

Members of US Congress warn FSM of Compact implementation problems

By Bill Jaynes
 The Kaselehlie Press

A letter dated July 22, 2008 and signed by ten influential members of the United States Congress warned of their perception of the problems with the FSM's implementation of Compact II. The letter was addressed to FSM's President Emanuel Mori and the Honorable Isaac V. Figir, Speaker of the Congress of the FSM. It was copied to the four State Governors.

The Compact of Free Association between the Federated States of Micronesia and The United States of America provides for reciprocal benefits between the nations. The United States initially supplied \$76.2 million dollars to fund six sectors (Health, Education, Infrastructure, Public Sector Capacity Building, Environment, and Private Sector Development) and \$16 million was deposited into a trust fund. The funding



level provided by the United States for the FSM stayed at that level for the first three years of Compact II. Beginning with the fourth year sector funding was decreased by \$800,000 and US contributions to the Trust Fund was increased. Direct funding decreases of \$800,000 and Trust Fund

review in 2009. During the Compact review process the Executive Branch of the US Government evaluates the progress of the Compact with the FSM. That report along with comments from

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World Fuel Prices Drop, PetroCorp Follows Suit



By Bill Jaynes PetroCorp, when it *The Kaselehlie Press* took control of the assets of Mobil Oil of Micronesia, Incorporated (MOMI) on June 30 also assumed control of the fuel still stored in the tanks at the Dekehtik tank farm in Pohnpei. The new corporation received its first shipment of fuel from Mobil on August 2 to replenish that supply.

On August 11, PetroCorp revised its price list for the fuel products that they sell. All of the prices were lower.

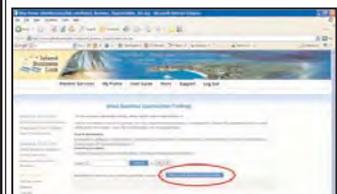
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Pohnpei school projects soon to go out for bid. Three school buildings to be built.

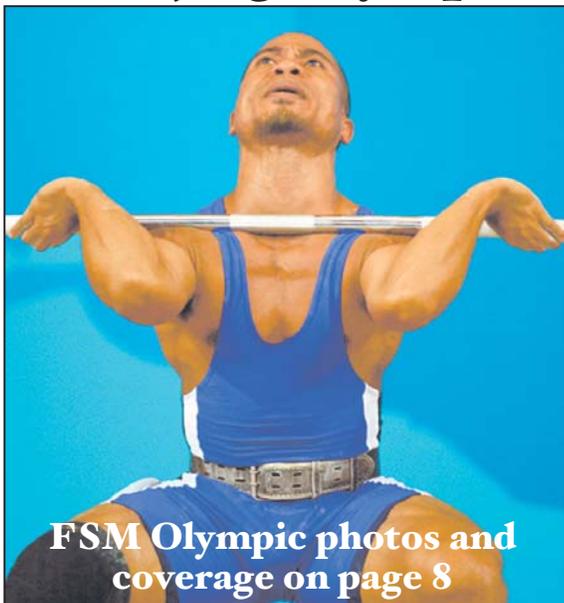
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OIA suspends Compact funding for three sectors in Chuuk

By Bill Jaynes
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In a letter dated August 1 of this year, Tom Bussanich, Director of the Division of Budget and Grants Management for the US Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) notified Fabian Nimea, Director of FSM's Office of Statistics, Budget, and Overseas Coordination (SBOC) that Compact funds for Chuuk State would be withheld beginning August 4. The three sectors affected by the notice are Private Sector Development, Environment, and Public Sector Capacity building.

The Health and Education sectors are not affected by OIA's action. Bussanich outlined a process for exemption from the suspension when funds from the Public Sector Capacity Building sector grant are required to support those two sectors.

According to the letter, the widely publicized July 11, 2008 termination of Gillian Doone as Chuuk's Director of the Department of Administrative Services by Governor Wesley Simina prompted OIA's action. The

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Three Pohnpei school buildings nearly ready for contractor bids

By Bill Jaynes (Pohnpei, FSM) - The Kaselehlie Press Nearly five years after the start of Compact II, the agreement between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia that includes a significant amount of money for infrastructure for the FSM, the bidding process for the construction of three school building in the FSM is set to begin. Robert Westerfield who is coordinating the efforts of the FSM's Project Management Unit (PMU) said that bids would be solicited beginning in about three weeks.

Lyon's Associates is a fairly recent entry into the process put into place to get help get infrastructure projects done. They have a multi-year contract administered by the PMU with the FSM National Government to provide planning and design services for Compact funded infrastructure projects.

Pat Campanella, Vice President of Lyon Associates, Inc. said that the primary emphasis at this time is education, health, water, wastewater and electricity. He said that they got the contract when they responded to a publicly advertised Request for Proposal. His firm was the most highly rated firm of the four selected.

Campanella said that Lyon has two specific projects under contract: Three class-

room buildings in Pohnpei and the Weno Road-Phase 1 project in Chuuk. He said that it is important to note that Lyon is not permitted to be involved with the selection of General Contractors except where they are asked to answer design related questions during bidding.

He said that in addition to negotiating fees they are obligated to submit a schedule for their work that indicates milestones. Those milestones are called deliverables. For the schools, Lyon will be delivering a pre-final design in August.

The CAD-CAM rendering of a Pohnpei School building is for a building that is intended to be "site adaptable" meaning that the same design can be constructed in different locations with relatively minor modifications. The design is in its "pre-final" stages. Campanella said that Lyon is designing a roof mounted solar (photo-voltaic) powered system to make electricity for lighting and ventilation.



Campanella said that the FSM-PMU set the administrative and technical guidelines for their contract and work. "Generally speaking we are following a long-standing model applied by the United States Government for federally funded projects. This approach makes sense and is working well thus far. The goal is to develop a quality product, deliver it on time, complete in nature and cost effective. The best value is not always the least expensive solution. For example: more expensive materials may require higher initial cost, but will typically require less maintenance and repair. We are obligated to make this analysis during the concept design stage of each project."

He said that the FSM states are obligated by FSM-PMU and the Compact II agreement to submit programming documents for projects in a specific form. The documents "are simple and straight forward." The main elements are history, justification, cost, schedule, and environment. "For whatever reasons, these programming documents have not been forthcoming from the States to the FSM -PMU, until recently. That is why from the inception of the second Compact significantly less funding than anticipated has been approved by DOI-OIA."

Despite the "simple and straight forward nature" of the documents that are necessary to get a project approved, Campanella said that it was important for the State to retain the technical expertise to prepare the programming documents for submission to the FSM-PMU. He said, "If properly prepared and focused it is almost certain that the requests for project funding will be approved."

FSM-PMU's Westerfield said that he didn't want to be too specific in giving and estimated cost for the three school buildings because he didn't want to influence

the bidding process. He said that the combined cost might be in the neighborhood of less than \$3 million. Competitive bidding might cause the price to be lower.

Westerfield, when asked if local contractors were prohibited from bidding on the project as we had been told said, "No, we're not saying that local contractors cannot bid."

There are a number of problems that might work to keep a local contractor from qualifying under bidding requirements. Contractors must be bonded. Construction bonding, insurance that guarantees that the job will be completed satisfactorily, on time, and within bid limits is very difficult for contractors in the FSM to get. Many do not have a history that would show a bonding agent that they can successfully complete a big job. Bonding agents also want US law to rule where their bonds might require court action. Westerfield said that this factor means that a local contractor would probably have to have an associate office in Guam or another place where US law prevails.

A further problem for local contractors is the cash resources required in order for contractors to purchase materials at the price they used to submit their bid. Prices for construction materials fluctuate, sometimes wildly and there is no guarantee that prices used to make a bid will still be the same when the contractor is ready to buy those materials for the job unless the contractor locks in a price by obligating the purchases in advance. Few contractors in the FSM have the cash resources to guarantee their bid.

Campanella said, "For the projects we are working on, the interest and support of local government, end users, interested citizens, FSM-PMU and DOI-OIA has been tremendously positive."

The Kaselehlie Press welcomes Hibson Palik who will be serving as a freelance reporter in Kosrae for The Kaselehlie Press. We hope that Kosraens will tell him everything we all need to know.

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LELU, Kosrae – FSM President Manny Mori, Kosrae Governor Robert Weilbacher, Pohnpei Governor John Ehsa, Yap Governor Sebastian Anefal and Chuuk Lt. Governor Elimo Johnson concluded the most recent FSM Chief Executive Council meeting with a clear vision toward heading off the massive challenges the nation faces.

Those challenges include an expanding energy crisis and increase in the overall cost of living brought about by the exorbitant cost of global oil. Indeed, much of the focus of the Chief Executive Council (CEC) discussions focused on the quickly expanding energy and food costs the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the rest of the North Pacific region is facing.

Other topics at the CEC included joint FSM-United States Compact budget consultations for fiscal year 2009, Infrastructure sector projects in the nation, the 5th-year US-FSM Compact II review, climate change, the FSM submarine fiber optic cable project and a vocational training center to be established in Pohnpei, FSM in response to the US military build up in Guam.

The Kosrae CEC was the third such meeting of the President and the FSM Governors in 2008, having previously met in Pohnpei (January) and Yap (April).

FSM Leaders Move on Energy and Food Challenges

Chief Executive Council meeting in Kosrae strengthens resolve toward mitigating spiraling inflation

FSM Office of Statistics, Budget, and Overseas Coordination

President Emanuel Mori and the Governors have been consistent and more unified as the year has progressed in their collective effort to address the major issues facing the FSM.

Governor Weilbacher of Kosrae led the meeting with a statement that all the principals come to a collective understanding on decisions that would help the FSM "along in its development process." Governor Ehsa of Pohnpei brought greetings from the traditional chiefs of his state and stated that "a very frank discussion" was necessary to overcome the major challenges of the day. Ehsa emphasized a need to focus on the nation's infrastructure development prerogatives.

President Mori set the tone early on fuel and energy, stating that it is one of the most critical issues for the FSM and that "concrete action" would be required. Mori also highlighted the rising cost of both food and fuel, and called for the state governments to follow the lead of the

National Government in using surpluses to increase salaries throughout the nation in order to stimulate the economy and offset continuing inflationary trends.

Lt. Governor Elimo Johnson of Chuuk, representing Governor Wesley Simina, noted the seriousness of the issues for the nation, and particularly for Chuuk, which continues to struggle under government reforms and infrastructure development delays.

Governor Anefal of Yap highlighted points on energy and the high cost of imported food, and the reality that the prices for both have "gone beyond the reach of many people."

Anefal and the other leaders continued to discuss climate change, a permanent CEC issue moving forward. The FSM will host its first annual Climate Change Summit in September as part of a more coordinated response on the front line of this global crisis.

FSM Congressmen Paliknoa Welley of Kosrae and Moses Nelson of Chuuk were

present on behalf of the Legislative branch.

The outcome of the meeting was a joint communiqué and the passage of five resolutions. The resolutions called for a more efficient mobilization of infrastructure fund and projects in the FSM, compliance in the usage of Compact carry over funds, official recognition and support of the Association of Micronesian Utilities (AMU) and the designation of State energy policy workgroups, the need to develop a national climate change policy closely aligned to the nation's ongoing energy policy development and to move ahead immediately in working with the US to mobilize funds and implement the submarine fiber optic cable project.

The fiber optic project is seen as a major infrastructure initiative that will spur development in the health and education sectors in particular and connect the FSM states to each other and the world through faster internet speeds and transfer of greater amounts of information and technology.

The Office of SBOC once again acted as secretariat and principal facilitator of the event, working closely with its branch office in Kosrae and the Kosrae Office of Planning and Budget.

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letter said that since the termination of Doone the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) has not received a plan from either the Chuuk State Government or the FSM National Government on how proper financial and management oversight will be restored.

President Mori's Chief of Staff, Kasio E. Mida said that it wasn't the firing of Doone in particular that caused the suspension but the lack of another qualified individual ready to take the position and a plan for proper financial and management oversight in Chuuk.

The Joint Economic Management Council (JEMCO), after its August 2007 meeting informed the FSM that JEMCO required the replacement of the "failed management regime in Chuuk". That action was taken "to ensure that the Compact program was not undermined by continued financial irresponsibility illustrated by the general fund deficit, un-auditable conditions, and unsustainable management practices. The adoption of the JEMCO measure was passed unanimously during the 2007 meeting.

Chuuk's Compact Fund Control Commission (CFCC) received a copy Bussanich's letter instructing them to "immediately suspend processing of payments for Compact-related obligations or expenditures incurred in these three sectors after August 4, 2008."

The letter also requested that the CFCC not release additional payments under the reduction-in-force (RIF) grant, "as it appears that Chuuk State government is no longer in compliance with the terms of the grant supporting financial reforms."

OIA's instructions did allow for exemptions in the expenditure of the Public Sector Capacity Building sector grant funds where those funds are necessary to provide critical financial and other support to the health and education sectors. Those exemptions can be made according to the provisions of the letter by the FSM Secretary of Finance and Administration with notification provided to both OIA and CFCC.

Bussanich said that the suspension of funding under the three sectors would be reconsidered if OIA receives a credible plan from the FSM National Government and after the installation of a properly functioning financial management regime within Chuuk State Government. Key personnel in any plan submitted would be subject to OIA concurrence.

According to an FSM press release, President Mori who has been heading the FSM's delegation to the Olympic Games in Beijing has decided to cut his trip short in order to meet with Chuuk's leadership. "President Mori intends to impress upon the leadership the urgency to take full charge of ensuring that all compact requirements and needed reforms agreed between Chuuk State and the National Government are strictly adhered to."

FSM Government to host 19th SPREP Annual Meeting

FSM Information Services

The FSM National Government, through its Public Information Office, wishes to provide to the general public, information about the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP) as part of efforts to host its 19th Annual Meeting in Pohnpei from September 4-12, 2008.

What is SPREP?

SPREP stands for the "Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program," a regional organization established by the governments and administrations of the Pacific region to look after its environment and is the Pacific region's major intergovernmental organization charged with protecting and managing the environment and natural resources. The Secretariat is based in Apia, Samoa, headed by Director Asterio Takesy and supported by over 70 staff.



SPREP consists of 25 members: twenty-one Pacific island countries and territories and four developed countries with direct interests in the region.

SPREP's objectives are to promote cooperation relating to environment matters in the Pacific region; to provide assistance in order to protect and improve its shared environment; and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

The FSM became a member of SPREP in December 1994 and since then, has enjoyed a productive and prosperous working relation with SPREP. This will be the first time the FSM will host an Annual Meeting of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program. At least, 200 participants are expected to come to Pohnpei to attend this historic meeting including Mr. Yvo de Boer, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Executive Director. This will be a rare and special visit by the world's top climate change official, and the FSM is very much honored and appreciative of his presence to attend the 19th Annual Meeting of SPREP.

For more information on SPREP and/or its meeting in Pohnpei, please contact the Office of Environment and Emergency Management at (691) 320- 8815.

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Island Business Link: 675 Members and Counting!

With the growth of the Internet, it is a natural tool for Island Businesses

BY KELLY MIKSA Washington, D.C. - Even though I am now approximately 8,000 miles from Micronesia I think about it every day. I check online at www.islandbusinesslink.com to see what activity has taken place since I spent two weeks in Pohnpei and Kosrae introducing the new networking site as an Island Fellow with the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). So far, I have not been disappointed. There are now over 675 members on the site, registered and reaching out to each other!

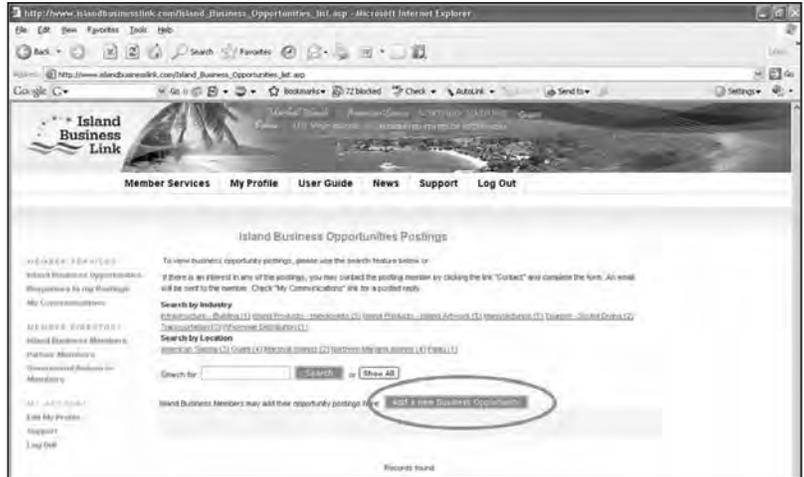
The link was developed by the DOI to connect business owners in the Freely Associated States and Territories to off-island Partners seeking to invest in businesses on the islands. This site builds upon the DOI's successful "Secretary's Conference on Business Opportunities in the Islands" but, unlike the Conference, Island Business Link is available year round, is free, and is readily accessible to those not able to travel.

"This site is much more than a yellow pages. It provides two major advantages over a mere internet business listing site," says Angela Williams, Economic Policy Advisor for the Office of Insular Affairs. "It allows business owners to describe

their opportunities and put them right in the investor's line of sight on our opportunities list. However, because it is free, people sometimes underestimate the power of the networking link."

That could explain why there are far fewer opportunities posted on the site than there are registered Island Members. The business opportunity list is designed to introduce business ideas that are ripe for partnerships and investment. Partner Members appreciate its convenience and enjoy searching those listings. Many Island Members need to take the next step and post their opportunities in order to be seen on the list.

Though Island Business Link is primarily targeted towards small and medium sized business owners, there are already large contracting and investment Partners registered who are able to work on larger scale projects - illustrating that more technical



and higher dollar opportunities can also benefit from being listed on Island Business Link.

In fact, the secret to Island Business Link's success is that its Partner list is primarily drawn from the past attendees of the Department of the Interior's Annual Conference on Business Opportunities in the Islands and from participants in past Business Opportunities Missions to the islands. The next conference will be held in Honolulu from April 6-8, 2009, and more information can be found at www.islandbusinessopportunities.com.

Island Business Link is currently being rolled out to interested partners worldwide, and will be introduced to the Australian and Asian markets this week. In addition, the DOI is actively targeting new companies and industries that would be interested in opportunities in the islands. If you have a specific business or partner you would like to see listed, please email us at info@islandbusinessopportunities.com and we will contact them for you.

The Department of the Interior is working to continuously improve Island Business Link and welcomes your feedback and suggestions. Directions for registering and posting opportunities, as well as giving feedback, can be found below, and, for more information, go to www.islandbusinesslink.com.

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4. Visit the site regularly to search what Partner members are looking for. You can contact Partners through the site and market your opportunity to them.

TIPS FOR CURRENT ISLAND MEMBERS

The Island Fellows have a few quick tips for current members to keep the site's momentum building:

1. CHECK YOUR E-MAIL. At least once a week. There are already responses to postings and you have to respond in a timely manner while people are interested in what you are offering.

2. DO NOT WAIT TO POST AN OPPORTUNITY. Clarify and promote your opportunity on the site as soon as possible! Partner members go directly to look through the site's opportunity listings to see what you have to offer. If you don't have an opportunity listed you will miss out. Remember, you can add a picture too. If you have questions about how to do this, contact your local small business development center.

3. SPREAD THE WORD. The more developed and enticing the opportunities on the site, the better it is for all island members. There is so much possibility and value in the FSM that Island Business Link allows you to share with the rest of the world. If a Partner signs up for the site and does not find a match on their first visit, it's important that they are impressed by the content and check back frequently for something they'd like to pursue.



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Free U.S. Navy health care in Chuuk

Embassy of the United States of America The United States Hospital Ship USNS Mercy, with an embarked team of some 500 health service professionals, will visit Chuuk Lagoon from August 22-September 1. The crew of the Mercy will participate in Pacific Partnership 2008, a humanitarian civic assistance mission in the Western Pacific. The Pacific Partnership Team, working in close partnership with Chuuk State Health Department colleagues, will conduct medical, optometry and dental community outreach clinics at thirteen locations in the municipalities on islands of the Chuuk Lagoon according to the following schedule:

Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24, at Sopot Elementary School on Uman
Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24, at Sapou Elementary & Polle Jr. High School on Polle
Monday, August 25 and Tuesday, August 26, at Nechap Village on Tonoas
Monday, August 25, at Epin Elementary School on Paata
Tuesday, August 26, at Sapitiu Elementary School on Onei
Wednesday, August 27, at Siis Elementary School on Tsis
Wednesday, August 27, at Romonum Elementary School on Romonum
Thursday, August 28, at Parem Elementary School on Parem
Thursday, August 28 and Friday, August 29, at Fason Senior High School on Tol
Friday, August 29, at Fanapanges Elementary School on Fanapanges
Saturday, August 30 at Fanomo Elementary on Udot
Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31, at Sappore Elementary School on Fefen
Sunday, August 31, at Chuuk State Hospital on Weno

Residents from any Chuuk municipality 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 Chuuk 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.

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decrease. Prices for unleaded gasoline at one gas station in Pohnpei went down by 25 cents.

According to the PetroCorp price list, the purchase price for unleaded gasoline went down by slightly over 30 cents.

A source within PetroCorp was unable to confirm whether or not customers in Yap and in Chuuk will pay the same as the published prices in Pohnpei.

A deal for PetroCorp services in Kosrae is still being negotiated.

Before the transfer of assets to PetroCorp, fuel that was in the tank farms belonged

	Old Price	New Price
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Walk In Customer	5.8723	5.622
National or State Government	5.8723	5.622
Automotive Diesel		
Gas Stations (Dealers)	6.4200	6.249
Walk In Customer	6.4491	6.329
National or State Government	6.4491	6.329
Kerosene		
Gas Stations (Dealers)	5.6853	5.534
Walk In Customer	6.2819	6.182
National or State Government	6.2819	6.182
Pohnpei Utilities Corporation		
LS ADO (diesel) Power Plant	5.1191	4.796

Free U.S. Navy health care in Yap

A team of health service professionals from the United States Hospital Ship USNS Mercy will visit Yap this month during the week of August 24-31. The crew of the Mercy will participate in Pacific Partnership 2008, a humanitarian civic assistance mission in the Western Pacific. The Pacific Partnership Team, working in close partnership with Yap State Health Department colleagues, will conduct medical, optometry and dental community outreach clinics at three locations in villages on the main island of Yap according to the following schedule:

" On Tuesday, August 26, and Wednesday August 27, at the Yap State Sports Complex
" On Thursday, August 28, at the Community Halls in Gargey Village
" On Friday, August 29, and Saturday, August 30, at the Yap High School Campus

Details regarding the locations for the clinics in each village will be announced by the Yap Department of Youth and Civic Affairs. Residents from any Yap village 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 Yap Department of Health Services for treatment.

Free U.S. Navy animal clinics in Chuuk

Saturday, August 23, on Udot
Monday, August 25, on Polle
Monday, August 25, on Uman
Tuesday, August 26, on Paata
From Tuesday, August 26 to Friday, August 29, on Weno
Wednesday, August 27, on Onei
Thursday, August 28, on Romonum
Friday, August 29, on Fefen
Saturday, August 30, on Tonoas
Sunday, August 31, on Tol

5:00 pm on the dates indicated above. The Weno veterinary clinic will be conducted at the offices of the Chuuk State Department of Agriculture. For the other lagoon islands listed above, mobile teams will visit each island to meet with owners and provide veterinary services to their animals.

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the FSM Executive Branch is then submitted to the US Congress for their review. Adjustments in the terms of the Compact can be made by that branch after consideration and deliberations.

Epel Ilon, FSM's Assistant Director of the Division of Compact Management said that the Five Year review is not a renegotiation but that changes could be made by Congress based on the report of the US Executive Branch and the comments on the report of the FSM Executive Branch. He said that some changes have already been implemented in the Compact since its inception nearly five years ago. As an example he pointed to a change that now makes it possible for FSM citizens to access free legal services in the US if they qualify financially. He also said that FSM citizens living in Palau are now eligible for Pell Grants at Palau Community College where they were not before.

The letter from the US Congress to the leaders of the FSM was faxed to the President's office and to the FSM Congress Speaker's office. Before the day was over a typed version of the letter had been posted anonymously on the Micronesian Seminar Forum. The original letter had not yet arrived in the FSM through the usual formal diplomatic channels by the time a scanned version of the letter was posted on the Internet also by an unknown person.

Residents from any Chuuk municipality who have animals that need primary health care from a veterinarian are encouraged to participate in the most convenient clinic between the hours of 8:00 am to

to MOMI until it was sold to a customer.

If the world price for crude oil increased while the fuel from a previous shipment was still in the tanks, the owner of the fuel could and, according to the source at PetroCorp who asked to remain anonymous, often did raise the price when the world price increased.

Competition might have decreased the value of the fuel in the tanks when world market prices went down but competition for fuel sales did not, and still does not exist in any of the FSM states.

It does exist in Guam. Pump prices there have decreased at least twice within the last month according to news articles from the area.

The recently published price list approved by Peter Christian, Chairman of the FSM Petroleum Corporation does not include the price that PetroCorp paid for their last shipment of fuel. It also does not include other associated overhead costs for the corporation.

The approved price list says that the prices will be in effect for one month.

U.S. delivers \$3 million infrastructure maintenance grant to the FSM

Embassy of the United States of America

The United States Government has awarded an innovative Public Infrastructure Sector Grant of US \$3 million to the FSM to be administered by Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap State Governments in the amount of \$750,000 for each state. This grant funding may only be used for projects directly related to the:

- Construction, repair, renovation, or rehabilitation of education and health facilities;
- Provision of potable water to education and health facilities; and
- Public safety

At a special ceremony in the FSM President's Conference Room on August 8, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert confirmed acceptance of this grant award. Under the terms of the grant, within 30 days each state government must provide a prioritized list that describes their proposed projects. The FSM National and State Governments worked together in close partnership with the United States Embassy and the U.S. Department of the Interior to propose and secure Compact funding for this purpose.

Secretary Robert praised "the spirit of partner-

ship embodied in the mere availability of this funding." He described this type of aid delivery as "a positive indication that the implementation of the Amended Compact can be flexible in addressing the special needs and circumstances of the FSM States." He concluded, "I believe there will be times and situations that will compel both sides to be creative and innovative in pursuing our mutual goals while maintaining the spirit, objective and dignity of the Compact."

Vice President Alik, joined by other members of the FSM Cabinet, Governor Ehsa and his Chief of Staff, offered a champagne toast to the spirit of partnership embodied in the new aid delivery mechanism.

Full Text of Ambassador Hughes' Speech

The grant that our two governments have authorized today opens a small but significant window in our efforts to direct aid flexibly and responsibly at the grass roots level. The United States Government has made a special effort to innovate, with Compact money, a more effective delivery system.

On this proud occasion, I appreciate the opportunity to say it clearly and publicly: We need to target our aid in a fruitful way



FSM Vice President Alik Alik, Secretary Lorin S. Robert, Ambassador Miriam Hughes, and Pohnpei Governor John Ehsa join in a toast for success

and make sure it is not wasted. We want our assistance to prepare the good people of the Federated States of Micronesia for all challenges. We aim to empower Micronesian officials to fulfill with pride the most basic obligation of governance - to anticipate, define and fulfill the needs of your citizens. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne telephoned President Mori last May to offer this grant as an enabling mechanism, particularly at the state level.

The terms of the grant provide each state up to \$750,000 in order to: construct, repair and renovate education and health facilities; provide potable water to these facilities; and to improve public safety. We encourage the states to use local contractors and employ local labor for these relatively small-scale projects. Starting today, with acceptance of the grant by the FSM National Government, a 30 day clock has begun to tick. No matching funds are required. Within 30 days, every state must provide, in priority order, a list and description of its proposed projects. In fact, the states are ahead of the game; they all have their lists ready.

This is an example of how Micronesians can take ownership of their own priorities.

The states and municipalities are excited. They plan to use this money to repair toilets at schools, repaint classrooms, maybe purchase a fire truck, and patch leaking roofs, build shelves and hang doors at dispensaries and educational facilities. We look forward to seeing all the proposals, as well as the consequent results of your labor in the field. Timely attention to repairs will save money over the long run and enhance the dignity of your people, laying a foundation for future generations.

We hope this is just the beginning of a streamlined approach to development. In terms of a larger paradigm shift, we expect that you will also consider rightsizing, mobilizing civic participation, and establishing dynamic frameworks for private businesses that generate economic growth. You may need to make your own adjustments and to experiment with new models on your own terms, just as this grant is intended to do. But I want to reassure you, that the American Government is prepared to think beyond standardized approaches, if necessary, in order to maximize our aid effectiveness and to help you meet the needs of your people.

We need to hear from you. Now the clock is ticking.

Surf Day for Kids!

The Surf Day for Kids at Nahlap will be happening on August 30th, Saturday. This will be a free, basic introduction to surfing for kids over 12 years of age. All water activities will go from 10am to 4pm on Saturday. Surfing will be done over shallow reefs and strong current areas. Kids who want to join must have excellent swimming/water skills and must be accompanied by an adult.

Please register and sign release when you arrive at Nahlap to join.
Volunteers with good water skills are welcome to help
See you in the water!



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Looking for long-term land lease for possible commercial development in Pohnpei in an area located in Nett, Sokehs, or Palikir. Ocean or mangrove front only. Must have certificate of title. Please contact 920 - 7343



President Mori Meets FSM Olympic Team in Beijing

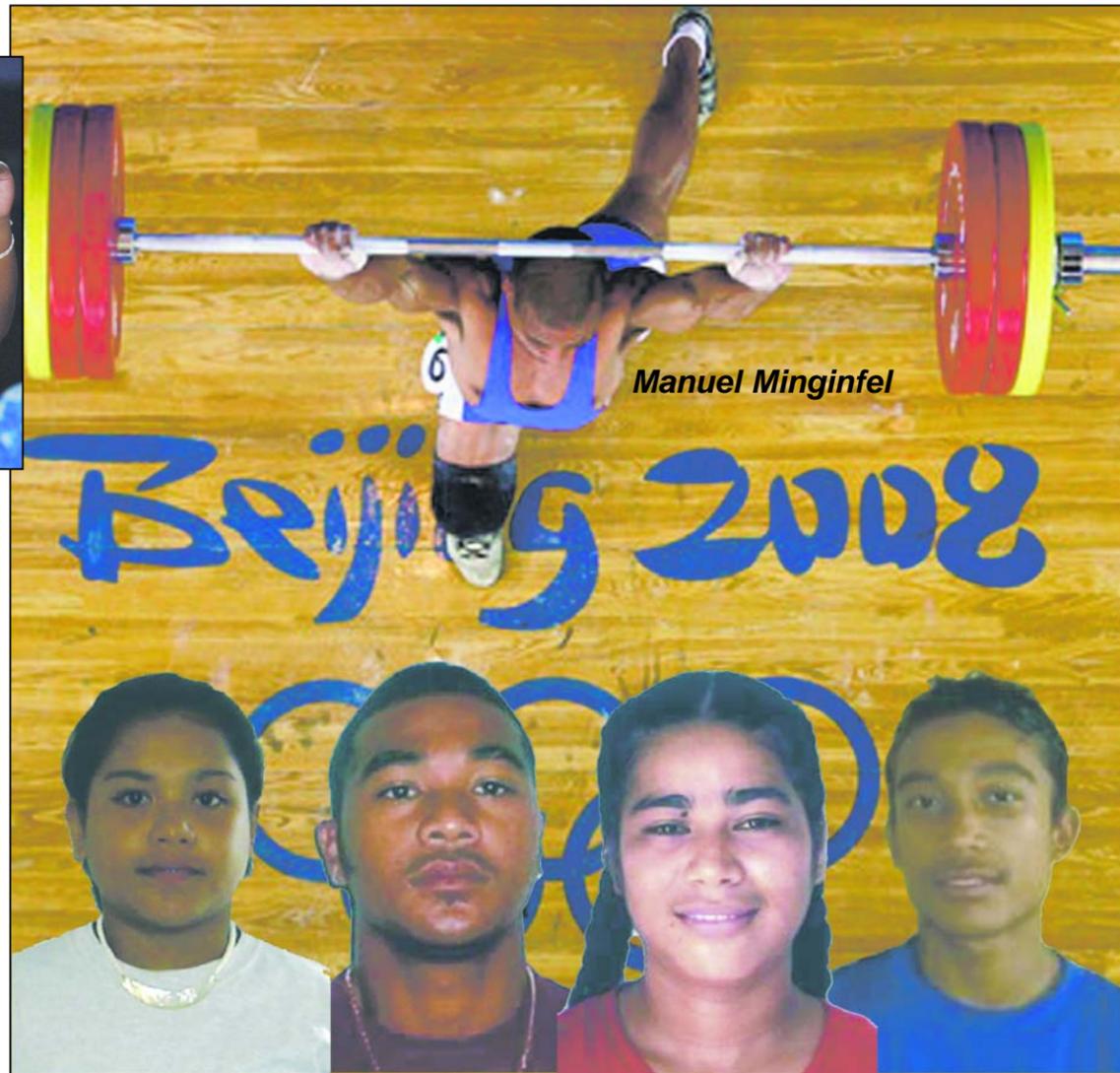
FSM Information Services August 7, 2008 (FSM Embassy-Beijing) During a dinner reception that was held at the FSM Embassy in Beijing in Honor of His Excellency Emanuel Mori and the FSM Olympic Team, President Mori bestowed the National Flag upon Manuel Minginfel to carry and lead Team FSM into the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games opening ceremony.

President Mori took the occasion to congratulate the five FSM athletes for their God given talents, achievements, and hard work that brought them to Beijing to represent the Nation in the Olympic games. In the 29th Olympiad, FSM will be represented in swimming, track and field, and weightlifting. 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. 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. FSM medal hopeful, Manuel Minginfel will compete in the Men's 62 kilogram weightlifting division.

Pohnpei State Vice Speaker Bernie Martin in his capacity as the President of FSM NOC, joined President Mori in extending congratulations and encouragement to the FSM athletes. Mr. Martin also expressed his appreciation to President Mori and the National Government for the support rendered to the FSM NOC and the FSM athletes participating in the Olympic Games. Martin encouraged further support for athletics in the FSM.

Monetary presentations were also given to the FSM Athletes. In recognition of the outstanding achievements made by Manuel Minginfel, he was presented with a check from the National Government through the Yap Delegation in Congress in the amount of ten-thousand dollars. Also, a donation in the amount of two thousand dollars was presented to the President of NOC to be given to be divided amongst the five athletes competing in the Olympics. The generous donation is from the Japan rotary club, through the family of Naoyuki and Ichie Iwata who are long-time friends of the FSM.

The dinner reception at the Embassy was attended by President Mori, Yap State Governor Sebastian Anefal, Senator Tiwiter Aritos of the FSM National Congress, Secretary Vita Skilling of the Department of Health and Social Affairs, Kosrae State legislator Bob Skilling and Ms. Tanya Mori Bisalen of the First family, FSM Athletes, FSM NOC, FSM students studying in China, and visiting FSM citizens for the Olympic Games. Also present were all the wonderful officials and volunteers of the Olympic that are detailed to the FSM delegation and team.



Manuel Minginfel



Debra Daniel Jack Howard Maria Ikelap Kerson Hadley

FSM athletes make valiant efforts in Beijing

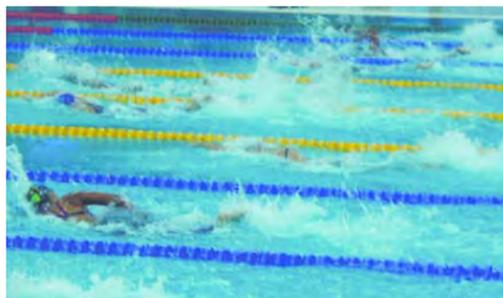
On the 16th of August the final FSM competitor to compete in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing ran her last race of the Games. According to the Pacific Daily News Maria Ikelap from Chuuk ran the 100 meter dash in 13.73 seconds finishing 8th of 9 in her heat. She finished 80th of 85 overall. The time was a season best for Ikelap.

Jack Howard said that he found it hard to focus on his form. He finished outside of his personal best at 11.03 in his race.

FSM swimmers each delivered personal best times in their races. Kerson Hadley swam the 50 meter freestyle in 25.34 breaking his



Maria Ikelap runs a season best in the 100 meter dash



Debra Daniels sets her personal best in the 50 meter freestyle

previous personal best set in Manchester earlier this year at the world FINA championships. Debra Daniel, also swam the 50 meter freestyle. Her time was 30.61 which also broke her personal record set in Manchester this year.

Manuel Minginfel, the 29 year old veteran weightlifter from Yap came in 3rd over all in the 62kg division B. He lifted 120kg in the snatch. In the clean and jerk he lifted 155kg for a combined total weight of 275kg. Overall he ranked 11th in the 62kg division.

Minginfel said that this will be his last competition. He is retiring from competition and hopes to teach children.

FSM Olympians number one!!

By Bill Jaynes The Kaselehlie Press EDITORIAL It's 9:00 in the evening on Saturday, August 16 at The Kaselehlie Press and I'm excited! Its eight days into the sixteen days scheduled for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. This morning at 10:00 (1:00 PM Pohnpei time) Maria Ikelap ran the 100 meter dash. She was the last of the five people who competed for the Federated States of Micronesia.

population), and of course the United States. There were well over a hundred photos of Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe on that website.

Perhaps I shouldn't have been surprised that there were no photos for "Micronesia", Kiribati, Marshall Islands, American Samoa, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, the Cook Islands, Fiji (although Fiji reporters posted plenty of photos on other websites), Guam, Haiti, Indonesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, or the Solomon Islands. I was surprised anyway.

It's probably not a global conspiracy against the islands. We just don't have a great huge population to drive media moguls to think that our athletes might have been interesting to the rest of world. There were 205 countries represented by athletes in the Olympics. I get it.

Wait, no! I don't get it! There were compelling stories that even the mightiest of media moguls might have picked up on. What about Manuel Minginfel? He didn't make it as far as I had hoped in my wildest dreams that he might do but he did extremely well considering that he made it to the Olympics on his own merits, one of the few in all of Oceania to do so.

What about the fact that our swimmers practiced for months in our rivers swimming against the current? Large nations

have thousands of pools for their Olympic swimmers to practice in and top notch trainers to boot.

The FSM has in good repair, hmmm, how many? Let's count them up. 1, no wait, that one would give a swimmer a disease if they dove in. Uhhh.....nothing, not a full sized pool that isn't a health risk within the whole of the FSM.

Tracks, bah! The FSM could potentially produce a sprinter but we don't have a track. Oh, we have a few but if a runner went all out it's possible that runner would end up with no face having stumbled on a wrinkle in the surface of the track.

Mr. Murdock, maybe you think that FSM Olympic athletes might not be interesting to your readers but I think you're dead wrong. Show me a US, a Chinese athlete, or even an athlete from Australia, your home country, who has had to overcome the odds that FSM athletes have had to overcome and I'll shut up.

I think their stories are compelling.

We didn't score on the medal board but FSM athletes scored in our hearts. Who cares what the rest of world thinks?



First Pohnpei Small Business Conference in Kolonia

By Bill Jaynes (Kolonia,
The Kaselehlie Press Pohnpei) - The

First Pohnpei Small Business Conference will be held in Kolonia from August 20-22. At press time the venue for the meeting was still to be announced. Materials for the conference say that the conference is a public-private forum to seek [a] cooperative approach in empowering small businesses to carry out their role in the economic development of Pohnpei and the Nation.

The Pohnpei Small Business Development Center, headed by Herman Semes organized and facilitated the conference with sponsorship support of the Pohnpei State Government, the College of Micronesia - FSM, and the Pohnpei Chamber of Commerce.

The conference will include speakers and panelists from every conceivable Government and Private Sector entity that might be at all interesting to small business entrepreneurs.

The agenda for the conference was printed in Pohnpeian with an English translation for those whose native tongue is not Pohnpeian, indicating that the conference is open to all.

Herman Semes said in the introductory materials that the primary purpose for the conference is to provide a forum for dialogue between the public and private stakeholders who have direct responsibility for the economic development of Pohnpei and the Nation.

He said, "When Compact II came into effect in 2004, FSM held its 3rd Economic Summit in Pohnpei to establish an economic development framework to guide the development activities that were needed to support a sustainable economic development of FSM and its states. It was generally agreed that the private sector would take the lead in the economic development of FSM with full support of the public sector. The Compact II with its built-in annual decrement (was) intended to be supplemented by revenues generated from the business sector during the balance of its 20 year(s), which would end in 2023.

"Reports from the United States clearly indicated that since the beginning of Compact II until today there was no significant growth in the private sector. As time is getting shorter under Compact II and because of (the) lack of clear direction

Paul completes anti-terrorism course



In this photo released by the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu, Patrol Officer Joab Samuel Paul is presented his graduation certificate from APCSS Director, retired Lt. Gen. Ed Smith on Tuesday, July 29, 2008. Paul is one of 69 graduates from 35 countries who successfully completed the three-week Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism Course. (APCSS Photo/Visual Information)

to guide the economic development in Pohnpei, this Conference is organized to provide a forum for dialogue between public and private sectors. Hopefully, a cooperative approach can be reached to empower small business owners and the business community in general to take the lead in the economic development of Pohnpei State with full backing and support of all levels of government in FSM.

"Pohnpei Small Business Development

Center (PSBDC) will be facilitating this Conference on behalf of the sponsors. PSBDC seeks full support of the sponsors, participating governments, members of the business community, and the general public in Pohnpei to make this Conference a meaningful and fruitful one."

For further information on the Conference call PSBDC staff at 320-3795 or email PSBDC@comfsm.fm



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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FSMTC has worked hard to maintain all service applications the same so as to minimize disruption to existing methods of using the cellular services. FSMTC will continue to work hard to bring new and exciting services as the network expansion progresses.

Thank you.

Seen Any Good Movies Lately?



By N.N. Isaac

The Kaselehlie Press

There is a definite feeling of elation in the air; adrenaline is pumping, and nationalism is at an all-time high. It could be that someone is slipping dopamine into the water supply or that maybe the President has been looking especially handsome and smart lately. However, I have a pretty good feeling this aura of excitement has something to do with the events unfolding in a very special bird's nest in the city of Beijing.

If half the world is not sitting in that impossibly large stadium, the other half is living vicariously through their television sets, mouths agape, at the edge of their seats, watching the world's best as they compete for the gold.

If you were hoping to escape the heart-pumping thrill of watching athletes set new world records by heading to the theater for some solace and peace, I'm absolutely delighted to inform you that you'd be dead wrong.

The Dark Knight (2008)

Gotham's vigilante superhero is back and not only does he have a new ride, a new suit, and a new pad, the cowed crusader is darker, sexier, and a hundred times cooler than ever before.

Writer/Director Christopher Nolan (Batman Begins, The Prestige, Memento), collaborated once again with his brother, Jonathan Nolan, and David S. Goyer (director of the "Blade" trilogy), to create this sequel to the 2005 blockbuster, Batman Begins.

Reprising their roles from the film's prequel are Christian Bale as Bruce

Wayne/Batman, Michael Caine as Alfred Pennyworth, Morgan Freeman as Lucius Fox, Gary Oldman as Lt. James Gordon, and Cillian Murphy as the Scarecrow. Maggie Gyllenhaal plays Rachel Dawes, a role which belonged to Kate Holmes in the previous film. New to the story is Heath Ledger as Batman's ultimate arch-nemesis, The Joker, as well as Aaron Eckhart as District Attorney Harvey Dent, and Eric Roberts as mob boss Salvatore Maroni.

Based on the DC Comics characters by Bob Kane, both Batman Begins and "Knight" are a reinvention of the Batman series and are completely unaffiliated with the previous Batman franchise.

This film is already making history setting numerous box-office records including reaching the \$400 million mark the fastest (18 days), beating Shrek 2 (2004), which reached the amount after 43 days. In only six days, "Knight" also managed to make more money than the entire domestic run of "Batman Begins."

"Knight" continues to receive rave reviews from enthused audiences around the world. Fans and critics cite the performances, the directing, the writing, and the technical quality of the entire production to be behind the success of this top-notch crime-epic. Naysayers of the movie complain about the film's 152 minute runtime, its exhausting seriousness, and its soft PG-13 rating. However, everyone seems to agree that Ledger's terrifying portrayal of the film's sadistic anarchist villain absolutely annihilates any previous performances of the character, and will undoubtedly affect the way the Joker is depicted in the future.

It was reported that Ledger got his inspira-

tion from punk musician Sid Vicious and the character Alex DeLarge from Stanley Kubrick's 1971 movie "A Clockwork Orange." Living alone in a hotel room for a month, Ledger formulated the Joker's psychology, posture, and voice, and even began a diary of his thoughts and feelings to help guide his performance.

In an interview, Christian Bale said that Heath Ledger wanted to be beaten as hard as possible during the interrogation scene so that he could get the real feeling as it was happening. Having not met Ledger before, Michael Caine also reportedly said that during the filming of the scene where the Joker crashes the gala at Bruce's penthouse, Ledger gave Caine such a scare that the veteran actor forgot his lines.

Unfortunately, Ledger's bone-chilling performance will always remain a bittersweet triumph for his fans. "Knight" has been dedicated to both Ledger, who died earlier this year of a prescription drug overdose, and special effects technician, Conway Wickliffe from New Zealand, who was killed in a car crash while planning a stunt for the movie.

Not surprisingly, the hype for this movie was so incredible it seemed almost too good to be true. After being disappointed over and over again with Hollywood's brainless interpretations of some of the coolest characters in pulp fiction history, I had almost lost all hope in the comic book genre. The planets must be aligned just right or karma must be hard at work, because this movie managed to erase all of Hollywood's former mistakes and create a

new standard for comic book movies.

As the film came to an end, it took all of my restraint to keep from standing up in the middle of the theater and shouting "Hallefallujah!" For a full week after watching the film, I experienced something of a quixotic fervor, telling everyone from the birds outside my window, to my one-year old daughter to refer to me as 'The Dark Knight.'

If it isn't obvious yet, I'm totally recommending "The Dark Knight" for anyone up for an incredible mental and a visceral joyride. This movie has definitely scored the 'trifecta': you should watch, rent, and own it as soon as possible.

This film is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and some menace, however, I would really caution parents to watch it first and then decide if you think your child can handle this movie's disturbing scenes.

Cut down on the coffee, brush up on your meditation skills, or learn a couple of yoga poses (I suggest 'turtle touches rock') to help keep your blood pressure down because August is proving to be a month of fast-paced action and excitement so palpable it can make the hair stand up on your head. Either that or August is the month for lightning storms and it's time for your yearly physical. Just to be safe, be sure to stay low during a thunderstorm, try to moderate the salt intake, and most importantly, always remember to be kind, rewind, and watch for this awesome movie at the theaters.

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COM-FSM hosts PPEC to discuss future plans

The Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) members held their first Pohnpei meeting from July 9 - 11 at the COM-FSM National Campus. The meeting was the first to be chaired by the PPEC new chairman, Mr. Spensin James of the College of Micronesia - FSM.

The meeting participants discussed the military buildup in Guam, the Pohnpei Accord (which is in regard to articulation of courses at the University of Guam), updates on United States Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs's year one implementation grant of \$500,000, and future collaboration among PPEC institutions among other issues.

The PPEC submitted a multiyear technical grant to the U.S. DOI earlier this year and has been funded at \$500,000. At their COM-FSM National Campus meeting, PPEC members agreed to fund boardman-ship training for PPEC board members, training for chief fiscal officers, annual regional student learning outcome and assessment training, English as second language (ESL) training for faculty,

employment of the executive director, grant writing and administration training, recruit and hire regional research and assessment professional to work with PPEC institutions, administration of the grant, and attendance at quarterly PPEC member meetings.

The PPEC was established in 1981 as a nonprofit public benefit corporation to address the concerns and needs of Pacific island postsecondary educational institutions. The council consists of chief executive officers (or their representatives) of public colleges and universities in the American-affiliated Pacific Islands.

The conference, which was held at the COM-FSM National Campus Media and Instructional Technology Center, was attended by President Dr Patrick Tellei of the Palau Community College, President Mary Okada of the Guam Community College, Chancellor Dr Leon Richard of the Kapiolani Community College, Chancellor Mike Rota of the Honolulu Community College, President Dr Wilson Hess of the College of the Marshall Islands, President Dr Robert Underwood of the University of Guam, President

Spensin Jame of the College of Micronesia-FSM, and Mr Larry Gamboa as executive director of PPEC.

The conference participants were also treated to a courtesy visit to the President of the FSM, His Excellency Manny Mori. This was the group's first visit with a head of state.

The next PPEC meeting will take place on Saipan in October 2008.

Nukuoro Association of Pohnpei works toward putting an end to suicide

By Johnny Rudolph
Nukuoro Association The Nukuoro Association of Pohnpei Taskforce Committee on the suicide situation of Nukuoro community without delay after receiving funding from the Australian Embassy in Kolonia conducted its first Parenting Educational Workshop on December 29, 2007 at the Nukuoro Community Center in Daini Kolonia Town.

The topic for the first workshop was "Extended Family Before and Now Part I" Mr. Koisimy was select to facilitate this workshop. Participants included people from all age levels, but most of the participants were from parent and youth groups.

A tentative Parenting Workshop schedule was scheduled to continue these workshops on every last Friday of every month until October 31, 2008.

During the past workshops, there were 239 participants that participated. The participants asked to extend the workshops to other communities in the state.

Topics covered during the past workshops were as follows:

December 29, 31 2007 - The extended Family before and now Part-I by Koisimy Rudolph

January 11, 2008 - Time for children by Koisimy Rudolph

February 01, 2008 - Communication by Past by Yasuo Yamada

February 29, 2008 - Extended Family Before and Now Part-II by Johnny Rudolph

March 28, 2008 - Love & Relationship by Past by Norbert Kalau

April 25, 2008 - Drug & Substance Abuse by John Ernest

May 30, 2008 - Extended Family Before and Now Part-III by Ray Ezekias

The Taskforce Committee is now underway planning for the expansion of these workshops into other communities of Pohnpei. Funding proposals are now being considered and will be submitted to various government agencies and NGO's for consideration.

As part of our effort to disseminate needed information across the nation, the taskforce committee has made arrangement for radio spots on V6AH Radio. These radio programs will be produced at the Catholic Media Studio. The college of Micronesia art club has already produced the needed radio spots while the Kaselehlie Press is donating news articles space in their newspaper.

The taskforce committee is very fortunate to get the full support of V6AH Radio, COM Media Art club, Catholic Media Studio and Kaselehlie Press to disseminate needed information to the general public on the problem of suicide.

Astronomical Tide Prediction August 20 - September 2, 2008

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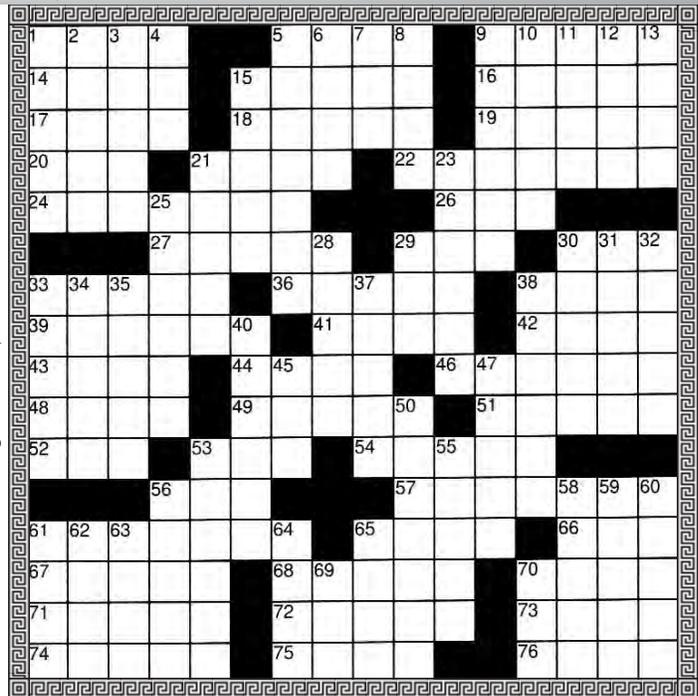
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 38. "___ Meets West"
 39. Recovered from cryogenics
 41. Neck part
 42. Shiny rock
 43. Mortgagee's concern
 44. Whirlpool
 46. Tend to
48. Not now, but I ___ to
 49. Synthetic fiber
 51. Takes five
 52. Bowling pin count
 53. Nanny's newbie
 54. Thin crest
 56. Teary-eyed
 57. Lord's lessee
 61. Less slow
 65. Rotate
 66. Forbid
 67. Soprano's hits
 68. Expect
 70. Wander
 71. Trace
 72. Not the M in ATM, but a good guess
 73. Hot spot
 74. Lawn tool
 75. Social equal
 76. Join
- DOWN**
1. Politician's concern
 2. Claw
 3. Removes a colon?
 4. Came upon
 5. Enlarge
 6. Buoyant
 7. Permitted
 8. Go slowly
 9. Egyptian charm
 10. Rotund
 11. Not injected
 12. Ready to eat
 13. Young'uns
 15. ^
 21. "If it ain't ___ ..."
 23. Went along
 25. Underwhelmed
 28. "I'm a Yankee Doodle ___"
 29. Agent, briefly
 30. Trot and gallop
 31. Fancy tie
 32. Tinseltown types
 33. ___ one's stuff
 34. Just something you're going through
 35. Had a bite
 37. Local veep
 38. Show starters
 40. Ridicule
 45. Pop
 47. Church item
 50. More chilly
 53. Kind of roll
 55. Isis or Osiris



56. Mobile Western prop
58. On top of
59. Belly dancer's feature
60. Tendency
61. Dislike intensely
62. Waterless
63. Rat out to the cops
64. Knievel prop
65. Reasonable
69. ___ is me!
70. Song start, when tripled

K Press Puzzle Pleasure



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Welcome word searchers! Summer is here, and what better way to cool off than with a trip to grab some ice cream? The list below contains 40 words associated with this favorite treat. We've circled **CONE** to get you started.

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| ALMOND | FUDGE | SCOOP |
| BANANA SPLIT | GALLON | SHAKE |
| BARS | ICES | SOFT |
| CAKE | LEMON | SPRINKLES |
| CARAMEL | LIME | STRAWBERRY |
| CHERRY | MALT | SUGAR (cone) |
| CHOCOLATE | MINT | SUNDAE |
| COFFEE | MOCHA | SWIRL |
| CONE | NOUGAT | SYRUP |
| DISH | NUTS | TOPPING |
| FLAVOR | PECAN | VANILLA |
| FLOAT | PINT | WAFFLE (cone) |
| FRAPPÉ | QUART | WALNUT |
| FROZEN | | |

Catholic Mission completes another Higher Achievement Program

By Joseph A. Cavanagh, S. J.

August 1 2008 again marked the end of a program that has been running for about 30 years. The Higher Achievement Program, perhaps better known by students and parents, as HAP has been a summer effort by the Catholic Mission to help better prepare seventh grade students from the Public Elementary School around the island to take the entrance exams for High School in the following year. It has helped the students to do remedial work especially in English and Math, helped their study habits and their socialization with students from outside of their own areas of the island.

The HAP program is now run by sponsorship of Pohnpei Catholic School under the direction of its Board and aided by instructors from Xavier High School, Chuuk. Instructors are Jesuits, volunteers and current students. The Principal for HAP this year was an Indonesian Jesuit Bayu Risanto, S.J. presently in his second year teaching at Xavier.

Thirty Nine students, 19 Girls and 20 Boys, under the direction of Bayu started and finished the program which ran for 6 weeks from June 23 -August 1, 2008. Classes were from 8:30am - 12 Noon each day. The students came from 16 different elementary schools. There is a very modest tuition for the program to help to cover some of the expenses. This year the tuition was only \$40 for the whole program.

Pre-testing and post testing demonstrated that 82% of the HAP student increased their test scores in English and 100% increased their Math scores during HAP.

Some field trips during the time helped the students to reflect on new and important

things. The first field trip was to the Micronesian Seminar in Kolonia where students were introduced to the resources available at the Seminar.

To help students to understand the FSM Government better they took a trip to the Capitol in Palikir and were given a guided tour by heads of different departments. A highlight of the trip was a talk with President Manny Mori who encouraged the students to stay in school and to make themselves the best that they can be for their own good.

Another day the students were met with representatives of The Conservation Society of Pohnpei and learned to better understand the importance of and need for Conservation in the life of all Micronesians

Some elective training was added on certain days by personal selection. Instruction was given in art-calligraphy, music and juggling. The elective classes were held for 30 minutes each. Every other day there was the opportunity for exercise through sports like soccer, basketball and volleyball.

The last day of the program was dedicated to the HAP Olympics in which most of the students participated. This was followed by a picnic and a graduation and award ceremony. The event was attended by some of the parents.

Parents and students entering the seventh grade in the next school year should begin thinking how they might be helped by this program during the next summer break. Watch for the announcements for the program which will be begin to be circulated in March of 2009.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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

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Crossword Solution

MAST	CHAP	STEPS
ODOR	TRACER	LEGAL
LILY	RAVEN	EAGLE
TEE	BITE	HISSED
SUM	OPEN	WAG
SNARL	SMOTHERED	
FRET	OOH	NOVA
BOFFO	EGARD	ALLEY
AGLOW	NOTER	TIERS
SLUR	FAN	NUTS
SEEDLINGS	PUTT	
EAT	OMEN	ITS
ALMOST	NONE	TOP
REINS	BOARD	THRU
TASTE	AUTOS	WEED
SPOON	GRAN	ODDS

Word Search Solution

S	J	I	G	I	F	T	B	P	H	M
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O	M	R	O	T	S	W	O	R	L	D

Word Search Solution

R	D	X	Y	P	H	L	U	N	W	K	Y
R	I	B	N	E	E	G	U	L	L	T	
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Alphabetics 1

Alphabetics 2

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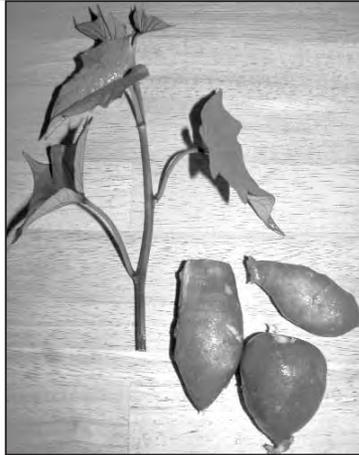
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Sweet Rewards from Sweet Potato

By Blanche Greene-Cramer
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

If you could design an ideal crop, it would be one that was highly nutritious, easy to grow, produced a large crop for the amount of space planted, matured quickly, stored well, and tasted delicious. Then you should meet the sweet potato - a local food with all of these qualities. Sweet potato is also an important food since it can survive natural disasters like cyclones and floods to protect against food shortages and both the leaves and roots are edible. The roots are a good source of energy while the green leaves are a protective food full of vitamins and minerals.

There are hundreds of varieties of sweet potato, all of which share the scientific name *Ipomoea batatas*. Sweet potato roots have skin colors that range from light yellow to purple and flesh colored white, pink, purple, orange, and yellow. In addition to being a good source of energy for the body, the yellow and orange-fleshed varieties of sweet potato are also high in provitamin A carotenoids, which are important for healthy eyes, protection



against infection, and prevention of chronic diseases like cancer, anemia, heart disease, and diabetes. Sweet potato is also a good source of vitamin C. It takes only two cups of sweet potato for an adult woman to meet her estimated daily vitamin C requirement. Many of the nutrients in sweet potato roots are retained even after cooking. Mashing sweet potato with a little coconut cream makes a great weaning food for infants over 6 months and is a less expensive alternative to commercial baby food.

Sweet potato tips and leaves are an even greater source of important vitamins and minerals like calcium, provitamin A, vitamin C, and vitamin B2 (riboflavin). The darker the color of the leaves, the more provitamin A they contain. Sweet potato leaves are an excellent food for babies, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers. One cup of cooked sweet potato leaves and tips provides an adult woman with 120% of their daily vitamin A requirement, 167% of their daily vitamin C requirement, 56% of their daily calcium requirement, 23% of their vitamin B2 requirement, and 19% of their iron requirement.

Sweet potatoes are best baked, boiled, or steamed depending on whether they are hard and dry (boiled or steamed) or soft, sweet and watery (baked). Whatever method you use to cook the roots it is important to keep the skin on as it helps keeps the vitamins intact. Cooking or serving sweet potato, whether it is the roots or the leaves, with coconut cream or a little of some other healthy fat helps the body get the most from the provitamin A. While the cooked roots make a nice addition to casseroles, cakes, and pies, the leaves are a great addition to soups.

References: *South Pacific Food Leaflets No. 13, Sweet Potato, South Pacific Commission (SPC) 1990.*

Recipe of the Week

Meal in a Coconut Shell

Ingredients:

- 1 good-sized clean, mature coconut
- 4 small sweet potatoes
- ¼ cup coconut milk
- ½ cup green leaves (pele or sweet potato tips)
- ½ cup chopped pumpkin

Method:

1. Prepare the coconut milk, and keep the two half-coconut shells in a clean place to be used for cooking the meal.
2. Peel and wash the sweet potatoes.
3. Cut into small pieces.
4. Wash and chop the green leaves.
5. Peel and chop the pumpkin.
6. Place half of the chopped leaves inside a half-coconut shell.
7. Put all the other vegetables inside the shell.
8. Pour coconut milk over the vegetables.
9. Cover with the rest of the green leaves. Put the other half of the shell on top and tie tightly in place using a string.
10. Boil for about 45 minutes in a pan of water.

To serve: Open the shell and serve hot, or when cool serve cold with slices of pineapple

FSM Joins a Pacific Meeting on Banana Characterization

As related to the project by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei on conserving rare banana varieties, the gene bank collection of over 25 banana varieties at the Pilot Farm, and our work on characterizing bananas for their nutritional and other characteristics, Adelino Lorens and Dr. Lois Englberger participated in the Training Workshop on "Banana Characterization and Maintenance for Enhanced Utilization", held in South Johnstone, Australia from 28-30 July 2008. This was organized jointly by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (QDPI&F), and funded by the Global Crop Diversity Trust. The banana training is one of several activities contributing to the development of a strategy for the conservation and utilization of Pacific banana diversity. The banana training was conducted by Jeff Daniells, QDPI&F, and Dr. Angela Kepler, a Hawaiian traditional banana specialist. Other than the FSM, the countries represented by the 22 participants included Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, French Polynesia, Kiribati,

Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Australia. The participants learned the basics of identification of banana varieties, in particular those groups which are unique to the Pacific and the minimum morphological descriptors, including how to go about measuring and distinguishing these and taking appropriate photos for identification. For example, the male bud (sometimes called the flower), the petiole (the stalk below the leaf) and petiole canal (the cross section of the petiole stalk), leaf shape and the pigmentation of the underlying pseudostem (the main trunk), are among the most important parts of the plant for using to identify varieties, other than the bunch and fruit. Other parts of the training included: banana genebank management, germplasm exchange, pest and diseases/field identification, the Pacific banana strategy

Thanks again to SPC, QDPI&F, and Global Crop Diversity Trust for this opportunity!



Four participants in the Banana Characterization meeting pose in a field maintained by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries. The field contains many banana varieties. The participants are Roger Goebel from Australia (left), Mary Aluna from the Solomon Islands, Adelino Lorens, Pohnpei Chief of Agriculture and Chairman of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, and Tianeti Ioana from Kiribati.

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Successful Opening of 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

On August 8, 2008, at the invitation of H.E. LIU Fei, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the FSM, Hon. Lorin Robert, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the FSM, and the staffs of the Department joined the Chinese Embassy in celebrating the opening day of 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Ambassador LIU Fei said that in a few hours, the opening ceremony of the 29th Olympic Games will be held in Beijing, which is the limelight of the whole world and which has been the dreamboat of the Chinese Nation for a century. Ambassador LIU thanked Secretary Robert, his staffs and Mrs. Consuelo from the National Congress for coming to the Chinese Embassy and joining the Embassy staffs in celebrating this historic moment, showing the friendly relationship between the two countries and a wish of success of Beijing Olympic Games from the FSM people.

Secretary Robert expressed his pleasure to join this historic occasion with the Chinese Embassy, and he believed that the Chinese Government and people were well prepared for this grand event and that Beijing Olympic Games would be a consummation. President Mori and his

entourage are attending the opening ceremony of the Olympics and he wished the FSM athletes great achievements from the Games. The friendly ties between the two sides will be further strengthened.

The Embassy televised a video of introduction to the five mascots of Beijing Olympic Games during the celebration. All the guests enjoyed a group photo to commemorate this great occasion.

Secretary Lorin Robert and Staff of the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs Celebrate the Opening of 2008 Beijing Olympic Games with the Chinese Embassy



Secretary Lorin Robert and Staff of the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs Celebrate the Opening of 2008 Beijing Olympic Games with officials from the Chinese Embassy

Chinese Ambassador LIU Fei Hosts Reception Celebrating the Successful Opening of 2008 Beijing Olympic Games



On August 10, 2008, H.E. LIU Fei, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the FSM hosted a reception at the Chinese Embassy in honor of the successful opening of 2008 Beijing Olympic

Games. Over 60 guests were invited. They are oversea Chinese in Pohnpei, Chinese technicians working for the Pilot Farm, Pohnpei State Government Administration Building and other Chinese enterprises, Chinese language tutor in COM-FSM, and

and the people have the capacity to host a distinctive and high standard Olympic feast.

Ambassador LIU mentioned that

compatriots from Chinese Hong Kong and Taiwan. Ambassador LIU Fei pointed out that the century dream of the Chinese Nation had come true when the Olympic flame was lit at the Opening Ceremony of Beijing Olympic Games on August 8, 2008. She is confident that the Chinese Government

Chinese compatriots and enterprises in the FSM attached themselves to their motherland and the Olympic Games, and devoted themselves to the successful opening of the Games with every effort. H.E. LIU Fei also thanked them for the generous donation to the victims of the severe earthquake in Sichuan Province of China as well as to the construction of the "Water Cubic" the swimming gym of the Games. Those donations reveal the solidarity and indefatigability of the Chinese Nation.

The guests highly praised the splendid and breathtaking opening ceremony and wished a consummation of Beijing Olympic Games and success of both the Chinese and FSM athletes.

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