Pacific Community S(PC) 320 7523.

## Chinese Embassy Hosts Police Luncheon



Photo by Bill Jaynes

*Pohnpei State Police Chief Joe Roby presents a carved dolphin and a Police ball cap to Charge d'Affaires Weijun You of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the FSM. The Chinese Embassy hosted a luncheon at PCR in Nahntehlik, Pohnpei on January 4 for the Pohnpei Department of Public Safety and the FSM National Police Department*

## ...Customs

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each customer. The customer takes the In-house Airway Bill to Customs and pays their own Customs Tax individually. Once the tax has been paid and the paper work has been stamped DHL releases the customer's packages.

Uwas said that the CTA office in Chuuk has been trying to get the DHL agent to handle things in the same way but that Aten tells them it can't be done. According to Uwas, currently, Aten and Associates uses the Master Airway Bill to pay Customs on all packages that arrive on a given flight. They then take the packages to their storage area and prepare separate bills for each of the customers that had packages on the flight. They tack on a service charge and the customer pays that amount before they can take their packages away.

On the November 14 shipment of computers, Aten and Associates added a \$52.07 service charge and billed Pohnpei Computer Consulting over \$341. Boylan received the invoice on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. Rather than pay that invoice he opted to pay the Customs Tax directly in Palikir. The Customs fee was \$305.10 instead of the \$289.28 he had been billed by Aten and Associates.

Uwas said that essentially Aten and Associates is running their business like a Customs broker would do. He said that in his opinion the customer has no choice but to pay the service charge that the company adds on because they are not offered the opportunity to clear their packages themselves without the company as a go between.

It is unclear whether or not Aten and Associates paid the Customs Tax before Boylan did but according to Uwas description of how the company normally does business they likely did and will need to seek a refund from CTA for the doubly paid tax.

Uwas said that he was disappointed that Helen Aten wrote a strongly worded letter to FSM's President Mori instead of to his department. Uwas said he heard nothing about the situation until President Mori personally asked Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, Finley Perman, Uwas' boss, to look into it.

Uwas said that the concerns that Aten referred to in the letter and the comments she made at the Chuuk Chamber of Commerce meeting both regard a problem that exists only because Boylan chose to pay his own Customs Tax which he is perfectly within his legal right to do. The only entity that didn't receive a cut in the transaction was Aten and Associates though they did receive payment for shipment of the items in the first place.

In the Chamber of Commerce meeting reported on in the December 22, 2007 issue of The Kaselehlie Press former FSM Vice President Redley Killion said that another tax related problem was the handling of payroll taxes for National Government employees stationed in Chuuk. Killion said that since the tax was paid in Palikir, Pohnpei gets the credit for the payment instead of Chuuk.

Uwas showed us several tax returns filed for National Government employees stationed in Chuuk. All of them showed that the tax credits went to Chuuk.

Uwas said that they always do.

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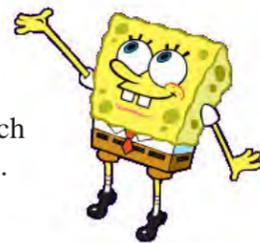
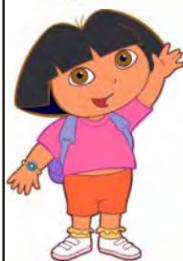
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## Seen Any Good Movies Lately?



By **N.N. ISAAC**  
The Kaselehlie Press

Have you seen any good movies lately? I know I have, but before I go on, let me just say that the following is entirely the opinion of the writer. In no way should it be read as breaking news, or heaven forbid, serious journalism.

Now, if you find yourself wanting to watch a movie this weekend, allow me to make a few suggestions to cut down the potential time you'll spend agonizing over what to watch.

Out of all the movies I've seen this past week, there have been three films highly worth mentioning. The first is a hilarious adventure/fantasy/romance, called "Stardust", starring Claire Daines, Robert De Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer, Rupert Everett, and a fresh-face, Charlie Cox, along with the narrating talents of Sir Ian McKellen. The film is based on a novel by Neil Gaiman. "Stardust" follows the adventure of Tristan, a young man who promises to retrieve a fallen star for the girl he loves. The real fun begins when he crosses the wall that separates his town from a magical kingdom called Stormhold. If you liked the 1987 film "The Princess Bride" you're going to love "Stardust". It's replete with witches, princes, castles, pirates, and enough laughs to keep you giggling till the very end. With its star-studded cast, unforgettable acting, and original story, "Stardust" is destined to become a favorite family classic.

On a more somber note, there's another awesome movie called "Eastern Promises", starring Viggo Mortensen, of "Lord of the Rings" fame, and Naomi Watts from "The Ring." This movie follows the stories of Anna (Watts), an innocent midwife at a hospital, and Nikolai (Mortensen), a menacing driver for the Russian mafia as they cross paths in a damp and dreary London.

"Eastern Promises" received extremely good reviews, especially for Mortensen's performance. I read that the Russian language in this film is near impeccable, for example when Nikolai spat out the fact that his father worked for the government, the Russian words he used could be translated to say that his father "hunched his back for the uncle!" This crime/drama/

thriller was directed by David Cronenberg who is known for gory, dark, horror films. This movie is rated "R" for good reason. If you're a fan of gangster movies, I highly recommend that you check this one out. It might not have the glamour, or scope of the almighty "Godfather" trilogy, but it is an outstanding piece of work.

For this time, the final movie I'd recommend that you see is "Enchanted", starring new-comer Amy Adams, James Marsden (Cyclops from X-Men), Susan Sarandon, Patrick Dempsey (McDreamy from Grey's Anatomy), and Timothy Spall (Wormtail from Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire). In this movie, the real world and the animated world collide when a peasant girl named Giselle (Adams) falls in love with a prince (Marsden), is then banished from the fairytale land of Andalasia by the prince's evil step-mother (Sarandon), and sent to real-life New York City.

This movie is very funny and very "Disney", from the talking animals and poisoned apples, to the musical number that everyone knows the words to in the middle of Central Park. This is a definite must-see for the whole family, so, if you're in Pohnpei pack up the kids and head over to the theater while it's still playing, otherwise, you'll have to wait for it to come out in video stores. It's worth the wait.

So there you have it. If none of these appeal to your fancy, then by all means, head over to the nearest rental spot and pore over every single DVD cover, develop leg cramps from crouching for 30 minutes, and suffer a stiff neck from craning to read movie titles displayed on the top shelf. It happens to me every time.

In the meantime, be kind, rewind, and look for it on DVD.

**[Editor's Note: N.N. Isaac says, "I have an insane passion for movies, and writing... and writing about movies." Isaac has offered to continue this column in future editions of the FSM's paper. You will see it here on a bi-weekly basis. We welcome N.N. Isaac and think that you as a reader will enjoy the contributions!]**

## Getting in the Way of Prosperity: The Seven Deadly Sins

Keynote Address by David B. Cohen  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior  
Before the Annual Conference of the Island  
Government Finance Officers' Association  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
December 4, 2007

Thank you for inviting me to speak. As always, it is an honor to be here with you. Ever since I took this job in June 2002, we have been consistent in expressing the top two priorities for the Office of Insular Affairs. Priority 1 is helping the insular areas promote private sector economic development. Priority 1-A is promoting accountability, particularly for the Federal financial assistance that we provide for the islands. Normally, when I speak before this group, I speak about Priority 1-A. There is an obvious relationship between Priority 1-A—promoting accountability—and your jobs as government finance officers. Today I would like to speak about Priority 1, because I believe that there is also an important relationship between your jobs and the urgent need to promote private sector economic development

in the islands.

Why have we made private sector economic development Priority 1? The reason is that in most of the insular area economies, there is an unsustainable imbalance between the public and private sectors. In a healthy economy, a strong private sector creates jobs and generates income and wealth, which can be taxed at a reasonable rate to fund essential services for the public. The private sector dominates the economy. In many island economies, this model is turned on its head: The economy is dominated by the public sector. Since the public sector generally is a consumer and not a producer of wealth, this type of economy can only be sustained with outside subsidy. I have referred to these island economies as being "upside down in the middle of the ocean". These economies will have to get right side up in order to get their heads above water.

See "Prosperity" on the next page

# BNN

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The opinions expressed in the BNN Column are those of the author.

Note: This Column appears in the Kaselehlie Press twice a month. Bloggers can also find it in <http://bnnpi.blogspot.com> under PROS N CONS.

About to be a year old in an 8-year establishment.

The Column will be almost a year old by the time you picked up the KPress. The emergence of this Column and where it is printed is not by accident but by design. There was a time when the Kaselehlie Press was going to fold up due to lack of advertisement and unpaid bills therefore lack of saleable news paper.

At one of the meetings of the KP Board, I offered to write a column, free of charge, to help boost sales and I hope it has. Did you know that the Kaselehlie Press is the longest running local private newspaper in the FSM? Just three issues ago, the KP celebrated its 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. That is a long period considering that so many predecessors had tried to stay in business but just could not hack it for reasons similar to the ones stated herein.

Before doing the Column, I was doing an Internet site news posting with email news to paying subscribers. That did not last long due

to technical difficulty with my being a "COMPUTER FOR THE DUMMY" type plus certain shortcomings of our sole server the FSMTC like having access (no access I mean) to my web site from overseas. I finally gave up. Tried another website but this time it worked well when I sent my material to be posted from abroad but could not post it from within. THE FRUSTRATIONS!!!

The short pieces that I write are picked from various sources among them, personal conversations, radio programs, news bulletins, etc and the one source that many people are skeptical about. I am talking about the Wedei en Sakau or the so-called source of gossips that take place in the Sakau Bars. To tell you the truth, people who talk in these sakau bars are real and speak with ease from the effect of the mild narc.

So to them, I owe so much of my enjoyment in contributing to a free press.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

## ...Prosperity

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Many island economies have evolved in this manner for several reasons. For one thing, island communities—and small island communities in particular—face unique barriers to private sector economic development. These communities tend to have small populations, few resources and remote locations. That means that they are heavily dependent upon transportation systems to bring people and goods to and from their islands, and that transportation is likely to be significantly more expensive than it is in more populated areas. This, in turn, tends to make everything else on the island more expensive. The cost of doing business is therefore high.

Many island communities are subject to destructive weather patterns, and in the salty ocean air, the climate often corrodes what it does not destroy.

There are cultural and historical forces in play here as well. Pacific cultures, for example, are sharing cultures. The philosophy is “what we have today, we share today”. Pacific cultures do not have the selfish gene that triggers the generation of wealth in a free market economy. Sharing is a virtue and selfishness a vice, but enlightened self-interest has proven to be a useful tool to enable societies to achieve a comfortable standard of living.

Ironically, the Pacific virtue of sharing, when combined with outside financial assistance, has helped to create the bloated public sectors that we see today in many island communities. The island instinct is to share financial assistance from donors in much the same way that food is shared. Since donors generally do not allow island governments to allocate their aid to people in the form of cash, they tend to allocate the aid in the form of public sector jobs. More aid tends to result in more government jobs. Since the Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs provides more aid to the Pacific islands than any other U.S. agency by far, we have been, inadvertently, the greatest U.S. contributor to this phenomenon.

The result is not only an oversized public sector, but also a public sector mindset where government jobs are deemed to be provided for the benefit of the recipients rather than for the benefit of the public. The public sector budget is not oriented to provide public service, but rather to provide public jobs. This means that the public as a whole tends not to receive good value for public expenditures, and donors tend to get frustrated when we attempt to measure the performance

of our assistance.

In many island communities, outside subsidies and other distortive policies tend to make government jobs significantly higher paying than private sector jobs. This tends to encourage the islands’ best and brightest to aspire to public sector employment and look down on private sector employment. In some islands communities, the overwhelming majority of the indigenous workforce is employed by the local government and the lower-paying private sector jobs are filled almost exclusively by foreigners. These communities become two-tiered societies where a largely unproductive local government workforce is kept afloat by outside subsidies and outside labor. This type of arrangement, besides being economically unsustainable, can create tension within the society and give rise to a sense of dependence and helplessness in the indigenous population.

These problems tend to exacerbate themselves in a vicious cycle. A society that cannot sustain itself without outside subsidy generally cannot afford to invest in education, health, infrastructure and other essential building blocks of a strong and prosperous society. This lack of essential investment tends to weaken the private sector, sending the most talented locals overseas in search of opportunity and making the community more and more dependent on imported labor willing to work for lower wages.

These problems do not exist only in the islands. Small island communities are particularly vulnerable to them, however. These problems can be overcome by intelligent policy, strong leadership and a commitment to good governance. Overcoming these problems requires the development and maintenance of a business climate that enables business to create jobs, to foster prosperity and to assume its natural role as the engine that drives the economy.

That is where all of you come in. All of you are responsible for executing policy, and as any sports fan knows, good execution typically is the difference between success and failure. However, most of you also have sufficient stature within your local governments to have an important influence on the formulation of policy, and not merely its execution. When your respective governments consider reforms designed to improve the business climate, you are likely to be involved in the discussion. You might even be the driving force behind the discussion. With so many things beyond your control, it is all the more important for you as government leaders in small island societies to act with wisdom and political courage to address the things that you can control.

Small island societies can successfully transcend their limitations, but there is little room for error.

One of the problems that I have observed with the relationship between the public and private sector in insular area economies is an inability of the public sector to get out of the way. That does not mean that island governments should abandon their duty to regulate business in a reasonable manner. It simply means that in some cases, government actions and failures to act needlessly obstruct economic progress. I have come up with a list of Seven Deadly Sins that could cause island governments needlessly to get in the way of the economic advancement of their own societies.

I will introduce the First Deadly Sin by noting something that most of us love about the islands: the unhurried pace. I remember overhearing a Samoan man and a Mexican man talking to each other about their respective cultures. The Mexican man said, “Mexicans are a hard-working people. New immigrants come to the U.S. and take jobs that Americans won’t take. In successive generations, they work themselves up from the working class to the middle class and beyond. Still, with some of my people some of the time, there’s this culture of ‘mañana’—tomorrow. What needs to get done can wait until tomorrow.”

The Samoan guy said, “Yeah, I think I know what you mean. In the islands, we always say ‘fai fai lemu’.”

The Mexican guy asked: “What’s that?”

The Samoan guy responded: “Well, I think it’s like your ‘mañana’, except without the sense of urgency.”

I remember hearing Willie Kostka, a Pohnpeian who heads a conservation

NGO in Micronesia, poke good-natured fun at his fellow islanders. He said, “Haoles come to the islands and they see young men standing around and they think that islanders are lazy. We’re not lazy. We’re just patient.”

Well, the First Deadly Sin on my list of seven what I will politely call the Sin of Patience. Patience is indeed a virtue, unless one becomes excessively and discourteously patient with other people’s time. In business, time is money, and when government officials fail to act responsively in a timely fashion, it can drive away potential investment. Businesses greatly value a bureaucracy’s ability to process permits and licenses expeditiously and to respond quickly to inquiries and requests.

The Second Deadly Sin is the Sin of Complication. Needlessly complicated, protracted, redundant and even contradictory permitting, licensing and other regulatory procedures discourage the formation and retention of businesses.

The Third Deadly Sin is the Sin of Competitiveness. This sin occurs when the government sees a private company succeeding in a new type of business and decides that jumping into that business would be a good way to support its bloated public payroll. This is likely to result in both the private company and the government ultimately failing at the business. The private company is likely to fail because the government will not compete fairly. The government will fail because governments are notoriously bad at running businesses. The best way for a government to generate revenue from a profitable business is for it to get out of its way and tax it—reasonably.

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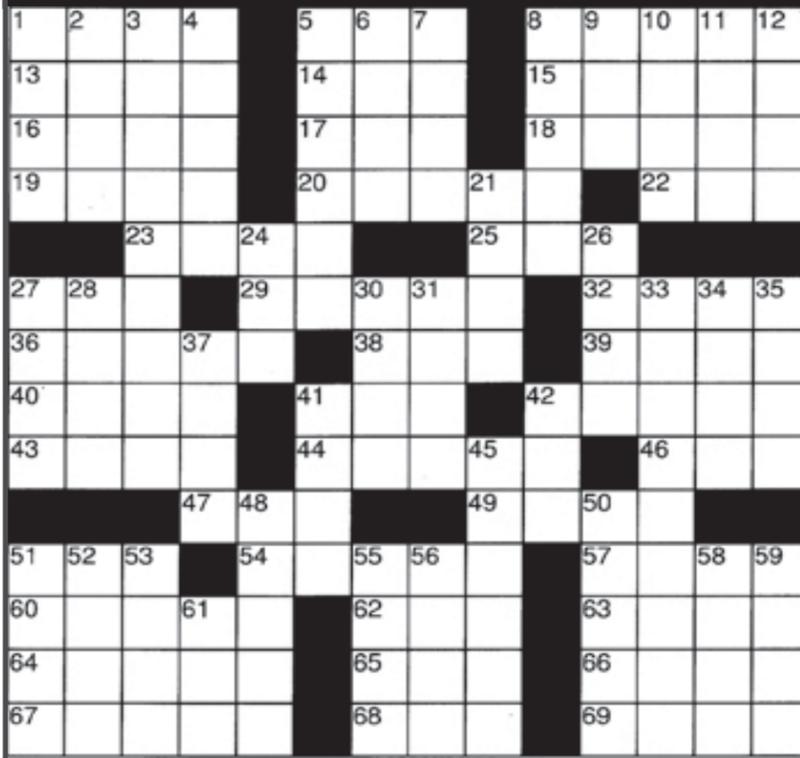


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| 42. That bunch                | 4. Spots for students            | 41. Elderly                        |
| 43. It's a long story         | 5. Irritate                      | 42. Casual shirt                   |
| 44. Hollow rock               | 6. Particle                      | 45. Deepen, as a channel           |
| 46. Bo Derek's number         | 7. Himalayan Sasquatch           | 48. Rapid                          |
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| 51. It might say "Welcome"    | 10. Divas have them              | 52. Mercury or Saturn              |
| 54. Casa cover                | 11. To boot                      | 53. Tony Orlando and Dawn, for one |
| 57. Tnidge                    | 12. Hollow shoot                 | 55. Holds the deed on              |
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| 64. Half of a heightening set | 28. Solo at La Scala             | 28. Solo at La Scala               |
| 65. Annoying one              | 30. Rational                     | 30. Rational                       |
| 66. Grocery list entry        | 31. Biblical preposition         | 31. Biblical preposition           |
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## SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE



## Patchwords

It's a crazy quilt and a Word Seek combined! Each of the words in the list can be found in a continuous line in an irregularly shaped patch in the Puzzle. Move from letter to letter vertically or horizontally, but not diagonally. Each letter in the puzzle will be used once; the patches do not overlap.

We have located one word to start you off

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## The Resolution Revolution

2008 is upon us and 2007 is now a memory. It is hard to believe that yet another year has gone by. Did you ever notice how the years seem to get shorter and shorter every year? Did you make a New Year's resolution for 2007? You know, that time when you sit down and say, "this year I resolve to exercise, quit smoking, work harder, get a job, finish my degree, quit drinking, walk everyday, read my Bible, pray, etc." The follow up question is, did you keep it? Have you made another one this year?

Statistics on New Year's resolutions are all over the map, some say that only 8% of people keep their resolutions, while others say such as proactivechange.com says the number is closer to half. Even taking the larger figure at least half of people making resolutions do not keep them.

The problem with New Year's resolutions is not in their intent. I think most people are very well intentioned when they make them. I know that I intended to keep every failed resolution that I ever made. However, I feel like more resolutions fail because they are looking at too big of a picture. A year is a long time (even if they feel shorter and shorter). No one really knows what will happen in the next year. We don't even know what is going to happen tomorrow so how can we possibly know what we are going to be able to maintain for a full year? Very often what happens is a well-intentioned person makes the resolution and the first time they make a mistake they think it is the end of the world. They miss one time at the gym, or break down and smoke one cigarette and feel like a

miserable failure. "It's all over now, I guess I will try again next year" they think and go right back to where they were before they made the resolution. They are full of guilt for breaking their promise to themselves. Who can blame them? They were so full of enthusiasm and zeal on January 1st and to see it all go to waste before February can make anyone feel bad.

Instead of making a resolution that is doomed to fail why not take a smaller picture approach to 2008. Alcoholics Anonymous' motto is "One Day At A Time." The basic idea behind this is that the alcoholic cannot afford to worry about tomorrow, only today. If I make it from the time I wake up until the time I go to bed without having a drink I am a success. One day at a time is much easier to maintain than one year, decade or lifetime at a time. Of course, the alcoholic's goal is to never drink again, but when you break it down to one day at a time you are much more likely to achieve success.

This concept was not new with the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. Over and over again in the Bible we read about living for today. In Matthew 6:33,34 Jesus says, "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things, sufficient for the day is its own troubles."

Have you ever thought about the fact that the model prayer says, "Give us this day our daily bread." The emphasis again is on daily living. In Luke 9:23 Jesus says that if a person wants to follow Him he must "take up his cross daily." In 2nd Corinthians 4:26 Paul writes, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day." Again and again we see this concept in the New Testament.

Anytime we decide to make a positive change in our lives it is good thing. This year make your resolution everyday. If you fail, don't wait until January 1st 2009 to try again. Make up your mind to keep your resolution one day at a time and who knows, you might just make it to the end of the year, the decade—maybe even the rest of your life!

**Scott Shanahan**  
**Church of Christ**

Astronomical Tide Prediction January 9 - 22, 2007				
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## ...Sins

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The Fourth Deadly Sin is the Sin of Opaqueness. Government procedures should be transparent in order to inspire the confidence and full participation of the private sector. If good companies cannot be satisfied that they will be competing on a level playing field, they will stay away and the community will miss out on the capital, technology, know-how and economic activity that good companies can bring to the islands.

The Fifth Deadly Sin is the Sin of Favoritism. Favoritism comes in many varieties, including nepotism, where one favors one's family; cronyism, where one favors one's friends; xenophobia, where one favors one's countrymen, and self-dealing, where one favors oneself. By creating an uneven playing field, it scares away businesses that can bring good things to the islands.

The Sixth Deadly Sin is the Sin of Fickleness. Businesses value consistency more than anything else. There is nothing more frustrating than policies that constantly lurch back and forth, to and fro, with the political wind.

The Seventh Deadly Sin is the Sin of Arbitrariness. Decisions made by government officials should be based upon objective standards applied con-

sistently. Government leaders who retain too much discretionary power are in a position to benefit themselves at the expense of their constituents. It is best not to leave government leaders with too much discretionary power, as it is a strong invitation to abuse.

These sins are committed by government officials all around the world, not merely in the islands. They are certainly committed all across the United States by Republicans and Democrats alike. As I noted earlier, however, small island communities have a very narrow margin of error, and hence it is all the more imperative to avoid these sins. Those who commit the sins of Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, Envy and Pride should seek forgiveness from God. Government officials who commit the sins of Patience, Complication, Competitiveness, Opaqueness, Favoritism, Fickleness and Arbitrariness should seek forgiveness from their own people.

We all know that island communities face many challenges. It is important to remember that these challenges can be overcome. They can only be overcome, however, if government leaders do everything in their power to discharge their duties with the highest degree of skill, judgment, integrity and vision. Given everything that is at stake for the people of the islands, to do anything less than that would be a sin.

Thank you.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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

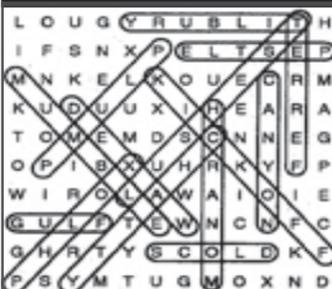
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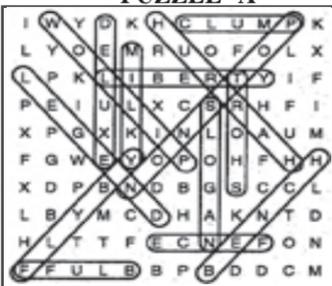

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## Colorful New Poster Presents Findings on 11 Pohnpei Pandanus Varieties

By **Dr. LOIS ENGLBERGER**  
*Pohnpei Island Food Community*

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) is happy to share with KP readers the news of its colorful new poster titled “**Pohnpei Pandanus (Kipar, Deipw en Pohnpei, Heleheu): Carotenoid-rich Varieties**”. Copies of this full-size laminated poster are available at Pohnpei Agriculture, Pohnpei Cancer Program, Pohnpei Public Health and IFCP.

Photographs and nutrient content of nine varieties of pandanus from Mwoakilloa Atoll and two varieties from Kapingamarangi Atoll are presented, along with the message that these carotenoid-rich foods can help protect against cancer.

It may come as a surprise that this simple fruit, so enjoyable to chew, can help protect against cancer! This is because pandanus contains substantial amounts of beta-carotene and other carotenoids, which also protect against other chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes. In addition, due to its content of beta-carotene, which is the most important of the provitamin A carotenoids, pandanus helps protect against vitamin A deficiency and anemia.

The poster points out that rice contains no carotenoids at all!

It may be a surprise to many people about the many distinct varieties of pandanus that grow in Pohnpei. Over 10 varieties are also now growing at the Pilot Farm in Madolenihmw.

It is hoped that this poster may help to raise awareness about this neglected food crop and to increase understanding about its important health benefits.

Warm thanks are extended to the Pohnpei Cancer Coalition, Global Environmental Facility Small Grant Program, Sight and Life, Center for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment, Australian Embassy, SPC GTZ Pacific German Regional Forestry Program, Pohnpei Agriculture, Pohnpei Departments of Health and Education, and College of Micronesia-FSM for funding and other support, to the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in Suva, Fiji, for assistance in getting the poster developed, printed and laminated, and to all those assisting in this project, in particular, Mr. Kehn Albert, Senator Edgar Lickaneth, Yumiko Paul, Dr. Eliaser Johnson, Kiped Albert, Sailas Henry, Dr. John Hedson, Xner Luther, and Dr. Mary Taylor.



### Beru: Recipe from Mwoakilloa

- 1 Boil pandanus keys and squeeze out the pulp.
- 2 Mix with coconut cream.
- 3 Add a bit of sugar.
- 4 Mix all together.
- 5 Put in baking tin and bake until done, about 30-45 minutes.

Note: Some sugar can be added, but for health reasons, use in small amounts, or even better, use drinking coconut juice instead. Also note that cooked pandanus can be expected to contain substantial amounts of carotenoid, as carotenoids in cooked foods are usually more bioavailable than in raw foods.

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## Operation "Santa's Helpers" Spreads Christmas Cheer To Hospitalized Children In Pohnpei

[U.S. EMBASSY KOLONIA (Pohnpei, FSM)] Children at Pohnpei State Hospital received an unexpected visit from six of Santa's Helpers on Christmas Eve Day this year. The jolly "elves" came in the morning bringing presents to each young boy and girl admitted to the hospital's Surgical and Pediatric Wards. The new toys were collected and donated by the Crewmembers and Spouses of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia and each was seasonally wrapped by the Pohnpei Veterans Association.

Santa's Helpers were led by Boatswain's Mate Second Class Alfred Albert, USCG, of the Sequoia, his spouse Mrs. Julie Albert, FSM Veterans Association Commandant Sgt. Maj. Frank Semens, USA (Retired), Pohnpei Hospital Administrator Mr. Dwight Edward, Clinical Nursing Supervisor Mrs. Elise Rosario, and Nursing Shift Supervisor Mrs. Bernolina Hedson. The thirteen lucky chil-

dren, ranging in age from 2 months to 12 years old, were all smiles as each youngster received a Christmas gift at his/her hospital bed. Attending family members proved just as excited and happy as their children.

Petty Officer Albert, a Pohnpeian FSM Citizen who has served in the Coast Guard for ten years, commented afterwards, "It was a great experience for me. I am really proud to be both a Coast Guardsman and a Pohnpeian. This event was a wonderful chance for us to bring some happiness to these kids in the hospital here at Christmas time." Hospital Administrator Edward remarked, "Our deep appreciation goes out to the United States Coast Guard and the U.S. Embassy for these kind gifts. I would also like to recognize and thank Pohnpei's own Coast Guard Petty Officer Alfred Albert for his gracious assistance in facilitating these donations. We hope these kinds of efforts can continue."



Photo by Gary Bloom

Nurse Hedson added "On behalf of all the children and parents involved and the staff of the Pohnpei Hospital, we really appreciate these wonderful gifts received from the Coast Guard. This was the first time we have experienced this seasonal hospitality and it was so kind, especially for the young ones in our surgical and medical wards at this time of year."

Citizens of the FSM are eligible to serve in the United States Coast Guard under the U.S.-FSM Compact of Free Association. Interested individuals must first achieve a qualifying score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test given each year, and meet other applicable U.S. Coast Guard recruitment eligibility requirements.

## U.S. Compact Grants to FSM in December 2007

For the third month of the current fiscal year, the FSM Department of Finance received Compact-funded payments from the United States Government totaling \$4,242,414. These payments were for Compact sector grants for Education, Health, Public Sector, Environment, and Private Sector Development for December of Fiscal Year 2008. The breakdown of these grants follows:

Sector Grants for Chuuk State	
Education Sector	\$ 1,190,222
Health Sector	\$ 640,419
Public Sector (Capacity Building)	\$ 113,735
Environment Sector	\$ 64,319
Private Sector Development	\$ 93,097
Supplemental Educational Grant	\$ 322,790
<b>Total Payment for Chuuk:</b>	<b>\$ 2,424,582</b>

Sector Grants for Kosrae State	
Education Sector	\$ 190,238
Health Sector	\$ 167,720
Public Sector (Capacity Building)	\$ 57,000
- Reduction-in-Force (PCSB)	\$ 150,000
Environment Sector	\$ 16,292
Private Sector Development	\$ 15,594
Supplemental Educational Grant	\$ 35,428
<b>Total Payment for Kosrae:</b>	<b>\$ 632,272</b>

Sector Grants for Pohnpei State	
Education Sector	\$ 630,422
Health Sector	\$ 443,954
Public Sector (Capacity Building)	\$ 59,157
Environment Sector	\$ 40,131
Private Sector Development	\$ 11,896
<b>Total Payment for Pohnpei:</b>	<b>\$ 1,185,560</b>

The above information is provided as a public service by the United States Embassy.

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