

Pohnpei Coconut Products Plant burns for the second time

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Kadalino Sam heard the news just after midnight on Wednesday, the early morning hours of July 24. A neighbor called him to tell him that the Pohnpei Coconut Products plant in Madolenihmw was ablaze. Sam, a share holder in Pohnpei Coconut Products Incorporated and his neighbors went to work on the fire with a garden hose while waiting for the Fire Department to arrive.

Peterson Sam, Kadalino's son said that the fire truck arrived at approximately 2:00 in the morning. When the truck left to refill its water tank locals kept watch over the fire with the one garden hose available to them.

By the time the long night was over the plant had burned down for the second time since the plant opened in 1979. Kadalino said that it burned once before in the mid 1980's. The company has no fire insurance.

He estimated that 70 to 80% of the plant equipment was lost to the fire.

He said that the refinery equipment that produces coconut oil used to power diesel engines didn't seem to be damaged. PCPI had been refining the oil and selling at a per gallon price that is significantly lower than the per gallon price of diesel fuel.

The plant burned down once before in the 1980's. They recovered then and Kadalino Sam who is one of the founders of the corporation said that the company can be revived once again.

According to PCPI's website (www.pohnpeicoconut.com) the company began during the Trust Territory days in 1974 when the Congress of Micronesia in Saipan gave Pohnpei Agricultural and Trade School (PATS) a \$9,000 appropria-



Kadalino Sam, shareholder of Pohnpei Coconut Products, Incorporated inside the burned out plant

tion to explore development of coconut products. In 1974, the world market price for copra was 3 cents a pound. There was little economic incentive for farmers to grow and harvest coconuts at that price.

In 1979, with the support of the FSM and Pohnpei State governments as well as several PATS benefactors, a refinery plant and a soap plant were purchased and built in Madolenihmw, Pohnpei.

By 1989 both PCPI and the FSM Government felt that it was time to continue operations on its own and the company was incorporated on November 16 of that year.

PCPI sells bath soap and shampoo under the "Kaselel" brand name, hair and body oil, powder soap and suntan oil in addition to coconut "fuel". Coconut oil burns

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Governor Ehsa gives notice of termination of the Joint Law Enforcement Agreement with the National Government

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(Pohnpei, FSM) – "I am writing to inform you that Pohnpei State will not be able to renew the Joint Law Enforcement Agreement between the FSM National Government and Pohnpei State for Fiscal Year 2009," said a letter by Governor John Ehsa sent on July 22nd to FSM's President Mori.

The Joint Law Enforcement Agreement (JLEA) was established in the 1980's, the early days of the FSM when Attorney Fred Ramp served as the nation's first Attorney General. Essentially the agreement established an arrangement whereby the National Government, by paying an annual fee to Pohnpei State, could use the Pohnpei State jail and the law enforcement services of officers of the Pohnpei State Police to arrest and incarcerate violators of National law.

According to Ehsa's letter, by September 30 of this year the National Government must make other arrangements for any prisoners still incarcerated at the Pohnpei State jail at that time.

The FSM government has no jail of its own. They pay Pohnpei State \$50,000 a year in order to utilize their jail. What was once a single occupant holding cell at the National Police office in Palikir is now being used as a firearms locker for the National Police.

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Pacific Tuna Tagging Project vessel, the Soltai in Pohnpei for a month

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Conservation Society of Pohnpei celebrates its tenth anniversary at Spanish Wall park in Kolonia

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Police Commission hires Internal Investigator, first in 15 years

By **Bill Jaynes**
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(Pohnpei, FSM) – The new Internal Investigator hired by the Pohnpei Police Commission to look into complaints regarding Pohnpei State Police Officers may be new means to this job but he is by no mean new to policing.

Lino Amor, a graduate of PICS High School in Pohnpei, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement from Western Oregon State University in 1988. His minor was in Psychology. In 1989 he became a navigator on the FSS Micronesia when he was hired by the FSM Marine Surveillance division that is responsible for patrolling the FSM's Economic Exclusive Zone. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1989 and supervised the FSM's Drug Enforcement Unit. When he resigned from the National Police force

to take on the position as Pohnpei's Internal Investigator he had risen to the rank of Captain.

State Law 4L 139-99 set up the Pohnpei Police Commission. The commission has the authority to oversee the operations and management of the Division of Police and Security and to receive and investigate complaints from the general public with respect to the Police division. The commission has no authority over the Department of Corrections.

One of the major responsibilities of the Police Commission is to act as an independent monitor on the handling of complaints against police. They also monitor the management of police ethics and integrity.

The Police Commission consists of five



Lino Amor, Pohnpei Police Commission's new Internal Investigator

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Chief Justice denies Pohnpei's request for a TRO on Oceania-EDA contract

Oceania files its response and a counterclaim on the matter

By **Bill Jaynes**
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(Palikir, Pohnpei) – FSM Supreme Court Justice Andon Amaraich issued an order and memorandum on Friday, July 25 denying Pohnpei's request for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and preliminary injunction that would have set aside the agreement between Pohnpei's Economic Development Authority and Oceania, Inc until after a full hearing takes place on the matter (see *The Kaselehlie Press Volume 8 Issue No. 15*).

On the following Monday, Oceania's attorney, Fred Ramp filed his clients' response to Pohnpei's claims as well as counterclaims of their own against Pohnpei State.

Litigants in a civil action might ask for a TRO if they feel that they will suffer irreparable damages if their opponent is allowed to proceed with an action that is part of a dispute. For example, a historical preservation group might file a civil action to stop a development company from cutting down a historical tree. The hearing might take months and the historical preservation group might win a judgment at the end of the process that is in their favor. If the group wins the case but the developer has already chopped the tree down the win wouldn't matter. In that instance, early on in the process the lawyers for the historical preservation group might request a TRO or preliminary injunction that would keep the developer from cutting the tree down while the case is being heard.

The standard for the issuance of a TRO is high and the burden is on the party that moved for the action to provide convincing arguments on the points that the court must consider. Those are 1) the possibility of irreparable injury to the plaintiff; 2) the balance of possible injuries between the parties; 3) the movant's likelihood of success on the merits (of their case); 4) the impact of any requested relief on the public interest.

The Chief Justice said that the court would address the issue of Pohnpei's standing in due time but for purposes of the order on the request for the TRO the court would proceed on the basis that Pohnpei State does have standing to bring the lawsuit.

Pohnpei said in its original complaint that it would suffer irreparable

harm because of the closure of the Cold Storage facility but its amended complaint says that the Cold Storage facility had been reopened. Oceania said that it locked the plant as a management tool in order to collect rent from tenant company Luen Thai. Amaraich said that based on the fact that the plant had been reopened after Luen Thai paid their rent the claim of irreparable injury is not supported.

Pohnpei alleged that "[t]he strongest indication of the injuries is the fact that the implementation of a defective and illegal management agreement means a continuing disregard and violation of Pohnpei laws. State laws require all revenue to be deposited in a development fund, but the management agreement allows otherwise." Amaraich said that was an apparent reference to the \$80,000 in disputed lease payments that Luen Thai paid to Oceania for rental of the Cold Storage Facility. He said that even if Oceania had not agreed to deposit the \$80,000 into their attorney's trust account pending further resolution, Pohnpei, assuming that it had standing to make such a claim, would have only a claim for money damages against Oceania. He said that an injury is not irreparable where money damages will fully compensate the plaintiff. He said, "It is not clear that under those circumstances that Pohnpei would have demonstrated irreparable injury even if the disputed funds had not been deposited with counsel."

He said that Pohnpei State had also not pointed to any particular state law that the agreement between EDA and Oceania itself plainly violates. He said that Oceania LLC evidently didn't have a foreign investment permit but it has assigned its interest to Oceania, Incorporated which does have a permit. Whether that assignment was valid or not is a question to be decided in the full record as part of the hearings on Pohnpei's request for declaratory relief on the matter.

"Thus Pohnpei has made no showing with respect to the first factor that a court considers in affording the relief of a TRO, which is that of irreparable injury.

The Chief Justice said that Pohnpei asserts that if a TRO is issued, no harm will result to the defendants because the revenues collected will be deposited in the development fund. He said "It is not clear what is meant by this statement, since if the defendants claim the collected revenues and are not receiving them, then some harm would seem to accrue to the defendants if they do not receive the revenues." He said that because the money is in a trust account pending resolution of the issue, the possibility of injury balances between the two parties and that Pohnpei's argument did not meet the standard for issuance of a TRO.

Pohnpei argued that it will likely prevail based on the merits of their arguments in their claim. It contends that there has been no EDA Board approval of the management agreement. Oceania, however submitted the affidavit of Youser Anson that said that he was a board member at the time that Oceania submitted its proposal and that the agreement was unanimously approved at a board meeting that he attended.

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Yap State awarded 21K under US Ambassador Fund

Yap Department of Youth and Civic Affairs

Through the United States Embassy in Pohnpei the Department of Youth and Civic Affairs is notified of a \$21,000.00 Grant Award for a project it submitted earlier this year for consideration under the East Asia and Pacific 2008 Ambassadors Funds for Cultural Preservation. The project entails preservation of Yap's culture through digitization of reel-to-reel recordings containing traditional dances, chants and stories.

The joint project between the Yap State Archives and the Department's division of Media, once complete will enable citizens of the State to regain access to about 533 original and unique reel-to-reel, recordings of such vital data. The project which is expected to take about a year to implement will require tedious work by the State Archive to first restore quality of the recordings before the digitizing and storing of the data on a server.

The Director of the Department, Mr. Larry Raigetel expressed sincere gratitude to Ambassador Hughes of the US Embassy for her support toward the project. This project is of extreme importance to us Raigetel said. Knowledge of traditional dances, chants, and stories are at constant risk of being lost forever. For most of our young people, focus of their efforts is perhaps on attaining higher level of education rather than learning traditional chants or listening to legends and stories. To preserve these recordings is a fundamental component of ensuring that our cultural identity is intact for our future generations.

President Mori visits Guam for medical check-up

(Palikir, Pohnpei) - While on Weno for his visit to the Mortlocks, President Emanuel Mori visited the Chuuk State Hospital on July 28 for examination after experiencing discomfort due to stomach pains and fever. Under the doctor's advice, he was released for rest and further monitoring. The President visited and departed the hospital under his own power.

A thorough diagnosis of the President's medical condition was not possible at the Chuuk hospital due to the absence of necessary medical facilities and equipment. President Mori left for Guam Thursday where he underwent a more thorough medical assessment.

The United States Embassy in Kolonia, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Health and Social Affairs worked together to coordinate the visit by the President.

A representative of the FSM National Government said that President Mori is in good health after his checkup in Guam. He will depart for Beijing on August 4 for meeting in the People's Republic of China and for the 2008 Olympic games.

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U.S. Navy medical personnel coming to Pohnpei

The Embassy of the United States

A team of health service professionals from the United States Hospital Ship USNS Mercy will visit Pohnpei this month during the week of August 17-23. The crew of the Mercy will be participating in Pacific Partnership 2008, a humanitarian civic assistance mission in the Western Pacific. The Pacific Partnership Team, working in close partnership with Pohnpei State Health Department colleagues, will conduct medical, optometry and dental community outreach clinics at four locations in municipalities on the main island of Pohnpei according to the following schedule:

- On Tuesday, August 19 and Wednesday August 20, at Kolonia Elementary School in Kolonia
- On Thursday, August 20, at Sapwalap Elementary School in Madolenihmw Municipality
- On Friday, August 21, at Nanpei Memorial High School in Kitti Municipality
- On Saturday, August 22, at Sekere Elementary School in Sokehs Municipality

Residents from any Pohnpei municipal-

ity who need primary clinical care from a doctor, dentist or optometrist are encouraged to attend the most convenient clinic between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on the dates indicated above. Patients who are screened and found to be in need of more serious health treatment, such as medical or surgical procedures, will be referred to the Pohnpei Department of Health Services for treatment.

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 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 that 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.

U.S. funding to College of Micronesia-FSM tops \$10 million

The Embassy of the United States

The United States Department of Education awarded approximately \$10.3 million in direct grants to the College of Micronesia-FSM in fiscal year 2008. The largest of these grants is the Pell Grant which received funding in the amount of approximately \$8 million. This program provides eligible undergraduate postsecondary students, who have demonstrated financial need, with assistance to meet educational expenses. Most of the students at the national and four state campuses qualified for Pell grant funds of up to \$4,310 each in the 2007-2008 school year, which they then used to pay for tuition, books and other related school costs.

The next most significant program includes four Upward Bound Grants, one for each COM-FSM state campus, with total funding for this fiscal year in the amount of \$1,153,012. This program is aimed at generating the skills and motivation necessary for success in education beyond high school among low-income and potential first-generation college students and veterans. Its goal is to increase the academic performance and initiative levels of eligible enrollees, so that such persons may complete secondary school and successfully pursue postsecondary educational programs.

Also included is the Talent Search Program

at COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus, which received grand funding in the amount of \$254,408. This program identifies disadvantaged youths with the potential for postsecondary education. The program is designed to encourage them to continue, to graduate from secondary school and to enroll in programs of postsecondary education. Additionally, this program helps secondary and postsecondary school dropouts reenter an education program, and it publicizes the availability of student financial aid.

Student Support Services were funded in the amount of \$235,689 this fiscal year to provide comprehensive academic support to first-generation college students and students with disabilities. Federal Work Study (\$174,331) gives students the opportunity to earn money to help pay for their educational expenses. This program enables part-time work during school semesters and full-time work when classes are not in session. Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants totaled approximately \$150,000 this fiscal year. Undergraduate students with exceptional financial need are eligible for this gift-aid program.

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Currently the Pohnpei State jail is housing four prisoners of the National Government.

An FSM Supreme Court ruling on a law suit filed on behalf of Ramp's clients led to Governor Ehsa's decision to terminate the JLEA. The court ruled in September of last year that Bernateta Gilmete and Fred Gilmete were in contempt because they did not vacate the property of the Etscheit's as the court had ordered them to do.

By May 27 of this year the court had exhausted all of its efforts to get the Gilmete's to comply with its order and the court issued an order of commitment. In June the Gilmete's were arrested and incarcerated at the Pohnpei State Jail.

"While Pohnpei has complied thus far with the order of commitment, it continues to be Pohnpei's position that the FSM Supreme Court should not have any jurisdiction over land cases. Indeed, there is significant potential for civil disturbance as a result of this matter, as most Pohnpeians feel that the commitment order is disrespectful to the traditions, customs, and values of the traditional kingdoms and the people of Pohnpei," Governor Ehsa's letter said.

On July 2, of this year, the Pohnpei Director of the Department of Public Safety and the Pohnpei Chief of Corrections, by counsel of the Office of the Pohnpei State Attorney General moved

to quash the orders of commitment for the Gilmete's. The motion said that the commitment orders were against Pohnpei customs and traditions.

A separately filed affidavit by Ihlen Joseph, the Iso Nahnken of U and the Governor's Chief of Staff said "As a result of the incarceration of Fred Gilmete and Bernateta Gilmete, the traditional leaders of Pohnpei convened a meeting in the Governor's Conference Room on July 1, 2008. At that meeting, it was agreed that the incarceration of Fred Gilmete and Bernateta Gilmete by the Pohnpei Government constitutes a violation of the customs and traditions of the traditional kingdoms of Pohnpei."

Governor Ehsa, when asked if he knew which specific customs and traditions had been violated said that he didn't know and that he was off island at the time of the meeting of the traditional leaders.

While this is not the first time that Pohnpei State and the National Government have clashed over land decisions made at the FSM Supreme Court it is the first time that notice has been given by any State Government in the FSM that a state would "opt out" of the JLEA.

Governor's Del Pangelinan and Johnny P. David faced similar issues. Governor Ehsa said that in the past words were exchanged amongst the governments but that this time something tangible needed to be done.

Ehsa said that he wants to "continue to cooperate with the National Government 100%" but that the National Government should not be de-

terminating land dispute issues in Pohnpei State.

He said, "I wanted to send a message (by his action) to the National Government that we should sit down and talk. The Joint Law Enforcement Agreement is a contract and either party can opt out with 30 days notice. We decided to opt out and we gave them over 60 days notice."

"There is a need for more communication with the National Government." He said that when he writes letters to the President he receives no response. He shook his head in what we perceived to be frustration, "Then I follow up with another letter and another and I still don't get an answer."

He said that his office had prepared a bill for Congress to consider that might begin to help with the problem of the National Government deciding state land issues.

Local attorney Martin Jano said that the bill was drafted by Scott Garvey, the State Attorney General. Jano was sent a copy of the bill by the AG's office for his comments. He said that the bill essentially proposes that an FSM Land Court be established in each state and that the court be staffed by state citizens.

"I have had a chance to review the draft bill to create a FSM Land Court. If the bill becomes a law, I am confident it will force Pohnpei and Yap out of the FSM," Jano's letter said.

He pointed out in a phone interview that Pohnpei already has its own land court and that the bill wouldn't solve the problem in his opinion.

In his letter he pointed to Article XI, Section 6 (a) which, he said, in combination with the journal of the Micronesian Constitutional Convention proves that the framers of the Constitution intended "to keep the national court completely out of land matters."

"Despite the intent of the framers of the Constitution, and the fact that the people of Micronesia had approved the Constitution, the National court, has engaged in calculated efforts to do away with the clear intent of the framers of the Constitution which has resulted in a continuing friction between the States and the national government which some people have predicted has assured the eventual collapse of the federation," Jano said in his letter.

Marstella Jack, former FSM Attorney General said that the FSM Supreme Court felt that it had jurisdiction in the civil action filed against the Gilmete's because of the diversity of the citizens involved in the case. The FSM Supreme Court by law has jurisdiction over legal matters involving foreign citizens. While Yvette Etscheit Adams and Renee Etscheit Varner, two of the plaintiffs in the civil action are FSM citizens, some of the stake holders in Carlos Etscheit

Soap Company, Inc. which is a company with a foreign investment permit are US citizens.

Jack said that Article XI 6 (a) explicitly says that the National Government has no jurisdiction in cases involving disputes over *ownership of land*. The court, she said, probably felt it had jurisdiction in the Etscheit-Varner vs Gilmete action because the case involved a dispute over a contractual lease rather than a land ownership matter.

She said that the only way that the FSM Supreme Court would have jurisdiction in what might be seen as a "land issue" is if there is diversity of citizenship. Foreigners are not allowed by law to own land in the FSM and so a case on "land issues" could never be about ownership of the land.

She said that the FSM could vote to update the wording of the Constitution through an amendment. This specific topic was presented to FSM voters twice before but the proposed amendment did not receive the required number of votes and was defeated.

In the history of the FSM no proposed amendments to the FSM constitution have ever been successfully passed by voters. President Mori recently sent to Congress for consideration a proposal to lower the number of votes required to pass an amendment.

By August 1, Governor Ehsa had not received a response to his July 22nd letter either but he said that he had not grown impatient with that fact yet. He said that he's pretty sure that the FSM Government is working on a response but that it might take some time.

The FSM's Chief of Staff Kasio E. Mida said by telephone that a response was not ready yet and that Maketo Robert, the Secretary of the Department of Justice was in the process of reviewing the situation and preparing a response. Secretary Robert did not respond to our request for information on the issue.

A lawyer from the FSM Supreme Court returned the phone call we made to Chief Justice Andon Amaraich. He said that the Chief Justice could not comment on Governor Ehsa's notice of the termination of the Joint Law Enforcement Agreement with the FSM. Since a copy of the agreement had been filed as part of Pohnpei State's motion to quash the orders of commitment for the Gilmete's he was not allowed to comment on the ramifications that a termination of the JLEA might have on his legal responsibilities.

Iso Nahnken Ihlen Joseph delivered the Governor's letter of notice regarding the pending termination of the JLEA to President Mori. Mr. Joseph told Governor Ehsa that President Mori said during the meeting that he understood why the Governor was terminating the agreement.

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Team FSM to compete in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

By Jim Tobin

Kolonia, **POHNPEI (FSMNOC)** - The Federated States of Micronesia plans to send five athletes to this year's Olympic Games competing in weightlifting, swimming and track and field. The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games will be held from August 8 to 24. The FSM sports delegation will include: 5 athletes, 5 coaches, 1 Chef de Mission, 1 doctor, 1 press attaché, 2 Olympic Youth Camp participants, FSMNOC President and Secretary General. The small FSM Government VIP delegation will be led by FSM President Emanuel Mori, Secretary of Health and Social Affairs Dr. Futralina Skilling, Yap Governor Sebastian Anefal, FSM Senator Tiwitor Aritos and two other guests.

The FSM athletes will be led by Manuel Minginfel, male weightlifter from Yap State, who qualified for the Beijing Olympics in October 2006 at the IWF World Weightlifting Championships winning a silver medal in the clean and jerk. In 2006, Manuel Minginfel, FSM Olympic weightlifter, was awarded a three year Beijing Olympic Games Athlete Scholarship funded by the International Olympic Committee. Minginfel left the Oceania Weightlifting Institute, located in New Caledonia, in May and has since been training 6 hours a day in Yap preparing for the games. He will compete in the Men's 62 kilogram weightlifting division at 10:00 am, Monday, August 11.

Kerson Hadley and Debra Daniel, both from Pohnpei State, were selected as wild card

participants and will compete in the 50 meter free style in swimming. Hadley and Daniel were awarded Samsung Oceania Sports Development Initiative Training Scholarships in April and have since been training on Guam under the supervision of coach Sweeter Daniel. They will compete in the 50 meter freestyle in Beijing on Thursday and Friday, August 14 and 15.

Jack Howard and Maria Ikelap, both from Chuuk State, were selected as wild card participants and will compete in the 100 meter dash in track and field. Howard and Ikelap received FSM National Olympic Committee Olympic athlete training grants to prepare for the games. Howard has been training the past 6 months on Guam with his personal coach Carl Cruz and Ikelap has been training on Chuuk under the supervision of coach Marcellus Akapito. They will compete in the 100 meter dash in Beijing on Monday and Tuesday, August 18 and 19.

The FSM had hoped to send a wrestler to the Beijing Olympics but Keitani Graham, Chuuk State, was not selected as a wild card athlete by the International Wrestling Federation. Graham competed in the Olympic wrestling qualifiers in Rome and Serbia in May. The FSM hopes to send a wrestler to the next Olympic Games in London, England in 2012.

The Chef de Mission (chief of delegation) for the FSM will be Alik Isaac from Kosrae State with Dr. Felix Yomai, delegation doctor and Jay Alfonso, delegation press attaché

making up the rest of the FSM sport delegation that will reside in the official Beijing Olympic Games Village. Also attending the games will be FSM National Olympic Committee President Berney Martin and Secretary General Jim Tobin.

The FSM National Olympic Committee also selected two FSM participants, Michael Kigimnang (Yap State) and Roxie Moya (Pohnpei State) both Xavier High School students to attend the Olympic Youth Camp. The youth camp from August 5 to 17 will have two participants from the 205 Olympic nations. The campers will watch the opening ceremony of the games then tour China for the remaining 10 days.

The FSM sports delegation departs arrives in Beijing on Tuesday, August 5, with the opening ceremony on Friday, August 8,

closing ceremony on Sunday, August 24 and depart Beijing on Tuesday, August 26.

The FSM National Olympic Committee wishes to thank the International Olympic Committee, Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games, Office of the President, FSM National Government, FSM Congress, Embassy of the People's Republic of China, Palm Terrace Shopping Centre, Moylan's Insurance, Balau Shipping and the Bank of the FSM for sponsoring the FSM delegation traveling to Beijing.

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Contradicting that affidavit is an affidavit by the acting EDA director, Hernet Ringlen that states that according to EDA records, Mr. Anson was not a member of the EDA board. At the same time Pohnpei submitted attendance sheets for board meetings that appear to show that Mr. Anson is in fact an EDA board member. He said those conflicts must be resolved at trial and that consideration of this particular issues does not lead to the conclusion that Pohnpei will prevail on the merits.

Pohnpei further contended in its motion that Oceania is acting outside the scope of its investment permit and that the defendants have exercised regulatory powers that cannot be delegated to a private entity. Amaraich said that even if the allegations were true, Pohnpei did not assist the court by outlining specific ways in which the defendants are operating outside of the scope of the permit. Nor did Pohnpei point to specific regulatory powers that Oceania has assumed that they are prohibited from assuming under state law and that they are now exercising in direct violation of the law. He said these matters should be considered after consideration of all of the evidence and Pohnpei had not met the standard of the likelihood that they will prevail based on the merits of their case.

On the last standard Amaraich said that Pohnpei's claim that in the absence of a TRO, "defendants are allowed to brush

aside relevant State laws...with impunity" rests on the assumption that a violation of state law is occurring. "Again, this argument fails to assist the court by pointing to specific ways in which specific state laws are being violated so that a TRO or preliminary injunction is justified. Thus Pohnpei has not shown that the factor of impact on the public interest supports issuance of the requested relief."

The Chief Justice denied the motion for a TRO and preliminary injunction. He also granted a requested expansion of time by which the defendants must file their response to Pohnpei's claims.

Fred Ramp said that they had asked for an expansion of time to file because Oceania had hoped to come to a peaceful solution to the problems with the State. They were unable to accomplish that and on Monday, July 28 Oceania filed its response which included counterclaims against Pohnpei State.

He argued that since EDA is a separate entity from Pohnpei State Government with the power to sue and be sued, Pohnpei State did not have legal standing to file the civil action.

As counterclaims Oceania says that its first cause of action is for tortious interference with contract and that they are entitled to compensatory damages in such amount as may be determined at trial.

They say that the actions of Pohnpei State in falsely casting aspersions on the honesty, integrity, credit, financial, and technical ca-

pability, efficiency and business character of Oceania constitutes defamation entitling them to compensatory damages.

During the hearing and also in paragraph 23 of their amended complaint, June Bacalando, an Assistant Attorney General of Pohnpei State, alleged that Oceania had been paying salaries in cash in order to avoid taxes.

Oceania denied that allegation saying that they do pay the salaries of certain EDA staff pursuant to the Management Agreement and that salary payments are made by check. They said that certain Social Security contributions for EDA employees have not yet been paid due to uncertainty as to the employees' employment status. The company argued that they are remedying that problem, have met with the Social Security Administration, are in the process of preparing the proper Social Security forms and intend to pay the outstanding Social Security taxes and penalties.

Oceania's third cause of action is for fraud and misrepresentation. They say that the actions of Pohnpei State including the seizing of EDA assets, repeated wrongful attempts to force EDA to rescind the Management Agreement and attempts to destroy the business endeavors of Oceania in the FSM and other similar acts constitute fraud and intentional negligent misrepresentation entitling Oceania to compensatory damages.

They said that the issuance of a foreign investment permit by Pohnpei State created an implied contract between the State of Pohnpei and Oceania that authorizes

Oceania to do business in accordance with the terms of the permit. Because of the state's actions toward Oceania the implied contract with the state was breached and Oceania is entitled to compensation.

Oceania further said that the Management Agreement between Oceania and EDA is a property right protected under the Constitution of the FSM and by the Constitution of Pohnpei State. In depriving Oceania of the free exercise of their property rights their civil rights have been violated and they are entitled to compensatory damages including reimbursement for attorney's fees.

As a final cause of action Oceania pointed to Section 142 (c) of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia. They said that under that section US citizens seeking to invest in the FSM are entitled to immigration related procedures that are no less favorable than those adopted by the government of the United States with respect to citizens of the FSM residing in the US. Citizens of the FSM in the US have an unfettered right to work and engage in business in the US, including an unfettered right to be employed by businesses created by them in the US, free of constraints of foreign investment or other similar laws.

They said that the violation of that agreement by Pohnpei State entitles Oceania to compensatory damages and reimbursement for attorney's fees.

At press time a hearing date had not yet been set for the full trial on the matter.

Security Services – Expressions of Interest

The Tuna Commission invites expressions of interest from qualified individuals or firms for the provision of security services to its headquarters property. Minimum hours are expected to be 4.30pm to 8am on normal working days and 24 hours a day on weekends and Commission legal holidays. Services are expected to commence in mid September and a contract for one year is proposed.

Expressions of interest should at a minimum indicate the fee level, relevant background, experience, and a description of how it is proposed that the security services will be delivered. All staff involved must be able to produce medical and police clearances as well as references. Further information and an inspection of the property can be arranged by calling the Finance and Administration Officer on 320-1992. The closing date for expressions of interest is 18 August 2008. These should be marked for the attention of the Finance and Administration Officer and may be delivered to the Commission's Receptionist or mailed to Box 2356 Kolonia, emailed to wcpfc@mail.fm, or faxed to 320-1108.

CWC Diabetes 3rd Walk-A-Thon



53 men, women, and children braved the elements in the early morning hours and walked, sometimes wading, the 2 mile Diabetes walk-a-thon event hosted by the Chuuk Women's Council on Saturday, July 26, 2008.

Show time for this walk-a-thon was 5:30am with a 6:00am go time. At 6:00am it was still dark, windy, and raining hard but all participants took off anyway in good spirits and all wearing their pedometers to record the steps taken during this 2 mile walk.

Part of the incentive for the walkers was the nice insulated cups that would be awarded to the top 12 finishers. The youngest finisher was a 7 year old girl and the oldest finisher was a 61 year old man – both earning insulated cups for finishing in the top 12.

Event coordinator Kiki Stinnett said that funding and support for this event was provided to the Chuuk Women's Council by AusAID, Direct Aid Program, and Papa Ola Lokahi, a Pacific Diabetes Education Project out of Honolulu.

The 4th and final family Walk-A-Thon for this year will be held in November 2008 and coincides with the International Diabetes Month. Kiki Stinnett said that this event should be the largest one held this year and they are expecting a big turnout.

The Chuuk Women's Council is very active in promoting healthy living and conservation and environmental issues in Chuuk State. This latest family/fun walk-a-thon to focus on diabetes health and prevention is just one of many events held annually by the CWC.

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cleaner than diesel but can only be used in climates with temperatures that remain constant enough to keep the oil from solidifying. The website boasts that the soaps and oils are biodegradable.

They also sell non-coconut products like Sakau and Pohnpei black pepper, a black pepper that gourmet chefs from around the world have hailed as the best.

The selling price of copra is not much better today than it was in 1974. Pohnpei Coconut Products recently faced a shortage of copra. However, just a few weeks ago they bought 200 bags of the coconut product from the FSM's Coconut Development Authority. PCPI pays 15 cents a pound for husked and chopped copra. Each of the bags they recently bought contained 100 pounds of copra, a total of 10 tons purchased for \$3000 at PCP's current purchase rate.

Peterson Sam said that before the plant burned down they had converted 36 bags, 1.8 tons of copra into fuel that would run in diesel engines. The remaining 8.2 tons was burned in the July 24 fire.

The Sam's said that Pohnpei State Police Officials were investigating the cause of the blaze. When The Kaselehlie Press interviewed the Sam's there was a tiny padlock on the gate and no police line tape on the scene.

We asked whether the company had any enemies that might burn down the plant. Kadalino and Peterson said that they couldn't think of any one. "No one around here would do it", said Peterson.

Inside the burned out structure, electrical wires that appeared to be haphazardly run, dangled at eye level. Peterson said that when the plant closes for the night the generator that provides power to the plant is shut down. After that there is no electrical power in those lines. The plant is not connected to power provided by Pohnpei Utilities Corporation. Nothing was different on the night of the fire. The source of the blaze could not have been an electrical problem.

When asked if he had any theories on what might have caused the fire, Kadalino Sam speculated that it might have been caused by spontaneous combustion of copra cake that could have been bagged before it had thoroughly cooled after the heat drying process.

PCPI is pursuing all avenues available to them to finance the rebuilding of the plant. If they are able to secure financing, Peterson said that they hope to build a fire proof storage room for the dried copra.

At press time a police report had not yet been completed.

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members. Emeliana Musrasrik is the Chairperson of the Commission. Members include Frank Semens, Itor Harris, Henry Phillip, and Francisco Cantero. Members were appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Legislature. The Commission meets every thirty days and as needed in cases of emergency.

Amor is the first Internal Investigator in Pohnpei State since the Department of Public Safety was reorganized approximately fifteen years ago.

Lino Amor will be responsible to receive and investigate all complaints from the public on any matter relative to the jurisdiction and activities against any member of the division of police and security.

Amor said that the Police Commission office for internal affairs has moved out of the detective's office of the Pohnpei State Police Department. The office is now located at the State Attorney General's Office. He said that arrangement is temporary and that the Police Commission hopes to arrange for suitable office space that is independent.

He said that the move to the AG's office was a good one because it provides a separation from police officers about whom he might one day receive a complaint. An independent office would be better he said, but the recent move is the best one currently

available.

Amor said that he has received good cooperation from the management of the Department of Public Safety so far, and that most police officers seem to understand that if they are out of line they will be disciplined.

He's been in the position for approximately one month. When asked what kind of volume of complaints he has received since taking his new office he said, "Let's put it this way. There's work to do."

Commission Chairperson Emy Musrasrik said that the volume of reports has been high since the office opened.

Amor said that he wants to be sure that community members are aware that his office will investigate every valid report against any police officer. He said that every report other than matters of internal administration such as excessive absenteeism or other matters of management will receive at least a preliminary investigation.

He said that reports of criminal activity by police officers are shared with the Police Commission who reviews the reports. The reports are then passed to the Director of the Department of Public Safety whose responsibility it is to pass the information on to the Attorney General's office for prosecution.

Members of the community can reach the Police Commission office by calling 320-2803 or 320-2356. Your call will be handled confidentially and anonymously.



FSMTC is pleased to inform the general public and especially its valued customers that FSMTC will be switching over to a new upgraded GSM cellular network effective Sunday August 17, 2008 00:00 AM Pohnpei time. All FSMTC cellular customers should expect improved services after this upgrade and we encourage anyone to report to FSMTC customer service any difficulty or service disruption he or she may encounter.

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Official website: <http://en.beijing2008.cn>

16 FSM Students Won the Chinese Government Full Scholarships for the Year 2008/2009

In academic year of 2008-2009, 16 students from the Federated States of Micronesia obtained the Chinese Government Full Scholarships, and are matriculated by institutions of higher learning in China. There have been 40 FSM students pursuing their advanced studies in universities and colleges in China, according to the official statistics from the Ministry of Education of China. 16 students are from states of Chuuk, Pohnpei, Yap and Kosrae respectively. One of them is going to do post-graduate study for master's degree. They will major in different subjects, such as *International Economics and Trade, Civil Engineering, Business Administration, Political Science, Computer Science & Technology, International Law, Stomatology, Preschool Education, Oceanography, Environmental Science, Film Directing, Chinese Language, and Mathematics & Applied Mathematics* in 12 universities, including *University of International Business and Economics, University of Science and Technology Beijing, Xiamen University, Southwest University, Shandong University, Wuhan University, Beijing Language and Culture University, The Central Academy of Drama*, etc. Applicants with no command of Chinese language are generally required to take Chinese language courses for 1 year before assigning to their major studies.

As for those who wish to enjoy the Full Scholarship program in the coming year, the applicants may apply for the Chinese Government Full Scholarship to the Chinese Embassy in the FSM between January and February every year, after the Embassy sends a note to Department of Foreign Affairs and Department of Education of the FSM to notify the academic year's scholarship plan. Department of Foreign Affairs informs Departments of Education of the four states, taking charge of collecting the applications, and sending all application materials to the Chinese Embassy by the end of April.

Farewell Luncheon for Secretary Dr. Skilling

On July 28, 2008, H.E. LIU Fei, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of P.R.China to the F.S.M., gave a farewell luncheon for Secretary of Health, Sports and Social Affairs, Dr. Vita Skilling before she set out for Beijing Olympic Games. Secretary General of FSMNOC Mr. James Tobin was present.

Ambassador LIU welcomed Dr. Skilling to attend the opening ceremony of Beijing Olympic Games on August 8th. Beijing is ready to receive friends from the world and to provide the best services. She believes that the FSM delegation will have a successful visit and the athletes achieve excellent results.

Dr. Skilling thanked Ambassador LIU and the Chinese host for all the hospitality and thoughtful arrangements and she was very excited for her first trip to China.

Holding the local hanging handcraft with Olympic logo, the guests took a picture with H.E. LIU Fei and the Embassy staff members.

2008 Human Resources Development Program in China

Since the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China sponsored seminars/training courses for officials, senior managerial personnel and specialized technicians in developing countries a few years ago, the program has got remarkable recognition and great support from both Chinese and foreign governments and agencies, and served as bridges of friendship and cooperation between China and other developing countries.

Through communications and discussions, the seminars/training courses conducted in English aim at teaching managerial experience and practical techniques, promoting the traditional friendship and cooperation in economic and trade field between China and other developing countries and accelerating human resource development and economic and social development in those countries.

In 2008, the program for the Pacific island countries provides 92 seminar/training courses in different sectors like agriculture, bamboo & rattan utilization, aquaculture, hydro power, environmental management, renewable energy technology, tourism, telecommunication & network, E-commerce, computer, media, food safety management, quarantine, maritime rescue, acupuncture, prevention & treatment of tropical diseases, social development, etc. About 180 participants from the FSM are invited. For each participant to be nominated for the seminars, a FSM nationality, fluent English, good health, and being free of infectious diseases are basic requirements. The participants' personal data required shall be delivered to and approved by the Department of Foreign Affairs, before they are sent to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy to be reviewed and approved. The Chinese Government is responsible for the following expenses: round international trips and transfers, accommodation and transportation in China, accident insurance in China, treatment of acute diseases, and daily allowance.

So far, 25 participants from the four states have attended seminars and enjoyed their wonderful experiences in China, where they attended lectures by the Chinese governmental officials and scholars who introduced policies and measures involved in China's economic and social development, and discussed means of applying these experiences back to their countries. They traveled to institutions, enterprises and some rural areas to get a real image of developing China. They also have chances to talk with the Chinese local officials and entrepreneurs and share information on the economic situation, investment circumstances, trade policies and cooperation intents of the FSM, thus finding more opportunities and approaches for bilateral economic cooperation. By July, 47 participants have been nominated for 30 seminars. For the second half year of 2008, 12 participants are in schedule.

"I hope I will go back again for the same seminar next year and I love China." One of the participants wrote in his report, "and I believe every participant shares the same feeling.

More information on "2008 Human Resources Development Program in China" will be available on the website: <http://fm.chineseembassy.org/eng/xwdt/t461531.htm>



Mike Hasurmai, a trainee from Yap went to China for Marine Culture training in July 2008 along with a multi-national group

Pacific Tuna Tagging Project vessel is working in the FSM EEZ

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlle Press

(Pohnpei, FM) – Antony Lewis, a large and jovial man, has a well honed sense of humor and it is easy to like him instantly on the first meeting. He has great fun with life but he is dead serious about the Pacific Tuna Tagging Program that he heads up. The Soltai Number 105 from the Solomon Islands based a portion of the second phase of a massive tuna tagging operation in Pohnpei from June 29 through July 25th.

A cocktail party sponsored by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (the Tuna Commission) in honor of the project and its crew members was held at China Star Restaurant. Some staff members of the Tuna Commission spoke with excitement about the fishing trip they had been on earlier in the day on the Soltai. In one and a half hours 800 tuna were caught by means of the Japanese fishing method of long poles., tagged and released.

In that method barbless hooks are used on lines attached to long poles that have no reels. The fishing action takes place within large schools of tuna. The hook is baited and dropped into the ocean. When a fish takes it the fish is rapidly lifted out of the water. In commercial operations the fisherman unhooks the fish in the air and it lands on the deck. In the tagging operation people serving as catchers catch the fish, unhook it, and place it on a measuring rack. The recorder records the data about the fish, the tagger tags the fish in the second dorsal fin, and the fish is returned to the water less than 10 seconds after it left the water probably wondering what just happened to it.

Lewis and a dreadlock sporting crew member from the Solomon's named Thomas said, "It's all very exciting!"

But this story is not about the fishing and the

fast exciting pace of it. It's about the Tagging Project itself. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community is conducting the region-wide tuna tagging project on behalf of the Tuna Commission. The stated goal of the program is to improve stock assessment and management of skipjack, yellowfin, and bigeye tuna in the Pacific Ocean.

Recently data was released that said that last year the tuna catch in the Pacific was again at all time record levels. Lewis said that in addition to the increase in the number of fishing vessels in the area technology has stacked the odds in the favor of fishing companies. The Soltai uses some of the technology themselves. The vessel has a new and sophisticated bird radar designed to spot flocks of birds that would be feeding on bait balls, the same bait fish that tuna feed on.

Phase 1 of the tuna tagging project concentrated on highly fished waters around Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. It consisted of two three-month cruises in the waters of PNG, followed by two one-month cruises in Solomons Islands waters. The first phase ended with the tagging of the 100,000th tuna. Fishing and subsequent tagging was carried out primarily on anchored fish aggregating devices (FADs).

Two types of electronic tags were used during Phase 1 – acoustic transmitting tags and archival storage tags.



By April 30th, 2008, 10,000 tags of the 100,000 fish that were tagged had been recovered.

Phase 2 which recently began will initially operate in the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Indonesia and the Philippines.

SPC materials said that the implementation of measure to maximize the return of recaptured tags is crucial to the success of the Pacific Tuna Tagging Project in general. The success of the tag recovery procedures is highly dependent on the cooperation of the commercial fishing industry. Without incentives commercial fishing vessels might not have a motivation to report the recapture of a tag.

Rewards are paid to tag finders for the return of tags. For conventional tags, a reward of \$10 per tag return is paid. For archival tags, a reward of \$250 for each tag return is paid. For acoustic transmitting tags, a reward of \$50 for each tag return is paid. The differential rewards reflect

the value of the hardware or of the data accompanying the tag.

Assuming that there is complete reporting of the higher value tags, any significant differences in return rates between conventional and electronic tags might be attributable to non-reporting of conventional tags. Even that information will be important for subsequent modeling of the tag-return data.

In addition to the bounty on tags regular annual or biannual lotteries with attractive cash prizes will also be held in key locations throughout the Pacific region.

If you catch a tuna with a tag on it record the species of the recaptured tuna. Record the tag number. Record the fork length of the recaptured tuna. Record the location/position of recapture and send the tag recovery information to Secretariat of the Pacific Community. Contact Brian Kumasi at email address brian_k@spc.int for more information.

Tenth Festival of Pacific Arts in American Samoa included traditional as well as contemporary art forms



Photos: Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

The Conservation Society of Pohnpei celebrates its 10th Anniversary

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlle Press

(Kolonias, Pohnpei) – On July 25 the Conservation Society celebrated its 10th anniversary with a ceremony and displays at the Spanish Wall park in Kolonias, Pohnpei. Special speakers included founding CSP board member Bill Raynor, former director Willy Kostka, Governor John Ehsa, and Salvador Iriarte, the Iso Nahnken of Nett. Current CSP Director Patterson Shed was the master of ceremonies for the ceremonies.

Bill Raynor said that in 1997 there was no NGO that focused on conservation in Pohnpei when 16 people met at The Village restaurant to discuss the possibility of starting one. He said that by the end of the meeting they had agreed to begin the Conservation Society of Pohnpei. He said that none of them knew if it would work but they knew that something needed to be done.

Since that time CSP has attracted millions of dollars in state and national conservation projects. Because of what was begun 10 years ago in Pohnpei, other conservation society's and conservation programs sprang up around the Pacific. He said that Kosrae, Chuuk, Yap, the Republic of the Marshall Islands all started formalized conservation programs as a result of the accomplishments of the Pohnpei Conservation Society.

Governor Ehsa was the keynote speaker at the event and presented to the gathered crowd, his views on Pohnpei and the idea of conservation. He spoke of the inspiring leadership of Sapwikini and the scores of

ancestors who set out to construct Pohnpei's land and seascape despite challenges and of how those ancestors had overcome those obstacles to create the unique gift called "Pohnpei Sarawi" that Pohnpeians have all come to enjoy.

He said that Pohnpei is unique in the world because of its high levels of species diversity. He pointed out that Pohnpei has the region's last remaining grouper spawning aggregation site at Kehpara Island. Of the over 300 species of trees found in Pohnpei more than 100 can only be found in Pohnpei. Of the over 60 bird species half can only be found in Pohnpei including the State Bird, the Serehd or Pohnpei Lorry. It is the only endemic parrot species found in all of Micronesia. The island of Ant has spawning and aggregation sites for several fish species and many sea turtles make Ant their nesting grounds. One of the last remaining sea bird rookeries in the region is at the island of Wolouna. The vast mangrove forest surrounds and protects the island and holds wonders for those who can "get over the mosquito fright."

Pohnpei is a place worthy of protection but protecting it is not a new business. "For over 2000 years our forefathers have done their bit as guardians and have demonstrated their outstanding skill in undertaking that role...The past ten years could rightly be called a decade of conservation rebirth for Pohnpei."

He pointed out some of the highlights of the efforts of CSP for the last ten years.

Pohnpei has 11 community based Marine Protected Areas. Watershed areas boundaries have been legally surveyed in

U and Madolenihmw. In general, there is increased environmental awareness and education through formalized programs of education.

He said that high fuel and food prices have begun to force families to turn back to the land and the sea in higher numbers. "One-third of our forest has been lost in the past 20 years mainly due to sakau cultivation, 1/3 of our reef is dead from sedimentation and another 1/3 is highly threatened by land-based development, and all data points to the fact that we are over fishing our reefs at almost two times its carrying capacity."

Governor Ehsa said, that Pohnpeians cannot count on a government officer in Kolonias to care for the island but that Pohnpei communities must be the first line of defense.

"Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realize that we cannot eat money."

"My administration recognizes CSP as a local conservation leader that brings substantial additional resources to biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihood development in Pohnpei, and I pledge that the State Government will do all that it can to continue to support and grow the effort that CSP has begun in Pohnpei. But it will take more than just CSP. Today I ask everyone here – government employees, the private sector, NGO staff members, farmers and fishermen – to take up the challenge of sustainably managing our fisheries, our mangrove forests, our swamp lands, our upland forests, our unique natural heritage that our ancestors cared for and passed onto us for our benefit and that of future generations. I'd like to thank CSP for showing us the way to move forward. Let's all move forward together to secure a better future for our children and their children!"

K-Press Perspective

Cash versus Law and Order

When I first arrived in Pohnpei in January of 2001 I was shocked to find out that the minimum wage was \$1.35 an hour and that even that paltry sum was not always paid as the law required. Often trainees in new jobs, if they were paid at all were paid an hourly rate as low as 75 cents an hour. Bosses who paid cash to their employees, perhaps to avoid paying tax on those wages sometimes paid even less than that.

In 2001 kerosene for stoves and fuel for vehicles went for just over \$2 per gallon.

The price per kilowatt hour for electricity in January of 2001 was 22.17 cents. I remember being outraged at the price then. Two days ago I paid 51.06 cents per kilowatt hour which, now that I think about it is a fortunate price. While gasoline prices at the pump have surged to nearly triple what we all paid in 2001, the price for electricity in Pohnpei has increased by just over 1 and a half times the 2001 price.

In January of 2001, if you were lucky enough to own a stove whose flames were powered by LP (Liquid Petroleum) Gas the price was \$120 for a 100 pound tank. Amongst those three "utilities", the cost for a tank of LP gas has had the lowest price increase at only 80%.

"Only" an 80% price increase in just under 8 years?! Man! I never thought I'd see myself putting those words in print!

The utilities price increases are not like the rice price increases that occurred a few years ago when there was a shortage for a short time due to shipping. At that time, the few businesses that had rice in stock jacked up their prices because so many others didn't have it. The Pohnpei Price Commission hasn't been functioning for years and so no one put a stop to it.

Today you can feel free to buy rice at local businesses. They have it but the price has more than doubled since 2001. A majority of those price increases have occurred in the last few months when a worldwide shortage of rice began to be noticed.

There will be more worldwide food price increases as world leaders try to find a solution to the increased price of fuel. Worldwide huge amount of food that might otherwise have been harvested to power human bodies has been diverted to the production of ethanol to power our cars.

At the Conservation Society of Pohnpei's 10 year anniversary celebra-

tion on the 25th of July, Governor John Ehsa pointed out that Pohnpei's economy has, over the years moved toward a cash basis. Where people in Pohnpei could traditionally live off of the land and the ocean they now need cash in order to eat and for many other purposes.

Many people in the FSM can't keep up. I'm certainly one of them. The average cash on hand available per person is not enough to keep up with 300%, 150%, or even 80% price increases and still the minimum wage is \$1.35 an hour.

I don't think that raising the minimum wage would solve the problem of cash. Maybe it would for a while, until businesses owners further raised prices in order to pay the increased salary. Before long there would be a general clamor to increase the minimum wage again and higher prices would again be the result and on an on it would go until before too long, as Larry Norman said in one of his songs, "a piece of bread would buy a bag of gold."

Something different needs to be injected into the equation. The same old solutions will simply yield the same old tired, worn out, economically draining results for the FSM. Perhaps more business opportunities and an improved business environment is one possible solution.

People in the FSM are looking for solutions to the cash problem and no one seems to know the answer. They are turning to many things. They're planting and harvesting and fishing more. They're cooking over open fires. They're walking a great deal more than they did before fuel prices got to be what they are. They're sitting in the dark more than they used to do.

Some people have decided that the solution is to break the law.

According to Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, at least one business owner bypassed several meters in his business so that he had "free" power. Free to him that is; PUC will ultimately have to pass their power generation revenue losses to the rest of the consumers in Pohnpei who actually pay their bills. The customer probably thought that he was above the law and unless there is a prosecution for theft of cash power, he will have been correct.

The Pohnpei State AG's office says that the offense is a crime called Theft of Utility Services (61pc 6-156) punishable by not more than six months in jail and/or a fine of not more than \$100. He said that further charges could be filed that would make it a potentially more seri-

ous offense but that would depend on the value of the services stolen. PUC has a separate fine of \$500 per bypassed meter.

Within the last week I have heard word that at least two businesses in Pohnpei have begun to make money from prostitution in Pohnpei.

I know. The subject is not supposed to be talked about in public and this paper is very public in the FSM. I apologize for mentioning it.

Because of the "new" cash economy people, more and more are asking themselves, "How do I get cash and how to I get it fast?"

"What do I have to sell that will sell quickly?"

A young girl might think that she has nothing else to sell but her body.

A business owner might think that they could cover their overhead expenses by attracting several girls who think that way. Those girls might be willing to pay for the use of facilities the business owns so that the girl has a place to practice the oldest of trades while men line up outside their doors full of anticipation and with cash in hand.

The streets of Pohnpei are abuzz with rumors of taxi drivers that can be called to deliver a "banana" to your door. I think some people still call them "wanted's" as well, girls who will do nearly anything with nearly anyone for

a few dollars.

Do desperate times call for desperate measures? I can see how some people might think so. To quote an old blues man, "Times is hard."

"No man is an island." Law and order is a system of rules and consequences based on what the people of any jurisdiction think is acceptable behavior. It's supposed to keep the consequences of behavior that the community considers to be unacceptable from spilling over on to other people in the community.

For instance, theft of utility services might result in higher prices for other customers or if enough people did it, complete shut down of the utility because of an inability of the utility company to pay their bills because no one has to pay them for the service anymore. Prostitution, without discussing any of the moral issues involved can introduce diseases into the community that can be devastating.

Without law and order what would keep me from taking something you have just because I think I need it?

Law and order should not be thrown out the door even in times of skyrocketing prices, rampant unemployment, and stagnant wages for those who are employed. It isn't just a good idea, it's vital to the people who call the FSM home.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Two weeks ago today as I was watching CNN, I was surprised to learn that in the history of the petroleum industry worldwide when the fuel price was down from 146 plus to 138 plus, it was the biggest drop in seventeen years. Wow, seventeen years, this is extremely a long period of time and the decrease is only like eight dollars plus. This is astonishing knowing the price hike has just felt in this part of the world not too long ago. How would it affect the price here in Pohnpei considering the many changes we have seen in the short past when Pohnpeian consumers started to feel the effects of the world price rise? The price of fuel has even reduced tremendously below \$125 a barrel and fewer times it has gone up by a dollar or two and here we are talking about over ten dollars drop in addition to the eight dollars plus. This sharp drop translates to about twenty dollars. As of this writing the price is in the neighborhood of \$123. How much less would we realize when paying for cash power and fuel at the pump stations nowadays? It seems though that the price has been steady for a while. This is good news for every consumer worldwide. Let us the Pohnpeian consumers wait and see...

Ausen T. Lambert

Seen Any Good Movies Lately?



By **N.N. Isaac**
The Kaselehlle Press

After watching a particularly disappointing movie, it's always nice to cleanse one's palate with a sure-fire classic that's guaranteed to bring the smile and sunshine back into the world. With that in mind, I'd like to suggest a couple of excellent films that never fail to satisfy and inspire regardless of how many times I watch them.

The Motorcycle Diaries (2004) (Diarios de motocicleta)

With one semester left before graduating from medical school, a young Argentine and his biochemist friend embark on a hedonistic journey across the South American continent on a decrepit motorcycle dubbed "The Mighty One." Little do they realize, their sightseeing adventure is fated to change their lives and the history of the world forever.

Directed by Walter Salles, and screenplay by Jose Rivera, "The Motorcycle Diaries" is a film adaptation of the long-running, best-selling biographical novel based on the travelogue of iconic guerrilla revolutionary, Ernesto "Che" Guevara, with additional information supplied by the memoirs of his travel companion, Alberto Granado.

Mexican actor Gael Garcia Bernal stars as the 23-year old Ernesto "Fuser" Guevara de la Serna, who in his later years would become the infamous Cuban-Argentine Marxist revolutionary, "El Che." Guevara's boyhood friend, Alberto "Mial" Granado, is played by Argentinean actor Rodrigo de la Serna, who is a 2nd cousin of the real Guevara. Also starring are Mercedes Moran as Celia de la Serna,

Jean Pierre Noher as Ernesto Guevara Lynché, Mia Maestro as Chichina, and Alberto Granado as himself at the end of the film.

"Motorcycle" was nominated at the 2005 Academy Awards for "Best Writing, Adapted Screenplay," and won for "Best Achievement in Music Written for Motion Pictures, Original Song." The film ended up making history with its haunting ballad, "Al Otro Lado Del Rio" by Uruguayan composer/singer Jorge Drexler, as the second song in a language other than English to win an Oscar.

The acclaimed film was also nominated for several BAFTA Film Awards including Best Performances for Lead and Supporting Roles, Best Writing, and Best Cinematography. The film went on to win the prestigious British award for Best Foreign Language Film.

An unfortunate side-effect of calling an idyllic Pacific island your home is the ease with which global politics and history can slip right by without getting noticed. Not to mention, being but a sparkle in your mother's eye during the eras of free love and disco, it's quite easy to not be familiar with "El Che" and his admirable fight for what he believed was the dignity that every human being deserves. After watching this movie for the first time, I began noticing Che Guevara's influence everywhere, from his iconic monochrome picture printed on t-shirts and hats everywhere, to a show called "Chasing Che" on the National Geographic Channel.

Thankfully for those of us who only think of expensive cigars when we hear the name "Fidel", and who think that the Cuban Revolution has something to do with a new Latin-dance craze, "Motorcycle"

not only entertains, it enlightens and expands one's soul and mind.

"Motorcycle" gives viewers an eloquent glimpse into a transformative period for one of history's most famous guerrilla leaders who changed the course of politics in the 20th century. This spectacular movie demonstrates the wonderful scope and great potential of filmmaking by showcasing an intelligent and illuminating story about true-life heroes, with real humor, powerful drama, exciting adventure, rich culture, and beautiful cinematography. I highly recommend this film to anyone looking for a worthy purchase or rental at the video store.

"The Motorcycle Diaries" is rated R for language.

Whale Rider (2002) (Te Kaieke Tohora)

When an ancient lineage of Maori chiefs is in danger of extinction, a small girl defies tradition and taboos, and takes matters into her own hands to ensure that the descendents of the "Whale Rider" don't fade into legend.

Based on the novel by Witi Ihimaera, and directed by Wellington native Niki Caro, this acclaimed New Zealand masterpiece stars the precocious Keisha Castle-Hughes in her breakthrough performance as Paikea Apirana, and the powerful Rawiri Paratene as Koro Apirana. Also wonderful in this film is Vicky Haughton as Nanny Flowers, Cliff Curtis as Porourangi, Grant Roa as Uncle Rawiri, Mana Taumaunu as Hemi, and Rachel House as Shilo.

"Rider" won director Caro the Audience Award at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival in the World Cinema category. Thirteen-year old Keisha Castle-Hughes created a sensation by being the youngest person to be nominated for Best Actress at the 2004 Academy Awards. In addition to the Oscar nod, Castle-Hughes was nominated for a SAG Actor (Screen Actors Guild) for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in Supporting Role. She ultimately won the Critics Choice Award for Best Young Actress.

In spite of the beautiful photography and engaging story, it was Castle-Hughes' and Paratene's performances as the gentle Paikea and the fearsome Koro that have been seared into my mind. No matter how many times I watch this movie, Paikea and Koro never fail to create a painful knot in my throat that refuses to budge until it forces tears from my eyes. Lodged throats and red eyes aside, this movie is a one-of-a-kind, empowering work of art that rouses and uplifts the spirit and heart.

"Whale Rider" is rated PG-13, and is an excellent film for the whole family to gather round to watch.

If you've been feeling a bit down, or if the last movie you watched left a bad taste in your mouth (I warned you about "Slipstream"), treating yourself to one of my favorite "feel-good" films will undoubtedly set things right again. Treasure these last weeks of summer vacation and don't forget to be kind, rewind, and watch for these movies on DVD.

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The 9th Annual Robert F.C. Etscheit Memorial Tennis Tournament

By *N.N. Isaac*
The Kaselehlie Press

Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal may be dominating the professional tennis circuit in the rest of the known world, but here in Pohnpei, a different breed of tennis athletes roam the courts, instilling fear and trepidation that neither Federer nor Nadal could muster even if they tried. Granted, the anxiety is mainly due to limited court availability and the increased likelihood of a rogue rain shower, however, that doesn't stop Pohnpei's local tennis athletes from hitting the courts every night as they vie for the coveted 1st place trophy in this year's 9th Annual Robert F.C. Etscheit Memorial Tennis Tournament.

An avid tennis player, the late Robby Etscheit could often be found with his iconic white glove and lanky, fluid form, hitting the courts with his friends. Every year on June 22, the Pohnpei Tennis Association, together with the Etscheit family, organize



Dr. Bryan Isaac

a tennis tournament in honor of a great tennis competitor and beloved family man.

The plan for creating a memorial tournament was formed by the original members of the Pohnpei Tennis Association. The idea was then proposed to Mrs. Agnes Etscheit for her blessing, and in gratitude she and her family offered to supply tennis balls, trophies, prizes, as well as t-shirts and banners for the event, and even offered the use of their personal tennis court for the final matches.

The first tournament back in 1997 included only a handful of participants made up mostly of the island's few regular tennis

players and their families. Eleven years later, the event has expanded to the neighboring state of Kosrae, and has grown to include a Masters Division for entrants ages 50 and above, as well as two more categories for aged 18 and under participants. This year's tournament holds a record number of nearly a hundred competitors, veteran players and newcomers alike, easily making it one of the most anticipated events in local tennis.

With everything contributed by the Etscheit family, The Pohnpei Tennis Association (PTA) is in charge of setting up and running the tournament; the main coordinators being Dr. Bryan Isaac and the PTA's president, Mr. Murphy Panuelo. Utilizing a single-elimination format, and self-refereeing system, participants start their matches around 5:00pm on weekdays and 4:00pm on weekends. Despite the quick pacing of the matches, the eventuality of getting rained out still manages to push the tournament's progress back considerably.

Singles Stats

The Men, Women, Juniors, and Masters Singles Divisions are nearly wrapping up, leaving mostly Doubles events unfinished at the time this issue went to print.

In the Men's Open Singles, Mr. Johnson Asher came out victorious during his match with second-place winner, Dr. Bryan Isaac, in three sets (6-7, 6-4, 6-2). Vying for third place will be Alik Jackson and Rene Merencillo.

In the Mens B Singles, Mr. Froilan Nunez will compete against Mr. Rey Garcia for the number one spot, and Mr. Robel Basa will contend with Dr. Gerry Huyo-a for the third place trophy.

Ms. Iolani Neth won first place in the Women's Open Singles event, with second place going to Mrs. Anastasia Isaac. Kristina Isaac defeated Sepe Palik, securing herself a third place win.

For the Womens B Singles, first place went to Sepe Palik, who edged out Ashley Yauvoli in the finals. Kristina Isaac managed to defeat Samantha Arthur, coming in at third for a second time in the singles division.

Alex Kalau took first place in the 13 through 18-yrs., Junior's Division, with Ashley Yauvoli taking second. Chris Yamada man-



Johnson Asher

aged to defeat Jordan Panuelo for third place.

In the 13-yrs. and under, Junior's Singles, Shawn Adams took the top spot by defeating T.J. Rush in three sets (7-6, 2-6, 7-5). Nile Panuelo vied with Jericho Akinaga for third, with Mr. Panuelo winning the prize. For the Masters Division, Dr. Isaac is set to play Mr. Reedson Abraham for the first place trophy, while Mr. Kapilly Capelle will meet Brother Dave Antonelli, S.J. for third place.

Open Doubles

The Women's Doubles is gearing up to be a family event with cousins Iolani and Shelolyn Neth competing against Sepe Palik and her aunt, Thelma Loyola for a spot in the semi-finals.

In the Men's Division, a hint of sibling rivalry will undoubtedly make for an interesting showdown when Dr. Isaac and partner, Robert Etscheit Jr., challenge his older brother, Ronald Etscheit and his partner, Johnson Asher, for a chance to compete in the finals.

The teams for the Mixed Doubles quarterfinals have yet to be announced, but the line-up suggests a high level of competitiveness that guarantees a nail-biting race to the finish.

According to Robert Etscheit Jr., plans for his father's 10th Memorial Tournament are already in the works and he envisions it to be even bigger and better. His family is also planning to have their tennis court, which is currently under repair, ready for next year's finalist matches.

Be sure to stop by and check out the ongoing tournament at the tennis courts in Kolonia. It's very likely that you'll recognize a few faces for whom you could show your support and cheer (yes, it IS okay to cheer). If you find you're becoming interested in the game, take heart because tennis is a sport that's easy for beginners to learn, and is a fun way to work out the day's stress (and last night's chocolate chip cheesecake). A word of warning though, hearing the word "love" a lot in tennis is NOT a good thing. The Pohnpei Tennis Association and the Etscheit family wish all the participants of Mr. Robby Etscheit's Memorial Tournament the best of luck, and would like to encourage everyone to look sharp for next year's event.

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What's a Jesuit?

Fr. Joseph A. Cavanaugh, S.J.

Are Jesuits another kind of religion? Are they Catholic? What is a Jesuit?

I have often been asked this question, "What is a Jesuit?" I have been asked the question so often that I felt that it was important to put something down in writing.

I am writing this article on July 31, 2008. Perhaps I should have written it much earlier so that it would have been ready for an issue of The Kaselehlie Press before a very special date for Jesuits.

On July 31, 1556 Ignatius of Loyola died.

He was born into a noble family in Loyola, Spain in 1491 and as a young person, enjoyed life with all the rights and privileges and secular ambitions of his young years.

He wanted very much to be recognized as a nobleman until in a battle against the French at Pamplona in 1521 he was knocked down by a cannon shot that seriously hurt his leg. As he recovered he was in bed for a very long time. During that time he was an avid reader. He kept asking for books about romance, but all that could be found for him was the Bible and the stories of lives of Saints. Reluctantly he started to read those books. He found himself wondering and reflecting if he could live a life like the ones that the books were talking about.

He found himself praying about those questions and his life began to change.

As much as he wanted to serve the King in his own place, he now found himself wanting to know more and more about Jesus. He wanted to listen more to His message and to imitate the Saints about whom he was reading.

He decided to spend most of his time in prayer and meditation and began to write some notes that have become known as the *Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius*.

He helped many people to pray in the way that he had learned to pray.

When he was in school in Paris in 1537 a

number of people gathered around him who wanted to be with him and live in the same way that he did. This group lived and worked and prayed together as the Company of Jesus. The group became known as the Jesuits.

They wanted to be very close to the Pope and put themselves completely at his service for whatever the Pope would ask them to do. They wanted to go to preach and work in the Holy Land, but this proved to be impossible in the conditions of the world at that time. They continued to help people to make retreats and especially worked in the Universities. Today they are well known for their work in education.

St. Francis Xavier was the first of many Jesuits to be sent as a missionary.

Jesuits were soon found in most countries of the world preaching the word of God and doing many different things to help people to grow to be better human beings who would also help others to grow. The motto of the Jesuits has always been "For the greater glory of God"

Jesuits have both Priests and Brothers as members of what is called the Jesuit order. They strive to live up to what motivated Ignatius from the beginning of his conversion after the battle of Pamplona. They are just one of many groups in the Church that have chosen to try to imitate the example of their own founders.

Franciscan Capuchins were the first to come to stay on Pohnpei permanently on in 1887.

The first Spanish Jesuits came in 1921.

Fr. Paulino Cantero, S.J. from Awak was the first Pohnpeian Jesuit.

Many people know about other religious orders in the Catholic Church such as Dominicans, and the Redemptorists.

All of us work together to try to make the word of God known and lived in these days in the places to which we have been sent by the Church. We rejoice in the way we have grown through the years.

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.
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Celebrate World Breastfeeding Week by Going for the Gold – Mother Support

Island Food Community of Pohnpei

The week leading up to the Olympics this year, August 1-7, celebrates a special set of champions, mothers in the 17th annual World Breastfeeding Week, jointly supported by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Margaret Chen, the Director-General of the WHO, says this year's theme, *Mother Support: Going for the Gold*, has a double message: it is not enough just to say breastfeeding is the ideal nourishment for infants and young children, but in order for mothers to make the gold standard breastfeeding practices a reality they need support. Mother support is defined by the WABA Global Initiative for Mother Support (GIMS) as "any support provided to mothers for the purpose of improving breastfeeding practices for both mother and infant and young child". The support a mother receives can range from formal visits to the doctor to informal conversations with other breastfeeding mothers, women in the community, or her husband. In particular, GIMS encourages men's participation and community involvement in mother support. Support from a variety of sources is essential for overcoming the challenges of breastfeeding and helping mothers achieve the gold standard of infant feeding: exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months and then continued breastfeeding with additional complimentary foods up to two years. So from August 1-7 we should turn our attention to mothers and cheer them along to give their children the best start in life.

Infants are meant to be breastfed. Human milk provides all the right nutrients a baby needs to build a strong, healthy body early in life and to help reduce the risk of other diseases later in life. Breastfeeding, particularly immediate and exclusive breastfeeding during the first six months, is one of the most effective ways of improving child survival and health. By breastfeeding babies exclusively for the first 6 months of their life (that means giving them only breast milk, not even water, during those months) and then continuing to breastfeed for the next year and a half while adding complimentary foods like mashed karat or papaya,

a mother is providing her child with the best possible nutrition. Compared to children who are not exclusively breastfed, those who are have better health and higher IQs (intelligence quotients).

Breastfeeding is not just important for the baby it also benefits the mother and the community. Women who breastfeed have an easier time losing extra weight after pregnancy that could put them at risk for breast and ovarian cancers, diabetes, and urinary tract infections. By choosing to breastfeed instead of purchasing expensive baby formula and bottles, women can save their families money too. However, there are difficulties with breastfeeding and other competing demands on women's time that might discourage them from choosing to breastfeed. WABA highlights five gold rules to support breastfeeding:

1. Address each mother and baby situation as individual and unique; be sensitive to the needs of a breastfeeding mother.

2. Listen empathetically to learn a mother's concern; refrain from talking except to ask questions for clarity; provide just enough information for her to make her own choices.

3. Ensure that fathers and families are well informed so that they can support each woman in breastfeeding.

4. Hold governments, workplaces, and society responsible to create an environment in which every woman is fully enabled to have the choice to breastfeed and to act on her decision.

5. Believe that a mother can successfully breastfeed and tell her that; on the other hand, recognize when a mother needs more

help than you can offer.

"Support a Mother to Provide a Golden Start for Her Child! With Breastfeeding, Everybody wins!" -WABA 2008

For more information about WABA and World Breastfeeding Week you can visit the websites www.waba.org.my and www.worldbreastfeedingweek.org. If you have further questions about breastfeeding and local resources you can contact Ms. Berno Hedson, the Pohnpei Breastfeeding Focal Point, at Pohnpei State Hospital, 320-2215.

Reference: WABA World Breastfeeding Week 2008 - Mother Support: Going for the Gold, World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action.



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Rose Apple



The past few weeks have produced an abundance of small, bright red fruits known as *apel en wai* or by its English name, Rose apple. This foreign apple is believed to have been introduced by Henry Nanpei during the German Administration, from 1898-1914. While the fruit is eaten raw, particularly by children, it has a rather tart and slightly sour taste which makes it well suited for cooking and baking. Once the seeds are removed, they make a great addition to chutneys and other recipes calling for tart cooking apple. Alternatively the apples can be thinly sliced and dried for 2-3 days resulting in a great healthy snack.

Rosy Apple Crisp

Ingredients:

- Filling
6 cups Rose apples, washed and halved with seeds removed
1/3 cup sugar
Juice of 1 lime
Topping
1/2 cup oats or oatmeal
1/4 cup taro flour
1/3 cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1-2 capfuls coconut oil

Method:

1. Combine filling ingredients in a bowl and toss until sugar and lime juice is evenly distributed across the apples. Pour into a baking dish (8 X 8 was used for this recipe)
2. In a small bowl combine oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and ginger. Stir to combine.
3. Drizzle the coconut oil over the oat and flour mixture, then use clean hands to pinch together the ingredients to make the topping crumbly.
4. Sprinkle the topping on top of the apple mixture in the pan.
5. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees F.
6. Serve warm out of the oven or chill for a nice addition to breakfast.

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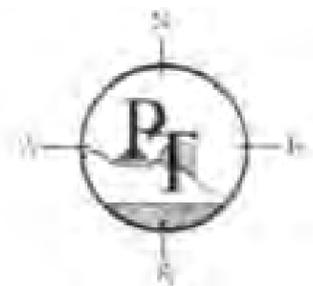
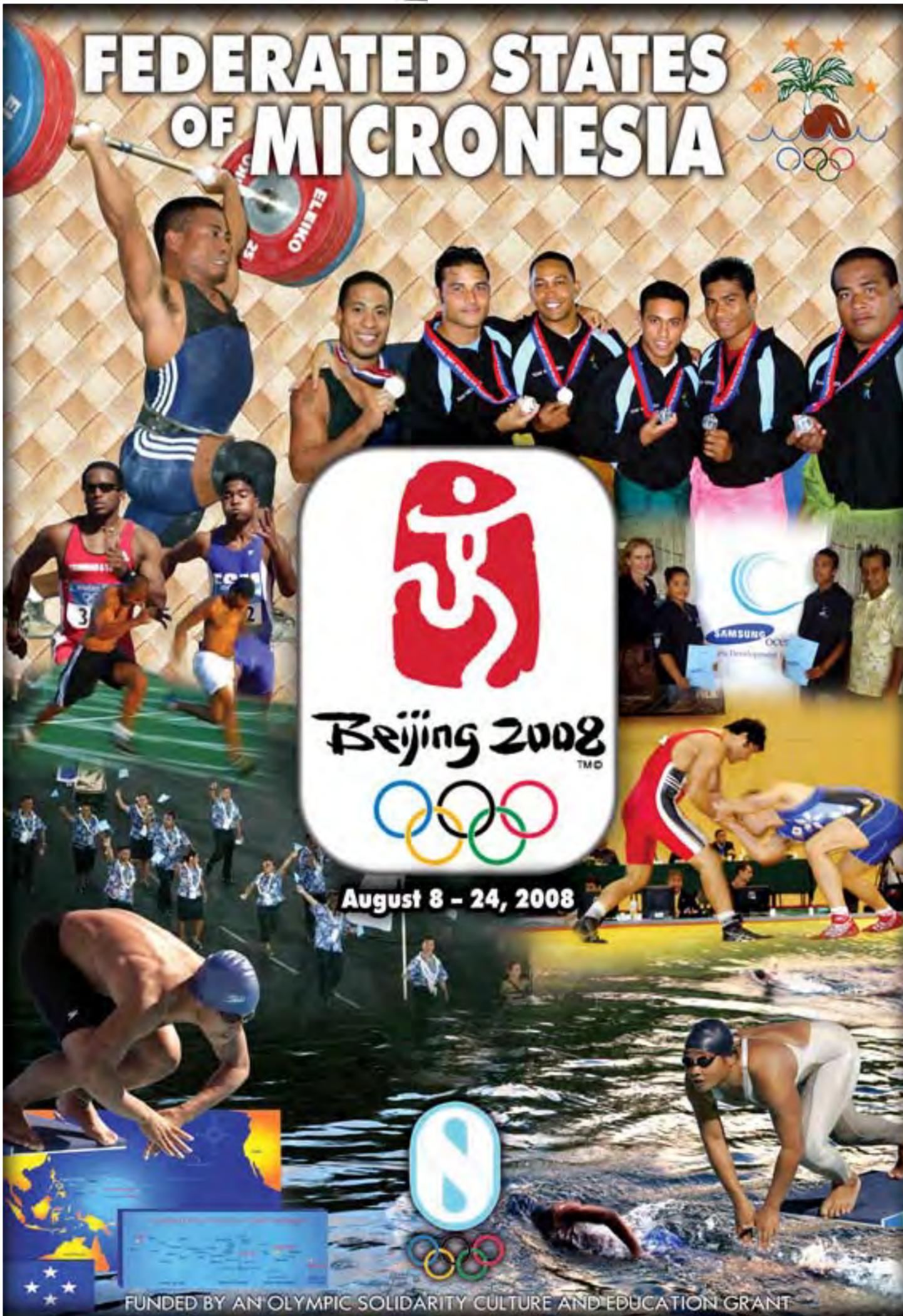
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