

# Loaded school bus plunges upside down into river after head on collision

Despite the carnage there were no deaths as a result of the accident—driver will be charged

By Bill Jaynes  
 The Kaselehlie Press

**Pwok, Kitti, Pohnpei, FSM** – At nearly noon on Sunday, November 1 in Pwok, Kitti a school bus full of passengers collided with an oncoming car, flipped over and crashed into a small stream some 20 feet below. Despite the horrific wreckage no one was killed in the accident.

Officials could not determine exactly how many people boarded the bus on Sunday afternoon but witnesses say that there were probably 80 or so passengers. Students and parents boarded the bus for transportation to Wene where the students would have participated in a fund raiser for the YEA club, a program of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei. They were trying to raise money for a special retreat to be held at the campus of the former PATS High School.

The parking lot of the Pohnpei State Hospital was jammed with cars on Sunday afternoon, and frightened family members milled around waiting for news of their loved ones.

The hospital emergency room treated 53 victims from the accident. Dr.

John Hedson, Director of Medical Services at the Pohnpei State Hospital said that he was amazed that a majority of the victims walked into the hospital on their own feet. Only 15 or 20 of them required a stretcher and most of those suffered from shock. Hedson said that most of those patients, after their wounds were treated, got up and walked out of the hospital themselves. Victims were treated primarily for cuts and bruises.



Residents examine carnage in the aftermath of the crash

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Photos by Tony Azios



After smashing head on into the Ebel's station wagon the bus flipped and plunged into the creek below



The Ebel's station wagon, which shifted 180° and pushed across the bridge

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# Audit shows FSM PetroCorp on track to safeguard FSM's fuel needs in perpetuity

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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**Pohnpei, FSM** – The Deloitte and Touche independent audit report is out for FSM Petroleum Corporation (PetroCorp) for fiscal year 2008. Other than two small technical problems directly linked to an early shortage of employees to handle finance, a problem that has since been resolved, what the audit shows is a picture of a corporation that is being run extremely well and has a plan that will safeguard the energy needs of the Federated States of Micronesia well into the future. Their business plan and operating strategies might ultimately become a model for future public corporations in the FSM.

PetroCorp started selling fuel in the FSM in July of 2008. The corporation was officially instated by legislation on May 19, 2008 and the audit covers all financial transactions of the corporation between that date and December 31, 2008. Auditors are currently working on the audit for fiscal year 2009.

During the audit period PetroCorp paid approximately \$1.2 million to FSM State and National government coffers in the form of import duties, sales taxes, and gross revenue taxes.

PetroCorp has a formal Pricing Policy Framework that is used to establish domestic prices for petroleum products in each state. Jared Morris, PetroCorp's Chief Executive Officer said that the corporation also looks at Guam's pump prices as a benchmark, a sort of reality check. "When we first started, the difference between Guam's pump price and Pohnpei's price was \$1.41," he said. "Right now the difference is 55 cents."

There will always be a difference between Guam's fuel prices and Pohnpei's fuel prices due to the cost of transportation to the FSM states. PetroCorp directors and management want the difference to be as small as possible while simultaneously making a reasonable profit for the corporation's sustainability.

In Pohnpei, gas station competition could potentially serve to decrease that

difference even further. Two new gas stations have opened in Pohnpei within the last month. The most recent opening was Seny's Stop and Go that opened on November 5. Pohnpei Service Station, owned by the Nakasone's opened on October 20 and initially charged five cents less per gallon than the two other older gas stations in Kolonia. It wasn't long before Amcres lowered their price by the same amount. Panuelo gas station, the oldest in the Kolonia area, lowered their price by the same amount two weeks later.

Two more gas stations are currently being built. One in Sekere owned by Ray and Dors is scheduled for opening early next year. Etscheit Enterprises is building another one on the property where their shopping center will be next to the United States Embassy. Etscheit currently sells gas at the Leo Store for \$3.99 per gallon.

No one knows for sure whether or not Pohnpei customers will pass one fueling station to buy fuel at another in order to save a few cents per gallon but Jared Morris says that he thinks the new competition in Pohnpei might serve to decrease the difference between Guam's pump price and Pohnpei's price by as much as fifteen cents.

Before President Manny Mori took office in July of 2007 government officials had already done significant research into the possibility of the FSM taking control of its own future in terms of fuel services. During his administration the government took positive action to make the corporation a reality.

"I'd like to congratulate the corporation for showing positive performance in terms of their audit and financial statements," President Mori said. "I want to caution them though. The corporation is still pretty new and has received full government support but I hope that they will consider how to get savings to trickle down to the public."

He urged the company, after it gets past its period of initial risk to make the company public. He also challenged them to establish a financial buffer to keep fuel price spikes from affecting consumers negatively.

The 2008 audit Management Discussion and Analysis says, "The Company

takes a medium term view to domestic product pricing. Its primary goal is to provide price stability to consumers and to remove the volatility from international markets. Stable domestic prices will provide consumers, businesses and communities with some certainty in their energy expenditure, will promote effective budgeting for households and companies alike, and ultimately stimulate economic development."

The audit shows that at the end of the 2008 calendar year the corporation spent more than it brought in. Morris explained that toward the end of 2008 fuel prices were very low internationally. The corporation gathered all of the cash available and filled all of their tanks at that time. Some critics grumbled that PetroCorp should have immediately passed those savings on to consumers. They did pass on some of those savings to consumers based on their projections of where the international market price for oil would settle. Essentially they did exactly what President Mori urged them to do; they did not allow international fuel price volatility to create huge changes in fuel prices for consumers. That volatility goes two ways, up and down.

The audit showed that at the end of

2008, PetroCorp was operating in a highly leveraged position. Because it had a stable cash flow it was able to operate successfully in an environment of 75% debt to 25% equity. Management has set a goal of 20% debt to 80% equity which will carry the corporation into the future for the benefit of the FSM.

Morris says that the company is well on its way toward that goal.

The corporation also plans to spend an estimated \$6 million between 2010 and 2014 for rehabilitation of all of its assets like fuel tank facilities amongst others. "Someone was always going to have to do that," said Morris. "It was either going to be Mobil or us and the FSM discovered that we could do it for much less than Mobil said it would cost them," Morris said. It's part of what made PetroCorp possible in the first place.

He said that by the end of the first five years of PetroCorp's existence the corporation and its assets should be in good enough condition to survive and prosper on behalf of the FSM and its people for at least 15 more years without much intervention.

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## Correction:

In the last issue on the article regarding charges of theft at Pohnpei's Palm Terrace I said that Joses Gallen was the Pohnpei State Supreme Court Justice during the time of a previous case involving a book-keeper who worked for Pohnpei Travel. Joses Gallen was not, nor has he ever been a Justice in Pohnpei, Chief or otherwise. He was Pohnpei State's Attorney General at the time and now serves in that capacity in Chuuk State. Judah Johnny was the Supreme Court Justice who made the decisions in that case.

Though I knew those were the facts my fingers apparently thought otherwise. The error was purely accidental and I apologize for any problems the error may have caused.

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# Kosrae Goes Clean and Green

## Japan Provides Grassroots Grant Assistance for Agricultural Development and Garbage Collection

*Embassy of Japan in Pohnpei*

During the week of 19 October, 2009, Ambassador Shoji Sato once again traveled to his beloved state of Kosrae to attend two important ceremonies. Both ceremonies were attended by Honorable Robert J. Weilbacher, the Governor of Kosrae State. On 20 October 2009, Ambassador Sato and Mr. Weston Luckymis, Director of Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, signed a Grant Contract in an amount of \$48,222, to support the Kosrae Waste Management Improvement Project Phase 2. In 2008, the Government of Japan supported the state of Kosrae with the establishment of the centralized semi-aerobic landfill utilizing so called 'Fukuoka Method. With this additional support, two garbage collection vehicles and 290 garbage bins will be procured so that waste from all over Kosrae can be brought and managed at the centralized Fukuoka Landfill.

On 21 October 2009, essential agricultural equipment was handed over from Ambassador Sato to Mayor Sigrah of the Lelu Town based on the Grant Contract which was signed back in June 2009 for an amount of US\$97,087. A tractor, a green machine, a tiller and other equipment are now being utilized by the Lelu Farmers Association in order to increase productivity of their agricultural activities. Lelu Farmers Association also runs a Farming School which assists local farmers to acquire greater knowledge and technical skills to improve productivity and also quality of the agricultural products and these student farmers will have an access to the procured equipment. Being a big fan of Kosraean vegetables, Ambassador Sato hopes that he will soon be able to have more Kosraean vegetables in quantity and frequency. He would then ask his chef to use them as much as possible to serve to his guests at his official residence.

Ambassador Sato shares the belief with the Kosraean leaders that agriculture has a great potential to be a leading industry in Kosrae, and of course, to increase demand domestically and internationally and to establish efficient distribution systems are the major challenges. This small grassroots project will be a good pilot project whose results will be used to check feasibility of larger agricultural development initiatives.

Ambassador Sato said that not only Kosraean vegetables taste great, but they will



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## Three Constitutional Amendments Set for Ballot in 2011

### FSM Information Services

President Manny Mori has issued a Presidential Order to place three constitutional amendments on the ballot for the regular national election to be held in March 2011. Two of these amendments originate from Public Laws No. 15-60 and 15-61, both passed during the 15<sup>th</sup> FSM Congress. The third one defines who is eligible to become President, which needs clarification due to the amendment change in P.L. No. 15-60.

The first constitutional amendment deals with repealing Section 3 of Article III of the FSM Constitution which deals with citizenship. Public Law No. 15-61, which became effective November 10, 2008, proposes an amendment to do away with a constitutional requirement imposed upon FSM Citizens who are also recognized as citizens of another nation, to register intent to remain as citizens of the FSM. The law looks to repeal this section that says, "A citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, who is recognized as a citizen of another nation shall, with-

in 3 years of his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, or within 3 years of the effective date of this Constitution, whichever is later, register his intent to remain a citizen of the Federated States and renounce his citizenship of another nation. If he fails to comply with this Section, he becomes a national of the Federated States of Micronesia." If this amendment is passed, this section will be repealed and allow for citizens of the FSM to hold dual citizenship.

The second constitutional amendment relates to Public Law No. 15-60, which became law on October 22, 2008, and proposes amending the FSM Constitution to mandate a uniform 4-year term for all members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. This amendment to Section 8, article IX, would read as follows: "The Congress consists of one member elected at large from each state on the basis of state equality, and additional members elected from congressional districts in each state apportioned by population. Members serve for a four (4) year term. Each member has one vote, except on the final reading bills. Congressional elections are held as

provided by statute." This amendment will change the current 2-year term for members elected from congressional districts in each state apportioned by population into 4-year terms for all members of Congress.

Because this second amendment would change all members of Congress to 4-year term members, another amendment becomes necessary to change the wording in the FSM Constitution to accurately define who is eligible from the Congress to become President of the FSM. The current wording says "a member of Congress for a 4-year term" is eligible. The proposed amendment to Section 4, Article X of the Constitution reads, "Section 4. A person is ineligible to become President unless he is a member of Congress elected at-large from a state on the basis of state equality, a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia by birth, and a resident of the Federated States of Micronesia for at least 15 years." The passing of this amendment simply re-clarifies that at-large, 4-year member of Congress are eligible to become President of the FSM.

## Notice of Land Sale By Auction

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### President Mori's National Day Message To The People of the Federated States of Micronesia November 3, 2009

My fellow Citizens,

On this twenty-third birthday of our Nation, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of you as your President. I am joined by Vice President Alik and our families, in offering congratulations and best wishes to all of our citizens and friends throughout the Federation on this special day in honor of the anniversary of our independence. Twenty-three for a country is still very young but I know we have continued to grow and mature as a sovereign and independent people, aspiring to work and live in peace as a united people for our common good.

On this occasion we also like to pay special tribute to our traditional, community and church leaders, who over the years have been our Nation's source of wisdom, strength and guidance.

On this anniversary day, we should be proud of the accomplishments we have made in the face of formidable challenges and adversities. Our unity as a Federation remains strong, despite the diversity of our people, the vast distances separating us, and our meager resources. We should also be proud of our unique political system which is reflective of our varied circumstances, and yet still provides for the enjoyment of peace, freedom and respect for our diversity.

Our Federation has also gained respect and recognition in the international community. We speak with an equal voice in the United Nations and have made friends who share our concerns, interests and values. Our Nation is a responsible and active member of the international and regional community which has borne beneficial fruits for our nation building efforts. Given our inherent shortcomings and the myriad of challenges confronting our nation, we will continue to count on the generous assistance of our friends and partners such as the United States, Japan, China, and Australia, among others.

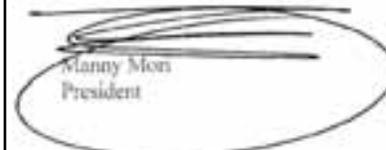
As a member of the world community, we take our responsibility seriously and will continue to collaborate with nations of the world to find solutions to our most urgent problem of climate change as well as the current financial turmoil impacting the global economy. At the same time, FSM will endeavor to strengthen its resilience to these major challenges by becoming more self-reliant.

On this historic occasion, I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the invaluable assistance provided by our development partners and urge their continued support for our development efforts. The congratulatory messages received from the resident missions, and perhaps others from abroad are indicative of the strong bonds of friendship we have with them, and I want to thank them all for their kind words and best wishes on this special day for us and our Nation.

I also want to summon the strong spirit and dedication of all our citizens to the continuing cause of nation-building. Vice President Alik and I have benefited tremendously from your individual and collective support and cooperation during the past year, and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the contribution you have made, whether large or small, to the all-important task of building a nation that we can be proud of calling home.

Having inherited what we have today from our founding fathers, it is only appropriate that we recognize their pioneering work in the formative stage of our Nation and pay tribute to them by making this twenty-third anniversary of our independence a true celebration of their enduring legacies, and more importantly by remaining true to the principles upon which our Nation was founded.

Once again, congratulations, and May the Almighty God keep us safe, united and at peace now and, forever.

  
Manny Mori  
President

## ...Bus Accident

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Hedson said that the hospital only admitted five patients. Four of them were surgical admissions and one was a medical admission.

Witnesses who saw the accident told police that the bus was speeding, out of control and, was on the wrong side of the road as it came around a bend. They say that the driver apparently tried to stop when faced with an oncoming vehicle, a silver station wagon occupied by Welsin and Miriam Ebel, but was going too fast and instead skidded out of control smashing into the vehicle head on.

The impact spun the Station wagon 180 degrees. Police speculate that one of the wheels of the school bus traveled up the hood of the crushed station wagon as if it were a ramp and continued onto the railing of the bridge where the bus flipped over landing upside down in the creek on the wrong side of the road.

John David, who owns Jed's Gas Station was at his business on Sunday morning when a student ran up to him completely out of breath. The student had run the two kilometers from the accident site to Jed's, the closest business to the

accident site. "When he ran up he couldn't say anything. His eyes were just wide. I said, 'What's up?' The kid still couldn't talk but I kept at him and finally he said one word. 'Accident!' and pointed." David yelled to his brother in law Chris Kind and told him to get into the car and they sped off to where the accident had happened.

Some of the people in the bus had made it to the road by the time they got there. David said that it was a "frantic situation. There was crying and blood and, it was just awful," he said.

David said that he didn't get the names of the three male high school students who pulled most of the injured people from the bus but that he thought "they should get a medal, or something.



Leaking hydraulic fluid, uneaten lunches, and betel nut in the bus after the accident

They were amazing."

David and Kind evaluated injuries as best they could and made quick decisions on who needed to get to the hospital first. He said that the bus driver Datchua Peter was in bad shape. Peter and one or two of the passengers had been upside down in the water for a short time until they were pulled out.

David and Kind put Peter in David's vehicle. "I went down the road and there was a guy who was bleeding pretty bad. I told him to get in the car because he was going to need stitches."

He also took two female crash victims as well on his first trip to the hospital. Of one of the two he said, "I thought she was dead. She was unconscious and it was like picking up a dead body."

Kind is a decorated veteran of the United States Armed Services who was discharged after he sustained injuries while serving in Iraq. David said that Kind, a take charge man was yelling at victims to just get in the car so that they could take them to the hospital. "Who wants to get in a car with a big scary man like Chris when they were just in a bus accident? Some of them were crying and were like, 'No! I want my mommy!' Who can blame them."

David said that he was glad that the Federal Aviation Administration air disaster exercise had just happened. "It was still pretty bad. The hospital wasn't ready but it could have been worse."

David saw that the bus's hydraulic fluid was leaking into the river and he told someone to call the Environmental Protection Agency to contain the spill. He said that he found out later that the EPA didn't come out because there was no one working on Sunday.

David has on many occasions complained to the school bus drivers in Kitti about their driving. "It's really bad. You'll be following one and they're weaving and swerving all over the road." He never made a formal complaint to the Department of Education. "I know those guys," he said. "I just talked to them and told them something bad was going to happen if they didn't slow down."

He said that before Peter got the job as a bus driver for Nanpei Memorial School he had a record of speeding tickets and had at least one accident on his record. Chief Joe Roby said that he would check in police records but at deadline time could not confirm or deny David's allegation.

Peter was admitted to the hospital and was initially held in critical condition. Dr. Hedson said that Peter had no broken bones but that damage was done to Peter's spleen and left kidney. His condition has stabilized and he is currently recovering at the Pohnpei State Hospital.

Chief Joe Roby said that Peter will face charges in the incident when he is released from the hospital.

The driver and passenger of the station wagon were also admitted to the hospital. Dr. Hedson said that Miriam Ebel had a dislocated hip and her husband, Welsin suffered shock which triggered angina. Both were admitted but have since been released.

"Everybody in Kitti knows that they drive safe," David said speaking of the Ebel's. "They're the kind of drivers that when you get behind them you want to honk. They drive so slow!"

"Maybe this will finally be a wake up call," David said.

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## Patrol Boat upgrade for Federated States of Micronesia



### Australian Government Department of Defense

The latest in a series of Australian-sponsored Pacific Patrol Boat refits has been completed and the refurbished vessel handed-back to the Federated States of Micronesia at a ceremony at the Rosshaven Marine Shipyard in Townsville QLD today.

Representing the Department of Defence, Acting Director General of Pacific and East Timor Branch, Mr David Hallett handed over the newly refitted Pacific Patrol Boat FSS MICRONESIA to the Secretary of Justice of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Honour-

able Mr Maketo Robert.

The handover ceremony included an opening prayer and blessing of the ship, a parade by the Ship's crew and the signing of an official Certificate of Completion by the General Manager of Rosshaven Marine Mr Christopher Helps, David Hallett and the Honourable Mr Maketo Robert.

Under Australia's Defence Cooperation Program - sponsored and funded by Defence's International Policy Division - 22 Pacific Patrol Boats (PPB) were built and gifted to 12 Pacific nations between 1987 and 1997. The 31.5 metre PPBs are built to a commercial standard and are used by Pacific nations for maritime surveillance and response, in particular fisheries patrols.

Each PPB will undergo a six-month life extension refit that will see the repair and refurbishment of key systems to allow a further 15 years operation, bringing the total operational life of the boats to 30 years.

The refit program includes repairs to ageing hulls and superstructures, structural modifications to improve and strengthen the hull, improvements in refrigeration and air conditioning systems, engine, generator and gearbox overhauls and installation of advanced navigation systems.

Since 2003, thirteen PPBs have completed life extension refits in North Queensland.

The Federated States of Micronesia has three PPBs - PALIKIR, MICRONESIA and INDEPENDENCE. Patrol Boat PALIKIR completed its refit in 2007. A refit of Patrol Boat INDEPENDENCE is anticipated in 2011.

"This upgrade of FSS Micronesia will enhance the capability of FSM in patrolling their waters and help the country protect their fisheries stocks for future generations," said Lt. Commander Paul Ruhl of the Royal Australian Navy. Lt. Commander Ruhl is in command of the Maritime Surveillance Advisors in the FSM.

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## President HU Jintao of China sends a congratulatory letter to President Mori on the 23rd Independence Day of the FSM

*Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the FSM*

*November 3, 2009*

On the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the independence of the Federated States of Micronesia, His Excellency HU Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China, sent a message to His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, which reads as the following:

Your Excellency,

On the special occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the independence of the Federated States of Micronesia, on behalf of the government and people of the People's Republic of China and myself as well, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Your Excellency and, through Your Excellency, to the FSM government and people.

Ever since the independence, your country has continuously obtained new achievements in nation-building and economic development, which the Chinese people are sincerely glad to see.

The Chinese government consistently attaches great importance to promoting the China-FSM relationship. Under the new circumstances, China wishes to make joint efforts together with the FSM side, to enhance the friendly exchanges and pragmatic cooperation in all areas and push forward the development of the relationship between our two countries.

May your Excellency enjoy good health!

May the Federated States of Micronesia enjoy prosperity and its people happiness.

*HU Jintao*

*President of the People's Republic of China*

Beijing, November 3, 2009

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## Pohnpei Rotary Club Quiz Nite

November 14, 7:00 p.m.  
*PCR Restaurant*  
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prizes for all participants  
Proceeds to benefit Rotary Scholarships and other Rotary projects

# Future of FSM Communications Lands in Pohnpei

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press



FSM Telecom Technical Advisor Kevin Mulholland reviews cable run plan on board the *Amarco Cheetah*



Fiber optic cable on the *Amarco Cheetah* ready to be run in Pohnpei's Lagoon

Pohnpei, FSM – November 2, 2009 – For years now rumors and guess work about a “soon to be coming” fiber optic connection for the FSM to the outside world have run wild. As of 11:30 on Monday morning, November 2nd those easily

spoken words have at long last resulted in tangible evidence that something is, in fact being done.

The heavily armored, 7.6 kilometer long fiber optic cable landed on Pohnpei's

shore where it was spliced into a less heavily armored cable that has already been run beneath the ground to FSM Telecommunications Corporation headquarters. This is the near shore portion of the submarine fiber optic cable which

extends from a beach man-hole located on shore near the PIDC/Yamaha building along the waterfront on out to approximately 250 yards off the reef where it will await splicing into the trunk cable.

After the near-shore installations in Kwajalein and Majuro which are slated to begin mid-December, the Tyco Durable, a 140 meter long cable laying ship will then lay the trunk cable starting from a branching unit (BU2) near the Marshalls and will work west toward another branching unit (BU1) approximately 107 miles North of Pohnpei in deep sea, a distance of about 1068 kilometers or 663 miles. There the near-shore portion of the Pohnpei segment will be extended out another 167 kilometers or 103 miles to BU1 and spliced in. This process will take all of December and January, 2010. Testing will begin immediately thereafter.

Upon successful testing and acceptance the cable is expected to be in operation in March of 2010.

Tyco won the contract to lay the cable.

Before first light on Monday morning, the “Amarco Cheetah” a multi-purpose ship from Singapore maneuvered itself into position just south of the 1000 foot runway exclusion zone and prepared to pay out the cable. At 8:30 the cable slipped over the stern of the vessel towed by three locally hired twenty two foot boats with at least 120 horsepower each. The cable was supported by inflatable buoys attached to the cable every seven meters along its length.

After the cable was anchored on shore the crews cut the buoys free and sank the cable.

The cable inside the lagoon is two inches in diameter, heavily water proofed and heavily armored with two separate layers of steel to prevent damage from anchors or passing boats. It was laid on the muddy bottom of the lagoon.

The fiber optic strands in the cable are no larger in diameter than a single human hair. The fiber optic cable, once it is “lit up” will provide up to one gigabit of bandwidth for Telecom's international services such as international phone calling, video transmission, and Internet services.

FSM Telecom representatives say that customers will begin to experience the benefit of the connection by March of 2010.

The cable will not completely replace Telecom's main satellite dish, which is in Kolonia, Pohnpei but will handle all

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Locally hired boat crews work to move the cable into its final position before cutting the inflatable buoys and sinking the cable



Joe Johnny of Telecom consults with a Tyco staff member on shore



*"Beach crew" works to secure the fiber optic cable on shore*

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international communications needs in the FSM.

The huge satellite dish in Pohnpei currently serves double duty. It handles telecommunications transmissions for domestic (interstate), and international needs. In simplified terms, international data such as voice transmissions (phone calls) or Internet connectivity originating from an FSM island other than Pohnpei is bounced off of a satellite to Kolonia which then bounces it off of a satellite to its final international destination. Return transmissions go through the same process in reverse.

The amount of time between data transmission and its receipt by the intended recipient is called latency.

Latency levels are affected by many factors and one of those is bandwidth, the amount of data that can be transmitted simultaneously. The current amount of data that can be transmitted through the satellite simultaneously is 8 megabits (8,388,608 bits) up to the satellite and 19 megabits (19,922,944 bits) down from the satellite. If more simultaneous data needs to be sent or received than can fit in the pipeline then the data must wait until there is room for it to be sent. This is the main cause of the delays or "bottleneck" that we experience today on our Internet connections. Smaller

bandwidth means higher latency times as data sits in line waiting to be sent or received. Currently, data sent from an island other than Pohnpei's main island has two opportunities to be forced to sit in an electronic line.

The fiber optic line will provide up to 1 Gigabit (1,073,741,824 bits) band width and will completely eliminate one of the bottle necks in the current communications system.

Imagine draining a swimming pool through a regular garden hose that has an inside diameter of 3/4 inches. Now imagine draining that same pool through a pipe 8 feet in diameter. As a ratio, that is exactly the difference between an 8 megabit and a 1 gigabit bandwidth.

At any given point in time, approximately 50% of all Telecom satellite traffic originates in Pohnpei. Removing a huge portion of Pohnpei's traffic from the satellite will make the satellite's bandwidth available to the three other states who together still don't utilize anywhere near the bandwidth that the satellite provides. It will mean that every state in the FSM will realize significant increases of speed due to a significantly decreased level of latency in the system.

FSM Telecom has also begun to acquire new hardware that will enable them to deliver the benefits of the increased bandwidth to its customers all over the



*The Amarco Cheetah feeds cable while locally hired boats tow it. The cable is floated above the floor of the lagoon with inflatable buoys attached every 7 meters*

FSM. Some of that hardware is already up and running and is in a testing phase.

"This is truly a historic day for the FSM," said Telecom's Joe Johnny who has been handling many of the physical details of the fiber optic installation in the FSM.

Vice Speaker of the FSM Congress Federico Primo said of the installation, "This is a breakthrough in our development. I think investors are also watching."

FSM's President Mori said "We'd like to extend congratulations to Telecom for getting it (the cable) landed quicker than we had anticipated." FSM Fiber Optic

connectivity has been one priority of his administration since he took office over two years ago. "The fiber optic line can bring 'e-medicine', 'e-commerce', 'on-line education', and other benefits to the FSM," he said.

President Mori said that it doesn't matter what anyone tells him, he is sure that communication speeds in other states will not compare to Pohnpei's speeds unless the states are directly connected to their own fiber optic cable. He said that the FSM Congress and his administration are actively seeking funding for fiber optic connectivity for the other states.



*Telecom Chief Operations Officer John Sohl, Chief Executive Officer Takuro Akinaga, Technical Advisor Kevin Mulholland and Customer Care Officer Fredy Perman confer on the historic event*



*Locally hired boat tows the new fiber optic cable*



*Telecom Customer Care Officer Fredy Perman watches as the cable is pulled to shore*

# All-conquering Pit Bulls form backbone of State Team

By Paul Watson

The Island Pit-Bulls are going from strength to strength at the top of the Pohnpei Premier League but a host of stars from other sides have also emerged to take places in the State Team.

The Liberation Day champion Island Pit-Bulls are in control at the top of the table after demolishing International FC 9-2.

The usual suspects were deadly in front of goal with Micah Selikar and Benny Lardin joining Ryan Johnson and Joseph Welson on the score-sheet, but the Pit Bulls' defence has been equally impressive.

Rocky Henly and Roger Nakasuna were magnificent in the early stages of the campaign but Robert Paul raised the bar with a sensational performance against International FC.

With the authoritative Charles Welson behind the defensive line, scoring against the Pit Bulls is a daunting task.

Such is the strength in depth in the Pit Bulls side that no fewer than eight of their players have been selected to play for Pohnpei State.

But C.O.M-FSM, who completed their double over the Island Warriors and sit in second, provide experienced goalkeeper Andrew Falcam, defensive powerhouse Tom Mawi, Nick Santiago and Marvin Jack.

Although it was a tough fortnight for the Island Warriors, several individual stars emerged from their ranks to command places in the Pohnpei State squad.

Captain and striking legend Bob Paul was given the nod as well as defensive talent Denson Fairfield and rising midfield ace Rodrigo Matamba, who caught the eye with a superb goal against C.O.M-FSM.

**Pohnpei State squad:** Charles Welson, Andrew Falcam, Roger Nakasuna, Denson Fairfield, Tom Mawi, Rocky Henly, Nick Santiago, Micah Selikar, Benny Lardin, Robert Paul, Marvin Jack,

Dilshan Senarathgoda, Rodrigo Matamba, Ryan Johnson, Joseph Welson, Bob Paul

**Pohnpei Premier League results:**

Monday 26 October – Island Pit Bulls 9-2 International FC

Wednesday 28 October – COM FSM F.C 5-2 Island Warriors

Monday 2 November – SDA 9-0 Island Warriors



Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Island Pit Bulls	3	3	0	0	22	3	+19	9
C.O.M-FSM	3	2	0	1	9	11	-2	6
SDA	3	1	1	1	14	11	+3	4
International FC	3	1	1	1	14	15	-1	4
Island Warriors	4	0	0	4	7	26	-19	0

# Chuuk Basketball League

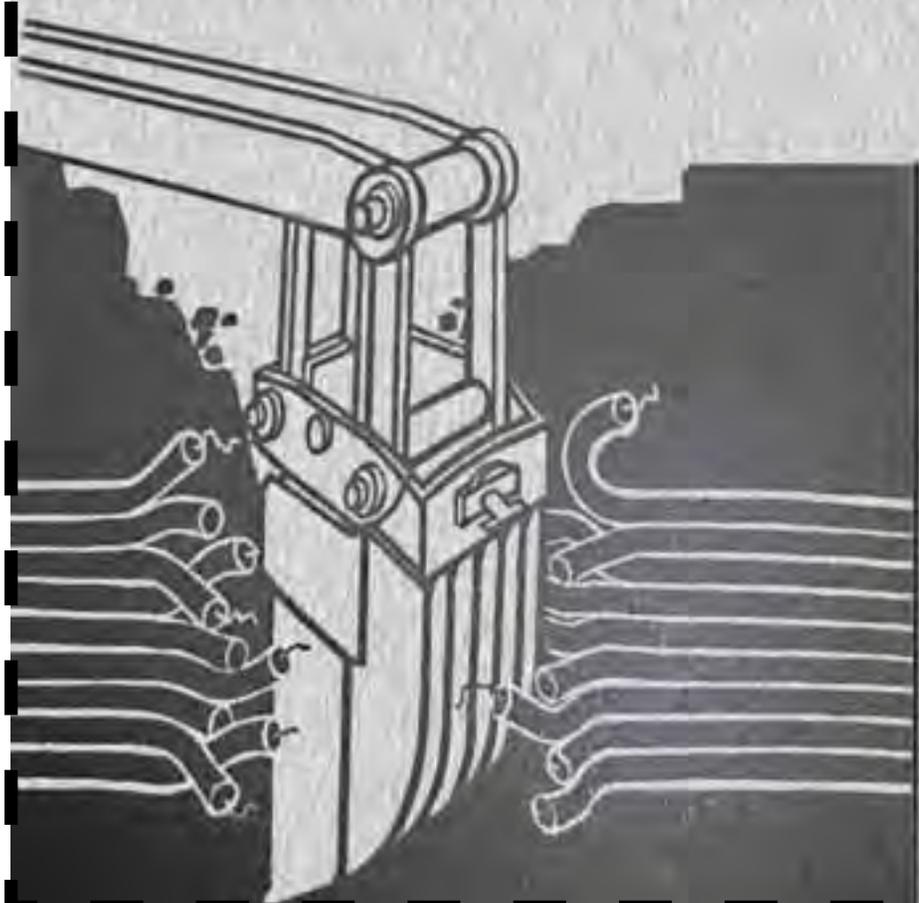
By Clark Graham

**October 31, 2009** - Today, after several months of games, the Chuuk Basketball Association's business league played their last games. The 19 teams have been playing for several months and now the top eight teams start single elimination tournament play.

Spectators have come in large numbers to watch and cheer for their favorite team. The Chuuk Basketball Association (CBA) is to be congratulated for the professional operation of the league. Lots of fun, friendship and good basketball!



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## K-Press Perspective

### Chicken Little versus Sir Isaac Newton

It's deadline day again at the Kaselehlie Press and once again I was thinking. I don't do it often enough and when I do it's usually a dangerous proposition. I'm not going to tell you the number of people I talked to today or who they were lest you deduce that what follows is a direct result of those interviews. I know that there are some people in the FSM that would immediately come to that erroneous conclusion and it is precisely that knowledge that led me to what I was thinking this late afternoon.

It is probably an oddity of my brain, or upbringing or perhaps a combination of both. We'll let the psychologists argue the merits of the cognitive (genetic) or behavioral (environmental) development theories. Whatever the case may be two stories popped into my mind today from nowhere. I learned them in my childhood and for whatever strange reasons, I have decided to share them with you and I truly hope that it will not be a com-

plete waste of ink.

Both stories involve falling objects.

First is the story of Chicken Little. I honestly don't know if people of my generation in the FSM grew up learning that story and so I will summarize for you.

Chicken Little was walking through the forest when, KERPLUNK! An acorn fell on her head. "The sky is falling," she yelled. "I must tell the king," and off she went. On the way to the palace, Chicken Little met Goosey Poosey, Ocky Locky, and Henny Penny, albeit in different places and at different times. Each of them had been heading to the forest to pursue their own bits of business. "No," exclaimed Chicken Little to each animal she met, "The sky is falling there!"

Based solely on her testimony, Chicken Little convinced each of them to follow her to the palace to tell the

king.

Yeah, there's more to story that involves, for whatever reason, the kings' men chasing Foxy Woxy away just as the party was about to be eaten and Chicken Little buying an umbrella so that falling acorns would not bother her again but I'll just leave this short summary as it is.

Cool story, huh? Okay, I guess you have to be about four years old to really get it. I dug that story when I was a kid!

The next story doesn't come from a picture book with gold foil tape on its binding. It was a story that is probably wrong but I was told it in elementary school so I'm just going to let it stand as it is.

Famous scientist and alchemist Sir Isaac Newton in a rare fit of complacency is hanging out under an apple tree lounging in the grass, presumably

thinking great thoughts when, KERPLUNK! An apple fell on his head. As a result of his bruised noggin Sir Isaac Newton developed the concept of gravity instead of running off to tell the king and everyone he met along the way that the sky was falling.

I suppose that it is a good thing that Sir Isaac Newton wasn't sitting under a coconut tree or he may never have come to his astounding and, as it turns out, accurate conclusions and we all might have ended up floating off into space or perpetually walking around with umbrellas to protect us from wayward and evil apples.

Now, that is not to assume that gravity did not exist before Sir Isaac Newton came up with the concept. Of course, gravity existed. It still does and I truly hope that it continues to do so, although I'm sure that some of us wish that it did not operate quite so ferociously, particularly in the morning as we are trying to get out of bed.

But the two stories do have something to say to us as we consider them together. I have to be careful as I proceed, to make no judgments regarding the size of each of these two thinkers' brain pans. I'll make the disclaimer now. The conclusions I draw from this point forward are merely to demonstrate that there are at least two completely different types of thinkers.

The Chicken Little thinkers, when prodded, immediately assume the worst and spread their assumption like wildfire. "I don't know what it is but I'm aginit!" (That's "against it" for those who don't speak hick; and there it goes, I've already cast aspersions on the Chicken Little types of thinkers.) They spread what little information they have thinking that they are saving the world from its eminent demise and soon there is a crowd of angry people banging on the palace door demanding that the king save them from the evil acorn.

The Newtonian thinkers, on the other hand, when prodded immediately think, "OW! What the heck was that?" But then they scan the area, find the source of their irritation and then begin think. "Is there any thing I can learn from having just been smacked in the head with an apple? Hmmm...." And they are led to big conclusions that essentially change the world even if in small ways.

I suppose the biggest problem with that type of thinker is that they inspire no angry hordes who will run to the palace gates carrying torches, all in a lather, demanding that the king accept the new found conclusions.

No, the Newtonian types of thinkers move in a slow and plodding way doing what the Chicken Little followers are screaming can't be done or shouldn't be done or if it is done the world will end in a flaming ball of fire and it's all a big conspiracy anyway! "Listen to what I'm saying. The sky is or will soon be falling!" And when the Chicken Little followers—of whom there will always be plenty because of course, Chicken Little is passionate about her message—are finally convinced under the weight of evidence that it was only a little acorn and not the sky that was falling they will still duck beneath an umbrella just in case the sky actually was falling all along just as they had said. And when an acorn or two on occasion does fall it leads them toward fits of finger pointing, a revived frenzy that says,

See "K-Press Perspective" on next page

## 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. 009-M-17, land known as "Inaloka", situated in Malem Municipality, Kosrae State, with an area of 215 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 009-M-00, registered as Document No. 10827 at the Kosrae Land Court, Office of the Registrar.

Parcel No. 072-M-21, land known as "Infokeke", situated in Malem Municipality, Kosrae State, with an area of 471 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 072-M-01, registered as Document No. 7080 at the Kosrae Land Court, Office of the Registrar.

- There are no minimum bid amounts for the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "November 19, 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 Tuesday, November 17, 2009 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on November 19, 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.
- Bids may be placed for one or for both parcels. All bid submissions must clearly state the parcel number and the bid amount for each parcel.
- The winning bidders 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.

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

## Letters to the Editor

### Where are we heading?

Dear Editor:

We just went through another political process by electing the right leader who we trust will help steer Pohnpei during these admittedly perilous times. We should know by now a specific, reasonable and convincing road map to guide us out of the present economic sadness and onto a better life. The question we all should be asking is; do we have it? Ask the average Pohnpeian and he will just give you that broad smile. Whether it is a strength or weakness in our character, a valuable asset or a negligible liability, it is the charming face of the average Pohnpeian perceived by the selected that leads them to continuously behave so complacently and go on their merry old ways of politicking amidst the present and upsetting crises. It is really hard to examine what's behind that seemingly unreadable face. But one can readily sense a creeping hopelessness akin to that feeling of being adrift in the middle of nowhere. I just hope it will not turn into a feeling of anger that would erupt like waking of a sleeping monster.

My feeling is that we should not test the Pohnpeian patience to the limits. It should be realized that we are fast trailing that credibility so necessary at this time. This is a more disastrous crisis facing the

FSM, Pohnpei in particular, that is being hit hard as a result of the disparity in our economic base formula distribution on our local revenues. And, it is produced by excessive and ill-influenced political principles. Politics used to have a good connotation. But for us in Pohnpei today, it has disapprovingly acquired a meaning that is synonymous with the use of power, position or issues for some gain or advantage without regard to what is right or just of the common good. Hence, today we may be inclined to believe that politicians are usually known as men with watered down principles, inequitable, or for the good others.

On the contrary, if I may, we always point to the government and blame it on the rise of uncertainties we have assured by the selected. Sure, it can be contributors to the cause of all these problems, but I think we ourselves are to be blamed for not speaking out. We, to speak it in terms of change of direction, change in leadership, a change of spirit and heart for a better opportunity. If we only talk, write, read about it and remain unmoved about everything, on the face of it they remain as representatives of the few, for the few and because of the few, so to speak.

Mohner A. Esiel

### FSM Tax Reform continues to move forward

FSM Information Service

**Palikir, Pohnpei October 28, 2009** The Technical Working Group (TWG) and the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) met in Guam in late August to continue their review and deliberations of the proposed tax reform laws for the FSM.

The Honorable Alik L. Alik, Vice President of the FSM and Chairman of the ESC presided over the ESC meeting which, in addition to the ESC members, included members of The Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC), the FSM Consul General in Guam, and the TWG. The state representatives on the ESC are the respective governors or their representative.

The agenda items included a presentation by the PFTAC representatives regarding the Net Profits Tax (NPT), the Value Added Tax (VAT) and a salaries tax withholding threshold. They also reviewed their recommendations on the proposed new tax administration processes and options for the structure of the Unified Revenue Authority (URA). PFTAC underscored the fact that voluntary compliance will be an integral component of the tax law reforms and future tax administration.

As a result of the preceding TWG meetings, which reviewed tax technical is-

suess, certain options and recommendations were presented by the TWG to the ESC for their consideration. The ESC reviewed various technical alterations then endorsed the NPT draft - other than one section which will be reviewed by the TWG with a report-back to the ESC. The TWG presented two options, along with a recommendation to the ESC regarding the application of VAT to interstate trade. After review and evaluation the ESC adopted the TWG's recommendation on this issue.

The ESC and the TWG had discussions regarding the timeframes for the finalization of the law drafts which require ESC approval before submission to the President, the National Congress, and the state legislatures.

Closing statements were made by all the ESC State Governors thanking the TWG and PFTAC for their hard work and accomplishments to date. Vice President Alik's closing comments included remarks on the scope and the significance of the task ahead to reform the FSM tax regime. Progress continues to be made and in the near future will involve transmittal of the package of legislations to the President, the National Congress, and the state legislatures.

### The Real APHW Issue

Let me state at the beginning of this letter that I am not anti-lawyer. I have friends, and several family members, who are practicing attorneys. I generally respect the legal system and the people who work within it. However, there is a case in Pohnpei that has been in the courts for years that is eroding some of that respect.

A bank commercial currently being shown on U.S. television depicts a child being given something wonderful (a new bicycle) only to be informed after delivery that the bicycle must be ridden within a tiny area, which makes it unusable. The point of the ad: just as it is wrong to disappoint a child by not disclosing all conditions of a gift, so is it wrong to impose previously unstated conditions on a borrower (or business) that make it impossible to succeed.

Every time I view this commercial I am reminded of the plight of APHW, Inc., a corporation formed on Pohnpei in the early 1990s to harvest and process trochus shell into buttons and to process pepper into a gourmet condiment. Like the child in the TV ad, APHW was delighted to receive a development loan from the United States via its Investment Development Fund allocated for the purpose of encouraging entrepreneurial activity in Pohnpei State. Also like the child in the advertisement, APHW was later dismayed to discover there were undisclosed conditions: Pohnpei State was intentionally destroying its business, and its ability to repay the loan, by refusing to

allow a trochus harvest and by engaging in unfair competition to purchase raw pepper directly from the growers. The FSM Supreme Court recognized these detrimental actions of Pohnpei State and awarded monetary damages to be paid by Pohnpei State to APHW as compensation for destroying its business. To date, Pohnpei State has apparently refused to pay the court-ordered damages.

In one of those twists of legal logic that defies understanding, the Court subsequently also found APHW's principals liable for the unpaid balance of the loan from the Investment Development Fund. Just consider this: Pohnpei State was found guilty of running APHW out of business! The same government that kept APHW from making payments is now demanding repayment! The people who formed APHW have been directed to benefit the entity that destroyed its business! What is wrong with this picture? The Court's refusal to consider why the APHW loan payments could not be made and its startling inattention to the basic injustice of Pohnpei State's actions is understandably a hot topic of conversation among would-be investors in Micronesia. Decisions such as this could have the long-term effect of killing any possible interest in funding business start-ups and expansion. If Micronesia is to ever attract outside investment in its economy rather than eternally depending upon government hand-outs, a rational and unbiased justice system must be in place that can be trusted. A judicial decision like the APHW, Inc. case is evidence that type of system remains a goal rather than a reality.

Hendon Blaylock, Ph.D.  
Linwood, New Jersey

### ...K-Press Perspective

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"Hang 'em! Hang 'em all! The sky really is falling and I told you it would be just like this!"

Alright, at this point my disclaimer is completely useless as I've now thoroughly demonstrated my bias toward Newtonian thinkers and my pretty thorough disdain for those who take scant bits of evidence, draw huge erroneous, dumb conclusions, drag all their mouth breathing friends along with them, circle the wagons and—for lack of a better way to put it that springs immediately to mind—go postal.

It is, in my way of thinking, the Chicken Little thinkers that are constantly being dragged along kicking and screaming into the future, perpetually afraid that the sky will fall at any moment, and the Newtonian thinkers frankly couldn't care a whole lot less. They plod along at the head of the pack doing the impossible with very little other than possibility thinking.

Oh, they hear Chicken Little, Goosey Poosey, Ocky Locky, and Henny Penny

screaming, "It won't work, it's not fair, someone's going to get a benefit that I didn't get, the sky really is falling!" They halt their progress for a moment to respond to the angry hordes, "I'm pretty sure this is the right way. I've thought really hard about this and this is the way I think it will work. I really am pretty sure I know where we're going. Just wait. You'll see. It'll be better."

Maybe all the Newtonian thinkers need is an army of good PR people to get their message out to the Chicken Littles who won't shut up long enough to listen—that or a really big megaphone.

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Oh, right, I meant to apply these stories to some news item from the Kaselehlie Press. I'll tell you what; I'll play Russian Roulette and let you apply them to which ever story or stories you choose. You know, of course, that it is entirely possible that, like Macbeth's description of his life, this has simply been "...a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Just the same, some of you will do it anyway.

Bill Jaynes  
Managing Editor

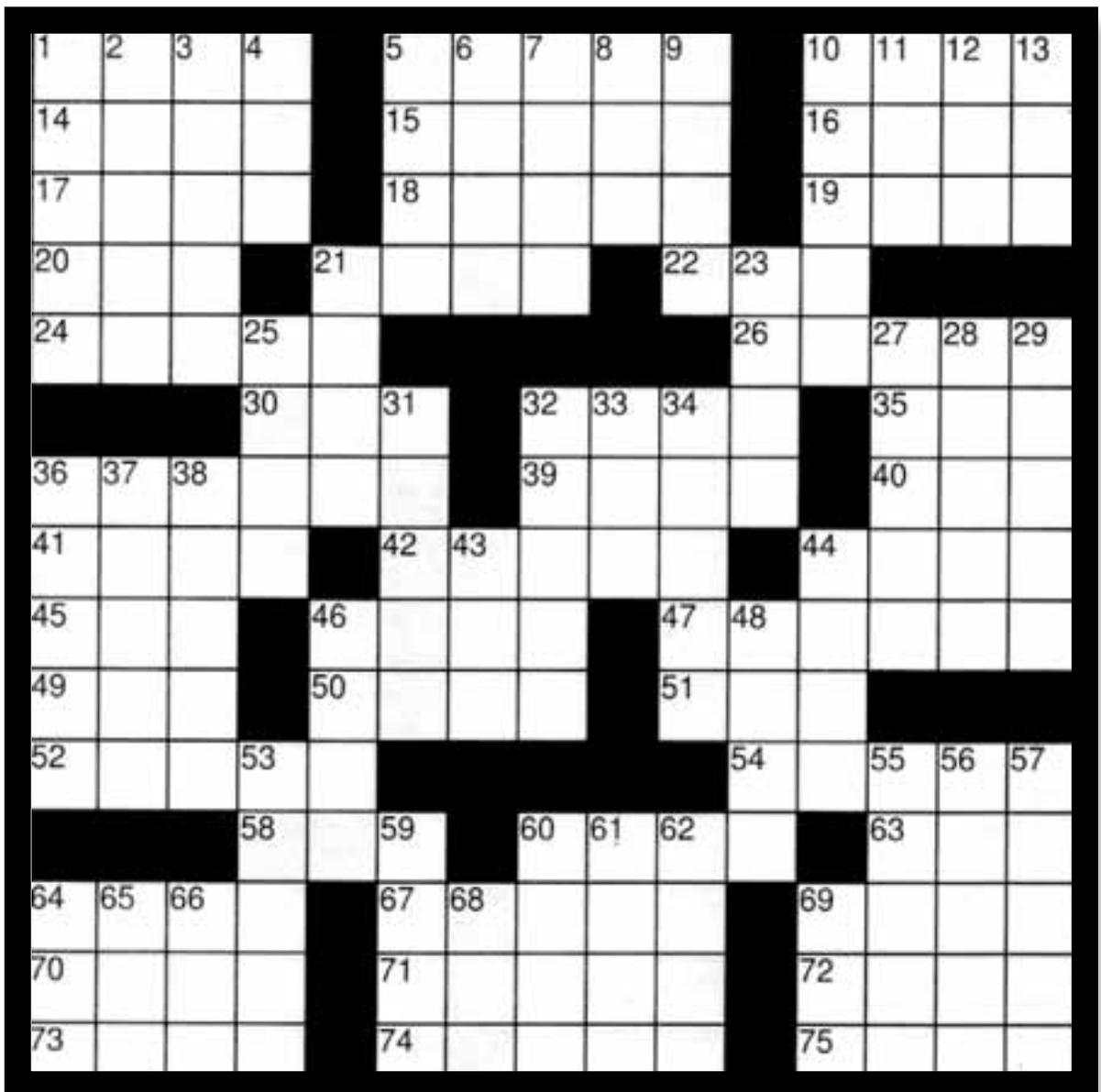
# Crossword - A Lot (1)

**ACROSS**

1. Baja rahs
5. Stamps
10. Pts. and qts.
14. Cap-\_\_\_
15. Trash
16. Sand
17. Jazz fans
18. "Halt, salt!"
19. Blvds. and rds.
20. Map abbr.
21. Plan part
22. Tarzan's pal
24. "Walk away \_\_\_"
26. Warms
30. Small flap
32. Las Palmas cash
35. RSVP part
36. Cash back
39. Latch \_\_\_
40. Jazz gp.
41. Track path
42. Bad lad's grab
44. Bawl
45. Ran
46. Charlatan
47. Warns
49. Change and \_\_\_
50. Aardvark snacks
51. Garland
52. Harsh
54. Warmth
58. Flap
60. Nana
63. \_\_\_Baba
64. Smart
67. Hallway
69. Dash
70. 24-Karat
71. Gap
72. Staffs
73. Marsh grass
74. ADAs and TAs
75. Flank

**DOWN**

1. AMPAS award
2. Strand
3. Had
4. Grad. class
5. Bat a gnat
6. Mansard part
7. Stat
8. AF rank
9. \_\_\_ trap
10. Match
11. D.C. Cab star
12. Draw
13. AL and WA
21. Pants part
23. "Rats!"
25. Catchall abbr.
27. MTMs
28. Lama's land
29. Smacks
31. Start
32. Standard and \_\_\_
33. Naval grad
34. Snach
36. Play parts
37. Match
38. Pass
43. \_\_\_ bran
44. Small dam
46. Catch
48. Slant
53. Ran a 10K
55. \_\_\_Lama
56. Chan man
57. Wash
59. Man \_\_\_
- Mancha
60. Scams
61. Nap
62. Mars
64. Y class
65. Cast
66. Wrath
68. 1948 pact
69. 911 abbr.



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## DINING OUT

Is all this solving making you hungry? Then treat yourself to a nice meal at your favorite RESTAURANT. The 38 terms in this puzzle are all associated with dining out.

MEATBRENNIDAVO  
MGRRGPUOSILVER  
LAEUWSKMBKNLD  
YACASHIERUIPBE  
DRINKTSEDSSLAR  
LEVCCSAIIBKITN  
UYRHEKNUDOMSCG  
NFETFPCNRYEERY  
CNSAILSITACEEU  
HOSALADFFONRTN  
HTFKPTMOUYFTIE  
CSOFCEOREGANAM  
LOIOEDSMNOREWM  
CVLFBEGRKCEHCP

BOOTH  
BREAD  
BREAKFAST  
BUSBOY  
CASHIER  
CHECK  
COFFEE  
COOK  
COURSE  
CUISINE  
DINNER  
DISH  
DRINK  
ENTREE  
FARE  
FISH  
HOSTESS  
KITCHEN  
LUNCH

MAITRE D'  
MANAGER  
MEAT  
MENU  
MUSIC  
NAPKIN  
ORDER  
PLATE  
RESTAURANT  
SALAD  
SEAFOOD  
SERVICE  
SILVER  
SOUP  
SPECIAL  
TABLE  
TRAY  
UNIFORM  
WAITER



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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 China Star Restaurant at 6:30 p.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.
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- 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.
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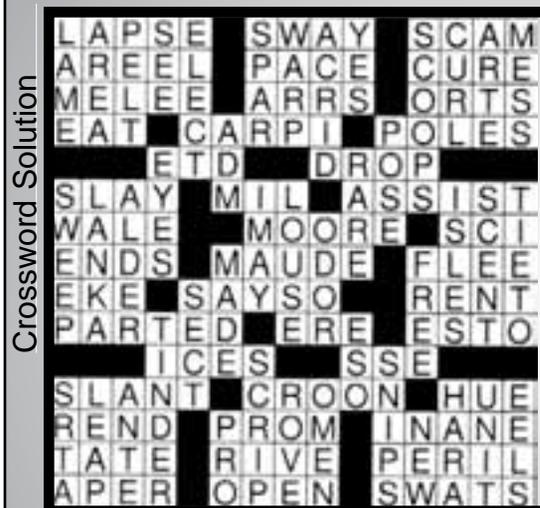
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And I don't think that I'll see manana  
'Cos some of me mates  
Want me on their plates  
Washed down with a Pina Colada

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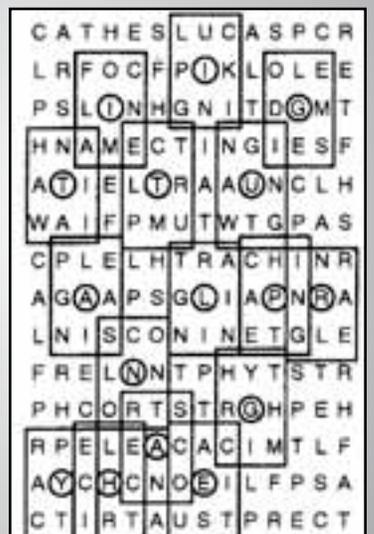
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### Puzzle Pleasure Previous Issue's Solution



Crossword Solution

### Square Search



### 4 Letter words

(2)

Playing the guitar

# Dollar Up Enterprises

320-6127

Adult Diapers  
.85 Each

Large insect  
Spray  
\$2.50

Styling Gel  
\$1.95 Each

## “Go Local” at the 19th International Congress of Nutrition and Satellite Workshop in Thailand

By Dr. Lois Englberger

As part of the global health project led by Professor Harriet Kuhnlein, Centre of Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment (CINE)/McGill University, and the CINE team, Dr. Lois Englberger, academic leader of the Pohnpei, FSM case study, participated in the 19th International Congress of Nutrition (ICN), October 4-9, 2009, in Bangkok, Thailand.

This was a huge event with 4560 delegates from 107 countries!

“Going local with Traditional Food in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia” was the title of our oral presentation, October 8, at the Symposium of Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems and Nutrition: Finding Solutions in Local Cultures and Environments. It was enthusiastically received, and I am happy to share with KP readers that I wore my “Let's Go Local” t-shirt!

As reported in past KP articles, this global health study focused on traditional foods, diet, health, and a two-year promotion of local food for health. There were academic and community leaders from 12 case studies as taken from Canada, Colombia, FSM, India, Japan, Nigeria, Peru, Tanzania, and Thailand.

Apart from the global health project, our Pohnpei Banana posters appeared in a different session as well. Dr. Barbara Burlingame, Senior Nutrition Officer of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, presented these in her talk on food composition and biodiversity at the ICN. This was quite an honor for Pohnpei!

Podis Pedrus and Kiped Albert, community leaders of Mand, Pohnpei, FSM, and Dr. Lois Englberger, as part of the Pohnpei case study in the global health project then participated in the Satellite Workshop on Culture, Environment and Agriculture for Food and Nutrition Security of Indigenous Peoples, held 11-15 October in Thailand, supported by CINE and Thailand government.

The group first visited the remote Sanephong Village in Thailand's case study of the Karen people, as superbly coordinated by our colleagues from Mahidol University. What a special visit! This included traveling to a remote Karen village, where there was a tremendous outpour of hospitality; learning about their work; enjoying a feast of traditional Thai food and beautiful dancing and singing; and even riding in an ox cart!!

Thanks are extended to CINE, Mahidol University and the Thai government, ICN, Sanephong village, and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).



Participants in the visit to Sanephong Village, Thailand, as part of the Workshop on Culture, Environment and Agriculture for Food and Nutrition Security of Indigenous Peoples, October 12, 2009, including Dr. Lois Englberger, Podis Pedrus, and Kiped Albert (left to right), wearing their “Let's go local” t-shirts, and Prof. Harriet Kuhnlein and Chief Bill Erasmus of CINE, back row 3rd and 4th from left. They both visited Pohnpei to help plan the project.

World Food Day Acknowledgements. Thanks again are extended to the agencies providing financial support for the 2009 World Food Day activities celebrated on October 16, 2009, as listed in the previous KP article. Also we would like to thank the Pohnpei State Office of Economic Affairs, College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Research and Extension, Department of Education, Department of Health Services, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, FSM Departments of Resources and Development, FSM Foreign Affairs, Island Food Community of Pohnpei, and other partners, who assisted in the work and made the event a memorable one. Again thank you President Mori for your speech and closing words, a reminder to us all, “Let's go local!”

## Astronomical Tide Prediction November 11 Through November 24, 2009

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Wednesday	11/11		11/18		11/11		11/18	
	05:32AM	1.6	03:36AM	2.9	06:19AM	0.0	02:25AM	0.1
	12:20PM	3.1	08:57AM	1.1	02:52PM	1.3	06:04AM	-0.1
	05:41PM	2.3	03:45PM	4.8			02:32PM	2.3
	11:31PM	3.4	10:40PM	1.0			10:57PM	-0.1
Thursday	11/12		11/19		11/12		11/19	
	06:12AM	1.5	04:07AM	2.7	06:15AM	0.1	02:28AM	0.0
	12:47PM	3.6	09:22AM	1.2	01:40PM	1.3	06:16AM	-0.2
	06:47PM	1.9	04:14PM	4.7	08:23PM	0.7	02:57PM	2.3
		11:15PM	1.1			11:36PM	-0.1	
Friday	11/13		11/20		11/13		11/20	
	12:32AM	3.4	04:38AM	2.6	12:11AM	0.8	02:21AM	0.0
	06:44AM	1.4	09:45AM	1.3	06:06AM	0.2	06:28AM	-0.2
	01:16PM	4.0	04:43PM	4.5	01:15PM	1.6	03:22PM	2.2
	07:35PM	1.5	11:51PM	1.2	08:38PM	0.4		
Saturday	11/14		11/21		11/14		11/21	
	01:18AM	3.4	05:11AM	2.4	01:01AM	0.6	06:40AM	-0.2
	07:13AM	1.3	10:06AM	1.5	05:55AM	0.3	03:45PM	2.1
	01:45PM	4.4	05:11PM	4.3	01:15PM	1.9		
	08:16PM	1.2			09:02PM	0.2		
Sunday	11/15		11/22		11/15		11/22	
	01:57AM	3.3	12:29AM	1.4	01:35AM	0.5	06:50AM	-0.2
	07:40AM	1.2	05:50AM	2.3	05:48AM	0.2	04:07PM	1.9
	02:15PM	4.7	10:27AM	1.7	01:27PM	2.1		
	08:54PM	1.0	05:40PM	4.0	09:28PM	0.0		
Monday	11/16		11/23		11/16		11/23	
	02:32AM	3.2	01:13AM	1.5	01:59AM	0.3	06:56AM	-0.1
	08:06AM	1.1	06:46AM	2.3	05:48AM	0.1	04:24PM	1.7
	02:45PM	4.8	10:46AM	2.0	01:46PM	2.3		
	09:30PM	0.9	06:12PM	3.7	09:56PM	-0.1		
Tuesday	11/17		11/24		11/17		11/24	
	03:05AM	3.1	02:08AM	1.6	02:15AM	0.2	06:51AM	0.1
	08:32AM	1.1	08:39AM	2.3	05:54AM	0.0	04:32PM	1.5
	03:15PM	4.9	11:04AM	2.2	02:08PM	2.3		
	10:05PM	0.9	06:55PM	3.4	10:25PM	-0.1		

Eric Spivak here shows his winning costume, “Go Local” (see the small print on the banana leaf on Eric's chest), at the large Halloween party held October 31, 2009, at the Rusty Anchor Bar in Kolonia, Pohnpei. His costume “Go Local” was cut from banana leaves and refers to the “Go Local” movement to increasing production and consumption of local foods for their many benefits. Congratulations Eric!

# “Go Local”



Photo by Kevin Walsh

## Kehpineir Kekihir

By: Eunice Hedgar

This was the winning recipe in the “Any Local Food” category of the 2009 World Food Day Healthy Cooking Competition.

### Ingredients:

2 cups grated yam ( best to use this variety: Kehpineir)  
 ½ cup fish meat  
 10 large chaya leaves  
 ½ cup ripe papaya  
 1 ginger leaf (Kisiniong)  
 1/3 teaspoon salt  
 ½ cup coconut cream

### Method:

1. Put sufficient water in a pot and bring to boil.
2. Add the grated yam to the boiling water.
3. Add the rest of the ingredients except for the coconut cream and stir the mixture for 3-5 minutes.
4. Then add the coconut cream and serve.



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