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Flood waters made the test a challenge

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Weno road project ahead of schedule

By **Bill Jaynes**
 The Kaselehlie Press

Weno, Chuuk – Work on the Weno road project is proceeding as planned and is actually a bit ahead of schedule according to David Kramer, of Pacific International, Incorporated, the contractor selected to re-construct 4.2 miles of road and related drainage and utilities in Weno, Chuuk. The contract for the work allowed the company to take six months for mobilization for the project. That period expires on the 24th of September and the company is already fully mobilized to begin construction, Kramer said.

PII had intended to begin work in the area of the airport terminal but their survey work in the area raised questions that needed clarification by Lyon and Associates, Incorporated, the company that designed the road and drainage systems before the contractor could proceed with any work in the area. In light of those questions the company received instructions from the PMU to begin work in Mwan village.

The company made plans to begin work in Mwan but their survey work led to more questions regarding eleva-

tions of sewage lift stations in that area as well.

Robert Westerfield, who works for the PMU said that the questions in the area between Mwan village and the downtown post office were sufficient to require yet another rethink but that the construction process is still a bit ahead of schedule.

He said that representatives of Lyon and Associates, Incorporated have told him that they have redesigned the plans to account for errors in elevation for sewage manholes in the area of the airport. Westerfield has not yet been able to access those changes, something he expects will be resolved very quickly.

Apparently whatever communication difficulties may have existed between Lyon and the PMU have begun to be resolved and Westerfield said that he now expects that the actual construction will begin in the area of the airport as originally planned and perhaps



Pipe imported for the Weno road project is being

even within a few days.

There still are problems with the sewage lift station elevations between the post office and Mwan village. Westerfield said that Lyon and Associates is aware of that problem as well and he expects a fairly quick resolution to that problem as well.

PII employees have begun marking trees, fences, headwalls and other structures in Weno that will have to be removed for the road project. Kramer said that the company hopes to begin removing those obstacles sometime during the week of September 14.

Kramer said that whenever it is possible the company will buy materials from local companies in Chuuk. That isn't always easy to do. Already PII has found it necessary to order a large quantity of raw materials from a company in Pohnpei because equipment at the local company is out order. Kramer said that during the course of construction which is scheduled to be completed by March 24, 2012 PII, will need to have a steady supply of the raw material.

PII won the contract for the Weno road with a bid of \$25,822,348.



Another PII staging area across the road from the Kurassa Hotel in Weno

Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) passes 10 resolutions

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Members of JEMCO, consisting of three representatives from the United States and two from the Federated States of Micronesia met in September. JEMCO was "established to strengthen management and accountability with regard to assistance provided under the Compact, as amended, and to promote the effective use of funding provided thereunder."

As is the case with all JEMCO resolutions wording for the ten new resolutions was very carefully considered. The following is only a summary of the resolutions passed at the recent JEMCO meeting. Full wording of the resolution and sector grant breakdowns will be posted on the Compact website (www.uscompact.org). They also will be posted at the K-Press website at www.kpress.info. At press time the compendium had not yet been posted to the site.

2009-1 is a resolution on Chuuk State Public Utilities Corporation committing the FSM National Government to submit a plan and time line to JEMCO no later than October 31 of this year to hire and place a professional management team at the Chuuk State Public Utility Corporation. JEMCO will consider the use of Compact Public Sector Capacity Building funds for partial implementation of the plan with the end goal being a public utility that operates on a self-sustaining basis.

2009-2 is a resolution regarding the sustainability of Sector Grants requiring the FSM to submit plans to the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs by August 1, 2010 for managing decreases in Compact direct assistance and/or general fund support. The plan is required to include an evaluation of the ability of the health and education sectors to fulfill their strategic outcomes in fiscal years 2012-2014. The plan submitted to OIA must demonstrate that the FSM has used the findings and plans as part of its internal budget development process for Fiscal Year 2012.

2009-3 is a resolution regarding the Infrastructure Maintenance Fund that says that by October 1 of this year the FSM National Government will submit to JEMCO through OIA a proposed deposit schedule of "local"

cash contributions for each of the FSM governments' respective Infrastructure Maintenance Fund bank accounts. The schedule should ensure that the FSM's unfunded IMF liabilities will be eliminated by September 30, 2011.

2009-4 is a resolution on the sustainability of public utilities in the FSM. JEMCO resolved that a concerted multilateral effort be undertaken to assist the FSM states to identify potential funding opportunities to upgrade power generation and distribution capabilities in the FSM and to identify alternate energy opportunities.

The resolution says that a review of existing management capacity and rate structures and implementation of the results of that review are necessary. It charges the US Office of Insular Affairs, along with the FSM Office of Statistics, Budget, and Overseas Coordination (SBOC) to organize a meeting by March 31, 2010, of multilateral partners including the FSM National Government, FSM utilities, U.S. Department of the Interior (US-DOI), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Pacific Power Association, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and Rural Utilities Services (RUS) to undertake the task at hand.

2009-5 is a resolution on Chuuk Department of Education reform endorsing a multi-agency task force (SBOC, CDOE, NDOE, and U.S. OIA, and U.S. DOE) to provide monitoring and technical assistance to the Chuuk Department of Education, using the CDOE 2005 Reform Plan as the base line for determining additional interventions.

2009-6 "JEMCO will consider funding for the FSM National Department of Education when the FSM provides a financial plan that is aligned with the FSM National Department of Education's integrated performance plan."

2009-7 is a resolution entitled "Chuuk Land" and acknowledges that the process has begun by Chuuk State and the FSM National Government to acquire land through an expedited process using Chuuk State's Eminent Domain authority. It encourages the Chuuk State and FSM National Governments along with the U.S. OIA to continue the process of establishing principles and conditions under which the land acquisition

process can be implemented. It encouraged those entities within six months to: 1) Identify infrastructure projects that can proceed without the need for an Eminent Domain process or the need for the use of Compact funds for land purchase; 2) to resolve all legal issues at the state and national level regarding the availability of the power of Eminent Domain and to establish the appropriate process for gaining title to land for possible Compact Infrastructure Projects; 3) Develop mechanisms for transfer of title between the national state governments to land purchased with Compact Infrastructure Sector funding; 4) Identify conditions under which the use of the power of Eminent Domain is necessary and appropriate; 5) Identify national and state laws and regulations, if any, that must be amended or revised in order to implement this proposal; 6) Identify and clarify all other essential issues regarding Chuuk Land and the infrastructure development.

2009-8 is a resolution on Pohnpei Private Sector Development that says that funding will be considered for the Private Sector Development Sector grant for Pohnpei State in Fiscal Year 2010 after Pohnpei State changes its foreign investment regime in a manner that is compatible with the intent and purpose of the Compact, as amended, to enhance private sector development within Pohnpei State.

2009-9 is a resolution entitled "Special Grant Terms and Conditions" that adds special grant terms and conditions to Fiscal Year 2010 Sector Grants for the Education Sector:

- Education Sector grant will limit the payment of teachers' salaries "to teachers who are certified or who have agreed to and are following an approved program of professional development leading to certification";
- The FSM National Government will, not later than October 31, 2009, develop a timeline and budget for replicating the Yap model of job/management audits for all state departments of education;
- "The FSM National Department of Education shall contract outside expertise to develop comprehensive technology plans including standards for students, teachers, and administrators and budget and training schedules to meet those standards. JEMCO encourages the Office of Insular Affairs to seek unexpended Supplemental Education Grant monies from Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006 to fund the plans.

2009-10 Fiscal Year Sector Grant Allocations

JEMCO resolves that the following amounts are approved for use of Fiscal Year 2010 Compact of Free Association grant funding, subject to the terms and conditions of Resolution JEMCO 2009-9:

\$28,171,015 Education
\$21,007,869 Health
\$ 2,887,816 Public Sector Capacity Building
\$ 1,579,510 Environment
\$ 2,333,638 Private Sector Development
\$24,303,552 Public Sector Infrastructure
\$80,283,400

A detailed breakdown is attached to the resolutions compendium by Sector, government, cost center and project. The breakdown will also be included by this resolution in the sector grant awards.

Editor's Note

Forgetting that some readers might look at a picture, draw a conclusion and walk away from a newspaper on a stand, or even one in their hand, I felt it to be unnecessary to explain that the crocodile pictured on the first page of the last newspaper IS NOT the purported crocodile in Pohnpei. I made that decision because both the headline and the article itself clearly stated that authorities HAVE NOT verified that a large creature reported to police after allegedly being seen in U and Nett waters is in fact a crocodile. Therefore it would be impossible for the picture to be THE Pohnpei crocodile, if it exists at all. I made the mistake of assuming that readers would understand that and a caption was not necessary. From the phone calls and visits I received I now know my assumption was incorrect and I apologize if the picture caused unintentional confusion. The crocodile on the cover of the last newspaper was pictured to give readers an idea what a salt-water croc might look like.

I also have since discovered that crocodiles, unless trained to do so, never burst vertically from the water as pictured. The one on the cover of the last paper was likely responding to chickens hanging from a boat for the pleasure of tourists protected by a glass wall. That practice has apparently now been outlawed in Australia.

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Primo new Vice Speaker of FSM Congress

FSM Congress PIO

PALIKIR, POHNPEI. September 1, 2009 – Senator Fredrico O. Primo, Representative of the State of Pohnpei's Election District Three, has been selected to be the new Vice Speaker of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The selection came during this morning's Special Order of Business during which Floor Leader Joe N. Suka nominated Senator Primo and members agreed by acclamation. Senator Primo becomes the Seventh Senator seated for the Vice Speakership of the FSM Congress.

The first Vice Speaker of the FSM Congress was Joab N. Sigrah serving the First thru Fourth Congress (1979 – 1987); Elias Thomas was for the Fifth FSM Congress (1987 – 1989); Claude H. Phillip during the Sixth Congress (1989 – 1991); Dohsis Halbert for the Seventh and Eighth Con-

gress (1991 – 1995); Claude H. Phillip reclaimed the Vice Speakership from Ninth thru Fourteenth Congress (1995 – 2007); and finally, Resio S. Moses served as Vice Speaker of the Fifteenth Congress (2007 – 2009) and re-seated for the same during the reorganization of the Sixteenth Congress on May 11 2009, but passed away a month later.

Senator Primo accepted the Vice Speakership and thanked the members for entrusting him with the important role. The new Vice Speaker assured the members that he would try his utmost best to uphold the principles of righteousness, integrity and justice in carrying out his responsibilities to the people and the nation.

Vice Speaker Primo is currently Chairman of the Pohnpei Delegation with concurrent Vice Chairmanships for the Congressional Committee of Judiciary and Governmental Operation and on the Committee on Health

and Social Affairs.

Primo was an aspiring 1975 alumni of the prestigious Xavier High School, his educational quest was however cut short by family obligations. Undeterred, he sought to expand his educational background through experience. Fresh out of high school, he applied for and was accepted for the position of Ponape Weather Station Technician. Committed to educational enhancement, Primo aggressively pursued trainings in electronics and engineering to further his background.

His untiring efforts were well noticed and he was immediately hired by the then major electronics and engineering establishment in the Federated States of Micronesia, FSM Telecommunications Corporation. Primo started as a technician/engineer for the FSM Telecom and continued upwards until he became the head of the Marketing Management Division. He held this posi-

tion until he ran for and was elected to the Pohnpei State Legislature in 2000. Primo's political life however began earlier.

At the formative stages of the nation in 1978, at the young age of 24, Primo was elected to the Council of the then Uh Municipal Government and maintained his seat until 1984. He took a political hiatus until 2000 when he ran for and was elected to the Pohnpei State Legislature. At the state legislature Primo served as Chairman for the legislative committee on Public Works and Transportation with membership on various committees from Judiciary and Governmental Operations to Finance to Health. He successfully maintained his seat at the State Legislature until 2007 when he took a step further to run for the national Legislature.

On May 11 2007, Primo was seated as a member of the 15th FSM Congress.

Primo is married to former Rita Artui and they have six children.

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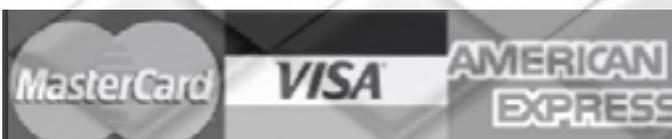
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Rotary Club of Pohnpei

The Rotary Club of Pohnpei is proud to announce the winners of its school year 2009-2010 scholarships. The Rotary Club has a self-funded scholarship program for college and post graduate students who are FSM citizens. The maximum award per student is \$1,000.00. This year we are happy to announce that the Rotary Club has awarded \$8,000.00 in scholarships. The selected students are listed below.

1. \$1,000 Avalon Edward

Avalon is attending Walla Walla University, majoring in Business.

2. \$1,000 Judy Solomon

Judy is attending the University of Guam, and is an accounting major.

3. \$1,000 Universe Yamase

Universe is attending Chaminade Univ. in Hawaii, and studying international relations.

4. \$1,000 Desiree Yamase

Desiree is also studying at Chaminade University, majoring in international relations.

5. \$500 Duane Diopolus

Duane is a business administration major at COM-FSM.

6. \$500 Erik Olter

Erik is a computer science major at COM-FSM.

7. \$500 BJ Petrus

BJ is a business administration major at COM-FSM.

8. \$500 William Piki

William is a liberal arts major at COM-FSM.

9. \$500 Pernes Samuel

Pernes is studying at University of Guam, majoring in criminal justice.

10. \$500 Alphonso Rodriguez

Alphonso is attending COM-FSM and majoring in Micronesian Studies.

11. \$500 Gracelyn Shirai

Gracelyn is attending COM-FSM and majoring in Micronesian Studies.

12. \$500 Lashauna Wilson

Lashauna is majoring in computer science at COM-FSM.

The Rotary Club had a brief awards ceremony on August 20, 2009. The attached photo shows members of the Rotary Club, scholarship winners and parents.

The Rotary Club wishes to thank all its

sponsors and supporters, without whom the money for the scholarships would not be available. Our sponsors have been extremely generous, and this year we were able to increase the total scholarships awarded from \$5,000.00 last year to \$8,000.00 this year. We also wish to express our best wishes to all our scholarship winners for all the hard work they have put in so far, and for all the challenges they will face in the coming school year.

The Rotary Club will be awarding scholarships again for the 2010-2011 school year, with applications becoming available in February, 2010.



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Micronesian Legislative Conference Concludes in Palikir, Pohnpei

Department of Youth and Civic Affairs
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The 2009 Micronesian Legislative Conference concludes after adopting two Resolutions including one that calls on the FSM Congress to delay by one year the effectiveness of provisions of Public Law no. 15-73 on the amendments of the FSM Social Security Act.

The conference which was chaired by the State of Pohnpei adopted the following Resolutions:

1. A Resolution calling on the United States of America to establish an office of the United States Department of Interior dealing with the Compact Implementation in the Federated States of Micronesia,
2. A Resolution calling on the FSM Congress to delay the effectiveness of provisions of FSM Public Law 15-73 on amendments to the Social Security Act that increase social security tax by October 1, 2010 and decreases its

benefit by January 1, 2011.

The Conference defeated another Resolution that would waive objections by the States for the National Government to interfere in State matters as required by the recent JEMCO Resolutions. The States quickly objected to this resolution. The Yap delegation with strong objection said "...if we were to sign this resolution, we would seek also asylum in Pohnpei."

In its concluding remarks, the delegation thanked the presiding Chairman and the FSM Congress Speaker and his staff for the support in convening and facilitating the conference. The statement also urges for collective commitment by all legislative bodies to implement and carry out their agreements without delay.

Members of the Yap delegation led by Sen. Ted Rutun, also include Senators Henry Falan, Ray Igechep, and Jesse Raglmar-SUBOLMAR.

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- There are no minimum bid amounts for the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "September 23, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Ms. Teresa Fagaltinan at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Colonia, Yap on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on September 23, 2009.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for the parcels. Bids may be placed on one or both of the parcels.
- The winning bidder for each parcel will be notified by a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all buildings, fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the land, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Supreme Court" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The parcels are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to their condition whatsoever.
- The winning bidder must be qualified to hold title to real property in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Ms Teresa Fagaltinan, Representative for Land Sales, phone no. 691-350-3185 or 691-950-5523 or Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm



NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE FOLLOWING
PARCELS/PORCION OF PARCELS SALE DATE OF AUGUST 29, 2009
HAVE BEEN POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.

<p>1. Portion of Parcel No. 020-C-06 situated in Pehleng, Kitti Municipality consisting of an area of 30,000 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 020-C-00. <i>Minimum bid: \$26,643.89</i></p>	<p>2. Parcel No. 020-A-155 situated in Dolonier, Nett Municipality consisting of an area of 4,765 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 020-A-13. <i>Minimum bid: \$7,670.04</i></p>
<p>3. Parcel No. 016-A-40 situated in Mapwusi, Kolonia Town consisting of an area of 576 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 016-A-00. <i>Minimum bid: \$3,366.91</i></p>	<p>4. Portion of Parcel No. 051-D-12, Tract No. 74362, situated in Areu Village, Madolenihmw Municipality consisting of an area of 24, 615 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 051-D-00. <i>Minimum bid: \$2,381.45</i></p>
<p>5. Parcel No. 018-F-08 situated in Poatoapoat Village, Kitti Municipality consisting of an area of 27, 401 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 018-F-00. <i>Minimum bid: \$5,565.56</i></p>	

TERMS:

- The minimum bid amount is as stated for each parcel/portion of parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "PSHA Land Auction" by personal delivery to the Office of the State Attorney General located at the former Penny Hotel next to former U.S. Embassy Office.
- Deadline for submission of bids has been postponed from August 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. to September 30, 2009 at 4 p.m. If such day falls on a weekend or holiday, then the sale date shall be the next business day.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must state a bid amount separately for each parcel. Bids may be placed on one or more parcels.
- The winning bidder will be notified in writing by the Office of the State Attorney General. Each winning bidder shall pay the full amount of the bid by delivery of a cashier's check payable to the Pohnpei State Housing Authority no later than 10 days after the winning bidder is notified.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- Pohnpei State Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- The property is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- The winning bidders will take title to the parcel or portion of the parcel, whichever applies, through a quitclaim deed issued by the Pohnpei State Housing Authority.
- Sale of property is limited to Pohnpeian citizens who are also pwilidaks of Pohnpei.

Please contact the Office of the State Attorney General at Tel. nos. 320-2356/4629/5220; fax 320-5298
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LOCATION: Yap, FSM (with travel to outer islands required)
GRADE: G6 – G7

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Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM 96941

Email to: HRmicronesia@iom.int

Only short listed candidates will be contacted

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Judge: Hawaii can't cut migrants' health care

The Associated Press

Tuesday, September 01, 2009

HONOLULU — A federal judge ruled Tuesday that Hawaii's government must continue providing lifesaving dialysis and chemotherapy treatments to Pacific island migrants suffering from kidney disease and cancer.

U.S. District Judge J. Michael Seabright granted a temporary restraining order preventing the state from instituting a new, limited health insurance program intended to save \$15 million. The new health program was scheduled to start Tuesday.

His decision came as a relief to migrants from Micronesia, Palau and the Marshall Islands who argue the United States and the state weren't living up to

a health obligation promised after U.S. nuclear weapons tests in Pacific islands a half-century ago.

The ruling keeps in place broad health coverage for dialysis, chemotherapy, prescription drugs and doctor visits.

"I'm very happy," said Philip Anungar, a Marshall Islands migrant with diabetes who attended the court hearing. "The judge's decision means we'll go back to what we had before."

Migrants from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau are beneficiaries of the Compact of Free Association, a deal with the U.S. government providing financial assistance in exchange for defense rights.

"The ruling is a tremendous improvement over what the state was planning to do," said the migrants' attorney, Paul Alston. "They're going to get a lot more benefits."

Hawaii government officials declined to comment following the hearing. Department of Human Services Director Lillian Koller will review the restraining order with state attorneys Wednesday, said a spokeswoman for the department.

The cash-strapped state, facing a steep budget deficit, wanted to switch about 7,000 legal migrants to the new health insurance program. About 100 of them receive dialysis treatments paid by the state.

The state announced Monday it had found \$1.5 million in annual federal

Medicaid funding that would continue dialysis coverage for two more years, but chemotherapy and many name-brand prescription drugs were not included.

Seabright prevented the new plan, called Basic Health Hawaii, from taking effect because its implementation may have violated due process rights guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.

Basic Health Hawaii was announced less than a month ago and without public hearings. Because many of the migrants don't speak English as their first language, they weren't able to understand how their coverage would change when they received notification letters or called an English-speaking automated phone help line.

"It appears the state made a unilateral decision to decrease benefits with little or no notice," Seabright said.

Seabright didn't decide whether the new plan violated constitutional guarantees of equal rights for all legal U.S. residents.

A hearing on a more permanent injunction will be held Oct. 19.

Infected cargo ship denied entry into Chuuk, CNMI

By Bernice Santiago
Pacific Daily News

A cargo ship that was fumigated last week and needs to be disinfected with chlorine was denied entry to the Northern Marianas and Chuuk, and must now find another port for disinfection, according to the Guam Environmental Protection Agency. Guam EPA Environmental Monitoring and Surveillance Administrator Jesse Cruz said yesterday that authorities are currently recommending that the MV Katarina, which carries contaminated gravel, return either to its port of origin or find another port in which to disinfect the ship.

The MV Katrina arrived from Seoul in mid-August, according to Pacific Daily News files, with a shipment of gravel purchased by International Bridge Construction Marianas. The gravel was intended for use as asphalt in road projects on Guam. IBCM company manager Bill Toelkes said the gravel was tested and cleared in Korea, but may have become contaminated during the loading process.

The gravel was contaminated with two kinds of bacteria, E. coli and total coliform, Cruz said. These are indicator species, and if they are present in high enough numbers, it's likely that other, more dangerous bacteria are present as well, Cruz said.

After fumigation, the gravel still tested positive for total coliform. In order to disinfect the ship, 1,000 gallons of a chlorine solution that is much stronger than household bleach will be used, Cruz said. Guam EPA will not allow the ship to be disinfected in Guam's waters, due to concerns about chlorine contamination in the water. "They're trying to do it outside of Guam's waters, but with the way that the seas have been, this is a tricky endeavor and we don't want the boat to sink," Cruz said. Due to the potential for rough seas, a port would be safer, Cruz said, and different options are being considered.

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World first humanitarian assistance concept tested in Chuuk

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Weno, Chuuk – Locals in Chuuk said that the giant C-17 Globemaster III plane that landed on the diminutive runway of Chuuk International Airport on September 2 carrying 54 Air Force medical and contingency experts was the largest plane they could remember ever having landed there. “They didn’t even use the whole runway,” said Wilfred Robert, Governor Wesley Simina’s Chief of Staff and coordinator for Chuuk’s activities surrounding the world first validation exercise of a US Air Force concept for rapid humanitarian assistance in the Asia-Pacific area.

Despite torrential rains in Chuuk that kept a second C-17 from landing in Chuuk that day, within six hours of their arrival, the Humanitarian Assistance Rapid Response Team, or HARRT had a field hospital set up, stocked and ready to receive patients. The field hospital was set up at the recreation field in Weno known as Andersen field.

The HARRT was conceived from lessons learned during other humanitarian aid missions during real disasters in the past.

“The HARRT provides the capability for faster and more efficient medical care, so that we can provide support within hours or a few days of a disaster,” said Colonel Wayne Pritt, a 13th Air Force command surgeon. Thirteenth Air Force officials at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii led the development of the HARRT concept.

Team members were from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; and included medical officers from Yakota Air Base, Japan and the Guam Naval Hospital.

Major General (Dr.) Thomas J. Loftus, As-

sistant Surgeon General for Health Care Operations, Office of the Surgeon General, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C. and other high ranking Air Force and Navy officials from Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, Hickam Air Force Base and the Pacific Command (PACOM) in Hawaii, visited Chuuk on September 6, the last day of the five day evaluation. Pritt told the gathered Generals that previous humanitarian assistance operations had required as many as 11 C-17’s, a logistical nightmare that takes time to manage; time in which people could be helped who desperately need help during a real disaster scenario. The HARRT requires only two C-17’s and a resupply every five days.

Pritt’s detailed PowerPoint briefing was full of acronyms that were difficult—next to impossible for a civilian to truly understand but it seemed clear from the presentation that HARRT’s purpose was motivated by one bulleted point that stood out: “Show up early or don’t show up at all.”

HARRT is streamlined; designed for rapid assistance during disasters where that assistance is needed most. Colonel Pritt said that HARRT could be mobilized within 24 hours and full scale operations could be up and running in a disaster area within six hours of the team’s arrival on site. Backpacks worn by team members are stocked with supplies that would allow medical team members to begin to serve victims with urgent medical needs immediately upon arrival on any disaster site, even before the

mobile hospital is up and running.

The team is to be fully self supporting and can operate for five days before resupply would be necessary. A press release from the U.S. Air Force said that in the Pacific region, Marines from U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, typically would replace or augment the HARRT after five days, in order to meet the needs of those affected by a disaster. If required, the HARRT can continue their initial service in five day increments after each supply run.

The five day mission in Chuuk benefited both the U.S. Department of Defense and the people of Chuuk.



Service with a smile—and sometimes a cookie...or two!

“We have brought together some of the best medical and contingency response experts in the Air Force, said Colonel Daniel Settergren, the 26th CRG commander and HARRT mission commander. “We are definitely ready to validate the concept and at the same time we look forward to providing medical care to the Chuukese people.”

The team treated just over 1000 patients in the mobile clinic and provided deworming medication to nearly 4000 people through the Chuuk Women’s Council. They left a large amount of prescription medications for use by the hospital. The team even repaired the basketball backboards and provided new rims and stainless steel “nets” at Andersen field.

If the Department of Defense (DOD) wanted a test of the new HARRT concept in a circumstance the team might actually face if responding to an actual disaster they could not have wished for better conditions. Torrential rains fell in Chuuk consistently for three days after the team’s arrival flooding the roads and Anderson field where the tent housed mobile hospital stood and where troop billet tents would have stood had the second C-17 been able to land.

Colonel Pritt said that when the advance team came to Chuuk in March the sun was shining. Fully aware of the FSM’s climate, advance team members asked Chuuk representatives about drainage at Andersen field and were told that it drains fairly quickly. It did drain fairly quickly but the rain was more than the field could handle and team members constantly battled flooding. On the

first night, when the billet tents did not arrive, team members attempted to sleep inside the mobile clinic but it became obvious in short order that plan would not work. Available hotel rooms were hastily booked and team members shared the rooms that were available often stacked as many as six per room.

Lessons were learned during the evaluation exercise that might not otherwise have been learned had the weather been as beautiful and sunny as the advanced team experienced. Some of the boots worn by team members

seemed more suitable to desert climates than tropical flooding. Far from being water proof they tended instead to retain water. Trench foot, a medical condition caused by prolonged immersion of the feet in water

that can occur in as little as eleven hours of constant immersion, was a real possibility and an often mentioned source of concern for team members.

See “HARRT” on next page



HARRT members take information from a Chuukese patient. Despite the adversity the team functioned as a cohesive unit and kept their spirits up.



Myron Hasiguchi of the Red Cross consults with HARRT members



Colonel Cornum of the HARRT, Governor and Mrs. Wesley Simina, and U.S. Ambassador Miriam Hughes discuss the mission at a farewell reception for the outgoing U.S. Ambassador



Making the best of a tough situation – a plywood sidewalk helps patients navigate the muddy Andersen field to the clinic tent after torrential rains flooded the area

Currently PACOM is the only combatant or regional command that has a HARRT package. The future existence of the HARRT concept as a tool for DOD humanitarian assistance during disasters depends upon the results of the validation assessment and the will of senior Air Force leaders, some of whom visited Chuuk on the last day of the exercise. If it the concept is validated the HARRT concept could be put into place in Africa, Europe, South America, or elsewhere.

The HARRT is considered to be a PACOM asset. "If the PACOM commander wanted the HARRT to respond to a disaster anywhere in the Asia-Pacific region, it can and it will," said Captain Andrew Hoskinson, 36th Wing Public Affairs Officer from Andersen Air Force Base in Guam.

PACOM's command area is home to 50% of the world's population, includes 36 nations whose inhabitants speak 3000 languages. It encompasses about half the earth's surface and covers 15 time zones. It is that geographic area where the HARRT could conceivably mobilize within 24 hours in the event of a disaster.

"Chuuk was chosen (for the HARRT

In the event of a disaster in the Federated States of Micronesia, the U.S. Ambassador can, at the request of the President of the FSM after an official declaration of a state of emergency, mobilize aid assistance through the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) of The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) which is the United States Government Agency responsible for development and humanitarian assistance around the world. In the FSM, OFDA coordinates its efforts with the FSM Office of Emergency Management.

The OFDA representative, Bart Deemer has been stationed in the Republic of the Marshall Islands since November of last year and serves as an advisor to the US Ambassadors in both the RMI and the FSM on matters of disaster assistance, mitigation, and relief.

HARRT is one of several disaster response tools that OFDA could call upon in the event of a disaster in the FSM or the RMI.

Planners for the HARRT concept included in their plan an evident understanding that sovereign nations have their own tools, plans, and infrastructure for disaster assistance. A HARRT that responds to a disaster does not come to supplant or take over local emergency relief efforts but to augment the relief efforts already put into place by local governments and non-governmental agencies.

Wilfred Robert, the Chuuk Governor's Chief of Staff coordinated Chuuk's efforts during the validation exercise. Cornered on the last



Greeting some of the 54 team members of HARRT

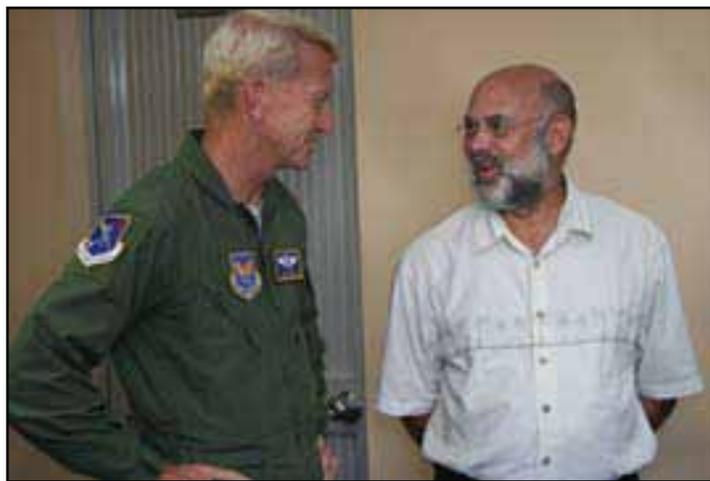
day of the exercise Robert said that any "off the cuff" listing of those Chuukese people who worked so hard on the exercise would be incomplete. Just the same he listed a few including the Chuuk Women's Council, the Red Cross Society, Transco, the Chuuk International Airport, members of the Chuuk Department of Transportation and Public Works, several physicians from the Chuuk State Hospital, and many others.

Colonel Pritt, in his briefing asked assembled brass to consider the possibility of at least one training exercise per year in the Asia-Pacific region.

Other Asia-Pacific disaster assets are in the offing according to Brigadier General Philip M. Ruhlman, Installation Commander and Base Commanding Office, Andersen Air Force Base said that a new unmanned surveillance aircraft is scheduled to deploy out of Andersen AFB some time around June of next year. The aircraft would be able to fly for long periods of time and would provide reconnaissance information that would be able to help with disaster evaluation if that was what was needed in the area.



Dancers entertained the officers and other dignitaries at a closing day banquet at the Truk Stop Hotel



Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas J. Loftus, Assistant Surgeon General for Health Care Operations, Office of the Surgeon General, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C spends a few moments with Bart Deemer of USAID

evaluation exercise) because of the long-standing partnership between the US and the FSM, notably through the cooperation of the US Ambassador and FSM officials. The fact that the Chuuk airport could support C-17 operations during the exercise was also a factor," Hoskinson said.



The inspection team and invited guests arrive for a tour of the medical clinic

The Truk Lagoon Rotary Club welcomes the HAART team

Saturday night the HAART team had a welcome break when the Truk Lagoon Rotary Club put on a fund-raiser to entertain the officers.

The High Tide Hotel carpark provided a great open air venue for the evening's entertainment. The team was treated to some home-style hotdogs and hamburgers, as well as getting a taste of island singing and dancing. A highlight for many was when the Chuuk Visitors Bureau presented them with kits showing the many wrecks of Truk Lagoon.

And it was all for a good cause. The Rotary Club raised \$700 which will be used to purchase fruit juice for island kids undergoing treatment for tuberculosis. The juice will

help the kids wash down their daily medication.

So even when they were relaxing the HAART team was helping the Chuukese community.

Rotary Club President, Mr Clark Graham, was delighted with the evening: 'We are only a small club, but with the help of local businesses, Xavier High School, and the great spirit of the HAART team, we can help these kids finish their medical treatment,' Mr Graham said.



Innovative legal training program begins in Chuuk

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Weno, Chuuk – Chuuk's Attorney General, Jose Gallen has long known that some of his staff members could benefit by more legal training. Two years ago he set in motion a plan to provide that training and on Friday, September 4 a group of law students gathered in a humble classroom near the AWM shopping center in Weno to celebrate the beginning of the training program. A student who successfully completes the five year course will be given sufficient legal training to pass the examination for admission to the FSM Bar.

Not all students registered for the course were on hand for the celebration. Attorney Bill Minkly who was recruited to run the program and to instruct the students said that 27 students have expressed interest in participating in the class.

Governor Wesley Simina, Director of the Department of Public Safety Jimmy Emilio, and Jose Gallen were special guest speakers at the event.

Gallen said that the course was first conceived to give members of his own staff more legal training but as the program developed it was decided that the opportunity should be extended to staff members of other departments who could benefit by the training. Some private citizens have also expressed interest in the training and have been attending the program. On the day of the celebration there were staff members from the Police department, the Public Defender's office, the Attorney General's office, and staff members from the Chuuk State Supreme Court, in addition to private citizens in attendance.

Governor Simina, who is an attorney himself, told the gathered students that the role of an attorney in society is critical. "Lawyers are the kinds of professionals people love to hate until they need one." He said that he had recently been forced to become part of a case to defend his own political future after being away from the practice of appearing before the court for four years. He said that he was uncharacteristically nervous about his appearance before the court because of his long absence but said that was as it should have been. "Attorneys should have respect for the law and respect for the court," he said. He challenged the students to be ethical and to always have respect for the law. "Lawyers make the law," he said.

Chief Emilio explained the role of the police department in the legal process as being all about evidence collection. He expressed frustration that oftentimes that role is hindered by those who withhold information during an investigation.

Though the legal training program is now formalized and has a budget Minkly said that when he was a part of the Public Defender's Office he met with staff members daily to help them with their legal training. Staff members met early in the morning to study issues of law.

He pointed out one student in the room of whom he was particularly proud. Kent R. Cheipot lives on the lagoon island of Fono. He was a school teacher for several years until he began work at the Department of Public Safety as a police officer. For eight of the 26 years he worked at the DPS he was the Director of the Department. Cheipot made a move to the public defenders office in 2005 and set as a personal goal admission in Chuuk State as a trial counselor. He achieved that goal in February of

2006. Minkly suggested that Cheipot should set a further goal of admission to the FSM Bar as an attorney and then set about working with him to achieve that goal. Cheipot traveled every day by boat to attend to his studies.

With a winning smile, Cheipot said that he is preparing to take the FSM bar examination in March of next year.

Minkly is absolutely certain that he will be able to tell many more success stories of dedicated Chuukese students achieving their goals as the class progresses. He said that committed students who study and keep up with their work will receive an education equiva-

lent to having attended law school.

The class will meet Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30 and 12:30 to 4:30 on Fridays. Minkly said that he has secured scheduling cooperation from the court so that the students can attend classes.

The budget for the program, Minkly said, is \$120,000 per year. Even if all of the 27 interested students do

not ultimately end up participating in the program, it is a small cost for a legal education.



Notice of Land Sale By Auction

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on July 16, 2009, public notice is hereby given that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel No. 043-U-02, land known as "Inmulala", situated in Utwa Municipality, Kosrae State, with an area of 3,526 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 043-U-00, registered as Document No. 6099 at the Kosrae Land Court, Office of the Registrar.

- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "October 8, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Skiller Jackson at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Tofol, Kosrae on Thursday, October 8, 2009 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for the parcel.
- The winning bidder will be notified by a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all buildings, fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the land, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Supreme Court" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given. The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the FSM.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The parcel is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Skiller Jackson, Representative for Land Sales, phone nos. 691-370-2751 or 370-7820, email: Skiller@pacificsbdc.com or Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm



PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTOR (PSC) VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: Peace Corps Medical Officer
OPENING DATE: 15 September
CLOSING DATE: 15 October
WORK HOURS: Full time (40hrs/per wk)

The United States Peace Corps seeks a Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant or Medical Doctor to serve as a contracted Peace Corps Medical Officer (PCMO) based in Pohnpei, FSM. The PCMO will provide health care to U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers in FSM and Palau and will work under the supervision of the Peace Corps Country Director in PC/Micronesia and the Peace Corps Office of Medical Services in Washington DC.

Duties include:

- Routine primary health care to Peace Corps Trainees and Volunteers including treatment of common illnesses and injuries in accordance with Peace Corps medical guidelines
- Individual short-term counseling on disease prevention, adjustment issues, stress management and cross-cultural problems
- Response to emergency medical situations
- Member of Senior Peace Corps staff in Micronesia
- Design and presentation of health training sessions
- Site visits to Peace Corps Volunteers throughout Micronesia
- Administrative tasks of the medical office including budget management
- Inventory of medical supplies and equipment
- Alternate on call duty with the other PCMO

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Graduate of accredited school
- Current license to practice
- At least 3 years experience in a professional practice, hospital or clinic setting
- Ability to communicate effectively in oral /written English.
- Experience in managing mental health issues including counseling of patients
- Experience in training design and presentation of health related material
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Outlook
- Ability to work effectively as part of an intercultural team
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Interested applicants for this position must submit the following:

1. PCMO applicant supplemental information form and a completed PCMO applicant skills survey (Forms available from the Peace Corps, Micronesia's main reception)
2. A resume or C.V. that includes: Professional positions held, identifying duties, responsibilities, dates of employment and reason for leaving; Education and training, identifying universities attended, dates of attendance, professional licenses, certificates, registrations.
3. Three professional medical references who have directly observed the candidate work
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Lawmakers conference adopts social security and compact office resolutions

FSM Congress PIO

PALIKIR, POHNPEI. September 15, 2009 – The leadership and representatives of the four state legislative bodies and the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia met in Palikir for the Micronesian Legislative Conference from September 7-9 and concluded with the adoption of two resolutions and a communiqué.

The first resolution (MLC R.09-02) called upon the United States to establish an office of the Department of Interior in the Federated States of Micronesia to deal specifically with implementations

of the amended Compact of Free Association with the U.S.

The second resolution (MLC R.09-03) called for a one year delay to the implementation of certain provisions of Public Law 15-73, the amendment to the Social Security Act. The provisions relate to the increase in contributions and to the retirement age of 60.

While the MLC resolutions targeted specific issues, the Communiqué provided an overview of the MLC agenda and the ensuing views of the lawmakers.

The conference started on the morning

of Monday - September 7 2009, with the opening formalities that included statements from each respective state legislature and the election of Vice Speaker Berney Martin of Pohnpei State Legislature as the Chairman for the 2009 MLC.

On Day One of the conference the FSM representatives on the Joint Economic Management Compact Committee (JEMCO) briefed the legislators on the committee's recently concluded meeting in Honolulu. Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin S. Robert provided an overview of their meeting and discussed in length, the 10 adopted resolutions that are national in nature as well as state spe-

cific. These resolutions addressed a broad range of issues from Infrastructure Maintenance Fund to Public Utilities and Foreign Investments to those areas of ongoing discussions – education and sector grants.

Aside from the opening formalities, which included the presence of President Emanuel Mori, the JEMCO briefing and its subsequent discussions made up the remainder of Day One of the 2009 MLC.

Day Two opened with a general discussion on Temporary Special Measure in relation to the proposed legislation to reserve seats for women in the FSM Congress, with presentations from Ms. Lululeen Santos and Mr. Jonathan John, the UNIFEM Team on Pohnpei, along with a regional perspective offered by Ms. Ethel Sigimanu of the Solomon Islands Government on balancing gender representation in political bodies.

Another item of discussion on Day Two was the amendments to the Social Security Act which recently became law. The law makers had a healthy exchange after the presentation by the Social Security Administration and resolved to enforce the law on the indicated dates, but delay the implementation of certain provisions of concern to the states.

The 5-year Compact Review was another issue of major interest to the lawmakers with presentations by Director and representatives from the Office of SBOC along with a perspective offered by Dr. Wali M. Osman of the US Office of Insular Affairs.

A presentation on Foreign Investments and Regulations by the National Department of Resources and Development wrapped up Day Two of the MLC 2009, with the law makers noting the need for relevant authorities at the national government to work with the states on issues relating to foreign investment laws and regulations and the matter has become part of the official communiqué.

The final presentation of the conference was by Jason D. Aubuchon and Kevin O'Keefe, representatives from the USDA Graduate School, who presented an overview of the nation's Trust Fund along with a summary economic review of the national and state governments. A lengthy discussion followed their presentation and at the end the lawmakers expressed their sincere appreciation for an insightful presentation.

The Conference concluded on the afternoon of Wednesday – September 9th with the endorsement of the two resolutions spelling out the consensus of the nation's lawmakers and recommendations for a summary of the 2009 MLC in the form of a communiqué.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have just finished reading a new book titled, "Island Traders" by Yvette Etscheit Adams. All I can say is "wow!" The book is a fascinating account of the Etscheit family's history on Pohnpei. Anyone who has spent more than fifteen minutes in Pohnpei will enjoy this book. It can be purchased at Ace Office Supply for \$10.00 and is worth every penny. Mrs. Adams did a fantastic job with this book and I highly recommend it to you and your readership.

Thanks
Scott Shanahan

FOR SALE BY AUCTION



Pursuant to an order of the FSM Supreme Court entered May 19, 2009, public notice is hereby given that the facilities commonly known as the "Sea Side Hotel and Store" building located in Kepin-Awak, U, will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

There is no minimum bid amount. All bids will be considered.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Sea Side Hotel and Store Building Auction" by personal delivery to the filing window of the Office of the Chief Clerk of Courts of the FSM Supreme Court – Pohnpei trial division in Palikir.

The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.

The winning bidder will be notified by a duly issued court order transferring title to the building and appurtenant structures on the property (including all stock, inventory, improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment located on or within the premises - other than that owned by building tenants) upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Supreme Court" no later than 10 days after the order is served.

If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.

The property is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever. The winning bidder will take title subject to any valid lease agreements favoring existing building occupants that were in effect on or before May 15, 2009 under the same terms and conditions lawfully in effect at the time of the award.

The building and improvements subject to this auction are located on un-surveyed reclaimed tidelands. The winning bidder will receive a court ordered assignment of the current owner's rights in the filled land for use in applying for a Certificate of Title the issuance of which will be subject to and determined by the Pohnpei State land authorities having responsibility for the issuance of land titles.

This auction is subject to cancellation at any time prior to the entry of the court order designating the winning bidder.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to the FSM Supreme Court National Justice Ombudsman in Palikir or the Law Office of Michael J. Sipos, P.O. Box 2069, Pohnpei FM 96941 (phone # (691) 320-6450) attorney for judgment creditor Bank of Hawaii.

Crossword - Fill 'Er Up 1 (CLUELESS CROSSWORD)

3 LETTERS

ABS
ACE
ART
ATE
AWE
CAP
DRY
EBB
EEL
EGO
ERA
EWE
ICY
LEI
MOP
OAT
PIC
RED
ROD
ROT
RUE
RUG
SAD
SHE

SUN
TEE
TEN
TUG
VEG
YES

4 LETTERS

AGER
EDGE
ISN'T
MEET
OGRE
REAR
STAR
VA RY

5 LETTERS

ENTER
ORBIT
RULED
STATE
STOUT
TILDE
ZESTY

6 LETTERS

ASSURE
AUNTIE
CRISPY
DEVOTE
EASILY
ESTATE
HEATED
PECANS
STOUGE
UNSEAT
VENEER
WINDOW

7 LETTERS

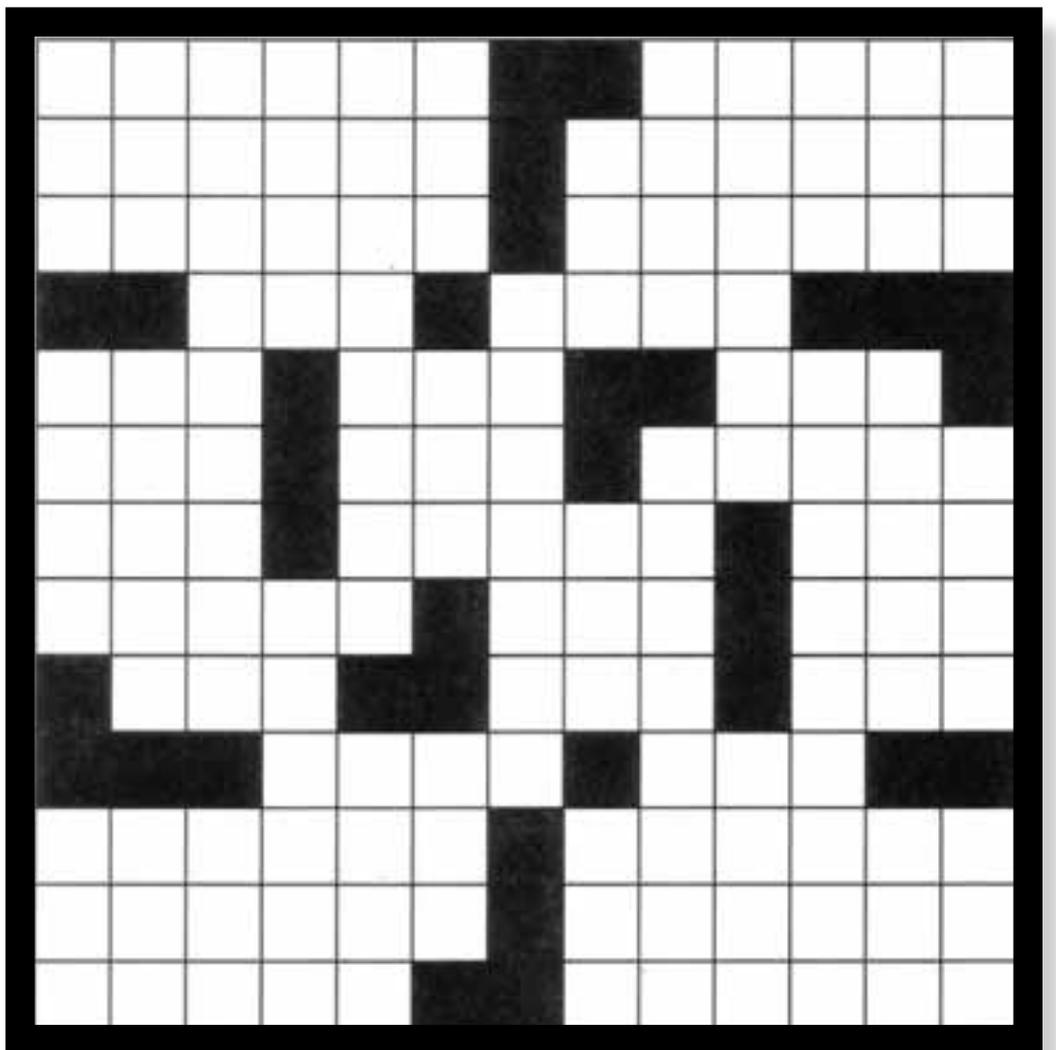
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8 LETTERS

PINTSIZE
SYNOPSIS

9 LETTERS

BARRACUDA
INCAPABLE



K P r e s s P u z z l e P l e a s u r e

TO BEE ...

Bees are one of the most useful insects. In addition to providing HONEY and BEESWAX, which is used to make CANDLES, they also fertilize flowers, fruits, and vegetables by spreading POLLEN from plant to plant.

H L A R V A S W A R M T Y B
 C R E R O P S P H O N E Y B
 E R E N F U M I N I N G R U
 G I E H N P S E L D N A C S
 G N T K T U V P B O B E G E
 S E I H R A T C E N P E N Y
 L L N T G O G V E C L O I E
 L V S T S I W L S N I A R G
 E M E V H C L G W L G E P P
 C U C K O O N F A B M Q S D
 L Z T L P I R I X M A U P R
 F O O D W M C A U T S E N O
 S N H T U O M S X O O E D N
 Y H M S S F A N T E N N A E

ANTENNAE
BARB
BEESWAX

CANDLES
CELLS
COLONY

CUCKOO (bees) POLLEN
 DRONE PORE
 EGGS PROPOLIS
 EYES PUPA
 FLIGHT QUEEN
 FOOD SOCIAL (bees)
 GATHER SPECIES
 GRAINS SPRING
 HONEY STING
 INSECT SUMMER
 LARVA SWARM
 LEGS THORAX
 MASON (bees) TUNNEL
 MINING (bees) VENOM
 MOUTH WINGS
 NECTAR WORKER
 NEST

... OR TO BEGIN WITH "B"

This puzzle contains
 25 4-letter words,
 eight 5-letter words,
 17 6-letter words,
 and one 7-letter
 word (for a total of
 51) that all begin
 with the letter "B"

YOUR WORD LIST

M M S A I B L A C K L A D N
 U D B E T W E E N C S R B G
 B I D E Z E E R B A I B R I
 R A A Z A B L Y R B K E B M
 I D N I H E B L C Y G R E L
 G H A A V A B W A D D E A A
 H P Z E N U U O A B L T C B
 T R B D B A B B L E A C H B
 W B A P P R E N N A B C B M
 N L L U O Y E E B V N E A O
 Z O E O O H F E V E A S I T
 D W C N T T S T B R L T T T
 S H D A B A P I D A O L E O
 C G N A B B U B B B K L A B

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Salapwuk Study: Promote Local Foods During Times of Change

By *Kaleigh Emerson, Master of Public Health student at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA*

This summer I had the pleasure of conducting research in Pohnpei's village of Salapwuk. I came to Pohnpei after learning of Dr. Lois Englberger and her work at the

Island Food Community of Pohnpei. I have an interest in nutrition and local foods and Island Food provided me the opportunity to experience Pohnpei and the multitude of great-tasting and nourishing foods that the island and surrounding waters provide. (My favorites are fish, breadfruit and soursop!)

Salapwuk is known throughout Pohnpei as the island's most remote and traditional community. If you have made a trip to Salapwuk in the last few weeks, you may have noticed the cut trees lying alongside the road. Electricity is making its way to Salapwuk and room is being made for the power lines. Salapwuk will have greater access to Kolonia, medical services, and telephone communication. However, access to unhealthy imported foods, such as turkey tail, sugar-laden sodas, and canned meats will also increase.

The village of Salapwuk

is currently self-sustaining, requiring little assistance from outside. This is something to be proud of and strive to maintain. Salapwuk will soon enter a transition period and now, more than ever, local food should be valued and people should be encouraged to 'go local' as much as possible.

The time of transition in Salapwuk should be seen as an opportunity for all Pohnpeians to re-familiarize oneself and one's family of the traditions of Pohnpei. This includes the local foods. Preparing local foods is one of the ways you can ensure that your children will receive the nutrients necessary to have strong and healthy bodies. Teaching your children how to prepare local foods will provide them the skills necessary to live a healthy lifestyle for the rest of their lives.

Many thanks to Dr. Lois Englberger and the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, Areline Joakim, Adelino Lorens, Mary Lorens, Marcellino Martin, Gibson Santos, and Samuel Washington and all the welcoming people of Salapwuk. Thanks is also given to Emory University and Sight and Life for funding support and Pohnpei Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs and the College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Extension Service for their support.



Road to Salapwuk Village in Kittu, which has made travel there in the past difficult.

Astronomical Tide Prediction September 16 through September 29, 2009

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Wednesday	09/16		09/23		09/16		09/23	
	01:30AM	4.2	05:00AM	3.2	12:53AM	2.0	02:36AM	0.8
	08:16AM	0.8	10:44AM	1.2	08:33AM	-0.3	08:14AM	0.0
	02:18PM	3.4	05:25PM	4.3	02:58PM	0.9	03:57PM	2.1
	07:50PM	1.3			06:40PM	0.7	11:14PM	0.6
Thursday	09/17		09/24		09/17		09/24	
	02:08AM	4.5	12:02AM	1.6	01:26AM	2.0	02:02AM	0.7
	08:39AM	0.7	05:15AM	2.8	08:39AM	-0.1	08:10AM	-0.1
	02:41PM	3.8	10:52AM	1.4	02:37PM	1.1	04:16PM	2.0
	08:29PM	1.0	05:52PM	4.0	07:27PM	0.5		
Friday	09/18		09/25		09/18		09/25	
	02:42AM	4.6	12:46AM	1.9	01:55AM	1.9	08:11AM	-0.2
	09:02AM	0.6	05:15AM	2.5	08:41AM	0.0	04:33PM	1.8
	03:06PM	4.2	10:48AM	1.6	02:37PM	1.4		
	09:05PM	0.8	06:22PM	3.7	08:08PM	0.4		
Saturday	09/19		09/26		09/19		09/26	
	03:14AM	4.5	10:08AM	1.8	02:20AM	1.7	08:17AM	-0.2
	09:25AM	0.6	07:04PM	3.3	08:40AM	0.2	04:50PM	1.6
	03:33PM	4.4			02:46PM	1.7		
	09:41PM	0.7			08:47PM	0.3		
Sunday	09/20		09/27		09/20		09/27	
	03:45AM	4.3	08:27AM	1.8	02:39AM	1.5	08:24AM	-0.2
	09:48AM	0.7	11:07PM	3.2	08:37AM	0.2	05:02PM	1.4
	04:01PM	4.6			03:01PM	1.9		
	10:15PM	0.8			09:24PM	0.3		
Monday	09/21		09/28		09/21		09/28	
	04:13AM	4.0	07:47AM	1.6	02:50AM	1.2	08:27AM	-0.2
	10:09AM	0.8	03:01PM	2.8	08:30AM	0.2		
	04:29PM	4.6	06:22PM	2.6	03:19PM	2.0		
	10:50PM	0.9			10:01PM	0.3		
Tuesday	09/22		09/29		09/22		09/29	
	04:38AM	3.6	12:26AM	3.4	02:51AM	0.9	12:00AM	1.5
	10:28AM	1.0	07:44AM	1.5	08:22AM	0.1	08:23AM	0.0
	04:57PM	4.5	02:14PM	3.0	03:38PM	2.1	03:46PM	1.1
	11:25PM	1.2	07:04PM	2.3	10:36PM	0.4	06:30PM	1.0

Green Leaf Goodness

Kathay Larsen

We have a natural source of vegetables here in Pohnpei. These include the leaves of chaya, pele, kangkong, chilli (sele), spinach, sweet potato, and drumstick tree.

Planting trees and bushes is smart as the leaves last a long time. They are not hard to maintain and they can be used as a border for your garden, for example chaya. Once you feel comfortable with the crops that you are growing at home, do not shy away from larger bushes and trees (like the drumstick tree), as these provide wonderful leaves as well.

Having more of these plants is the best way to make sure that you and your family can always enjoy vegetables. This is an inexpensive way to help care for your family's nutrition. Also, when you grow your own plants, you know they are fresh!

Look around your yard and see what other types of plants you already have. You may be surprised about the leaves that you can eat! Some of these include taro, tapioca, pumpkin and chili. Surprisingly enough, there are some leaves that have more nutritional value, than the crop that they are traditionally grown for. Be careful however, that you don't take too many leaves from your plant that you use for other food, as this may not allow the plant to fully mature. If you find that you really enjoy the taste of these leaves, you may be eating them more often. Then plant some just for the leaves, and some for the food.

Plants make and store protein. Protein is very important for your body's growth and health. If meat is too expensive, or you are not able to go and catch fish, make sure that you have plenty of green leaves, especially dark green leaves, on your family table. Your family needs protein for a well balanced diet. The fiber in green leaves keeps your digestive system regular and lowers your blood cholesterol to prevent heart disease. Green leaves also contain iron, which makes you strong, calcium for healthy bones, and magnesium and potassium which your body also needs when living in a hot place. You will also find that greens leaves contain provitamin A, Vitamin B and Vitamin C. These vitamins add to the many health benefits of green leaves.

It is very important that children, pregnant women and nursing mothers get the protein, vitamins and minerals as in green leaves. These groups are susceptible to getting anemia, which means an insufficiency of red cells in the blood, causing them tiredness and weakness. Get into the habit of feeding lots of green leaves to your entire family as they will be healthy and strong. Don't be ashamed to eat green leaves, because you may have been told that they are animal, or "poor man's food". Green leaves, especially dark green leaves, are some of the most nutrient dense foods that we have here on our Pacific Islands.