

Caroline Islands Air to close at the end of the month



By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

After eleven years of operation in the FSM, Caroline Islands Air plans to close its hangar doors and walk away at the end of the month. The airline that has been servicing the outer islands for emergency and routine needs can no longer afford to operate. Their last scheduled flight will be a round trip from Pohnpei to Sapwufik on the 25th of July.

CIA asked Congress for a subsidy. Congress approved the subsidy which would have been in the amount of \$166,537 but

President Mori vetoed that line item in the budget package. President Mori, through a press release said that "he is of the view that CIA should operate more as a private entity and operate as such."

Senator Urusemal of Yap, former President of the FSM said during the most recent Congress session that Pacific Missionary Aviation, currently operating in Yap, receives subsidies from outside of the country through donations and that in light of that fact he could understand CIA's request for help.

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Servicing the needs of outer islanders in most of the FSM has become a problem. Sea going vessels in the FSM are designed to supply the transportation needs of FSMers in the outlying islands but most of those ships are in disrepair and can no longer get to the outer islands. Pohnpei's "Micro Glory" is inoperable and will need dry dock refitting. The repairs will cost at least a million dollars.

During the Chief Executive Council meetings in Palikir in January, the President

committed to setting up a task force to look into FSM's serious problem with transportation amongst the islands.

David Reside, Country Director of the US Peace Corps, said that one of the passengers on the return flight from Sapwufik on the 25th of July will be the last Peace Corps volunteer that is currently serving in the outer islands. The United States Government will not allow Peace Corps volunteers to be assigned in places where they cannot be evacuated within 24 hours in the event of an emergency requiring it.

Reside said that the Peace Corps had hoped to expand its relationship with the FSM by stationing a volunteer in Pingelap but that without the service of CIA or another airline that could meet the evacuation requirement they simply cannot do it.

The volunteer in the Mortlocks may also have to return due to the high price of fuel and the lack of a guarantee of the availability of evacuation. Reside said that Pacific Missionary Aviation told him that they could potentially island hop from Yap to the Mortlocks in the case of an emergency but that they couldn't guarantee it and the price would be high if they could. The Peace Corps needs guarantees for the safety of their volunteers and none are available for any of the outer islands of the FSM.

Lukner Weilbacher is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for CIA which is a government sponsored

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PetroCorp assumes responsibility for fuel needs of the FSM



All traces of Mobil's name were removed from the fuel farm in Dekehtik by the 18th of July

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A bit more information on the deal between Mobil Oil of Micronesia, Inc. and FSM PetroCorp has been released. The deal has been in process for over a year. According to a Mobil press release Mobil has turned over all of its assets in the FSM to FSM PetroCorp the new corporation in

the FSM that will provide fuel services in the future. The release said that arrangements are still underway "to incorporate the fuel supply needs of Kosrae".

The deal is done for the most part.

On June 30 MOMI's assets in Yap were transferred to FSM PetroCorp. On July

13, MOMI's assets in Chuuk were transferred. On July 19, MOMI's assets in Pohnpei were transferred to PetroCorp. Kosrae has had its fuel needs supplied by SK, Incorporated. The arrangements in that state are yet to be finalized.

A farewell party for Mobil employees was held at Cliff Rainbow Hotel and Restaurant in Pohnpei on Friday, July 18.

Fuel supply in Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Yap is now the responsibility of FSM PetroCorp.

There still has been no official or even unofficial word from the FSM Government on the status of FSM PetroCorp. We were referred to the FSM Public Information Officer for information on PetroCorp.

The law that established PetroCorp has a provision under section 220 that requires all minutes of the meetings to be made available to the public upon request. We were not able to ascertain whether or not the Board of PetroCorp has had any formal meetings or whether the arrangements to assume control of MOMI's assets in the US were handled outside of a formal setting.



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The recently released audit of Pohnpei's Economic Development Authority for fiscal year 2007 reported that the Authority's operating revenues were down by 18 and a half percent while operating expenses increased by 122.9% from the prior year.

The auditor said that two months into the fiscal year under review, due to a disagreement resulting from the Authority's agreement with Oceania, Inc. former Governor David issued executive order number 05-2007 which temporarily transferred the control, maintenance, and management of the cold storage facilities at Deketik to the Department of Economic Affairs. In fiscal year 2006 those facilities generated over \$90,000 for EDA but in 2007 the Authority received no income from transshipment services at the Pohnpei Port.

EDA entered the year with liabilities of \$314,968. Because of debt settlement with other State Government component units and due to collection of some bad debts they ended 2007 in a positive position with assets of \$69,316.

The audit said that EDA still has accounts receivables on its books that will not likely ever be collected. Previous audits have recommended that the Authority should review and reconcile its receivable accounts. That issue was still not resolved in the 2007 audit and the auditor said "Most of the Authority's customers refute the balances of their accounts. In addition most of the accounts do not have any more assurance that it can be collected. (*sic*)" The bad debts amounted to \$128,411. Management does not believe that it can collect that money.

After adjustments the Authority had a negative cash flow of over half a million dollars.

EDA is currently operating with an Acting Executive Director which they have



EDA fishing vessels sinking off Deketik in Pohnpei. Fuel barricades seem to have been permanently placed in order to keep fuel from the vessels from further contaminating the harbor. The place reeks of diesel fuel.

done since former Director Yosuo Phillip resigned in order to run for office in the state. The current Acting Director is Hemet S. Ringlen. He was not the Acting Director during the period under review in the audit.

Audit exceptions by law are supposed to be resolved within six months of the receipt of an audit. The auditor pointed out that there are unresolved findings that date as far back as 1988 with either little or no work having been done toward their resolution.

One of the audit exceptions was that three of the authority's major vendors charge penalties and/or interest fees for unpaid balances. Last year EDA paid approximately \$57,600 in accumulated penalties and interest for prior year obligations. At the end of the year EDA still owed \$130,200 in principal to the vendors and is still accumulating penalties. At the end of the fiscal year the Authority owed \$57,464 for past due Social Security and \$37,604 for outstanding income taxes including accumulated penalties and interest.

Ringlen said that the obligations arose from prior years. "Payroll liabilities are not paid on regular manner due to lack of cash. The Authority will further see to it that no other payable will be incurred other than those associated with payroll. The Authority will seek fund(s) to pay its

prior year obligations to avoid penalty and other charges by the vendors. The auditor recommendation is well noted."

The Authority at one time had substantial capital assets valuing over \$2 million. They included their office building, fishing vessels, a dock, transportation equipment, furniture and fixtures, office equipment, heavy equipment. After adjustment for depreciation the auditor valued them at a total of \$6,943 before adding back into the figure \$30,974 for "construction in progress" for a total value of \$37,914. The building that is "in progress" was begun several years ago before EDA realized that it didn't have enough money to complete the job and worked stopped.

The Authority's fishing vessels are all completely depreciated and worthless. They are "all broken down in such a state with no possibility of being repaired or reconditioned. In addition the Authority's main office building is dilapidated and worn out."

The auditor said "The Authority has incurred substantial losses from its operation from the prior periods and currently is struggling due to declining and unsuccessful projects. The Authority's ability to operate and function might be affected without a reliable source of operation funds to defray its operation costs. This is raising doubt as to its ability to operate as a going concern."

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Yap is concerned over Compact Sector Grant allocations withholding

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Governor Anefal communicated to President Mori his grave concern and "worst fear that Private and Environment Sectors' fund allocations under the Compact might be withheld". Anefal said that in the recently concluded nationwide budget consultation between the OIA team and the respective governments, this matter was brought to his attention. At core is the absence of needed Plans for these sector grants. Despite a total of \$150,000.00 grant award to the National Government to come up with nationwide Plans, much remains to be done. In requesting the President to direct appropriate national agencies to move on the matter, Governor Anefal stressed that if funds for these two sectors are withheld, the State would face a budget crisis. "In short, the very viability of Yap State Government may hang in the balance if OIA were to make good on this particular recommendation".

In his reply, President Mori said both plans are in the works and will be ready at the latter part of August 2008. Mori said that earlier consultations on these plans would have been done however, a request to OIA for a joint effort in this regard could not be met by the US.

Indirectly, Yap has learned that OIA is prepared to recommend to JEMCO that funds for these two sectors as well as the public sector capacity building grant not be allocated "unless there are explicit and measurable ties back to the purpose of Compact funding and specific outcomes proffered in FSM's National Strategic Plan". Director Pula highlighted several recommendations in his communication to President Mori which largely attributed to what he sees as lack of responsiveness of the FSM to address OIA's preliminary recommendations made during the budget consultation.

This has now confirmed the worst fear for Yap according to Governor Anefal. "Because we have been left in the dark as far as what goes on between OIA and the national government, we are rather confused and dumbfounded with this recent development", the Governor said. We are the "innocent victims" who might be penalized and forced into a potential final crisis for something that is beyond our horizon. This is not only absurd but anti-partnership, according to Governor Anefal. Those responsible for bringing these about should put their heads together, have open dialogues and seek immediate solutions to remedy this situation he said.

FSM athletes headed to the Olympic Games in Beijing, Pohnpei Media Briefed

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One would have to be living in a cave to not know that the Olympic Games will begin in Beijing and 7 other cities in China from August 8 - 24. In advance of that event Ambassador Liu Fei of the People's Republic of China invited all of Pohnpei's media representatives to her home for a briefing on July 18.

Ambassador Liu told her guests that all of the 205 National Olympic Committees affiliated with the International Olympic Committee have confirmed that they will participate in Beijing Games. There will be 10,000 athletes, 30,000 journalists, and 6,000,000 spectators in Beijing.

She said that all of the 37 stadiums and 45 independent training venues are ready.

Half a million volunteers will serve in Beijing and other Olympic venues. More than 5000 translators and interpreters with the capability to translate 53 languages are on standby for the games to ensure nothing gets lost in translation. The official languages of the games are French and English.

Jim Tobin of the FSM Olympic Committee also gave a briefing during the evening. He said that the FSM's five athletes that will compete in the games is the smallest group of any country that will send athletes to the games. Weight lifter Manuel Minginfel of Yap is the only FSM athlete to have quali-

fied for the Olympic Games through his competitive accomplishments. Tobin said that no Pacific Islander has ever made it to a final in Olympic competition but that Minginfel just might have a chance in August. Tobin said that he predicts that Minginfel might make it at least to the top 10.

For the FSM competing in the 50 meter free style will be Gerson Hadley, and Debra Daniel. Runners Jack Howard and Maria Ikelap will both run in the 100 meter sprint event at the Olympics.

Tobin said that the International Olympic Committee provided a \$75,000 grant that will be used to provide Olympic Games coverage of the games on cable television. The games will air for 8 hours a day on a new cable channel beginning with the opening ceremonies on the 8th of August.

He said the team is completely outfitted with uniforms from grant money provided by Nike and Samsung.



Jim Tobin of the FSM Olympic Committee presents a custom made wall hanging to the Ambassador Liu Fei of the People's Republic of China. He said that the hanging was made by Kapinga craftsmen and had only been completed two hours before.

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Pohnpei Transportation Authority Runs At a Loss— Again

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An audit completed by Pohnpei State's Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) on May 9 but only recently released says that Pohnpei Transportation Authority (PTA) continues to run at a substantial loss. The audit covered the fiscal year ending on September 2007 and said that PTA has net liabilities amounting to \$671,557.

PTA had been requesting cash advances from the State Treasury to finance its operations with the plan of reimbursing the cash advances when revenues were collected. During the fiscal year the Authority only had a few projects and the authority had an operating loss of \$278,193 for the year. The auditor said, "This affected PTA's ability to reimburse the accumulated cash advances from the State Treasury which amounted to \$950,732 by the end of the fiscal year.

According to a spreadsheet listing PTA's operating revenues and expenses from 2003 to 2007 the Authority has booked operating losses at least since 2003. Annual operating losses ranged from \$24,523 in FY 2005 and \$592,334 in FY 2006. Operating revenues have decreased from \$2,143,358 in 2003 to \$1,328,638 in 2007. Operating expenses steadily decreased from \$2,170,683 in 2003 to \$1,606,831 in 2007.

The audit said that the Board of Directors and the Commissioner should have seen the "downhill trend" and cut costs accordingly. Unfortunately, the Board of Directors did not meet at all in 2007.

Vincent Rosario, Commissioner for PTA in

his response to the audit said "During the exit conference, we have briefly updated you regarding the status of the board (some of them are now deceased). They have been inactive during Fiscal Year 2007 for some reason."

In a phone interview with Mr. Rosario he said that three of the seven board members are deceased. In order to have a quorum of the board the remaining four board members must all be present.

The auditor said that the lack of oversight by management and the Board of Directors resulted in "an enormous debt aggregating \$1,004,722 where 95% or \$950,732 represents accumulated cash advances from the State Government. PTA could not also identify the sources of funds to enable it to pay for its liabilities."

The audit listed advances issued by the au-

thority totaling \$38,698. The OPA said that of those advances \$27,404 may not be reimbursed due to their age. The recorded advances include "purchase orders", \$5,961 of the total has been outstanding since 2005 and might not be reimbursed. "Advance to suppliers", \$14,610 of the total have been outstanding since 1998. "Travel Advances" totaling \$6,833; those advances have "no likelihood" of being reimbursed according to the auditor. No indication was given in the audit for the length of time that the travel advances have been outstanding.

The audit said that Pohnpei law requires management to clear deficiencies cited on audit reports within six months. The auditor said that of 19 findings in audits cover-

since the audit of fiscal years 2003 and 2004 audit was in regards to safety in the storage of paving asphalt. OPA said that during their current review they found that "leaking drums of asphalt cement and primer were not segregated during inventory cut off for FY 2007. The drums were unarranged and exposed at the field."

OPA has suggested many times that the Commissioner should ensure that "construction services are performed based on clear cut scope and specifications between PTA and customer..."

Mr. Rosario, said in his audit response, "During the past several years, project description specified under the contracts between PTA and Pohnpei State or FSM National Government was generic. Some specific work to be completed were oral instructions. Sometimes, these circumstances coupled with unpredictable weather and soil condition lead to loss in net revenue. We can resolve this situation through the review of work specifications and with the assistance of the oversight body."

Mr. Rosario said during our phone interview, that Lt. Governor Churchill Edward earlier this year insisted that the Authority must operate within its means. As a result PTA made some changes.

There are three months remaining in the 2008 fiscal year. When asked if PTA would achieve at least a "break even" status at the end of this year as a result of the changes, Rosario said "We're doing much better."

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ing 2003 through 2007, the authority has cleared only 8 and a half including two that were referred to the Attorney General's office for collection that since 2005 have still had no resolution.

One of the items that had had no resolution

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sored airline. When Weilbacher heard that the President had vetoed the line item in the budget that would have provided a subsidy for the airline he said "he was disgusted" and submitted his resignation. Weilbacher has been the Chairman of the Board since CIA opened eleven years ago

This is not the first time that CIA has had to close down. Weilbacher said that he didn't know whether or not the current shutdown would be permanent.

The planes that CIA flies rely on aviation gasoline. Weilbacher said that Mobil does not provide that type of fuel in this region of the Pacific. CIA has always imported their fuel from a supplier in Australia. The fuel at one time was transshipped in Majuro and then brought to Pohnpei by PM&O. When PM&O stopped serving Pohnpei, CIA had to suspend its operations until they could work out a fuel shipment arrangement. The fuel now comes into Pohnpei on Matson Lines.

Fuel that had a "landed cost" of \$150 a barrel when CIA opened now costs over \$500.

Weilbacher said that if Pohnpei State would pay the \$15,000 it owes to CIA right now in one lump sum they could order another half container of fuel and stay running for a while longer though there would be a delay while they wait for fuel to arrive. He said that Pohnpei has been making small payments

for a long time.

CIA could possibly be revived if Congress overrides the President's veto. Even if Congress chooses to override the veto CIA will be short one pilot; their only pilot.

Alex Tretnoff is the company's CEO, pilot, mechanic and as Tretnoff put it, "bathroom cleaner". Weilbacher said that Tretnoff's dedication to the airline over the years has been nothing short of astounding. Tretnoff has missed paychecks when CIA's finances were tight but he stayed because he was committed. Weilbacher said that he didn't know what the airline would do without him if they reopened but FAA certified pilots and mechanics like Tretnoff are in high demand and he has had offers from other airlines.

Tretnoff says that no matter what happens in the next session of Congress he's out. He said he's tired of the politics.

An FSM delegation headed by Peter Christian, Secretary for Resources and Development recently visited the Harbin Aircraft Manufacturing Corporation in China where the Harbin Y-12 airplane is made. The delegation was looking into the possibility of acquiring for the FSM, two of the 20 passenger aircrafts.

Weilbacher, who was part of the delegation on one of the trips, said that his understanding was that if the deal went through one of the planes would be utilized as a Marine Surveillance plane and the other would be put into use at CIA. He said that each of the two planes would cost approximately



The Harbin Y-12

\$4.5 million.

The Y-12 utilizes jet fuel which is already being supplied in the FSM and would not need to be specially imported. It has long been a goal of CIA to utilize a fuel they could purchase locally so that they could pay as they needed fuel rather than paying for several months' supply at once as they have been forced to do in the past.

An official from the Chinese Embassy said that nothing has been finalized and that he didn't know if the FSM was still pursuing

the matter or not. He said that the acquisition of the Harbin Y-12 aircraft would be financed under a preferential loan program from China if the FSM decides to purchase the aircraft.

The Department of Resources and Development referred us to the FSM Public Information Officer for information on the potential deal. We could not confirm FSM's plans regarding the planes since there is no public information officer. We also were unable to ascertain who would fly the planes if the FSM does buy them.

National Marine Monument proposal in CNMI faces opposition

By Josh Kalscheur
The Kaselehlie Press

A proposal of the Pew Charitable Trust, with headquarters in Philadelphia, has targeted a portion of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) as a potential National Monument site. The site for the monument the organization is proposing is located 300 miles from Saipan. It surrounds the islands of Uracus, Maug, and Asuncion.

The focus of the monument proposal is not so much on the three islands, but on the ocean that surrounds the islands. The islands are protected by CNMI law. The ocean area that surrounds those islands is not.

The proposed monument covers 115,000 square miles; an area that includes both shallow water coral reefs and cold, dark waters more than 21,000 feet deep.

The CNMI National monument proposal originated with Ocean Legacy, an offshoot of the Pew Charitable Trust's Pew Environment Group. Ocean Legacy's primary focus is to establish three to four large, world-class, no-take marine reserves that will provide ecosystem-scale benefits. They also aim to conserve a global marine heritage.

Ocean Legacy took notice of CNMI when Jay Nelson, Ocean Legacy's director, identified the three northernmost islands in the CNMI as one of a few locations from around the world that could eventually reach monument status.

He said, "The isolated waters around the three northernmost islands in the Marianas chain have a wealth of unique cultural, geological and biological features which together make them one of the most interesting and spectacular areas of ocean on the globe."

Two tectonic plates meet near CNMI. The two plates are constantly in tension. When the Philippine and Pacific Plates met, the crumpling of the earth's crust created the volcanoes that make up the islands of CNMI. The famous Marianas Trench which has a depth of over 21,000 feet was also a result of the collision of the plates. The Marianas Trench is quite literally an inverted version of the Himalayas.

While excitement surrounds the proposal for the monument, the Pew Charitable Trust and Ocean Legacy have also faced roadblocks placed by the CNMI government.

CNMI Governor Benigno R. Fitial has actively displayed his disapproval of the proposal. He wrote a letter to President Bush requesting him to, "refrain from designating any portion of the CNMI as a marine monument, marine sanctuary, or national park." Governor Fitial said that his opposition to the proposal is shared by both the members of the CNMI Senate and its House of Representatives. He said that such a designation would "greatly reduce or eliminate the ability of the CNMI government to carefully balance cultural, environmental and economic considerations in the region in an open and inclusive manner."

There is a concern in the CNMI government that a monument designation would

hinder potential economic growth that might come from recreational or commercial fishing. The government is also concerned that any attempt to extract oil, gas, or mineral resources from the area would be hampered by the designation.

Angelo Villagomez, CNMI coordinator of Pew Environment Group said that the waters around the northernmost islands have not provided a penny of economic benefit to CNMI to date. Islands Business quoted him as saying, "If there were commercially valuable stocks of fish in those waters, someone over the past few decades would have started a viable fishery".

Villagomez said that mining, while a speculative possibility, suffers from two flaws: commercial deep-sea mining is not currently being done anywhere in the world and, the proposed monument is in federal, not CNMI, waters.

Despite the diplomatic challenges that linger in the near future, Jay Nelson remains hopeful. "...Once the CNMI leaders have had the time to garner all the facts related to this proposal, they will recognize the economic, educational and cultural benefits that come with designating a large protected area as a national marine preserve."

While debate rages on the potential monument, it might be easy to forget the many benefits that might come from pro-

tecting the ocean areas surrounding the three northernmost islands.

As a marine National Monument, the ocean environment would be protected from resource extraction, which includes industrial sea bed mining and commercial or charter fishing operations.

Reports from the US Coast Guard, of captured boats in the area as well as anecdotal evidence from local fishermen suggest that the area requires more protection.

Presently the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the US federal government, controls the area of the proposed monument. With monument status, the control would shift to a different division within NOAA, one which manages sanctuaries. Effectively, CNMI would gain more control in protecting the "monument waters" against illegal fishing. Vessels whose specific purpose is to protect the monument waters would be dispatched for added surveillance and monitoring. In addition, the US Coast Guard would be encouraged to defend the waters more carefully.

Just as important as the prohibited activities of the proposed area are the activities that would be allowed.

With marine monument status, the ocean waters surrounding Uracus, Maug and

Asuncion would be available for traditional subsistence fishing, cultural heritage practices, scuba diving, and bird and wildlife viewing.

Research possibilities also exist in the area of the proposed monument. The Marianas Trench is relatively unexplored, and the area surrounding the three northernmost islands of CNMI is remote. The ecosystem has been allowed to evolve without significant human-related changes. Fish populations in the monument area would not experience the pressure for survival that they face in the southern parts of the CNMI archipelago. Researchers would have access to fish species in the proposed monument that they may not have had before.

Scientists have discovered that volcanoes discharge liquid carbon dioxide. In the proposed monument area, underwater volcanoes produce intermittent and often violent changes in the undersea environment. A national monument in the proposed area might provide opportunities for scientists to research the impact of ocean acidification along with that of liquid carbon dioxide.

The added notoriety of a National Monument could propel tourism in the northern Marianas. Although the area surrounding Uracus, Maug and Asuncion is remote, the possibility for ecotourism is real.

Nelson said, "If the CNMI were to follow the model established in Hawai'i, limited excursions for high end tourism could be developed." Visitors to Midway from Hawai'i spend \$5000 for a one-week visit. "I think the northernmost islands might lend themselves to high-end dive boat tourism. Think of t-shirts emblazoned with the phrase, 'I Dove the Marianas Trench.'"

The prospect of educational tourism also could present itself. Northern Marianas College (NMC) would have an opportunity to seek partnership programs with domestic and/or foreign universities to increase the development of marine science programs at the local college. "Can you imagine if the CNMI becomes one of the most prominent ocean research centers in the world - the kind of tourism it will bring - and the benefits and positive effect it will have on students at NMC?" said former Northern Marianas College President Agnes McPhetres.

The Pew Charitable Trust has presented a proposal for consideration. It is a proposal that has met considerable resistance. The monument will require the approval of the President of the United States. The proposed monument is still just a proposal.

Nelson said, "The Bush Administration is interested in taking a look at protecting the water around the three northern islands, but only if there is sufficient local support."

The Northern Islands Mayor, Valentin I. Taisacan is cautiously hopeful about the prospects of the monument. "The idea is beautiful. But the balance of the factors must be weighed to make sure that we can be clear about a decision that lasts forever."



U.S. Navy hospital ship Mercy to visit Micronesia



The United States Hospital Ship USNS Mercy will visit the Federated States of Micronesia next month. From late August to early September, the Mercy, which is one of two U.S. "floating hospitals," will anchor in Chuuk Lagoon while performing humanitarian medical, dental, veterinary and construction assistance programs in the FSM's most populous state. In addition to surgery and treatment aboard the ship, teams of U.S. military doctors, nurses, and engineers will conduct medical community outreach and humanitarian assistance activities at select islands within Chuuk Lagoon. Medical teams from the Mercy will also fly to Pohnpei and Yap in mid-August to provide services in municipalities and villages, working under the direction of Micronesian health authorities.

The Mercy is a converted oil tanker, 894-feet in length. This Naval ship is based in San Diego, California. It contains 12 fully equipped operating rooms, a 1,000-bed hospital, digital radiological services, a diagnostic and clinical laboratory, pharmacy, optometry lab, and two oxygen producing plants. The huge ship also has a helicopter deck capable of landing large military choppers as well as side ports to take on patients at sea.

Since departing California on May 1, the Mercy has visited the Philippines, Vietnam, East Timor and Papua New Guinea under the banner of an initiative called Pacific Partnership 2008. The Federated States of Micronesia will be the final port of call along the long route of this historic journey. The staff and crew of 900 men and women include U.S. Navy medical personnel, U.S. Public Health Service workers, U.S. Navy Seabees and embarked members of the U.S. Army and Air Force. Partner nations who have contributed to this mission include Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Republic of South Korea, Singapore, India, Indonesia and New Zealand. Also participating in the deployment are several non-governmental organizations that provide medical, dental, construction and other humanitarian services in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

Another disappointment

Editorial
The Fiji Times

AFTER assurances of an election by March 2009, interim Prime Minister Commodore Voreqe Bainimarama has done the opposite to convince the people of this country we will return to the ballot box by the deadline he promised.

His about-turn on the election deadline — just days after the Pacific Forum Ministerial Contact Group met to discuss Fiji's commitment to the election — is a big blow. Hopes of a quick return to democratic rule have been dashed by the military regime's plans to defer the election to 2010.

The ordinary people of this country find it unacceptable that they must wait longer and suffer as the country's economic situation worsens amid increasing global prices.

Jobs have been lost, families struggle to put food on the table and children affected in the trickle-down effect of the December 5, 2006, takeover.

And the regime's change of plans has done little to ease their troubles.

At a time when citizens look to Commodore Bainimarama and his junta to rescue the country and restore some sense of confidence in its leadership, it is most depressing to endure another broken promise.

Broken promises breed distrust and the people have had enough of it.

Commitments made to us and the international

community remain just words. The reality is that the longer we wait for democracy, because of the thoughtless wills of a minority within the interim regime, life in this once fast-developing Pacific Island nation is going to be more difficult.

Commodore Bainimarama's excuse that electoral reforms need to take place before the election is lame.

After assuring our main trading partners in the region and elsewhere in the world, the decision to defer the election could trigger a backlash.

Australia, New Zealand and our island neighbours — which showed willingness to help in the return to democracy — believe an election should be the first step to any reform. And so do we.

Only Parliament, under the Constitution the junta has preached it stands for, has the mandate to approve such electoral changes.

By doing this, the interim regime showed it has only the interests of a select few, with disregard for the people of different races and cultures that make up Fiji's people.

We need truthful leaders, those whose words can be trusted, to build a better Fiji.

Broken promises will take their toll.

And the people — the ones whom the junta said it took over control for — are sick and tired of broken promises. They will suffer for it.

No longer the way the world should be

Editorial
The Solomon Star

AS you read this newspaper today, consider how lucky you are.

The news and information you get are not subject to government or political control.

There is no special tribunal set up by our government to punish the news media for not toeing the government line.

That's because in the Solomon Islands today fundamental human rights are respected. They include the right of everyone to freedom of expression and information.

Sadly for the many good people of our near neighbour Fiji that's no longer going to be the case.

The erratic military dictator Frank Bainimarama, his thuggish military and his unelected collaborators this week announced they are imposing media regulation.

That comes after the failure of their efforts to totally intimidate the Fiji news media.

The regime wants the news media to publish and broadcast the news the way the regime wants it. That includes not publishing news and views they don't like.

Said the country's oldest newspaper, The Fiji Times:

"The interim Cabinet's decision to support a submission by interim Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama on a new type of law to place limits on the media is deplorable.

"Putting aside the fact that this comes right off the back of an attempt to placate Forum island members over the rule of law and an elections timetable, it's not just bad timing it's bad policy making."

The newspaper added: "Since December 5, 2006, when Commodore Bainimarama seized the reins of State, many attempts have been made to limit the type of information that taxpayers and citizens of this country receive.

"Some of these attempts have involved direct intimidation of journalists, editors and news crews. Some have involved the virtual kidnapping and deportation of publishers. Some have even involved the occupation of newsrooms by military personnel.

"This so-called Media Promulgation is another such attempt."

The country's other main newspaper, the Fiji Sun, said the regime's moves will have a chilling impact on the public's right to know. "Who now will want to be an editor or a publisher in Fiji?" the newspaper asked.

Fiji was once deservedly a respected and pioneering leader of the Pacific Islands nations. It was billed as the way the world should be.

No more.

Under Bainimarama and his unelected mob, Fiji is no longer a country we can look up to, or look to for leadership. This despite the many good people still in Fiji, and the close links we continue to have.

Fiji today is in danger of becoming regarded as the Zimbabwe of the Pacific Islands. The Bainimarama regime's moves to impose media regulation are the latest steps in that dismal direction.

No wonder so many Fiji people now prefer to work and live in the Solomon Islands.

Australian defence helps to restore power to FSM's patrol boats

As part of the annual Maritime Surveillance Coordination Talks, Australian Defence offered to fund and assist the FSM Police Maritime Wing to repair their shore power generator in order to restore power to the FSM's three patrol boats when berthed alongside their base at Dekehtek wharf.

The overhaul of the generator was conducted in the first two weeks of July by Maritime Wing marine engineers under the guidance of Mr Bart Edwards from the Pacific Patrol Boat Systems Program Office in Brisbane, Australia and with the assistance of the Royal Australian Navy Technical Adviser in Pohnpei, CPOMT 'Johnny' O'Keefe.

In thanking the Australian Defence Force for helping to overhaul the generator, the Commander of the FSM Maritime Wing, Robert Maluweirang, said 'the overhaul work was also a good learning experience for our boys who got a lot out of working with Bart and Johnny and I would like to thank them very much for their guidance and hard work and also for their friendship'



Responding to the Commanders comments, the Royal Australian Navy's Maritime Surveillance Adviser to FSM, LCDR Mark Sorby said: 'It was a great achievement by all personnel involved to get the generator running again after more than 2 years. The successful overhaul of the shore generator means that the Maritime Wing can now provide power to FS Ships Palikir, Micronesia and Independence which will significantly reduce the running hours on their own onboard generators and save money in fuel and maintenance costs'

Welcome to Japan's Ambassador Sato Includes Japanese Martial Arts Demonstration

Photos by Bill Jaynes



President Mori (second from left) pauses for a picture with two representatives from the Association for Micronesia Development and Japan's Ambassador Sato (on the right)



JICA volunteers enjoying the reception at Cliff Rainbow on Saturday, July 20



Successful Basketball Camp concludes in Pohnpei

By Jim Tobin

Over 220 Pohnpei young people learned the basic fundamentals of basketball during the Pohnpei Youth Basketball camp last week. The camp which was free to all participants was held at the COM National Campus China Friendship Gymnasium from Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18.

Head coach Ryan Burns, from Melbourne Australia along with other local coaches Castro Joab, Bobo Ludwig, Loatsis Seneres and many others taught the Pohnpei youth basics in shooting, dribbling, passing and defense.

The 2008 Pohnpei Youth Basketball Camp was sponsored by COM-FSM, FSM National Olympic Committee and Matson Shipping. The organizing committee plans to make the camp and annual event.



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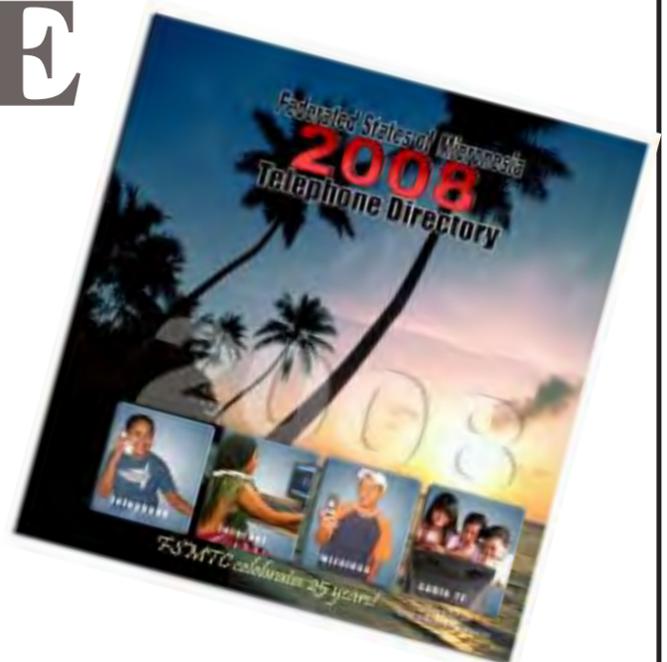


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K-Press Perspective

Letter to the Editor

Very Bad News Indeed!

The news hit me like a thorough and unexpected dousing with ice water from overhead on a hot day.

It wasn't the news that tensions in the Middle East had risen with Iran's test of nine missiles, at least one of which could apparently reach Israel and most certainly the Strait of Hormuz through which 40% of the world's oil flows. The already high price of oil immediately rose when that news hit.

Thoughts of massed armies gathered in the plains of Megiddo rose instantly in my mind as they always do when I hear military news from the Middle East.

That should have been the news that caused the reaction that I had when I heard that Chuuk's Governor Wesley Simina on Friday, July 11th terminated the employment of the Director of Administrative Services, Gillian Doone.

The Middle East news was scary but the news from Chuuk was astounding to me.

I have personally spoken with Gillian Doone precisely four times. We have exchanged emails a total of five times, two of them were during the weekend after he was fired. The news didn't hit me hard because I've known him for a long time. I haven't.

Sure, I like him and his bent toward transparency. I've said so before. I even listed him as one of my personal FSM heroes in a recent K-Press Perspective.

Doone has told many people, including me that the overhaul of Chuuk's finances would take years of collective effort and, to the best of my knowledge he never meant Chuuk State efforts alone. Indeed, Chuuk has been financially assisted by several governments but still the state, despite its progress is merely "on its way".

It seems to me that Chuuk was heading in "the right" direction with its finances and that Gillian Doone was helping to manage the improvement quite well. I'm not the only one that thought so.

John Schnebly, whose position was funded by the US Government through the USDA Graduate School in Honolulu, wrote a report issued on March 31, 2008 on the progress of Chuuk's finances over the period of six months under Doone's management. He was in Chuuk to help the state to make a transition to a new computerized Financial Management Information System.

Schnebly said that under Doone management the Department of Administrative Services' accomplishments, among many others, included:

- 1) "No checks are written unless cash is available, even with legal overdraft powers."
- 2) "Revenues are now recorded correctly and timely and the financial management system is able to provide management with reliable data on its financial position."

3) "There have been no questionable expenditures in FY-08 for bogus claims and judgments or prior year liabilities."

4) "Payroll improprieties including legal hiring and unauthorized payments have stopped. Internal accounting controls over biweekly payroll processing incorporate a sound system of checks and balances and considerable progress has been made in restoring formerly lost records."

5) "Payroll allotments have been immediately paid for all pay periods during which Gillian has been Director. There are no outstanding allotments from October 2007 forward even though Chuuk Finance is still working on paying a large backlog of delinquent allotments from FY-07."

Schnebly concluded, "Any observer of Chuuk State's financial history over the years would naturally ask whether the results above are sustainable. I believe this progress is definitely sustainable as long as the current management remains in place in Chuuk State and FSM Finance" and, Schnebly added, "(big caveat) OIA continues to support the FSM efforts to resolve Chuuk State's problems...."

Other accomplishments and pay downs on debt mentioned by Schnebly were directly funded by the US Government, the Chinese Government, the FSM Government, and the Australian Government.

Doone didn't work for Schnebly or for Perman or for another government. He served at the Chuuk State Governor's pleasure. Obviously, since Governor Simina chose to terminate Doone's employment he was no longer pleased. Governor Simina was and is within his rights to fire Chuuk's outspoken "bulldog of finance."

Truly, Doone has no recourse but to go on his way to wherever he chooses. His and his family's life will likely be better now that he doesn't have to scrap everyday with Chuuk's "bulldogs of politics."

Perhaps no one but Governor Simina and former Director Doone will ever know precisely which time that Doone said "no" to his boss served as "the last straw"; the one that caused the governor to say that his Director of Administrative Services had been insubordinate.

Doone said that he thought that he was terminated from his job as a result of his refusal to issue a few of the Reduction in Force checks, the money for which was provided by the US Government. Doone said RIF checks were not due to the people to whom the Governor wanted to issue them.

Doone said his firing probably also had to do with his refusal to issue a \$50,000 check to Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation, the second such check that would have been issued to CPUC in less than a week at the governor's instruction. Doone said that the second check indicated a lack of planning on the part of CPUC administrators, and that there was an insufficient balance in the account to issue the check.

Legislator's Response to Speaker Jackson

Dear Editor Jaynes:

This is written in reference to a letter published under the authorship of Speaker Jackson of Kosrae, expressing disagreement on the FSM one time salary increase and the spiraling budget allocations for members' representation allowances. I congratulate the Speaker for his views, however, such expressions should necessarily precede rather than follow the fact; nonetheless, I dip my hat to Speaker Jackson for writing what was published in the latest edition of your paper, especially on the subject of representation allowances. On this matter, I am happy that my consistent negative votes in Congress are in line with the good Speakers view.

As to the enactment of C.B. No. 15-89, a one time token pay increase of \$35 per pay period for FSM employees, since the bill has my authorship, let me give a brief explanation for the Speaker. Basically, my purpose is none other than to follow the State of Pohnpei in giving its employ-

ees a small relief in pay to assist them with half a tank of gasoline for rural commute to Palikir. The amount given is so small it will not do much; yet, a little is better than none at all.

As an aside, I congratulate the Speaker for the stated strides made in Kosrae on fiscal reforms. But, that isn't a good enough reason on which to deny our employees in Palikir some help from the government.

Finally, I wish the Speaker and his people much success in their reform efforts and I am happy to have helped some; further, I assure him of my support for Senator Primo's C.B. No. 15-06, when it come to the floor for a vote.

Sincerely,

Resio S. Moses
Senator & Vice Speaker,
FSM Congress

Maybe the final straw was the existence of a separate bank account in the name of the government of Chuuk containing over \$400,000 that Doone established for the State. That bank account had a balance just under 85,000 times higher than the balance that Chuuk State Government had in its bank account when Doone took office in October of last year. The balance then was \$4.87, not including "floating checks" that amounted to over \$7 million. Doone's predecessor wasn't let go until JEMCO more or less insisted that a change be made.

If you or I wrote bad checks that totaled over \$7 million we would be serving time by now. They're called "floating checks" when Chuuk State Government writes them. When we write them they bounce.

The new bank account couldn't have been the reason for Doone's termination. The Chuuk State Legislature requested several months ago that he be fired over the bank account where Chuuk State's monetary surpluses were deposited.

"Surplus" is an unusual term where Chuuk is concerned. The money in what Doone titled the "Special Holding Account" was money the government might have appropriated for any number of reasons for which they might have seen fit if they'd known it existed but they didn't. Doone's employment wasn't terminated then.

According to Doone there is another account entitled "Debt Relief Fund" that came into existence in April of 2008 as part of the Memorandum of Understanding. He said that \$125,000 was deposited there from Chuuk's share of revenue that came when the state paid overdue income tax to the FSM National Government. He said that the Legislature "thinks it is new money" and wants it as a budget

supplement. He said that the money under that law can only be used to retire Chuuk debt. The Legislature, he said, is not happy about that but Doone was not terminated when he said "no" then.

His employment wasn't terminated when he filed for a Chuuk State judicial decision regarding the constitutionality of representation allowance payments to Chuuk's seated legislators.

His employment wasn't terminated when he filed as an intercessor in the land payment dispute case of the family of Fuminori Shirai.

It must have been tough for Governor Simina to work with Doone. He must often have wondered who really was in charge. Doone's persistent personality must have been just too much to take and that is understandable. It's not my place to second guess the governor.

Surely Doone is not the only person that can do the job he was doing. Perhaps the Governor has another person in mind that will ride in on his or her white steed and continue in Doone's footsteps. Maybe that person will tread a bit softer than Doone did. I hope that method will be enough for Chuuk.

No one person will be able to put Chuuk's finances back on the right track even with a herd of white steeds. As Doone said many times, it will take a collective effort. That effort will need to come from inside and outside. The effort from outside has already begun in earnest. When will the effort begin inside the Chuuk State Government? I thought it already had.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

Seen Any Good Movies Lately?



By N.N. Isaac
The Kaselehlie Press

Be Kind Rewind (2008)

What would you do if you accidentally became magnetized? I'd imagine a whole slew of things would become incredibly difficult, like sharpening garden tools, juggling knives, or sprinting through a scrap metal junkyard. Considering the plethora of things one wouldn't be able to do, it didn't occur to me that having the mutant-like power of magnetism would hinder me from the ordinary task of renting movies at my favorite video store.

"Be Kind Rewind" is a sci-fi, tongue-in-cheek comedy exploring the amusing assertion that if a human magnet walked into a video store, the said "Magneto's" proximity to the videotapes would render the entire store's VHS stock into snowy oblivion. The fun in "Be Kind" really starts when video store employee, Mike, and his magnetized comrade, Jerry, decide to re-create abridged versions of their favorite movies for customers in an effort to prevent the store from going out of business.

Directed by the Academy Award-winning Michel Gondry (*Human Nature* 2001, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* 2004, *The Science of Sleep* 2006), "Be Kind" stars comedian Jack Black as Jerry, hip-hop rapper Mos Def as Mike, and newcomer Melonie Diaz as Alma. Danny Glover, Mia Farrow, and Sigourney Weaver also play key characters in this movie.

For fans of music artists like Bjork, Radiohead, Massive Attack, and Daft Punk, the name 'Michel Gondry' is synonymous with avant-garde visual styles and inventive camera techniques. Before moving on to feature films, Gondry established a reputation for creating memo-

rable commercials for big-name companies like Air France, Nike, Coca Cola, Adidas, the Gap, Smirnoff, Polaroid, and Levi. His "Drugstore" spot for Levi's 501 Jeans holds the record for most awards won by a TV commercial (check it out on YouTube).

Aside from an incredible "mise en scene" (a scene done through a single shot, accompanied by camera movement, as opposed to a montage-style of editing) in the middle of the film, Gondry puts his edgy camera tricks aside and focuses his quirky wit and whimsical sense of humor on the development of his characters and the hilarious premise of his movie.

Gondry and his cast create a sweet-natured, goofy homage to movie classics that most film lovers will certainly appreciate. Most of "Be Kind's" magic happens during Mike and Jerry's comical attempts to remake movies like *Ghostbusters* and *The Lion King*. However, those side-splitting instances end way too quickly, leaving the viewer a little frustrated and wishing for more.

"Be Kind Rewind" is a charmingly wacky story that is a must-rent for filmmaking enthusiasts, and for fans of Gondry. On the other hand, if you're expecting a fast-paced, laugh-out-loud comedy blockbuster, "Be Kind" is not the movie for you.

This movie is rated PG-13 for some sexual references, and is available on DVD.

Slipstream (2007)

When screenwriter Felix Bonhoeffer's mind goes awry on a discombobulated rampage, the line between reality and fantasy vanishes completely in Hopkins' 2007 science-fiction movie, "Slipstream."

Written, directed, and starring screen legend, Anthony Hopkins, "Slipstream," also

known as "Slipstream Dream," attempts to take viewers on an unguided tour of a deteriorating mind. In addition to Sir Hopkins, this movie's impressive cast includes Stella Arroyave (Hopkins' real-life wife), Christian Slater, Michael Clarke Duncan, Fionnula Flanagan, Gavin Grazer (brother of producer Brian Grazer), Camryn Manheim (*The Practice*), John Turturro, Jeffrey Tambor (*Arrested Development*), S. Epatha Merkeson (*Law & Order*), and veteran actor Kevin McCarthy (*Invasion of the Body Snatchers*).

"Slipstream" debuted at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival to disappointed Sundance audiences who were confused by the unclear premise of the movie. The film also canned at Cannes and experienced a limited release in only 6 theaters in the United States. While shopping his script around, Hopkins reportedly refused input from studio execs and rejected studios who wanted to have the final cut of the film, opting instead to retain sole creative rights to his movie.

About this film's unconventional, chaotic plot, Hopkins stated he based its script on his thoughts and feelings about the random nature of reality and the dream-like quality that life takes on as one gets older. He also said that his film was meant to poke fun at a film industry that takes itself too seriously, and as a challenge to those who don't take life seriously enough.

The viewing response to "Slipstream" ranges from admiring fans being blown away by Hopkins' ambitious attempt at making a unique film ahead of its time, to others not so supportive of the actor's ef-

fort, calling it the worst movie ever made.

I personally found "Slipstream" to be an annoying, nauseating, and claustrophobic experience. In my opinion, Hopkins would've done a great service to humanity if he had promoted his little experimental movie under a pseudonym so that fans of his acclaimed body of work don't automatically jump on board. Where supporters of the film might praise "Slipstream" as anarchic, provocative, and ahead of its time, I'd call it impotent, ghastly, and so far ahead of its time that it crushes time into an unrecognizable pulp and opens up a tear in the time-space continuum that would cause time and the 4th dimension to end all existence as we know it.

If you don't mind watching a film that poses a thousand questions and offers absolutely no answers at all, and if you missed the 60's and are curious to experience a really bad trip, and then by all means, check out "Slipstream." Hopefully you'll be able to garner some kind of artistic or philosophical significance from Hopkins' haphazard interpretation of the meaning of life. If you do manage to finish the movie, be sure to continue watching until the credits stop rolling for an extra ending that's supposedly very illuminating.

"Slipstream" is rated R for language and some violent images.

Be generous with the sunscreen over the weekend and more importantly, don't forget to be kind, rewind, and watch out for these movies on DVD.

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Secretary Rice to travel to the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific

U.S. Department of State

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will travel to the United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, and Samoa July 20-28.

In Abu Dhabi (July 21-22), Secretary Rice will meet with host government officials to discuss bilateral issues and cooperation. She will also participate in a meeting of several Foreign Ministers of Arab countries to review regional matters of political, economic, and strategic importance.

In Singapore (July 22-24), Secretary Rice will attend the ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) and the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Ministerial, where she will discuss U.S.-ASEAN cooperation as well as regional issues such as disaster relief, Burma, free trade, and food and energy security.

Following her visit to Singapore, Secretary Rice will travel to Perth, Australia (July 24-25) for a "hometown visit" with Foreign Minister Smith. While there, the Secretary will meet with regional officials

and community leaders. She will also join Foreign Minister Smith in highlighting the strength of our bilateral alliance and paying homage to those sacrificed in the cause of freedom.

In Auckland, New Zealand (July 25-27), Secretary Rice will meet with Prime Minister Clark, Foreign Minister Peters, and Opposition Leader Key. During these consultations, the Secretary will address a broad range of topics, including the bilateral political and economic relationship and global concerns.

Secretary Rice will cross the International Date Line and arrive in Apia, Samoa on July 26 to participate in a working lunch with her counterparts from Pacific Island Forum states to emphasize U.S. commitment to strengthening cooperation within the region. While in Apia, she will also meet with Head of State Tufugu Efi and Prime Minister Tuila'epa to underscore U.S. support for Samoa's commitment to democracy in the region. The Secretary will depart Samoa for the United States on July 26, stopping in Hawaii for consultations en route to Washington, DC.

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Weigh-in at Rumors - 4:00pm - 12 July 2008

- 1st Tygris (Capt. Kumer Panuelo) - 3 species equaling 51.5 pounds
 - 2nd True Blue (Capt. Johnny O'Keefe) - 3 species equaling 31 pounds
 - 3rd Bavaria (Capt. Konrad Englberger) - 2 species
- Next PFC Tournament - 16 August 2008

Tight Lines!

Mr. Roger Mori, the temporary President of the FSM-Japan Friendship Society, would like to invite all interested people to a general meeting of the society on Friday, August 1, at 6:00 PM at PCR.

The purpose of the meeting, which is open to anyone is to adopt the by-laws and elect permanent officers.

The main mission of the society is to further strengthen the existing bilateral relation between FSM and Japan, foster more grassroots exchanges between FSM and Japanese citizens, promote the interests of our country in Japan, undertake activities that will enhance mutual understanding and close collaboration between FSM and Japan on issues of mutual interests, etc.

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Puzzles

CROSSWORD PUZZLE - INTRUDE

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1. Firmly embedded</p> <p>6. Those who exceed</p> <p>10. Head-over-heels</p> <p>14. Showy flower</p> <p>16. All-night party</p> <p>17. Pomposity</p> <p>18. Conjures up</p> <p>19. Snowballed</p> <p>20. Flower bed</p> <p>21. British yea</p> <p>22. Intrude</p> <p>24. Record holder</p> <p>26. Biblical book</p> <p>29. Viper</p> <p>30. Heroic tale</p> <p>33. Veggie holder</p> <p>35. Recital star</p> <p>37. Server</p> <p>38. Kind of scientist</p> <p>41. Familiarize</p> <p>42. Solutions</p> <p>43. Mare or ewe</p> <p>44. Clumsy crafts</p> <p>45. Long in the</p>	<p>47. Made smooth</p> <p>49. Deli bread</p> <p>50. It hangs out</p> <p>51. Romanov royal</p> <p>52. Tell</p> <p>54. Checked over</p> <p>55. Response to a cat, perhaps</p> <p>59. Wear away</p> <p>61. ER concern</p> <p>63. Flub</p> <p>64. L.A. ____</p> <p>67. Final</p> <p>68. Living-room piece</p> <p>71. Sweater material</p> <p>74. Chip in</p> <p>75. Rope arrangement</p> <p>76. Not impartial</p> <p>77. Sign spotter</p> <p>78. Alluring</p> <p>79. Court cries</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1. Concept</p>	<p>2. Kind of bean</p> <p>3. Pump or mule</p> <p>4. Antlered one</p> <p>5. Formal dining need</p> <p>6. Sock pattern</p> <p>7. Roller coaster compartment</p> <p>8. 12/24 or 12/31</p> <p>9. Puts in stitches</p> <p>10. Hung open</p> <p>11. Felt poorly</p> <p>12. Orchard</p> <p>13. Daisylike bloom</p> <p>15. Nile nippers</p> <p>23. Engrossed</p> <p>25. Luck, in a song</p> <p>26. Pest</p> <p>27. Caught a king</p> <p>28. Nimble</p> <p>30. "Nothing personal"</p> <p>31. Analogous</p> <p>32. "Anything ____"</p> <p>34. Sahara spring</p> <p>35. Zoom skyward</p> <p>36. Hackneyed</p> <p>38. Craze</p>	<p>39. Fix a law</p> <p>40. Crib cry</p> <p>42. Skewered steak</p> <p>43. Additional</p> <p>46. Big bash</p> <p>48. Out of the ordinary</p> <p>50. ____ <i>Here to Eternity</i></p> <p>51. It might be shed</p> <p>53. Pact</p> <p>55. Rand-McNally book</p> <p>56. Construction machine</p> <p>57. Waste maker</p> <p>58. <i>The ____ Limits</i></p> <p>60. Humdrum</p> <p>62. Shows curiosity</p> <p>64. Misplace</p> <p>65. Kind of code</p> <p>66. Bankrolls</p> <p>69. Hole in ____</p> <p>70. Sly one</p> <p>72. Playful bite</p> <p>73. Guy's date</p>
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Puzzle A

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The Catholic Church Reflects on itself

The Catholic Church of the Vicariate of Pohnpei Kosrae has been involved in a continuing examination of itself that has gone on for over a year. We are examining the way that we listen to Jesus in the New Testament and then are attempting to live out that message in our daily lives on Pohnpei in 2008. We want to see how our life and faith come together.

We have found many things in our lives that we have to thank God for at the end of each day. We know that this is because of the prompting of the Spirit whom the Father and the Son have sent to be with us each day. We cannot live up to the word and the teaching of Jesus by ourselves. We need the grace of God.

When we reflect, it is often all too easy to judge and condemn others while not looking at our own weakness and failures. We have to admit that each of us is a sinner. We have not always been faithful. For this reason we are very grateful that we have seen ourselves better during this examination and have found that we are more patient and understanding in judging others.

The question that we have been reflecting on recently is "What do we have to do today to live up to what Jesus preached over two thousand years ago?" We want to make our faith an active part of our life each day here on Pohnpei in 2008.

The Spirit has continued to help us to see many new things. First, we must incorporate into our lives the real need to listen to the Word of God in scripture, to reflect on it and then to make a real commitment or covenant with God to live that way today.

Perhaps, Catholics have not valued Scriptures as much as they should. It is not enough to hear the Word. It is not enough

to count on sacrifices or other fruits of our labor. We have to truly choose a new life. We must allow the Word to change us so that we can be a true sign of Jesus working here on Pohnpei today. This sign must be clear to all. This calls for real conversion in my own life today.

Perhaps, we have not "let ourselves go" enough to form a real human relationship with Jesus, the God-man and also with all of our brothers and sisters as He constantly taught us to do. The Kingdom, as He taught is very close and He makes it known to us each day in many ways if we seriously reflect on what he is saying to us.

At the same time He reminds us constantly that the love that He gives us, He expects us to share with every one. "Love is not love until you give it away." If you try to keep a grip on this love just for yourself, it is not love but selfishness. We are meant to pray and to work and to help each other in any way that we can.

Our Churches are meant to be a sign of unity. We are meant to be signs of love every minute of the day, wherever we happen to be. We cannot be just Sunday or Sabbath Christians. We must be signs of Christ at home in our own houses, in the places where we do our work each day and, in the way that we come together in our social lives for rest and recreation.

When this self examination is completed we hope to share more of our reflections with all of our brothers and sisters but please join us in reflection on these thoughts. If there is something that you would like to ask or talk about please call 320-2317 or email <joecev@mail.fm>

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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 are welcome to attend and can contact us at truklagoon@yahoo.com



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Breadfruit: a nutritional treasure

By Blanche Greene-Cramer
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Breadfruit, a dietary staple throughout the Pacific, is not only an important food historically, but also is important in maintaining a healthy diet in modern times. It has a number of nutritional properties that our bodies need to function. Breadfruit is now in abundance here in Pohnpei, and this nutritional treasure is so plentiful at this time of year that much of it is wasted as it cannot all be eaten fresh. By preserving breadfruit using old methods like fermenting and drying, it is possible to make breadfruit an important food year round. When people harvest, preserve, and eat breadfruit, they don't have to buy as many imported foods, they improve their diet, and may help lower the risk for health problems like diabetes, cancer, and heart disease.

Breadfruit is very versatile and can be eaten in many ways: fresh and raw as a snack; boiled, steamed, baked, roasted or fried; cooked with coconut cream (which helps the body to absorb the beta carotene better); as bread made from fermented breadfruit; as a sweet snack made from preserved paste; or the seeds cooked as a snack or to compliment a main meal. It can also be used in dishes like curry and soup or made into chips. **The tendency to add sugar when preparing breadfruit should be avoided because too much sugar leads to tooth decay and other health problems like diabetes and overweight.**

In addition to being an energy food containing both starches and sugars, breadfruit is also rich in fiber. Fiber is important for a healthy gut and also helps to control blood sugar levels, reduce blood lipid levels, and control weight because it helps people to feel full and satisfied and may even help people to stop eating. Two cups of mature boiled breadfruit eaten at lunch and dinner provides 25 grams of fiber and can help adults meet the daily recommended 20-35 grams of dietary fiber per day. The same

photos by Dr. Lois Englberger



The Mei Tehid variety of breadfruit is distinctive for its non-lobed leaves. Mei Tehid is known as having the best fruit for making the pounded breadfruit dish, Lihli

amount of white rice contains only 6.8 grams of fiber, about one-fourth that of breadfruit, but contains more calories which tend to lead people to overweight problems. Provitamin A carotenoids, which help protect us against infection, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, vision problems, and weak blood, are also found in breadfruit, particularly in the flesh of ripe, seeded varieties. Two cups of ripe seeded breadfruit eaten at lunch and dinner provides 100% of the estimated daily vitamin A requirements for adults. It also contains B vitamins, vitamin C and essential minerals like iron and calcium, making it a richer source of micronutrients than rice, particularly since it is likely to be as part of a traditional diet.

The seeds of *Mei Kole* breadfruit contain a fair amount of protein, almost 15 grams per cup compared to about 6 grams per cup of rice, and have significant levels of niacin and thiamin, which are important for your metabolism.

Mei Tehid is the breadfruit known as the best variety for making the popular pounded dish, Lihli. This variety can be recognized by its unusual, non-lobed leaves. Reports indicate that *Mei Tehid* is becoming rare in Pohnpei, which should encourage people to plant more of this variety so that it is not lost.

Reference: Pacific Island Food Leaflet No. 3: Breadfruit, Secretariat of the Pacific Community

RECIPE OF THE WEEK Breadfruit and Fish Curry

2 cups raw mature breadfruit, peeled and cut into pieces
1-2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 large onion, chopped
1-2 cloves garlic, diced
1-2 teaspoons curry powder
¼ teaspoon pepper and chili, optional
1 tablespoon tomato paste, optional
1 cup pumpkin, chopped
2 cups chopped green leafy vegetable (e.g. chaya, pele, kangkong, Chinese cabbage)
1 cup other chopped vegetables (e.g. eggplant, tomato, bitter gourd)
1 cup fresh or canned tuna or mackerel
1-2 teaspoons lime or other citrus juice

1. Heat oil and lightly cook onion and garlic for 1 to 2 minutes.
2. Add the rest of the ingredients except the fish and lime or other citrus juice.
3. When the breadfruit and vegetables are cooked, add the fish and cook for 1-2 minutes, just until cooked.
4. Add the lime or citrus juice shortly before serving.

NOTE: For health reasons it is best to avoid adding salt or sugar to recipes if possible. Most canned tomato paste and canned fish both contain added salt.

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