

Strengthening ties between FSM and Japan

Former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori addresses the 15th F.S.M. Congress

Dept. of Foreign Affairs/Office of the President

Palikir, POHNPEI – The Honorable Yoshiro Mori, former Prime Minister and Special Envoy of the Government of Japan, visited the FSM on

adopted by the 15th FSM Congress requesting him to address a session of Congress, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the FSM and Japan and installation of the first resident Ambassador of Japan to the FSM.

In Pohnpei, he had courtesy calls on President Mori and later with Speaker Figir on Monday, September 15. During the courtesy calls, both President Mori and Speaker Figir conveyed sincere greetings and warm welcome to the former Prime Minister and members of his delegation, which included resident Ambassador of Japan to the FSM, His Excellency Shoji Sato. Relating to the strong bilateral relations between FSM and Japan, both President Mori and Speaker Figir expressed gratitude

and appreciation to Mori Sensei for being a good friend and instrumental in contributing to the solid relationship through the appointment of resident Japanese Ambassador to the FSM, the on-going youth exchange program, the close friendship between parliamentarians from Japan with FSM Congress members through the Japan-FSM Parliamentary Friendship League chaired by Mr. Mori, and the realization of the project for extension of the runway for the Pohnpei International Airport.

A brief ceremony on the signing of the exchange of letters for the Pohnpei International Airport Extension was held at noon on

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Photos by Kristan Bowley

September 15-17, 2008, with an eight member delegation.

The visit was his second in response to an invitation by President Emanuel Mori, in conjunction with a resolution



FSM Exits JEMCO Meetings with Compact Funding Intact

Three Resolutions adopted, focusing on Chuuk fiscal controls, Compact reporting and project budgeting.

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei - Collaboration, partnership and working toward the benefit, empowerment and self-reliance of the nation and its people were the major themes the FSM carried with it to Washington D.C. at the most recently concluded US-FSM Joint Economic Management Council (JEMCO) meetings held on August 28th and 29th.

Fabian Nimea, Director of the Office of Statistics, Budget & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management (SBOC), once again headed the FSM delegation to JEMCO and stressed the need to not deviate from the structured plan of Compact II and achievement of the FSM's Strategic Development Goals.

"We must come to an understanding together that will ensure that we continue full funding of all Compact grants," said Nimea. "This is not a matter of

dependency. This is a matter of staying the course," stated Nimea in his opening statements at the JEMCO meetings. This was a central point for the FSM: that Compact funding should remain fluid, despite challenges and other unforeseen circumstances.

Nimea reiterated this point by quoting the U.S. Ambassador to the FSM, Her Excellency Miriam Hughes, calling for a "streamlined approach to development."

Ambassador Hughes had made her statements at the FSM Capitol in Palikir, on the occasion of a special ceremony for the grant award of an Infrastructure grant of \$3 million for immediate and needed upgrades to health facilities,

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From left to right are JEMCO members Fabian Nimea, Director of the FSM Office of Statistics, Budget and Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management, Aicy Frelick, Director, Office of Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Island Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Chairman Nik Pula, Director of the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior, Evelyn Adolf, FSM Tax Advisor, Department of Finance and Administration and William Steiger, Special Assistant to the Secretary for International Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Milk scandal curdles industry: products poison infants in China

By Michaela Corr

Got Milk?

Read on before you enjoy a glass...

China's most recent product safety scandal - tainted infant formula responsible for killing four Chinese infants and sickening 54,000 - has expanded to a plethora of dairy products. Liquid milk, yogurt, candy, and ice cream are just some of the milk-based foods that have also tested positive for melamine, a banned industrial chemical and the catalyst of the possibly-fatal kidney stones now afflicting thousands of infants across China.

Unfortunately, this fraudulent infant formula scandal is not China's first. In 2004, at least 12 Chinese infants died and over 200 endured severe malnutrition after ingesting formula lacking nutrients. According to the Xinhua News Agency, China's Health Ministry claimed that medical agencies were to investigate other possible cases and establish a treatment plan for infants already afflicted by the formula. Nonetheless, liquid milk from China's three leading dairies - Mengniu Dairy Group Co., Yili Industrial Group Co., and Bright Dairy are all guilty of adding melamine to their products, according to the General

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PALAU UTILITY TO CUT SERVICE TO GOVERNMENT

Overdue bills total \$2.1 million

By Bernadette H. Carreon

KOROR (Palau Horizon, Sept. 25, 2008) - The Palau Public Utilities Corp. has issued a notice of disconnection to the national and state governments for non-payment of power bills amounting to US\$2.1 million as of September 15.

In a letter to Palau leaders, Palau Public Utilities Corp. general manager Saturo Adachi said if payment is not received from the national and state governments, their delinquent power bill could reach US\$4.2 million in January 2009.

"Although, PPUC realizes that both ROP and the state government are providing crucial and critical services which impacts the lives of every citizen to the Republic of Palau disrupting power services would impair the government priority obligation to all its citizens," Adachi said in a letter to

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Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine. Last week, the agency posted test results on its site that almost 10 percent of liquid milk samples from Mengniu Dairy Group and Yili Industrial included nearly 8.4 milligrams of melamine per kilogram.

Before the dairy scandal went public, Mengniu and Yili were not subject to government safety inspections of their products. The Chinese government is said to have now lifted the exemption.

Such disclosures serve as proof that mixing chemicals into watered-down milk is a procedure prevalent in the Chinese dairy industry. In this recent milk product scare, the chemical culprit, melamine, is a substance used in plastics, fertilizers, and flame retardants. Nitrogen-rich, melamine has zero nutritional value, but makes products appear high in protein, therefore allowing suppliers to cut costs by diluting their product before selling it to manufacturers.

On September 25th, the World Health Organization issued a joint statement on the current crisis. "Whilst any attempt to deceive the public in the area of food production and marketing is unacceptable, deliberate contamination of foods intended for consumption by vulnerable infants and young children is particularly deplorable."

Unfortunately, China's incorporation of the toxin into food stuffs is not just limited to dairy products. Just last year, melamine was found in Chinese-exported pet food responsible for sickening and killing thousands of pets in North and South America.

According to an Associated Press release, state broadcaster CCTV reported a nationwide inspection of the 175 Chinese infant formula manufacturers revealed that 22 displayed traces of melamine. At the center of those companies is Sanlu Group Co., a food manufacturer based in Shijiazhuang, a city in China's Hebei province. Although the company blames its suppliers for selling it milk spiked with melamine, Sanlu Vice President Zhang Zhenling publicly apologized to the nation. Reading from a prepared statement, he expressed that "the serious safety accident of the Sanlu formula milk powder for infants has caused severe harm to many sickened babies and their families. We feel really sad about this." The Vice President also vowed that Sanlu would "turn pressure [from health agencies, government officials, and the public] into motivation" to redress the issue.

Although Sanlu has taken measures to address the scandal, including firing General Manager Tian Wenhua and recalling its products, suspicions have been raised as to exactly when the company and the Chinese government knew the powdered milk formula was contaminated. According to distributors in Hebei, Sanlu ordered its products pulled from the market in early July, weeks before it notified the public

about the possibly-fatal goods. According to Zhang Youqiang, one of Sanlu's distributors, the company requested that all "their 2007 to July 2008 baby powder [be removed from] the shelves in early July" and replaced by a new product. However, Zhang said that Sanlu approached him in early August and claimed that their new product did not achieve 'qualified aviation standards'. Zhang says he has yet to know what constitutes 'qualified aviation standards', and his company is seeking reimbursement for the warehouses full of Sanlu's melamine-contaminated formula it was sold.

Fonterra, a New Zealand-based dairy-farmers' cooperative and major stakeholder in Sanlu, says it was notified of the situation in early August, and requested that Sanlu recall products as early as August 2nd. Nonetheless, the public was not informed until September 11th - after Fonterra alerted New Zealand authorities, who in turn notified the Chinese government.

On September 19th, calls made by Associated Press to Sanlu Group Co. went unanswered, and its web site was out of order.

Hebei police spokesman Shi Guizhong claimed local authorities were to begin a ten-day initiative centered on melamine contamination. As of September 18th, Hebei police claimed to have arrested 18 people believed to be connected to the milk scandal: six allegedly sold melamine, while the remaining twelve are charged with mixing the toxin with the milk. In addition to the arrests, police seized 660 pounds of suspect chemicals, including

490 pounds of melamine.

Throughout Asia, countries have instigated massive recalls of Chinese dairy products. Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, and Japan have already pulled products off the shelves, and more countries are expected to follow suit. Hong Kong ordered its recall immediately following food inspectors' discovery of melamine in an ice cream bar produced by Shanghai's Yili Industrial Group Co. The Center for Food Safety posted a notice on its web site explaining that the amount of melamine "would not pose major health effects from normal consumption of the bar, however, small children should not eat it."

None of the contaminated infant formula has been detected in Europe or the United States; however, the 27-nation European Union has banned all baby foods containing Chinese milk. U.S. officials said they are also taking the necessary precautions to ensure tainted Chinese milk products do not enter the country.

While China is notorious for censoring government criticism, liberal author Mo Zhixu posed a question on his online blog that questions the government's priorities. "Since this Sanlu incident arose, many people have a suspicion (naturally it's an old suspicion): If we can successfully hold a highly complex Olympics, how can we not even manage the quality of milk?"

The world is waiting for an answer.

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September 16th, with Secretary Lorin Robert signing on behalf of the FSM Government and Ambassador Shoji Sato on behalf of the Japanese Government. Among those witnessing the event were President Mori, former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, Vice President Alik L. Alik and Governor John Ehsa.

A reception was held at the Cliff Rainbow hotel the evening of Monday, September 15, hosted by the Japanese Embassy to welcome and honor former Prime Minister Mori and his delegation which was well attended by government leaders including President Mori, Speaker Figir, Governor Ehsa, traditional leaders and other officials. During the event the sign and logo for the Japanese Embassy in Pohnpei was unveiled by former Prime Minister Mori and President Mori. The former Prime Minister is considered the prime mover behind approval of the upgrading of Japan's diplomatic representation to the FSM to a full-fledged ambassadorship.

The highlight of the historic visit by the former Prime Minister of Japan was the occasion to address the Session of the 15th FSM Congress

Tuesday morning on September 16th. Among others, Mr. Mori made mention of the strong bonds of friendship between the peoples of Japan and the FSM but urged continued efforts to develop closer friendship and improved mutual understanding through youth and cultural exchanges. Mr. Mori himself has been instrumental in such exchanges given his personal close attachment with the people of Chuuk State. Mr. Mori's father served in Toleisom, Chuuk, during the Japanese Administration of Micronesia, where he developed close friendship with the local people.

Mr. Mori and members of his entourage left Pohnpei in the afternoon of September 16th, to visit Chuuk. The former Prime Minister was accompanied to Chuuk by President Mori, key staff and members of Congress.

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schools and public safety buildings in the nation.

Nimea's remarks set the tone for the JEMCO meetings early, where it was expected that the U.S. would take a somewhat hard-line approach to what the world's greatest power viewed as under-performance by the FSM in the first five years of Compact II.

Producing tangible outcomes toward development objectives through effective expenditure of Compact funds remains the central target for the U.S. as it pushes the FSM toward greater global harmonization. Through the implementation of the first five years of the Amended Compact of Free Association between the two sovereign nations, the U.S. had hinted at the possibility of the stoppage of vital funding allocations for the Environment, Private and Public Sectors - three of the six major categories under the Compact.

Nik Pula, Director of the Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and Chairman of the JEMCO reiterated the U.S. position since the development of the FSM Strategic Development Plan, in 2003. "The Compact was never intended to underwrite the entire FSM economy, nor all of the operations of its national

and state governments," he stated in his opening remarks. The Compact, stated Pula, is an "economic springboard."

Pula, making it clear that the U.S. wants the FSM to develop more quickly than it did under Compact I, which ran from 1986 - 2001, stated that the FSM has since 2004 treated the Amended Compact too much like a safety net, and that the result is "lost time, lost opportunities, a declining economy and a continuing over-reliance on public-sector employment." Compact II runs from 2004-2023.

Yet through successful dialogue and a focus on partnership to meet challenges, the FSM and U.S. members of JEMCO were able to reach consensus on continued methods of improvement for both delivery and expenditure of Compact funds, which account for over 40% of the federation's Gross Domestic Product, and adopted resolutions that seek closer cooperation between the FSM, its four State Governments and the U.S. in implementation of the overall Compact program moving forward.

Perhaps nowhere is this prerogative more apparent than in Chuuk State, the most populous, and by extension, the most influential island group in the federation. From a broad perspective, the fate of the Federated States hinges directly on the actions of Chuuk.

As such, the first JEMCO Resolution from the August sessions - 2008-01 - was a combination of the recent U.S. tough-love approach five years in and the FSM's ability to utilize the diplomatic approach to problem-solving and international relations. The essence of the resolution states that that the FSM National Government (FSMNG) "will continue to provide close and constant oversight of the total financial management" of the state of Chuuk, including oversight of the Chuuk Financial Control Commission (CFCC), the hiring of professional financial personnel and the provision of quarterly audit reports on performance of the Department of Administrative Services.

JEMCO Resolution 2008-02 allocates just under \$74.5 million in Compact funding for the Education, Health, Capacity Building and Infrastructure sectors in the FSM, with approximately \$12.5 million still available to the Private, Environment and Capacity Building sectors, which will be allocated based upon the submission by FSM to the U.S. of project-based proposals toward the end of September.

Significantly, this will be the first time since JEMCO's inception in 2004 that there will be a full allocation of all Compact funds available, inclusive of all FY09 sector grants of \$81 million and carry-over funds from FY07 of over \$5.4 million. The carryover will adhere

to the FSM national-state distribution formula and remain within the relevant sectors and to the respective states from which they emanated.

JEMCO Resolution 2008-03 addresses audit findings and questioned costs and resolves that the OIA and the FSM Government work to develop an aggressive program to resolve audit findings and recover questioned costs when warranted, as identified in the FY07 Single Audits for the FSM.

The Office of SBOC has already begun the work set out by the JEMCO Resolutions, sending some of its senior staff to the States of Chuuk and Kosrae to assist in the principles of project-based budgeting and to build capacity in this area going into Fiscal Year 2009. A process that will also assist in improved Compact reporting, both quarterly and annually.

Additionally, the FSMNG and Chuuk State have worked together to address the all-important vacancy at the helm of the Chuuk Department of Administrative Services, a key requirement of the U.S. moving forward.

JEMCO will meet again by conference call at the end of September to review FSM proposals under the Environment, Private and Capacity Building sectors and to allocate unallocated funds available for FY09.

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Legislative conference concludes with adoption of Communiqué

PALIKIR, Pohnpei

September 19, 2008. – The presiding officers of the national and state Legislative Bodies met in Palikir for the Micronesian Legislative Conference (MLC) which began September the 8 and concluded on the September 10 with the adoption of a Communiqué.

With the theme "Critical Challenges, United Response", the communiqué highlighted the collective consensus of the five Legislative Bodies to strengthen the state and national collaborations on various issues of mutual concerns.

Noting the numerous challenges facing the nation, the Legislative bodies strongly encouraged – through the Communiqué, the revival of the Economic Policy Implementation Council (EPIC) as a means for the States and the National Government to enhance its collective efforts to address the compounding challenges of the nation.

The legislative leaderships especially underscored the need for the nation's leadership to collectively respond to those concerns noted in the communication from the United States Congress to the Speaker Isaac V. Figir of the 15th FSM Congress and FSM President Emanuel 'Manny' Mori. It was therefore agreed that the States would provide their comments to be incorporated into President Mori's response to the US Congress.

Also noted in the communiqué is issue of passport decentralization; the legislative leadership collectively urged the President to delay action on the matter to allow further assessment of the implications of decentralization.

Finally, the communiqué noted the consensus of the legislative bodies to continue the efforts envisioned by the Micronesian Legislative Conference. And in the high spirit of consensus, the Yap State Legislature graciously offered to host the next MLC in its state at a time of which will be agreed to by all parties.

The MLC was established to further strengthen the rapport between the legislative branches of the five governments, and at the same time provide a platform for the legislative bodies to discuss and define solutions for issues of mutual concerns.

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Seen Any Good Movies Lately?

Summer's at an end and if you're in Pohnpei that means it's nearly time to stock up on the "D" batteries, and nervously eye that gigantic mango tree in your backyard as you bunker down for the torrential rains of a cozy tropical storm. Granted a random tree branch doesn't break off and bungle up the power line leading to your house, consider these movies for an indulgent afternoon of being rained in.

In Bruges (2008)

When a hitman messes up his first job, he and his partner are sent off to the medieval city of Bruges to hide out and do a little sightseeing until the coast is clear.

"In Bruges" marks the first feature-length film of Academy Award-winning Irish-British playwright Martin McDonagh. This darkly humored action/comedy set in the picturesque Belgian city stars Colin Farrell as the novice contract killer Ray, and veteran British actor Brendan Gleeson as his more seasoned partner Ken. Also starring are Ralph Fiennes who adds a diabolical surprise to the movie, and Clemence Poesy as Ray's willowy love interest, Chloe. Gleeson, Fiennes, and Poesy all had key roles in the 2005 smash hit, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, playing Mad-Eye Moody, Lord

Voldemort, and Fleur Delacour, respectively.

After winning an Oscar for "Best Short Film" in 2006, McDonagh was approached by Universal Picture's art-house films subsidiary, Focus Features, to direct his screenplay for "In Bruges." His "odd-couple" comedy made its first appearance earlier this year on the opening night of the Sundance Film Festival and went on to experience a limited release in the United States.

"In Bruges" is a superbly entertaining gangster comedy with top-notch acting, a unique setting, and a witty dialogue full of surprises guaranteed to keep you glued to your television set. If you enjoyed Guy Ritchie's *Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels*, Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*, and the 1997 satire *Gross Pointe Blank*, it's very likely that you'll be pleased with the dry humor, anguished drama, bloody gore, and crackling action of this film.

A word of warning for parents as this film is purported to have the "F-word" and its derivatives said 126 times throughout its 107 minute duration (averaging 1.18 "F's" per minute). Not surprisingly, this genre-busting movie is rated R for strong bloody violence,



pervasive language and some drug use.

Wanted (2008)

When a neurotically passive paper pusher finds out that he possesses a rare trait that enables him to perform preternatural feats, the empowered nerd sets out on a vicious campaign to find his father's killer and solve the mystery of his own past.

Directed by Timur Bekmambetov (*Night Watch*, *Day Watch*), and written by Michael Brandt, Derek Haas, and Chris Morgan, "Wanted" is loosely based on the comic book miniseries of the same name by Mark Millar and J.G. Jones.

This action/drama/thriller bears a striking cast including James McAvoy as Wesley Allan Gibson, Morgan Freeman as Sloan, Angelina Jolie as Fox, Terence Stamp as Pewarsky, Thomas Kretschmann as Cross, and rapper Common as Gunsmith.

It has been reported that there is a sequel already in the works, with writers Haas and Brandt signed on to pen the script.

Other than a few cool shots demonstrating a number of ways a bullet can penetrate a body in slow motion, "Wanted" left me wanting the 110 minutes of my life back. This film will no doubt have its fans; after all, Steven Segal is still making movies for a reason. In

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Should I enlist in military service?

By Fr. Joseph A. Cavanagh, S.J.

On September 17, 2008, The Christian Ministerial Association (CMA) of Pohnpei held its monthly meeting at the Catholic Mission in Kolonia and was treated to a very interesting and informative talk by Benito Cantero of Awak. Benito, is a recent retiree from the US Army after 20 years of active service and is now working for the FSM National Government. Bioterrorism Office had accepted our invitation to talk to the ministers of the different Churches of Pohnpei on the Pro's and Con's of life in military service for a young Micronesian. Many of the ministers have been asked for counseling by young people and their parents before and after entering the service. CMA believes that it is important that we have some good advice from someone who had been living the life for a long time and freshly got out of the service.

We first asked what the different Churches could do for people thinking about military service. His response was to pray for those trying to make a decision on this kind of career and to urge them to think twice on their motivations and decisions for choosing the military. He told us that many parents, including his own were not in favor of this choice. He said that parents tend to forget that they will not be around forever for their children therefore, should let their kids pursue the career they desire. His experience told him that many enter with the hope of travel to different parts of the world and in pursuit of a secure job or for the excellent health, vacation, and retirement benefits as well. The most attractive benefit to new recruits is the opportunity for continuing their formal education through colleges or universities and the chance to learn a new vocational skill to help them and their families through life.

These are all good possibilities. His major caution was to advise possible recruits to carefully question

promises made by the recruiters. Their job is that of "salesman" trying to sell their product. Some of them are known to exaggerate, and to speak very positively about what they have to offer. Young people signing the enlistment contract should read and understand all that is in the contract, especially the promises of schooling under the GI. Bill program. If they want to go to school during duty hour, they must make counter-offers and ensure that it is included in the contract; otherwise any schooling even after duty hour will be at the commander's discretion. Benito pointed out that many enter the military with the thought that the schooling is almost automatic and that it comes quickly, while actually it is granted slowly through continuing service. Your oath of service or mission will always come first before the chance for schooling or preference of vocational training.

At the same time Benito was very grateful for the experience and responsibility that the Army gave him. He especially appreciates the graduate courses he was able to take and succeed while in the military. While serving in the Army he was able to earn two (2) Master degrees and half way through completing a third one. He points out that self discipline which the military tries to teach each service member is very important. If you do not learn self discipline and do not have much enthusiasm for study, even in difficult situations, it will be very hard to make the most of the education opportunities that are there available.

Before entering the service a possible recruit must realize the life in the military is 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This commitment might be a new and difficult reality for many who think about enlisting. Yes, there

is time "off" but it is not necessarily means that you are completely off. You can be called upon anytime (on call) 24 hours a day.

Benito can speak very eloquently about his life in the service. He feels that he had a good start on self-discipline while attending school before the military and that he was prepared for the more difficult things he found in the Army. He strongly suggests that young Micronesians both male and female reflect or consider on the possibility of a military career. He even feels that many young Micronesian female soldiers do better than their stateside friends, except in the physical training endurance, like running at least two miles, non-stop.

What are the difficult things about life in the service? You have to be ready to leave family, friends, Pohnpei, and much that you have been used to for your whole life. Many find difficulties with the new food (MRE's) hard to adjust to or the different kinds of weather conditions that they will have to work and live in. Benito says that getting up early every morning is very difficult. He also said that Micronesians are not accustomed to receiving orders from someone. It is another new habit to be learned because each and everyday you will be told what you are going to do by your superiors. Much of your freedom is given up when you agree to raise your right hand to the oath of allegiance and cite "I will obey the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice so help me God."

When the ministers asked what they could do to help serviceman who are away from home. He reminded us to get their addresses, write them, and send local newspaper, post-cards, and small care packages of cookies or candies to let them know that they are remembered. Welcome them home when they come

home on vacation and let them know their service is important.

We asked Benito what he thought about US Policy in War. He answered that he rarely thought about it. He had made his commitment and now just wanted to be true to the Oath that he had made to serve the US. He did mention that he knew some in the service who felt the US was fighting for the wrong cause, but while in the service, he had a promise to keep.

One of our final questions was. "Is it good to marry before entering the service?" He said that it doesn't matter whether you entered the service married or singled but the recruits must understand that their dependents can not join them while they are in basic training (booth camp) and advanced individual training (AIT) until they report to their permanent duty stations. Married service members must prepare themselves for possibilities of deployment, leaving family members behind. Deployment from a young wife and children can be very difficult. In addition, he clarified one thing and that is; how long could a new recruit be in the service before he/she can be deployed to war or another country? It depends on the length of the AIT trainings. All basic training are the same in length, eight (8) weeks. It is the AIT trainings that are varied depending on the military occupational specialty (MOS) that the recruits sign up for; and that would determine how soon or late new recruits can report to their permanent duty stations. If they report to unit/s that are scheduled to deploy, all it takes is to be processed, pack their bags and they will be on their way to combat. Very often the time from joining the service to an overseas war commitment can be as little as four months.

The decision to "sign-up" is a very important one. Make it carefully with a lot of reflection and advice from people you trust and know you well.

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Sector Grants for Pohnpei State	
Education Sector	\$ 630,422
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Private Sector Development	\$ 0
Supplemental Education Grant (2007)	\$ 251,043
Total Payment for Pohnpei State	\$ 1,483,865

TOTAL SECTOR GRANT PAYMENTS FOR FSM (August FY 2008): \$1,483,865
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Dakot World Teach?

By Michaela Corr

The year was 1986, and a group of students at Harvard University decided to make a difference. They recognized the educational woes of the developing world: the lack of infrastructure, qualified teachers, adequate resources...not to mention the financial means to make it all happen. However, rather than acknowledge the issue and go their separate ways, the students discovered a way to instigate change. By capitalizing on the growing American interest in volunteering overseas and exposure to foreign cultures, they established an undergraduate service group. Today, that organization has blossomed into a major organization sending thousands of volunteers around the world, eager to make a difference.

Now let's jump to 2005, the year World Teach shipped volunteers to Pohnpei, Micronesia to start a six-month pilot program. These five young pioneers didn't know much, but two things were for certain: A. they had come to teach and B. it was very hot. The Pohnpei State Department of Education requested World Teach volunteers to substitute local teachers pursuing further education at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. These volunteers were to also serve as resources on how to improve education in Pohnpei. Finally, volunteers were to promote the cross-culture understanding of their students and the greater community.

The pilot group may have struggled, but, thanks to their efforts, World Teach Pohnpei now boasts nine volunteers at three high schools and COM Pohnpei Campus. World Teach Pohnpei has grown considerably since 2005; nonetheless, its presence on the Green Island remains under the radar. With any luck, this article will change that...

What is World Teach? According to its mission, World Teach is a "non-profit, non-governmental organization that provides opportunities for individuals to make a meaningful contribution to international education by living and working as volunteer teachers in developing countries." Similar to Peace Corps, World Teach is an organization whose primary objective is to foster activities of community interest without a financial profit. Although non-profit organizations support many fields, such as humanitarian aid, health care, politics, religion, sports, and the environment, World Teach focuses its efforts on public education.

In addition to its non-profit status, World Teach is considered a non-governmental organization, or NGO. An NGO is composed of private individuals not representing a government; World Teach is a non-profit founded by a group of students and managed by a board of directors.

To ensure universality across its international programs, World Teach maintains several guiding principles. First and foremost, World Teach is a volunteer organization. Although participants receive modest stipends to defer living expenses, they do not profit financially from being a World Teach volunteer. "You mean you don't make money for teaching us?!!!" is a common student reaction after you define the word "volunteer". Sometimes this response instigates the 'this experience is more valuable than financial gain' speech, in which you explain that, compared to the States (where time is scheduled in nano-seconds and an aunt is an estranged relative who knits ugly sweaters during the holidays), Pohnpei offers a refreshing change. However, as this reply can prompt further confusion, sometimes the best answer is "well....yeah."

Second, World Teach works in developing countries. World Teach seeks out countries where it can have

a significant impact and that will expose volunteers to the social, cultural, and economic intricacies of the developing world.

When reflecting upon her World Teach Pohnpei experience, one volunteer explained:

I cherish every minute of this bewilderment, as it exposes me to another complex layer of my surroundings. I am examining a cross-section of sediment, in which different soils represent years of strong island traditions affected by influence from the outside: Germany, Spain, Japan, and numerous Christian denominations. And, as I explain this all to you, new layers are forming, a new generation is emerging among the auspices of Disney movies, hip-hop dance moves and Ramen Noodles. As much as I want to pull my hair out, I know I am one of my most blessed people on this planet: I have a front row seat to an island state's introduction to the outside world.

Within each host country, World Teach volunteers are placed where needed, and cannot be used to displace a qualified local. Furthermore, as World Teach values cross-cultural learning, it not only places volunteers in diverse locations but also embraces applicants from



diverse backgrounds. World Teach accepts English-speaking applicants with Bachelor's Degrees from accredited institutions; in Pohnpei alone, volunteers have boasted roots from the United States, England, Costa Rica, Holland, Germany, and Slovenia.

While a volunteer's primary responsibility is to teach, World Teach also encourages community involvement as a means to promote cross-cultural dialogue. Within the schools, World Teach volunteers have participated with Upward Bound (UB) and Talent Search Program (TSP), coached track & field, basketball, debate, supervised clubs such as Spanish, yearbook, and newsletter, officiated at the Liberation Day Games and during Championship Week, and have even taught salsa dancing. In the larger community, World Teach has contributed to Micronesian Seminar, Micronesia Conservation Trust, Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Pohnpei Soccer Association, Pohnpei Youth Soccer, Pohnpei Surf Club, International Women's Day, and the Kasehle Press.

Despite World Teach volunteers' extensive school and extracurricular involvement, their most important job is not specifically outlined. Yes, you grade the papers, you attend the meetings, you write the proposals. But at the heart of it all is your role as a diplomat, that you are here to embrace your host country while debunking stereotypes about your own. We are here to teach students about the outside world, true. But maybe even more significant is our role as students, here to learn how to help an island with its feet in the past and its eyes on the future.

Although school can be challenging, I am humbled by the amount of learning that can be accomplished



by studying a different system: how do you compare cir-

cles and squares, apples and oranges? It can be emotionally draining, but I feel this challenge is making me become a person more conscious of her responsibility to the world: I feel compelled to read everything I can get my hands on, run a soccer clinic for only two participants, pick up empty potato chip bags my young neighbor throws on the ground (although I know he'll do it again when I'm not looking). Sometimes I wonder how much difference I am making, but hey, it's got to start somewhere.

And maybe Pohnpei is that somewhere.....

WorldTeach History:

- 1986: Founded by Michael Kremer after his experience as a teacher in Kenya following graduation from Harvard University
- 1988: Summer program begins in Kenya
- 1990: Year programs established in Kenya, Botswana, China (year and summer), Costa Rica, Thailand, and Poland
- 1990: World Teach expands into space contributed by Harvard Institute for International Development
- 1991: Year program created in Namibia
- 1991-1992: World Teach's rapid growth led the student-run organization to incorporate as a tax-exempt, non-profit, charitable educational organization
- 1991: South Africa program founded to provide athletic instruction to black children in townships outside Cape Town
- 1993: program suspended due to violence (after death of Chris Hani)
- 1994: South Africa program restarts in more stable rural areas
- 1992: Year program founded in Ecuador
- 1993: South Africa program suspended after the death of Chris Hani
- 1993: Year program founded in Russia
- 1994: South Africa program regroups with year-long educational programs in more stable rural areas
- 1994: World Teach affiliates with Harvard's Center for International Development (CID)
- 1994: Collaborated with RARE Center for Tropical Conservation on the Nature Guide Training Program (NGTP)
- 1998: World Teach closes several programs in order to focus on stronger programs
- 2001: Beginning of host-country funded programs
- 2003: Year program founded in the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- 2004: Chile
- 2005: Guyana, Pohnpei!
- Current programs: Year-long: American Samoa, Bangladesh, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guyana, Kenya, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Pohnpei/Kosrae), Namibia, Rwanda, Thailand. Semester/Summer: Chile, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Namibia, Poland, South Africa.

For more information on World Teach, please visit www.worldteach.org



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U.S. NAVY MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREAT OVER 10,000 IN CHUUK

Embassy of the United States of America

During a ten-day deployment of August 22-31, a visiting team of 917 military and civilian professionals from the United States Naval Hospital Ship USNS Mercy treated 10,832 patients in Chuuk. This number represents nearly twenty percent of the total population of the FSM's largest state. These patients received primary medical care, optometry, dental, pharmacy and physical therapy services. Mercy dental professionals performed over 1,000 tooth extractions and other dental procedures. Mercy optical professionals treated 2,992 patients and distributed 2,575 pairs of prescription reading glasses and 4,490 pair of sunglasses. Mercy pharmacists saw 6,756 patients and filled 20,172 prescriptions. A total of 204 patients received surgical treatment on board the Mercy while it lay at anchor in Chuuk Lagoon. They underwent a variety of procedures including eye, nose, throat, gastrointestinal, endoscopic, urological, gynecological, pediatric, orthodontic, plastic and general surgeries. Patients who were screened and found to be in need of longer-term health treatment were referred to the Chuuk Department of Health Services for further attention.



Environmental health officials provided mosquito control, food sanitation inspection, and waste treatment plant inspection for Chuuk State. Embarked medical doctors completed the Centers for Disease Control investigation of a recent multi-drug resistant tuberculosis outbreak in Chuuk, providing consultation for ongoing treatment of existing cases. Veterinarians who embarked on the Mercy conducted roving clinics in the lagoon islands on seven different dates, seeing a total of 193 animals. They performed veterinary surgical procedures on 275 of these and provided de-worming treatments on another 518 animals.

U.S. Navy Seabees arrived in Chuuk in mid-August and in less than four weeks completed extensive construction work at three major engineering project sites. They renovated the Chuuk State Hospital, repairing, painting and upgrading its in-patient wards, as well as the operating, delivery and emergency rooms; constructing an intensive care unit and consultation rooms in the female medical ward; fixing electrical wiring and lighting throughout the hospital; and installing surgical lights in the maternity, operating and emergency rooms. Other teams of Seabees worked simultaneously to renovate buildings at Weno's Mwan and Fefen's Messa Elementary Schools. They replaced all roofs and ceilings, installed new lighting fixtures and a moveable partition wall, repaired doors and windows, modified and reconstructed porch canopies, painted interiors and exteriors, and installed rain gutter water catchments systems with new storage tanks.

One resident summarized the entire Mercy visit shortly before the ship departed Chuuk, commenting, "We, the people of Chuuk, would have to agree with you when you said your visit to Chuuk was 'amazing,' but in a different perspective of course. Even after your departure today, we are still amazed when we think back to what you and everyone on the Pacific Partnership 2008 Team did for the people of Chuuk. All of you must have heard so many times 'thank you' and 'kinisou chapur.' But I do not think we can ever thank you ENOUGH. We are truly blessed to have been visited by angels on their big white angel boat! The sight of the beautiful Mercy in the Chuuk Lagoon will forever live in our hearts."



...Movies

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spite of its attractive top-billing cast and state-of-the-art special effects, in the words of Simon Cowell from American Idol, this movie's plot was utterly "kareeokee" and ultimately "forgettable."

"Wanted" is rated R for strong bloody violence throughout, pervasive language and some sexuality.

The Love Guru (2008)

With her star player's personal life in shambles, desperate Toronto Maple Leafs owner Jane Bullard hires Guru Maurice Pitka to help pull her team back together in time for a chance to win the coveted Stanley Cup.

Written by Mike Myers and Graham Gordy, and directed by Marco Schnabel, "Guru" stars Jessica Alba as Jane Bullard, Mike Myers as Guru Pitka, Justin Timberlake as Jacques "Le Coq" Grande, Romany Malco as Darren Roanoke, Meagan Good as Prudence Roanoke, and Ben Kingsley as Guru Tugginmypudha. Also starring are Verne Troyer and Stephen Colbert, with cameos by Val Kilmer and Mariska Hargitay.

In an attempt to market his upcoming film, Canadian producer, comedian, and screenwriter Myers appeared as the Guru Pitka in the 7th season finale of American Idol, claiming to be the "spiritual director" of the show. Despite his effort to promote his movie, "Guru" was not only panned by most critics and fans of Myers, but also managed to flop significantly at box offices in the U.S. and Canada.

As a fan of Myers, I was wholly disappointed with his latest creation. Unlike the originality shown in Austin Powers, "Guru" seemed to rely mostly on recycled jokes and gross-out gags to elicit laughter. In my case, laughter was almost always followed by nausea due to the obscene infantile jokes and grotesque bathroom humor prevalent in this movie. However, not all of Myers jokes fell short of funny and the per-

formances by Ben Kingsley and Stephen Colbert were positively golden.

If you want to let your brain have the afternoon off and are in the mood for an easy laugh, "The Love Guru" just might be the movie for you. On the other hand, if you think a bucket full of urine and a giant nose hair with its root intact will make you feel like puking, I suggest that you pass on this one.

"Guru" is rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content throughout, language, some comic violence, and drug references.

As the winter months approach heralding the return of the typhoon season, don't forget to keep your umbrella handy, and do try to be kind, rewind, and watch out for these movies on DVD.



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Kpress Perspective

China - Baby what a big surprise...

It's an odd position to be in, an American journalist working in Micronesia. I'm sensitive to that fact so before I begin this week's K-Press Perspective let me first say that this piece is not designed to change your mind about the Chinese but simply to tell you about my own experience while visiting China.

My view of China was formed during my undergraduate education in the United States. China was closed and mysterious. China was closed to the outside world behind an iron curtain until I was in the tenth grade. All I knew for certain was that they were a Communist country and communism was bad. I remember the events in Tiananmen Square, students screaming for human rights, wanting it so desperately that they were willing to face down a powerful Army. I thought that China was populated by 1.3 billion automatons marching lock step to the party beat with no quality of life whatsoever. They were to me, a mass of humanity each one desperately seeking to secretly escape oppression. From editorials in the Marshall Islands and other places in the Pacific I gathered that they wanted to come to my home and to yours in order to economically take it over. Then there was the uprising in Tibet and that pretty much sealed things for me.

I brought those views to China on a trip paid for by the Chinese Government. I was determined to keep my mind open but not so open that my brain fell out of my gawking mouth. I do not now claim to be an expert on China or its people but I do have a greater insight than I did before.

I asked tough questions of our hosts, English speaking Chinese citizens who were not involved in our tour, and even expatriates that I met at random. I was surprised at the answers I got. I expected the expatriates to be open and honest but I never expected it from the Chinese citizenry and especially not the government leaders.

Expatriates talked about the things that I would have expected them to talk about since they weren't brought up in China. One of them told me that he had just returned from a trip to Tibet. He said that he took a picture of a mosque there. In less than a minute he was approached by a Chinese soldier that "came out of the woodwork." The soldier demanded that he delete the picture from his camera. The expat who came from Norway said that he thought that his picture showed a soldier with what he called a "machine gun" on the roof and he thought that was the reason but it was only his best guess. He didn't know the motivation really.

He told me that there is no legal protection for expatriates living in the country. He said that his company requires him to have a Chinese driver in order for him to avoid problems of liability, both civil and criminal while travelling about Beijing.

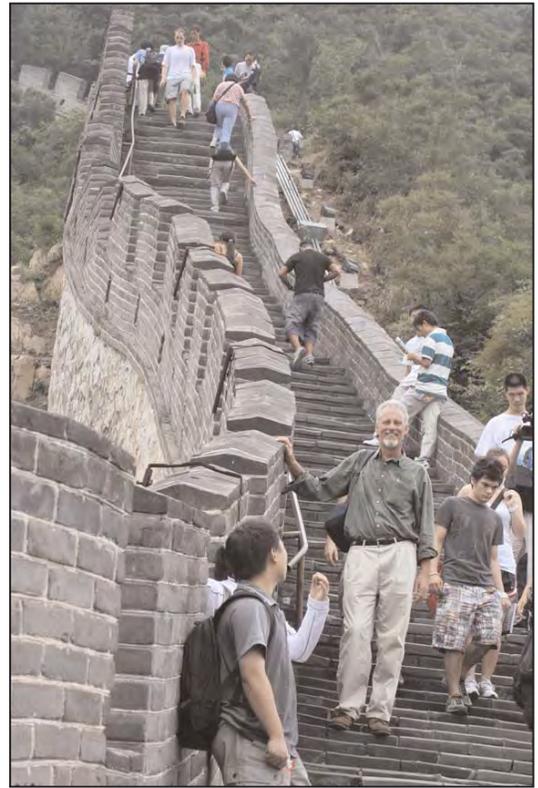
He told me a story about a fairly well to do English woman who had a relationship with a local that she broke off. He wanted a "break up fee". Essentially he wanted her new car as payment for breaking up with him along with interest in a company that he said he helped to start. When she refused, police began to harass her until she called a high ranking official that she knew with a complaint about the harassment. Police stopped visiting her almost immediately and the errant officers were disciplined in what

ever way discipline is administered in China.

My expat source who has lived in Beijing for just over a year talked about a business concept called "soft marketing". He said that it's still hard for him to get used to but Chinese people have been doing it for years, paying the proper officials a fee in order to make business transactions smoother.

When our conversation was over I figured I was armed with questions that my hosts would not be able to sufficiently answer and was bound and determined to ask them.

What I experienced in China was not at all what I expected. Granted I was only in two large cities there and we didn't go to the rural areas where harsh poverty is the rule rather than the exception but the people from Chinese media who gave presentations to us always brought up the subject of the poor in China. It was never one of the journalists in our group.



The Deputy Vice-President of China Daily said that his paper was constantly concerned that people in the rural areas might feel disenfranchised and so the newspaper increased the number of pages in their daily paper so that they could devote a significant portion to issues concerning that segment of the population.

The spokesperson for CCTV, China's largest cable television conglomerate said essentially the same thing.

One spokesperson during our seminars said that the government had set up educational programs for rural people that they took to the villages to "teach them how to get rich by farming."

I love that line. I would have expected to hear that in the United States but not China. I mean isn't communism all about the public good and empowering the government to empower the country? That's what I thought but several presenters mentioned the concept of "market socialism." I gathered that meant that the government would work so that the wealth of China's economy would best benefit the people. It's the only thing I could think. Surprising.

Every presenter said that China still has a long way to go. Poverty, pollution, quality control, even issues of media control that still sometimes hamper growth in the country.

We went to China Daily and I truly expected to see offices full of government editors with their black magic

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markers editing the news that could go out. The Vice President said that there was a day when that happened but it was long ago and there now is not a single person in the newspaper whose function it is to edit the news in order to present the communist party in a good light. He said that his newspaper often receives complaints from business and government leaders when the paper's stories have been too controversial but then so do I and I live in a democracy.

Frankly I was surprised at how often I heard the term "democracy" used in China used by government officials.

I learned that the Internet is used by government officials as a means of feedback from its citizens. Blogs are not censored and the Army is not dispatched to "take care" of a netizen (a term Chinese often used to describe people who interact via the Internet) who had said too much.

I found the people to be surprisingly hospitable, concerned about each other, and remarkably open, both in Xiamen in the South of China far from the host city of the Olympics, and in Beijing.

Yes, they do push when subway and bus doors open. Yes, they do skip in line and that was irritating to me especially since my favorite epithets weren't understandable in China. On the road they do drive between the lanes and push their way through traffic but in terms of person-

al relationships they are seem to be very concerned with each other.

Several presenters from the media said that China's pride in its country and its people drove their Olympians to excel and to win the most gold medals of any country in the world; however, the media covered those athletes that didn't excel and even those athletes who failed outright with equal fervor because Chinese people care about their people.

That's what they said and it was a surprise to me. I thought communism was about the mass of people rather than the individuals and how they feel.

A college professor from one of the most prestigious universities in China who teaches journalism to students there said that she has two cars, and an excellent job that she loves. She has an apartment in Beijing and a nice house in the suburbs.

She talked about the "one child policy" that allows families to only have one child as not only a responsibility for the people of China but for the world. She said that China, with its huge population should not become a burden on the world's resources. She herself came from a family of five but she is content with her one daughter.

She rhetorically asked why she should be unhappy with communism. She'd grown up in the system and she saw nothing wrong with it. Would you? At that point I didn't think I had a

right to judge anything.

I asked the professor about "soft marketing". It was a term she hadn't heard. When I clarified by explaining it as "bribery" She smiled and said that it's the way things had been done in China and that it was essentially a cultural difference.

By the way, I never was a recipient of "soft marketing" in China. Each of the journalists received an allowance of 80 RMB (about \$12.50) per day to cover expenses like laundry (at the China People's Palace hotel it costs 20 RMB to launder one pair of socks - I own four pair and, of course, I don't only wear socks.) When we were at the China People's Palace we each received 50 RMB per day to buy our lunch and dinner at a restaurant. Breakfast was covered. I ended up spending a significant amount of my own money while on this trip and had to have more money wired to me from my own bank account while I was gone.

I had very open and frank conversations with other leaders about the problem of Chinese people taking cultural practices like soft marketing to countries that find the practice abhorrent. They said that they understood my concern and even offered other instances of Chinese citizens acting insensitively in other countries. They were very open and self critical and it didn't seem to be a means of impressing us.

The director of SARFT (Administration of Radio Film and Television) was very open. He invited me to come to Tibet with him to get a first hand look. I suppose it's possible that he heard that I was asking questions about the situation. That thought immediately crossed my mind but I don't think that was the case.

One of the first presenters we heard while in China is quite powerful in the Chinese media and was the number two man on the Olympic Committee for China. He talked about a New York Times article that said that with Beijing's sky scrapers, high speed trains and astonishing economic growth they should no longer consider themselves a developing nation. He spent a long time explaining why that is not the case. Frankly, after the twentieth minute of statistics I zoned out but the gist of it was that China, with 80 percent of its people living well below poverty line still has a long way to go.

He might have had any number of reasons for his lengthy, brain numbing presentation about the matter. Of course, if China is no longer considered to be a developing nation some of the advantages they have had in their economic development would go away, they would have to pay attention to some of the international standards for developed countries and that would be costly for a country that has a wide disparity between those that have and those that have not. I'm still not settled on the matter.

China's people are proud and strong. They love their country. 86% of its people are satisfied or more than satisfied with their government and feel that they are sure of the country's direction and are satisfied with it. They are also satisfied with their lives though like all people "that and better will do."

They are a nation of savers rather than spenders and they never borrow. That "fact" was given to me by a Chinese citizen, not in China but in the airport in Manila. I happened to sit next to him while I was having a beer. It verified for me what I had been told by presenters during my seminar. He said that China's economy can only grow because the average Chinese citizen saves 40% of his/her income.

I don't come from a nation of people who think that way. I witnessed that when the financial system of the US went into meltdown while I was in China. The current proposed gamble to help other rich gamblers to reform seems to me to be further testimony.

I said in my impromptu speech at the farewell dinner in China that I never had any plans to move to China and that I still don't. I still have many questions about China and its policies that were not satisfactorily answered despite their openness to try to answer them. No one could really answer the question about our Tibet photographer.

I didn't think they could all be answered in a three and a half week trip; after all, China has over 5000 years of tradition. They struggle with the same things that we in Micronesia do. How does a country and its people maintain traditional values and still survive in this globalized world?

China has not opted to throw out its tradition but at the same time they have chosen to accept, facilitate and mobilize change and that has set them up for many things both positive and negative. They're still scrambling to be better situated in the world and well adjusted in their own country and they are constantly readjusting policy both because of the needs of the world and the needs of its own countrymen.

Frankly, many countries could learn a great deal from China both because of China's successes and because of its failures. I would love to see the FSM develop economically in the way that China has done without getting rid of the lifestyle of the islands. It would have to be a task delicately performed but because we have seen the problems that China has faced as they have grown we can attempt to avoid those problems and maybe we can give our people a greater economic prosperity.

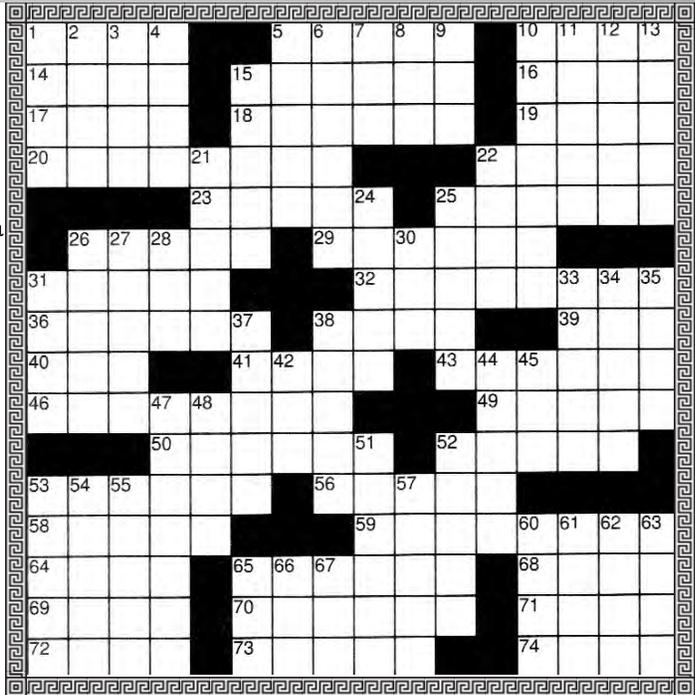
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Astronomical Tide Prediction

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Crossword - Help Out

- ACROSS**
- 1. Ballet skirt
 - 5. Narrative
 - 10. Piercing tools
 - 14. Fiery gemstone
 - 15. Reception
 - 16. Stealer's stash
 - 17. Person, place, or thing
 - 18. It isn't easy
 - 19. Was shotgun
 - 20. Necessitated
 - 22. Dodge verbally
 - 23. Move like a crab
 - 25. Roger Rabbit henchman
 - 26. Chew out
 - 29. Ran the show
 - 31. Like an unlikely coincidence
 - 32. Uproar
 - 36. They may be consenting
 - 38. Curve
 - 39. Plus
 - 40. Wee bit
 - 41. Even
 - 43. Barely furnished
 - 46. Sports gear
 - 49. Green fruits
 - 50. Moved like a mamba
- DOWN**
- 1. Muscle
 - 2. "When You Wish ___ a Star"
 - 3. Stretched out
 - 4. Fibula's counterpart
 - 5. Studied
 - 6. Fill with bullet holes
 - 7. Slag source
 - 8. Sailing spot
 - 9. Lamprey
- 10. Enough ___!**
- 11. Forest
 - 12. Fraternal order spot
 - 13. Detroit need
 - 15. Firm
 - 21. Getaway spot
 - 22. Boot part
 - 24. Put the media with the troops
 - 25. Puts the metal to the metal?
 - 26. 4-door car
 - 27. Petroleum product, with 28 Down
 - 28. See 27 Down
 - 30. Is able to
 - 31. Has a wrap
 - 33. Injures
 - 34. Beginning
 - 35. Lyric verses
 - 37. One way to get home
 - 38. Assail
 - 42. Peeve
 - 44. Like a tomato
 - 45. Melody
 - 47. One way to be torn
 - 48. Place for a pad



- 51. Tame
- 52. Stuff drinks
- 53. Went like the wind
- 54. Stay away from
- 55. Smith's need
- 57. Elephant's standouts
- 60. Bend
- 61. In one's birthday suit
- 62. Tall tale teller
- 63. Trees of shade
- 65. Fireplace debris
- 66. Place for a kite
- 67. Have an evening meal

K Press Puzzle Pleasure

OPPOSITES

Antonyms are words with opposite meanings.
Below are 25 pairs of antonyms.
Each word appears separately in the puzzle.

ABHOR	APATHY	FALSE	GIVE	RABID
ADMIRE	CARE	TRUE	TAKE	SANE
ABIDE	BOLD	FAR	IMPLY	RIGHT
REJECT	MEEK	NEAR	STATE	WRONG
ACT	BUILD	FAST	LOOSE	ROBUST
STOP	RAZE	SLOW	TIGHT	TENDER
ADEPT	CHAOS	FRAIL	LOWER	TAME
UNFIT	ORDER	STRONG	RAISE	WILD
AMPLE	DULL	GENTLE	NOISE	THICK
SCANTY	SPRY	ROUGH	QUIET	THIN



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President Tommy Remengesau, Senate President Surangel Whipps and Speaker Antonio Bells.

Adachi said the unpaid bills may result in a huge financial impact on PPUC.

Since the government has made no effort in making payments, PPUC has no choice but to start the disconnection process, he added.

He said although he understands that cutting off power will disrupt government operations, it is also the responsibility of PPUC to provide power to every home, business, office and agency in Palau.

The True Value Fishing Tournament is set for October 25. Keep that date marked on your calendars. There will be many fine prizes and gift certificates.

Registration is \$25.00 at PCR Restaurant on October 24 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Weigh in at Rumors, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. following the tournament.

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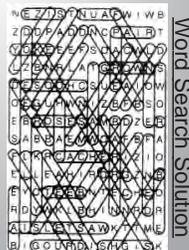
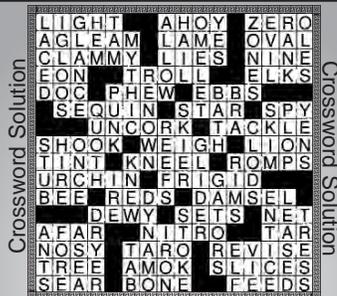
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Cliff Rainbow Restaurant at 6:30p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association 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.
- 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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First Pacific Summit on Diabetes ...and GO LOCAL!

By Dr. Lois Englberger

Over 110 representatives of health departments, non-governmental organizations, and funding agencies met in Saipan, September 8-12, 2008, including 19 delegates from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The focus was on sharing about the best practices for reducing diabetes, promoting collaboration, and developing action steps for preventing and controlling diabetes.

The meeting focused on the six United States (US) jurisdictions: American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), FSM, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Palau.

An exciting point is that the Pohnpei GO LOCAL initiative was highlighted in the opening speech by Secretary Joseph Villagomez, CNMI Secretary of Health and President of the Pacific Islands Health Officers Association, who presented the Pacific Perspective and context for the summit.

Two FSM presentations were given:

1. Chuuk's Women's Council by Ms. Kiki Stinnett

2. "GO LOCAL" approach for promoting healthy local foods and lifestyles for alleviating diabetes by Dr. Lois Englberger, Island Food Community of Pohnpei

We are happy to share some basic information about diabetes in Micronesia and in general.

1. There was no diabetes identified in 1948 in a large survey of Micronesians by the US Navy.
2. Diabetes is now a major problem in all FSM states, but it can be prevented and controlled.
3. Diet and lifestyles, in particular physical activity, are the major factors related to diabetes.
4. A healthy local food diet and sufficient physical activity are important for preventing or controlling diabetes.

REMEMBER:

1. Overweight and lack of exercise puts you at risk for diabetes.
2. Diabetes increases the chances of having a heart attack or stroke.

It was stressed that increased dialogue and collaboration is needed between all jurisdictions, organizations, and communities, and to use the trans-disciplinary approach involving all relevant factors.

Thanks are given to funding support by the US Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Global Health Affairs, HHS National Institutes of Health National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, HHS Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of the

Interior, HHS Indian Health Services, HHS Office of Minority Health, HHS Office of Pacific Health and Human Services, HHS Office of Women's Health, HHS National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and CDC.



The 19 FSM delegates to the First Pacific Summit on Diabetes, Saipan World Resort, September 8-12, 2008, including representatives from Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and Kosrae, and the FSM National Government. Prior to the Summit, a representative from each state and the national government also met for a meeting of the Pacific Chronic Disease Coalition, which includes representatives from the six jurisdictions. Mr. Carter Apaisam from FSM was elected Secretary/Treasurer for that group, which is led by Mr. Patrick Lucus from Guam.

IFCP informs Participants at the 2008 SPREP Meeting on "GO LOCAL"

By Kathy Larsen

Island Food Community of Pohnpei
Island Food Community of Pohnpei was invited to host an information booth at the 19th SPREP (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme) Meeting, held September 4-12, 2008, in Pohnpei, at the COM-FSM Gym. There was a representation of 26 countries and approximately 350 people. Island Food met with many different participants at the meeting. It was enlightening, but at the same time, sad to learn how many organizations in different countries and islands, face many of the same problems as we in Pohnpei. The impact from the rising costs of both food and petrol is tremendous. IFCP shared ideas for generating awareness about the benefits of

local food and a healthy lifestyle and samples of awareness materials, such as: Pohnpei Banana book; Let's Go Local T-shirt; Karat, giant swamp taro, and fish postcards; Breast is Best and Karat bumper stickers; yellow banana pens and "mood" pencils and the Pohnpei Banana, Carotenoid-rich Foods and Pandanus posters. As these items were of great interest to the participants, and the participants were from 26 different countries, don't be surprised if you start hearing about Pohnpei's "Let's Go Local" campaign all around the Pacific! You too can obtain your very own Island Food Community of Pohnpei awareness items at the IFCP office, located in the Botanical Garden in Kolonia Town.

Fish Quiz Answers from Quiz in last KP!

1. Fish is high in cholesterol. FALSE
2. Fish is a good source of protein. TRUE
3. We can eat all kinds of fish. FALSE
4. Including fish in your diet is good for your health. TRUE
5. Fish bones can supply calcium that helps the formation of your bones. TRUE
6. Fish oils have more saturated fatty acids that are not beneficial in keeping down the level of cholesterol in the blood. FALSE
7. Fish can make you fat if you eat too much. TRUE
8. All fish species taste the same. FALSE
9. Some fish eggs can be eaten. TRUE
10. Canned fish is not nutritious because it is precooked. FALSE

Thanks again to Mr. Koichi Sakonju, Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan for this quiz

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