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## Yap Legislature passes resolutions memorializing slain SDA teacher

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

Yap, Federated States of Micronesia—Kirsten Elisabeth Wolcott was found brutally murdered on the morning of Novem-

ber 19, 2009. When she didn't turn up after an early morning job to teach her second grade students at the Seventh Day Adventist School in Yap a search party consisting of High School students and fellow teachers was sent to look for her. They found her partially clothed body at approximately 10:00 in the morning on an off campus roadside half a kilometer away.

Besides Kirsten's family members it seems that no one in Yap has remained untouched by the tragic death of the 20 year old woman who, according to a Yap State Legislature resolution was considered to be one of the best teachers at the SDA School, loved by students and teachers alike.

The Yap State Legislature adopted resolution 7-160 on November 26, 2009. In it's short form the resolution is titled, "A resolution: Expressing a deep sense of loss and sorrow

by the members of the Seventh Legislature and the people of the State of Yap and conveying deep and sincere condolences to the parents, family members and friends of the late Kirsten Elisabeth Wolcott, a fine and promising young woman, whose tragic and untimely passing has shocked and devastated our community and bewildered our children, especially the student(s) at Yap SDA School who have lost a wonderful teacher and a wonderful friend."

The body of the resolution is more strongly worded in places, particularly regarding the act itself:

"WHEREAS, Miss Kirsten Elisabeth Wolcott was found a victim of a cowardly and cruel homicidal act of one sick individual, whose brutal and inhumane act has marred the atmosphere of our otherwise pristine and peaceful community in which Miss Kirsten had become a fine and contributing member, and her tragic passing has shocked the people of the entire State of Yap, the Yap SDA school and most especially the students, who loved their teacher and the parents, who loved their daughter

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# Pohnpei lawmakers partially lift holiday ban on alcohol sales

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Some business owners who sell alcoholic beverages in Pohnpei State will no longer have a ban on sales of alcohol at Christmas and New Year to blame if tourists choose to go off island to celebrate the holidays. In late September, the Pohnpei State Legislature amended the law that governs who, what, when, and how businesses may or may not sell alcoholic beverages in the state.

At least one business owner wonders why. Rullens Phillip, who was, during the previous administration, Pohnpei's Director of the Department of Public Safety this year built a new building in Kolonia to house his Super Saver's, a second hand clothing store. The building has big plate glass windows, windows that until Phillip heard about the changes in the law were left uncovered 24 hours a day. When he heard about it he immediately made plans to cover the windows to avoid damage and now they are completely boarded up every evening when the store closes.

"A lot of our people died during the holidays before they stopped selling alcohol on the holidays," Phillip said. "I don't know why they did this."

For certain, the law governing alcohol sales has changed in Pohnpei but not completely. Would be partiers still will not be able to buy alcohol in Pohnpei for carryout consumption on December 24th, 25th, or 31st, or on January 1st. Restaurants, bars, night clubs, and a new term defined in the law, "cabarets", will be able to sell alcohol on those days but not for carry out. Cabarets are defined under the law as "a confined place of entertainment having restricted entrances and providing dancing or live performances."

To insure that authorized holiday alcohol sellers don't sell take out drinks a section entitled "stacking drinks" is in the law. None of them will be allowed to "sell, give, offer

to sell or give, or otherwise dispense more than one drink of any alcoholic beverage or one full container of beer or wine for consumption on the premises to one person at any one time."

The law does not allow for a person to buy three or four more beers or other alcoholic beverages when the bartender issues the "last call for alcohol."

The law changed the rules for more than just holiday sales of alcoholic beverages.

A store that sells alcohol for off premises consumption can now sell alcohol from 8:00 in the morning until 10:00 at night every day. Before the amendment stores could not sell alcohol before 10:00 in the morning. Night time closure rules varied.

Bars and restaurants that don't offer dancing or entertainment (on-sale establishments) but do sell alcohol, (a restaurant is only a restaurant if their total alcohol sales don't exceed their total food sales for any 30 day period) can sell alcohol on Sundays through Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 12 midnight. On Fridays and Saturdays they are given until 1:00 on the following days to help their customers get a buzz.

An "on-sale establishment" except for the holiday exceptions to the law can sell alcoholic beverages from legal opening time until 10:00 at night.

Cabarets, under the amended law must be housed in a fully enclosed facility designed to prohibit noises generated within the cabaret to escape from the interior of the facility. It must have a parking area on the grounds of the establishment and away from the public roadways sufficient to accommodate the maximum number of customers that can be serviced by the establishment. It must at all times have a doorman at each public entryway into the interior of the establishment and not less than two additional employees, commonly referred to as bouncers, primarily assigned to the order and security of the establishment and parking areas.

If an establishment has met all of those requirements under the amended law it is allowed to serve alcoholic beverages from 10:00 in the morning until 3:00 in the morning on the following day.

The legal age of alcohol consumption is 21 in Pohnpei. Under the law before its amendment an employee who served alcohol had to be 18. That has been changed under the amended law in order to equalize the age of the server and the consumer. A bartender must now be 21 years of age.

The law before the amendment said that a minor could enter the premises of a bar or cabaret establishment as long as they were in the company of "any" relative. The amended law says that a minor can come to either of those types of establishments ONLY if he or she is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian. An underage person still can't legally drink alcohol but they can be on the premises in that case.

Annual license fees for establishments that sell alcohol also changed under the amended law. Restaurant license fees more than doubled from \$20 to \$50. "On-sale" establishment license fees are increased from \$100 to \$200. The new designation of a "Cabaret" establishment requires a payment of \$500.

The ban of sales of alcoholic beverages for off premises consumption on the holidays will do nothing to prevent someone from stocking up on alcoholic beverages before the holidays. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on those days is still not illegal. The committee report that both recommended the amendments and made technical changes said, "the measure to be undertaken is public education and awareness on the consequences of extreme alcohol consumption, leaving each individual to choose his/her own course."

The Department of Public Safety says that they are preparing for the season. There will likely be sobriety checkpoints and overtime has been authorized to ensure that the laws are enforced.

## Leo Store 60th Anniversary BIG CASH WINNERS!

On Saturday, December 5, hundreds of people gathered in the parking lot of Pohnpei Center Cinemas. Most were hoping their raffle ticket would be pulled from the hopper and that they would win one of the cash prizes. Winners had to be present in order to receive their prize. More than 40 tickets were pulled from the hopper and set aside because the winner was not at the event.

### Winners were as follows:

Miki Gilmete - \$250.00; Maggie Finnen - \$375.00; TA&L - \$450.00; Willyann Kapier - \$575.00; Walter Ladore - \$650.00; Club Kintaro - \$775.00; Yusung Mihkel - \$925.00;

Nine tickets were pulled from the hopper before one of them had a name of a person on the ticket who was present for the third prize. K.D Store won that prize of \$1000.

Eight people's names were called before M&D store finally won the second place prize of \$2000.

The grand prize winner was the fourth ticket pulled from the hopper. D's & A's won the top prize of \$3000.

Sponsors for the event included PII, Matson Shipping, FSM Telecommunications Corporation, CTSI, Ambros Guam, and Pohnpei Multi-Media Studios. Special thanks goes to the College of Micronesia FSM National Campus

Black Out, an outstanding band from the Marshall Islands entertained the crowd. Matson Shipping handled the shipping for all of their gear.

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## U.S. Donates Ambulance To Pohnpei

*Embassy of the United States of America, Kolonia*

On November 25, the Pohnpei State Hospital hosted a handing-over ceremony for a new ambulance acquired through a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) Economic Impact Initiative (EII) Grant. The \$40,425 award was the first EII Grant given to Pohnpei State under the USDA-RD Community Facilities Program.



During the ceremony, Pohnpei State Lieutenant Governor Churchill Edward pointed to the new ambulance as a physical “testament of the partnership between USDA-RD and Pohnpei State.” Pohnpei State Department of Health Services Dr. Elizabeth Keller thanked USDA – RD for its “commitment to helping Pohnpei provide top-rate health services.”

Under the Community Facility Grant Program, USDA-RD provides financial support for emergency service providers, disaster assistance agencies, and other first responders. According to USDA-RD FSM Area Director Gary Bloom, “USDA-RD is committed to the future of Rural Communities and is proud to have worked with our Partner-in-Progress, the Pohnpei State Government, to facilitate delivery to the Pohnpei State Hospital this critical medical

asset.” USDA-RD commended Pohnpei State Department of Health Services Director Keller and Administrative Officer Jethro Poll for their tireless efforts to bring the ambulance project to fruition.

Wednesday’s event also served as the certificate ceremony for participants in CPR training sponsored by MAHI International.

Over 120 individuals from the Pohnpei Department of Health Services, Port Authority, and Public Safety participated in the training and received their CPR certification from the American Heart Association. The drivers for the hospital’s new ambulance were among those who took the course and received their certifications.



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## Senator Peter M. Christian takes the oath of office

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Palikir, Pohnpei** - On November 30, the most recent special session opened at 10:00 in the Congress chambers in Palikir. FSM President Manny Mori called the special session mainly to seat Senator Elect Peter M. Christian who was recently elected to fill the vacancy left by the untimely passing of Senator Resio Moses. President Mori also asked Congress to consider some supplementary budget requests and three nominations he had earlier submitted to Congress for confirmation.

In addition to many of Senator Christian's family members and supporters, opening day formalities were well attended by government representatives from throughout the Federated States of Micronesia. In addition to current FSM President Mori, the ceremony was also attended by two former FSM Presidents, Leo Falcam of Pohnpei, and Senator Joseph P. Urusemal of Yap. Representatives from each of the foreign governments that have Embassies were also present in the chamber.

Senator Elect Peter M. Christian took his oath of office and was seated in the chamber with the thirteen other

Senators of the FSM. His wife, Mauriana W. Christian held the Bible for him. Associate Justice Dennis K. Yamase administered the oath to the new Senator who promised, to the best of his ability, "to uphold, promote and support the Laws and Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia..."

Senator Christian thanked his constituents and presented his letter of resignation from his previous position as Secretary for

Resources and Development to President Mori. He said that he feels no discomfort in leaving his cabinet position because the department is staffed with capable people and is in good hands. He said that he had learned a great deal as the Secretary of R&D in particular he had learned that he didn't have to know absolutely everything there is to know in order function effectively; that wisdom is often best displayed by learning from other knowledgeable people.



## Continental Airlines to begin cashless cabin

**HOUSTON, Nov. 30, 2009** - Continental Airlines (NYSE: CAL) today announced that its flight crews will begin accepting credit and debit cards exclusively for on-board purchases (except Duty-free) on Dec. 1, 2009, utilizing new hand-held devices that are more convenient for customers.

Continental is making the change in response to feedback from customers and flight crews who expressed interest in using card readers for on-board purchases to eliminate the hassle of fumbling for money and making correct change. The hand-held devices read cards for purchases of alcoholic beverages and headsets during flight in addition to providing valuable sales information to help better manage product inventory. Cash is still being accepted for Duty-free purchases. Testing of the hand-held devices began in the summer of 2009.

The new cashless system will be available on all Continental Airlines mainline flights, except for service to and from China, as the company continues to develop its process for accepting that country's predominant credit card, The China Union Pay card. Cash is still being accepted on Continental Express, Continental Connection and Continental Micronesia flights. Continental is on track to switch to a cashless cabin on those flights in the first quarter of 2010.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

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### Duties:

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2. Maintain inventory, and purchase project materials and supplies as required.
3. Administer petty cash, checking and savings accounts for CSP, preparing monthly accounting reports for the Executive Director and the Board of Directors.
4. Assist in all report preparation including computer input, graphics preparation, editing, layout, and final copy.
5. Reconcile monthly financial statements for accuracy and advise Executive Director.
6. Provide local support for logistics and other needs of project staff and consultants.
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8. Maintain complete files on all project correspondence, invoices, receipts and other documents.
9. If required, drive and oversee maintenance of CSP vehicle, and provide transportation to outside consultants and other project visitors.
10. Actively participate in all staff meetings, and assist the Executive Director in preparing agendas and recording and distributing minutes. Attend Board meetings if required.
11. Maintain CSP membership data base, prepare subscription notices, process membership fees.
12. Provide administrative support to Environmental Education Specialist, Assistant CASO, and Marine Program Manager, and Terrestrial Program Manager as required.
13. Maintain personnel records for CSP staff.
14. Perform other duties as required by the Executive Director.

### QUALIFICATIONS and EXPERIENCE:

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## Chinese purse seiner seized in Pohnpei for fishing violations, bribery...

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Palikir, Pohnpei**—On the morning of Friday, September 27, 2009 the FSM Department of Justice filed a complaint for civil damages against three Chinese defendants for charges stemming from fishing agreement violations that the FSM alleges occurred in September of this year.

The complaint asks for relief of \$3 million, seizure of the purse seiner Jin Hui 1, and the catch that was seized at the time of arrest. They are also asking for costs and expenses including expert witness fees, attorney fees and other relief to which the FSM is entitled and that the court deems proper.

The defendants include the vessel Jin Hui 1, the captain of the vessel, Cai Guolin, and Shanghai KaiChuang Deep Sea Fisheries, Ltd., Company.

No hearing date has yet been set by the FSM Supreme Court.

According to the complaint, the Jin Hui 1 left Pohnpei for fishing grounds and came back to Pohnpei on September 27. Jimmy Hellan was on board the vessel as a fishery observer as was required by the fishing agreement with the FSM.

The FSM complaint alleges that on nine different occasions allegedly during times when the Jin Hui 1 was fishing in violation of its fishing agreement Captain Cai gave Jimmy Hellan money ranging from \$50 to \$100 in exchange for his silence regarding the violations. The total amount of money was \$650 and the serial numbers for 11 fifty dollar bills and one hundred dollar bill were entered into the complaint. The complaint cites nine instances when money changed hands allegedly to keep Hellan from reporting what he knew.

Bernard Thoulag, Director of the FSM's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) said that when Hellan reported to NORMA after returning from his duties at sea he turned in the money and reported what took place, when it took place, and what he observed, just as he had been trained and assigned to do. NORMA turned the information over to the FSM Department of Justice, and National Police made an arrest on the basis of the report.

The complaint says that on September 13, and 14 the Jin Hui 1 was fishing in the FSM economic exclusive zone (EEZ) using Fish Aggregating Devices though they were aware that FAD's were banned in the months of August and September as a conservation measure. The measure was agreed to by all of the member countries of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission in order to preserve the Pacific Ocean tuna stocks. NORMA notified all purse seiners operating in the FSM EEZ about the FAD closure including the defendants in the case.

Though the complaint also listed three other FAD closure fishing violations those three, which occurred on September 19, 21, and 22 took place on the high seas; the pocket of water not under the authority of any nation. The FSM has no jurisdiction in those areas and cannot claim civil damages for violations in those waters.

The complaint says that the act of the Captain in giving Hellan money so as not to report their illegal activity amounts to a concealment and tampering of the record so as to avoid seizure or the detection of an offense against the Marine Resources Act of the FSM. A violator is liable to a civil penalty of not less than \$100,000 and not more than \$500,000 for each offense against the Marine Resources Act of the FSM.

The complaint also alleges that Captain Cai gave money to Hellan and told him not to report "small fish," a separate violation of the Marine Resources Act of the FSM subject to another civil liability.

The FSM Department of Justice is asking the FSM Supreme Court to award the maximum penalty for each violation of the FAD closure within the FSM EEZ that allegedly occurred on September 13 and 14 for a total of \$1 million.

The DOJ is also asking the FSM Supreme Court to award the maximum penalty for each violation of the Marine Resources Act when Captain Cai allegedly tampered with the records to avoid the detection of their illegal fishing through the attempted bribing of the observer Jimmy Hellan on the 13th and 14th of September. If the court agrees, the civil liability could be \$1 million for those two violations.

They are also asking for the maximum penalty of \$500,000 for the serious misreporting of their catch that occurred when Captain Cai on two occasions within FSM waters allegedly gave Hellan money not to report small fish.

On September 15 of this year, then FSM Secretary for Resources and Development Peter M. Christian wrote a letter to Mr. Wang Cheng, Vice General Manager of Shanghai Kaichuan Deep Sea Fisheries Co. Ltd. The letter informed Mr. Wang that the company's Foreign Investment Permit had been suspended. Separately Christian said this was due to the company's inactivity in any land based business in the FSM.

The company had announced plans to build a tuna processing plant in Pohnpei. Accordingly they were given a generous deal on fishing fees in the FSM EEZ. The company recently told Pohnpei State that they had abandoned their plans for the tuna processing plants in favor of working with another foreign business in Pohnpei, Luen Thai.



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The Compact Funds Control Commission (CFCC) is issuing a Request for Proposals from Certified Public Accountants to perform Accounting services for CFCC.

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#### CONDITIONS:

The Compact Funds Control Commission reserves the right to:

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2. Request additional information from any applicant.
3. Select the applicant that meets required qualifications and best meets the needs of the CFCC as determined by CFCC management subject to final approval by the Governor.

## ...Wolcott Memorial

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and the many friends, who loved Kirsten and who are loved by her..."

The Yap State Legislature resolution was extraordinary particularly since it comes from the FSM state considered by many to have most closely held to its traditional practices. Many Yapese hold tightly to the tradition that says that to speak the name of the dead is to dishonor their memory. Just the same, the Yap State Legislature Resolution established November 19 as a "Memorial Day in remembrance of Kirsten Elisabeth Wolcott and all innocent victims of violent crimes against humanity in the State of Yap and in the world today."

It called for a permanent memorial to be erected at the site of the incident. It also named the portion of the road from the Tagreng Bridge to Short Stop Store to be named Kirsten Elisabeth Wolcott Memorial Road.

Larry Raigetel of Yap's Department of Youth and Civic Affairs said that another Yap State Legislature resolution had also been passed as a result of Kirsten's murder. He said that the resolution "is to put up street lights all around the island on public roads and particularly where Kirsten was killed."

He was unable to send a copy of the resolution by press time.

Sophiano Limol, Executive Director of the Yap Chamber of Commerce informed Kirsten's father, Dr. Hollis Wolcott that the Chamber had decided to begin fund raising for a Ms. Kirsten E. Wolcott Scholarship Foundation. "We are doing our best to make sure we hand the funds over to SDA as soon as possible," she said in an email message.

"We, Yap Chamber of Commerce, believe that the scholarship foundation is the best we can provide in memory of the late Ms. Wolcott and her love for and selfless service to our islands, our children, and our islands themselves," she concluded.

Raigetel said that many people attended the memorial service for Kirsten in Yap held by the SDA on November 21. Letters from friends and family were read and Louis Torres, President of GMM gave a sermon that was in Raigetel's estimation, "beyond most expectation." Raigetel spoke on behalf of the government at the memorial service.

He said that the letter sent for the service by Kirsten's father, Dr. Hollis Wolcott was "truly incredible."

Dr. Wolcott and his wife Karen had hoped to come to Yap during the holiday season. Dr. Wolcott is a Dentist who practices in Tappahannock, Virginia. His wife Karen and he had bought tickets to arrive in Yap on December 22 and depart on January 1. Dr. Wolcott had applied through the Canvasback Mission Program since it is a medical mission, to apply to the FSM for a temporary license to practice dentistry during his Christmas break time in Yap. The application forms arrived on November 24 (US time) six days after Kirsten was killed.

"We are praying that the school that Kirsten loved there on Yap will continue. I understand unofficially that new volunteers are already on the way to fill the vacancies. Kirsten loved her students dearly and always sent us pics and told us stories of the class. The school in Tappahannock Va. where Kirsten graduated had become a sister pen pal school to the Yap school. Unfortunately the box containing the flash drive with the childrens pics and letters to the Yap children arrived after her untimely death," he said in an email.

Kirsten's remains arrived in Washington D.C. at Reagan National Airport on Thanksgiving Day, at 1:00. Dr. Wolcott received special permission to ride in the hearse scheduled to make the somber trip to, as Dr. Wolcott put it, "accompany her home."

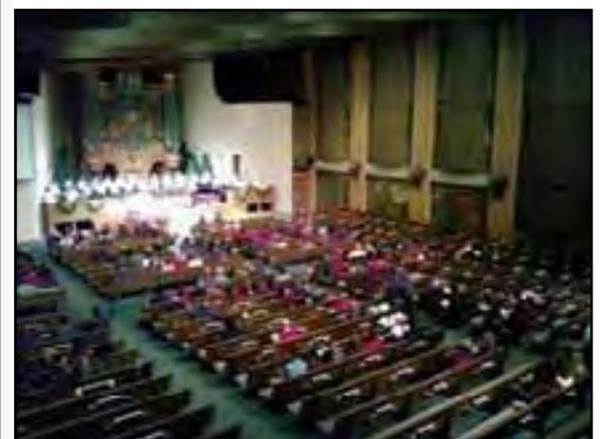
"Part of her will always remain in Yap in our thoughts," he said.

A service was held for Kirsten at her home church in Tappahannock, Virginia on Sunday, November 29.

Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee held their memorial service for Kirsten on Wednesday, December 2. Hundreds of students and staff members attended the service. According to a Chattanooga Times Free Press article, students at the school say the Kirsten's martyrdom has inspired a new class of missionaries.

### MEMORIAL FUND

A fund that will benefit education and missionary work has been established in honor of Kirsten Wolcott. Donations may be made to the Kirsten Wolcott Memorial Fund, in the care of Tappahannock SDA Church, P.O. Box 1106, Tappahannock, VA 22560



*Memorial Service at Southern Adventist*

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## FSM Senators speak out about threats to FSM National Unity

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Palikir, Pohnpei** – For the most part, December 1—day two of the special session of the sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, was “business as usual.” The Special Committee to Wait on the President gave its report on its meeting with the President held on the previous afternoon and Congress adopted the report into the record.

However, not all Senators were satisfied that the special session called by the President was absolutely necessary, and said so.

In an uncharacteristic “on-journal” speech, Former President Joseph P. Urusemal reminded the Senators that the nation building process is far from over and expressed his disappointment with some of the things that the FSM government is doing.

He said, “I advance my regret that I speak in this fashion, especially during this time of Advent. But I cannot help, Mr. Speaker, to share about my disappointment with certain things that this government is doing, specifically, with regard to allocation of our manpower needs to the key positions in the National Government. I had raised this issue and asked that it be communicated to the Executive Branch with the hope that some accommodations (would) be made.

To my great disappointment, as I indicated in our internal meeting yesterday, certain positions of importance to the Federation were recently being nominated—people were nominated, and to my great disappointment, none of the nominees for those very important positions came from the State of Yap.

“I again would hope that the Administration looks at this seriously. This is a nation of Federation, a loose set up which gives some autonomies to the states. While we should rise above politics in choosing most qualified individuals to fill these posts, I cannot help but, going back to experience where the feeling of one individual mostly helping or at least paying more attention to where he or she comes from—continue to be the practice in some of our overseas posts as well as some of the positions of high importance.

“I am again begging, and if it is so that people who were consulted—Yap leadership was requested to submit names, and they didn’t, then pardon me. But I doubt that very much because I made aware of a list submitted to the Administration for potential appointment to some of these positions. If it were not, I again request this consideration: that the Federation is made up of four states and that whatever resources are available (for positions)...that this be taken into consideration.

“Could be the timing of this special session that I come troubled, but I also think it is from frustrations of the things that we have been doing. And I hope that we regroup as stated in the Committee report of that Committee that awaited the President. And again in the word of the Vice Speaker, the two bodies can work together with the other bodies in all the four states.

“Less than 15 years from now, we will reach a point in our history where we have to go on our own. And I ask question like, will we be ready when the 15 years are up?

“Several years ago we started this public sector reform to right-size, downsize the government—where are we today, after those public statements, and after those very worthwhile efforts? In 2004 we had our economic summit; the leadership of the nation adopted a sustainable growth strategy for this nation to undertake. To my great disappointment, if you look at the study done by the US Graduate Studies, we’re even doing worse than the dismal scenario.

“Our people continue to help Continental by going out of this nation and seeking, perhaps greener pastures outside of their own nation. Some of them—yes, on their own choice, and yes, because they would rather go see other places, but I believe most of them do so because of the lack of opportunities and lack of adequate facilities to teach their children and to provide adequate health to their children and their people.

“If we visit every corner of this nation today, can we truly say that we have improved during these past 20 years? Are our schools in the remote villages and islands of this Federation better than they were before or are they basically the same?

“For many of us we take for granted that just a flip of a finger—light is given; a turn of your hand—water flows. And you don’t have to worry about the rocks or leaves for you have better things to use and better facilities to take care of your other human needs. For many of our citizens, lights are very difficult to find and very expensive; water is a matter of walking certain distance to gather for drinking and for bathing; and you have to find the right leaves or a smoother rock to take care of your other human needs. Perhaps, they choose to be like that and perhaps for them they are satisfied and happy. If they are, more power to them. But if the Compact grants comes, and (is) allocated based on the population, I would hope that this government—our State partners think about them and about everyone, because we profess to be a democratic government for the people, by the people and of the people. So let us do our work for the people, by the people, and of the people, and not just the few, the elite, the highest and the privileged.

“So again, Mr. Speaker and my honorable colleagues, it must be age that when I was informed of this special session I felt funny inside, asking myself, what is this session going to accomplish for the people of this nation? Where is this nation going? In 15 years what will the future be like? And pardon me for speaking my heart aloud but that’s how I feel, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.”

On the next day, Chairman of the Ways and Means committee, Senator Dohsis Halbert responded to Senator Urusemal’s speech and reminded Senators that Congress has a role in helping to ensure that the nation stays together. “We must not allow invitations to cracks,” in the Federation, Senator Halbert said.

He said that each President since the very early days of the FSM has had his own variation of the problem of nominating people from his own home. “Congress has its own role to play when we think that positions are not distributed well and we should take appropriate action.”

He challenged the leaders to find ways to be sure that the FSM government is not dismantled due to insensitive and unfair distribution of governmental leadership positions.

He expressed worry over the time it is taking for this young nation to begin to unify and gave as example the fact that he has been to many places in the FSM where people gather. In those places people represent themselves as being Chuukese, Yapese, Kosraen, or Pohnpeian but he has rarely heard anyone say that they are Micronesian or from the Federated States of Micronesia.

He contended that the problem is not just an Executive Branch problem. “We all need to find ways to be sure that we don’t split,” he concluded.

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**Position Salary:** Salary range is \$10,000 - \$17,000 and will be based on past salary history, experience and education.

**Position Duration:** Permanent direct hire after successfully completing six months probation.

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- Education: Minimum 2 years secondary education or comparable work experience.
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- Post Entry Training: N/A.
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**Position Duration:** 1-year contract position renewable upon satisfactory performance.

**Application Process/Deadline:** Submit resume with cover letter and three reference contacts to [lperrone@peacecorps.gov](mailto:lperrone@peacecorps.gov) no later than December 22, 2009, or mail them to: Peace Corps Micronesia, Attn: Peace Corps Job Opening, P.O. Box 9, Kolonia, Pohnpei. Proposed start date: Monday, January 18, 2009

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# World AIDS Day

Emily Pedneau-MPH

**Pohnpei, FSM** - The FSM joined nations around the world Tuesday, December 1, in observing the 22nd annual World AIDS Day. Attendees not only learned how to help prevent HIV infection, but were also provided free and confidential medical services.

In Pohnpei, the event was held at the Spanish Wall, and featured a keynote address by Lt. Gov. Churchill Edward and musical entertainment by Pwihno.

While the Pohnpei Public Health Department provided free HIV tests and seasonal flu vaccines, the department's sexually transmitted infections and tobacco/cancer prevention divisions provided important health education information.

The Micronesian Red Cross Society hosts a peer educator program for youth interested in working to prevent HIV/AIDS in the FSM. Peer educators work with the communities to educate youth on sexual health issues such as HIV infection. Youth aged 15-25 interested in becoming a peer educator in Pohnpei or Kosrae should contact Morgan David at 320-7077.

World AIDS Day attendees learned that the best way to prevent infection by HIV or other sexually transmitted infections is to use safer sex practices. These include the "A-B-C" practices of 'abstinence', 'being faithful to one partner' and 'correct condom use every time'. Attendees learned that HIV and other STIs can be transmitted during oral sex, and that protection is necessary in all circumstances.

HIV can also be transmitted through contact with blood, such as during IV drug use. HIV cannot be transmitted through casual contact, such as hugging, touching, or sharing a drink.

A person may be infected with HIV for many years without becoming sick, and can spread the virus during this time. Many people do not know they are infected with HIV, and so testing is an important part of fighting HIV/AIDS.

HIV is a sexually transmitted virus that causes AIDS. The virus attacks the body's immune system and destroys a person's ability to stay healthy. Typically, after five to 10 years of infection, a person develops AIDS. A person living with AIDS cannot fight off infection,

and generally faces many dangerous infections at once. AIDS is fatal, and has killed more than 25 million people since 1981. Around the world, there are more than 33.4 million people currently living with HIV/AIDS. There is no vaccine for HIV or cure for AIDS.

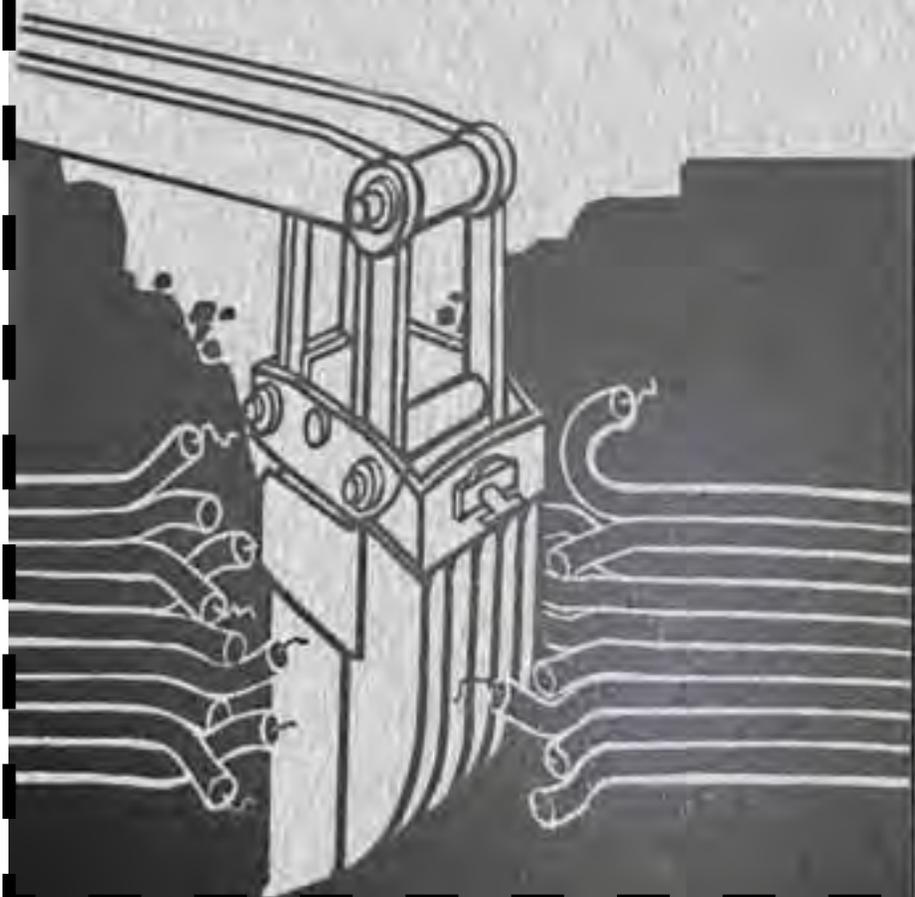
In 2008, the World Health Organization estimated that 59,000 people in Oceania were living with HIV. The prevalence of the virus is less than 0.1%, very low in comparison to other regions of the world. Although HIV/AIDS is not cur-

rently a significant problem in the FSM, high rates of other sexually transmitted infections make the risk of an outbreak high, so safer sex practices are always important.

Anyone unsure of their HIV status should contact their local public health department for a free and confidential HIV test. Tests are available in all four states of Micronesia at the state health departments. In Chuuk, call 330-4777. In Kosrae, call 370-7265. In Pohnpei, call 320-8771. In Yap, call 350-2110.



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# Global Focus on Local Vegetables

Visit of Director General of AVRDC – The World Vegetable Center  
 5 - 8 December 2009

## Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Improving local vegetable production and consumption is essential for Pacific islands to ensure good health, raise rural incomes and to protect an important indigenous heritage.

Dr Dyno Keatinge, Director General of AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center who is visiting Pohnpei this week claimed that encouraging production of a greater diversity of vegetables – including the region's indigenous crops is a vital need. He is discussing opportunities for joint research and development work with local institutions and farmer groups to expand his Center's involvement in the region.

AVRDC - The World Vegetable Center is the only international agricultural research centre focused wholly on vegetable research and development. Founded almost 40 years ago and headquartered in Taiwan, it has major global programs in vegetable breeding for poor farmers, including the development of indigenous vegetables.

"The loss of traditional diets and increasing consumption of refined carbohydrates

has led to the Pacific having some of the highest rates of diabetes in the world," he said. This is a problem that is occurring in many developing countries today, and increasing the amount of vegetables in diets is essential to helping to overcome it.

He claimed that on many Pacific islands the diversity of available vegetables was low, and some important indigenous vegetable varieties are in danger of being lost. This is particularly important as indigenous vegetables are often highly nutritious. "Improving dietary options is an important first step to improving health," he said.

Many Pacific islands are unnecessarily relying on imported vegetables to meet the needs of locals or tourists, but more could be grown locally. He claimed that are significant economic opportunities for farmers to increase local vegetable production given better adapted varieties and improved production methods.

The World Vegetable Center currently has a project in the Solomon Islands to expand market gardening, and has cooperated for many years with Pacific institutions to

introduce improved vegetable varieties. "We see great opportunities to expand these successful partnerships," he said.

The mandate of AVRDC- The World Vegetable Center is to alleviate malnutrition and poverty in the developing world through the increased production and consumption of safe vegetables. It maintains the world's largest public vegetable genebank and is involved in vegetable breeding, developing improved production and postharvest technologies and vegetable nutrition. It has offices in 14 developing countries in the Asia - Pacific region and Africa.



## Pacific Police Development Program recruitment and training workshop

### FSM National Police Press Release

Eighteen participants from eight Pacific Island countries attended the Pacific Police Development Program's (PPDP) Recruitment and Training Workshop in Brisbane which was held from 23-27 November 2009.

The week long workshop was opened by Coordinator Pacific Police Development Program Paul Breen.

"Because leaders of a policing organization are most likely to start their careers as a recruit, it is important to attract and retain the right people from the start," he said.

Significant amounts of time and money are spent on recruitment and training in policing, so quality information on police management and development is important. Because the programs, workplace assessments, recruitment strategies and training used during the workshop are already being utilized by the Vanuatu Police Force, former Director of the Vanuatu Training College Robson Iavro and his Advisor Peter Watt assisted as directing staff.

Most of the participating police agencies were particularly impressed with Vanuatu's application forms and scoring systems after assessing almost 6,000 letters recently, the result of a recruitment drive. The PPDP has offered follow-up assistance to adapt and implement initiatives that will make participating countries' policing more effective and their communities safer. Representing the FSM National Police at the workshops were Lt. Ricky Falcam, Professional Standard Officer/Training Officer and Corporal George Skilling, Assistant Training Officer.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**  
 RFP: CFCC 2010-01-OI  
 (ACCOUNTANT)

**Issue Date:** November 10, 2009    **Closing Date:** December 31, 2009  
**Opening Date:** November 16, 2009    **Closing Time:** 5:00 PM Local Time

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2. Request additional information from any applicant.
3. Select the applicant that meets required qualifications and best meets the needs of the CFCC as determined by CFCC management subject to final approval by the Governor.

## Letters to the Editor

AHPW, Inc. Versus Pohnpei State  
Another View

Dear Editor:

I am sick and tired and annoyed hence I feel compelled to write this letter to convey my perspective of the matter of AHPW in so far as I am concerned. I have no doubt that in the eyes and minds of those who read these articles we are being labeled as the bad guys. Consequently, I have had enough information published in this medium by those who know little about this matter but somehow wished to have their viewpoints expressed. My personal due respect to all of you including the Arthurs.

It was absolutely true that Pohnpei State Government had, at one point in time, bought the pepper harvest of the Pohnpei pepper farmers in the early 1990's. This was done so that the farmers would be able to pay for their loans. Furthermore, these purchases were initially rejected by AHPW. It was thereafter that all their harvests were sold to Pohnpei State. However, AHPW was not prevented from buying these peppers from Pohnpei State. As for the button business from the shells of trochus, this is a seasonal activity as called for in the law establishing the open season for the harvest of trochus. The law also calls for a survey to be made prior to an open season to make sure that these ocean creatures would not be depleted. The law further requires quotas as well as potential buyers. In practical past experiences, the top buyers get them all.

An open season for the harvest of trochus is on its way soon and this will be held after more than six years. I think the timing that this letter is written and the open season is held support Pohnpei State's grounds that we did not intend at all to make one suffer. This is the nature in which this undertaking is supposed to be carried out according to the call of the law.

The Arthurs filed a case in the FSM Supreme Court alleging that Pohnpei State was in direct competition with the private sector by buying peppers from the farmers. Secondly, it was further alleged that the Pohnpei State did not allow open seasons for the harvest of trochus, thereby forcing their pepper and button businesses into bankruptcy. Pohnpei State was not well represented in the Court by its attorneys and lost this case through the FSM Supreme Court's ruling that Pohnpei State

was in violation of the antitrust law.

The FSM Supreme Court awarded AHPW a judgment of over nine hundred thousand dollars inclusive of interest. AHPW borrowed over six hundred thousand dollars from the shares of the Pohnpei Development Loan Fund administered by the FSM Development Bank. The Court awarded the Development Bank a judgment in the amount of the balance of the AHPW's loan. The proceeds of the Pohnpei Development Loan Fund derived from the Investment Development Fund of the Compact of Free Association between the FSM and United States of America. This is the same Fund that the Pohnpei pepper farmers borrowed from and had to pay back. Those who did not pay their loans but used their lands as loan securities, these lands are still in the possession of the FSM Development Bank and are being auctioned to clear these debts.

Pohnpei State has paid AHPW over three hundred thousand dollars. In putting up the money, the offsetting of the judgment was the underlying principle behind the appropriation. This was based on the amount that we actually owed AHPW when the appropriation was made. The same Court, the FSM Supreme Court, ordered the Arthurs to sell their Apple Computer shares in order for AHPW to pay off its loan against the Pohnpei Development Loan Fund. It has not been done, which was the Committee on Finance's worst fear. This was the grounds by which the Committee on Finance did not recommend the Seventh Pohnpei Legislature to appropriate the full amount. We respect the court Order but with little funds in our pocket to finance the affairs of the State we believed the approach was in the best interest of Pohnpei State. We need our money back and we are making sure we recover it in any form. Pohnpei State will run aground if the Court Order is fully implemented at once and payment is only made in one direction. For those concerned we pray that you share our thoughts and feelings as we move on hoping for a safe and pleasant journey. Unless and otherwise, someone is not being truthful. God bless you all.

With due respect I remain,

**Ausen T. Lambert**  
Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
Seventh Pohnpei Legislature

## Should we?

Dear editor,

This is to all concerned FSM citizens, have you ever thought of why we have a federation made up of entirely different peoples? Have you ever given thought as to why must a group of islands with entirely different sets of cultures and traditions, with no traditional history of having a common natural bond other than close proximity with each other, set out on the path of self determination together? Is our bond natural? In

the sense that if one particular island should fail to succeed than so should the others since we are all one in nature? How can each island dictate their own path of self determination or realize their own true potential if the chains that hold us dear and near is not even clear for many of us.

It is very true that anthropologically, ethnologically, sociologically we have and share commonalities but that does not in itself mean that we should or must be politically, economically joined at the hips.

**Johnson Sepeti**

## The Cuthbert Project

Bill Hagen

The digital age has come to the outer islands of the Federated States of Micronesia. Last week (11/24) 3 members of The Cuthbert Project returned from the island of Onoun where they spent almost 2 weeks setting up The Cuthbert Project pilot program. Onoun, which is part of the Namonuito Atoll, was selected for this program because it had a solar power array installed last year by the European Union and because it has a small airstrip.

The Cuthbert Project team took with them 5 laptop computers on which Rosetta Stone American English had been installed. Rosetta Stone is an interactive program where the learner wears a head set to hear and respond verbally to images and words which appear on the computer screen. Laptops were chosen because of their size, their limited power requirements and because they require little space for storage. The laptops are never turned off and are stored in an insulated storage device which keeps them warm and dry as protection against the high humidity.

The first stage of the pilot program required the testing of 40 primary and 40 secondary school students to establish a baseline of English Language skills. Then, from each group of 40 students 20 were selected as members of the test group while the other 20 will remain in the control group. The test group will spend 55 minutes per day for the next 90 days using Rosetta Stone, learning vocabulary, pronunciation and typing skills as they respond to the visual imagery on the screen. At the end of 3 months the original 80 will again be tested using the same standardized test and the results of the test group will be compared against the results of the control group to determine the effectiveness of the teaching program.

Onoun is located about 120 miles north west of Truk Lagoon in the Federated States of Micronesia. From Guam The Cuthbert Project team members flew to Weno in Chuuk where they boarded a small plane operated by Caroline Island Airlines which took them directly to the island on Onoun where they were met by traditional dancers from the island of Polowat. There being no ground transportation, the older students from WeiPat High School carried the luggage, 5 laptop computers and supplies to the village from the airstrip.

On Monday morning, November 16, the 40 students chosen were started on lap top computers using Rosetta Stone American English Software. Rosetta Stone is an interactive teaching program. The students, wearing headsets with microphones, match images and words on the screen with those words they hear. The

program will then listen to the response of the student and if the pronunciation needs improvement the student will be prompted to repeat the word or phrases until they are spoken correctly.

For most of the students on Onoun this is their first encounter with a computer and a keyboard and it was interesting to watch how they approached the computer and experimented with the keys. Rosetta Stone's typing is also interactive so the children learn spelling as well as typing. The computer tracks their progress of the individual learner and automatically starts them where they left off when they sign on every-day.

The role of The Cuthbert Project is to locate funding, acquire equipment, set standards, train teachers and monitors, and provide the necessary software to allow the students on the outer islands an educational opportunity. The Cuthbert Project is a privately funded non profit corporation registered on Guam and is grateful to Continental Air Lines for their support and to the Guam Public School System for providing the volunteer teachers who are providing the independent testing.

For most of the outer islands there is very little in the way of educational support and transportation is a major obstacle. The Cuthbert Project's team experienced the trials and tribulations of the outer island transportation when the method and date of both their arrival and departure to Onoun changed multiple times, and their return was delayed by 5 days. Even communication is limited to ham radio or satellite phone. Their school buildings have openings but no windows, no protection against the driving rain and almost no supplies or books. Sometimes school meets only 2 or 3 days a week which was apparent in the initial base line testing.

Building on the expected success of The Cuthbert Project's pilot program it is hoped that the program can be expanded to all 540 students located on the 5 islands of the Namonuito Atoll. For this expanded program the Project will be looking for both public and private assistance.



Team member Bill Hagen with Sarah Valencia and Billie Manzon of Machanaonao Elementary with 5 high school students from WeiPat High School on Onoun in front of the solar array which is providing power for the computers

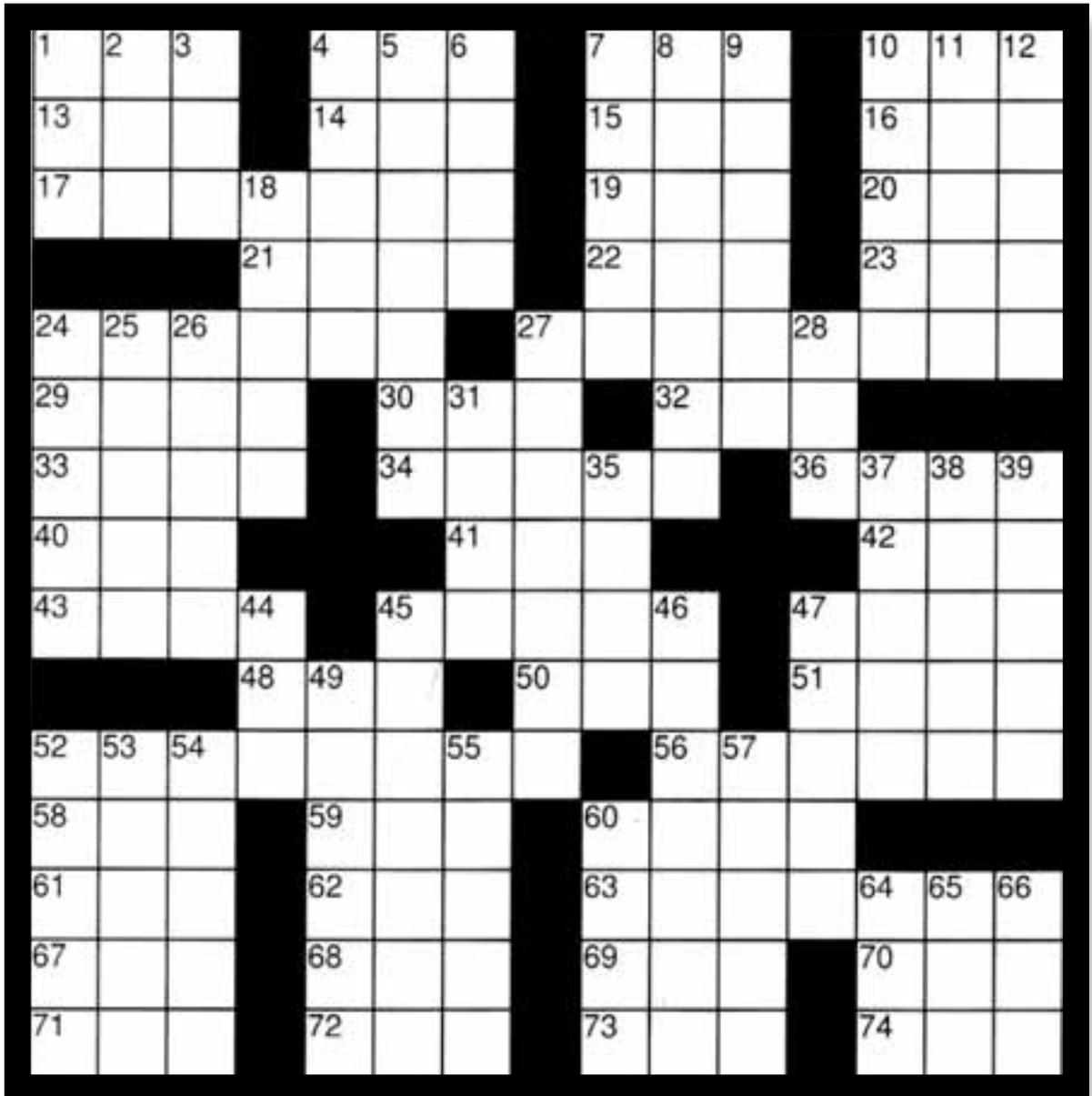
# Crossword - A Lot (3)

**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

- 1. Map abbr.
- 4. NFL half
- 7. NY's La Scala
- 10. That man's
- 13. Small mark
- 14. HS class
- 15. Half and half
- 16. Aardvark's snack
- 17. Wraps
- 19. RR abbr.
- 20. Fat farm
- 21. \_\_\_ Hashanah
- 22. Swat
- 23. "pshaw!"
- 24. Say
- 27. Play
- 29. Chap
- 30. Half-and-half half
- 32. Want-ad abbr.
- 33. Mad
- 34. Jack-tars
- 36. Pranks
- 40. Chasm
- 41. Ka \_\_\_\_, HI
- 42. \_\_\_ Lanka
- 43. Latch \_\_\_
- 45. Dad's
- 47. Catch
- 48. TV brand
- 50. Dallas sch.
- 51. Cal \_\_\_
- 52. Sham
- 56. bags
- 58. Grassland
- 59. Had a snack
- 60. Mast
- 61. Mantra chants
- 62. \_\_\_ Na Na
- 63. Manhattan park
- 67. Cravat
- 68. Bard's always
- 69. Santa \_\_\_\_, CA
- 70. Malaga rah
- 71. AL and WA
- 72. Grad. class
- 73. NFL stats
- 74. Lay an \_\_\_

- 1. Want \_\_\_
- 2. Altar act
- 3. LAX abbr.
- 4. Can't stand
- 5. Galas
- 6. Blackjack
- 7. Mr. Dayan
- 8. Attracts
- 9. \_\_\_ alla Scala
- 10. "\_\_\_ manana"
- 11. Data
- 12. Say
- 18. At bay
- 24. La Paz pal
- 25. That's a wrap
- 26. Had a nap
- 27. Fall back
- 28. Dr.'s graph
- 31. Tra-\_\_\_
- 35. Band
- 37. TV's Grant
- 38. Charm
- 39. Says "Alas!"
- 44. Scap
- 45. Black cat
- 46. Hang
- 47. Draw back
- 49. Halts
- 52. Cabals
- 53. Pay
- 54. Allays
- 55. Chars
- 57. Grandmas
- 60. "Amscray!"
- 64. Shad \_\_\_
- 65. Math. branch
- 66. Pants part



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## HIDDEN NUMBERS

Did you know that there are 100,000 hairs on the human head?  
Each day the average person can lose up to 125 hairs, which  
are replaced by new ones.

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| <b>04547</b> | <b>40200</b> | <b>75260</b> |
| <b>04624</b> | <b>42709</b> | <b>75910</b> |
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## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at 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.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: - [rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com](mailto:rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com)
- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too!. Call: 320-2496

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## ANOTHER CLASSIC LIMERICK BROUGHT TO YOU BY **TRASHBUSTERS**

There once was a fellow named Judas  
who went to a campground for nudists.  
He walked right on in,  
just wearing a grin.  
Turns out it was really for Buddhists.

## COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SERVICE IN KOLONIA, U, NETT, & SOKEHS

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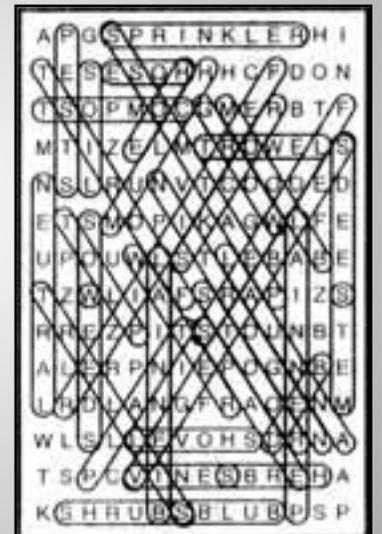
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## Puzzle Pleasure Previous Issue's Solution



Crossword Solution

## In the Garden



## A Lot (2)

# Dollar Up Enterprises

320-6127

Table Covers  
.65 Cents  
Per Yd

Linoleum  
or Tile  
\$2.95/Yd

Men's Jean  
Shorts  
\$12.99

Waist Size up to 36

## PIALA Participants Learn about GO LOCAL

By Lymer Yamada

On November 18, 2009, over 80 participants of the 19th Annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) conference learned about the Go local program and how to share knowledge of local foods.

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei board members Adelino Lorens, Dr. Lois Englberger, and Rainer Jimmy presented details on the

background and purpose of this program and its effort to get the public's attention on the importance of local foods.

A recent study conducted by the Pohnpei State Department of Health and World Health Organization (WHO) found that one in three adult Pohnpeians are now diabetic.

The primary cause of this problem is the change of lifestyle, less physical activity and a shift away from local food.

The participants were delighted with the talk and awareness materials, which included Let's Go Local t-shirts, pens, pencils, banana books and many more.

Warm thanks are extended to Bruce Robert of the College of Micronesia-FSM, PIALA and LAMP for inviting IFCP and to the AusAid Small Grants Scheme of the Australian government for funding.



Luciano Mathias

Island Food Community of Pohnpei board members (from left to right), Rainer Jimmy, Adelino Lorens, and Dr. Lois Englberger, at the 2009 PIALA Conference.

## Astronomical Tide Prediction December 9 Through December 22, 2009

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Wednesday	12/09		12/16		12/09		12/16	
	02:53AM	1.3	03:09AM	2.4	04:00AM	0.1	02:03PM	2.2
	09:35AM	2.7	08:14AM	1.0	03:44PM	1.3	10:56PM	-0.4
	02:30PM	2.2	03:08PM	4.5				
	08:39PM	3.1	10:12PM	0.7				
Thursday	12/10		12/17		12/10		12/17	
	03:55AM	1.4	03:42AM	2.4	03:46AM	0.3	02:30PM	2.2
	11:01AM	3.0	08:46AM	1.0	02:03PM	1.2	11:10PM	-0.3
	04:59PM	2.1	03:39PM	4.5				
	10:17PM	2.8	10:42PM	0.6				
Friday	12/11		12/18		12/11		12/18	
	04:54AM	1.5	04:14AM	2.4	02:00AM	0.3	02:57PM	2.2
	12:02PM	3.4	09:17AM	1.0	12:55PM	1.4	11:26PM	-0.3
	06:41PM	1.8	04:08PM	4.5	10:47PM	0.1		
	11:51PM	2.6	11:10PM	0.7				
Saturday	12/12		12/19		12/12		12/19	
	05:44AM	1.4	04:45AM	2.4	12:42PM	1.7	03:54AM	-0.1
	12:48PM	3.7	09:47AM	1.1	10:30PM	-0.1	06:24AM	-0.2
	07:43PM	1.5	04:35PM	4.4			03:22PM	2.2
			11:37PM	0.7			11:43PM	-0.2
Sunday	12/13		12/20		12/13		12/20	
	01:00AM	2.5	05:16AM	2.5	12:52PM	1.9	04:02AM	0.0
	06:27AM	1.3	10:17AM	1.3	10:31PM	-0.2	06:55AM	-0.1
	01:27PM	4.0	05:02PM	4.2			03:45PM	2.1
	08:29PM	1.2					11:59PM	-0.1
Monday	12/14		12/21		12/14		12/21	
	01:51AM	2.4	12:03AM	0.8	01:12PM	2.1	04:20AM	0.1
	07:05AM	1.2	05:49AM	2.5	10:37PM	-0.3	07:21AM	0.0
	02:03PM	4.3	10:48AM	1.4			04:05PM	1.9
	09:07PM	0.9	05:28PM	4.0				
Tuesday	12/15		12/22		12/15		12/22	
	02:33AM	2.4	12:30AM	0.9	01:36PM	2.2	12:12AM	0.0
	07:41AM	1.1	06:25AM	2.5	10:45PM	-0.4	04:50AM	0.2
	02:36PM	4.4	11:21AM	1.6			07:42AM	0.1
	09:41PM	0.8	05:55PM	3.7			04:20PM	1.7

## Recommendations for a Healthy Happy Holiday Season

By Dr. Lois Englberger

We are now in the holiday season, often referred to as the season of food.

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei would like to remind readers to aim for fresh local island foods, which are a healthy choice, rich in micronutrients and fiber, and tasty too.

Remember to take your time and eat slowly...and aim to eat less, instead of more. In the end you will feel better and happier.

Healthy living also includes sufficient physical activity and is important for helping to avoid diabetes, heart disease, and also cancer.

The World Cancer Research Fund/American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) has produced its Second Report and a very useful 16-page Summary: Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Prevention of Cancer. This gives some good recommendations, including those on what we can do to help prevent cancer:

- Be as lean as possible within the normal range of body weight.
- Be physically active as part of everyday life.
- Limit consumption of energy-dense foods. Avoid sugary drinks.
- Eat mostly foods of plant origin.
- Limit intake of red meat and avoid processed meat.
- Limit alcoholic drinks.
- Limit consumption of salt. Avoid mouldy cereals (grains) or pulses (legumes).
- Aim to meet nutritional needs through diet alone.

Special Recommendation 1: Mothers to breastfeed; children to be breast fed.

Special Recommendation 2: Cancer survivors: Follow the recommendations for cancer prevention.

The Summary is available at <http://www.dietandcancerreport.org>,

Let's go local!

## Shrimp with Banana Flower

By: Serly James



### Method:

1. Remove outer layer of banana flower and wash.
2. Chop the banana flower into small pieces.
3. Put the chopped pieces in a bowl of salt water for 3-4 minutes and set aside. (This is to remove the bitterness of the banana flower).
4. Slice the onion and sauté (gently cook in the oil).
5. Add the banana flower, bell pepper, shrimp and if desired a small bit of salt\* and pepper and sauté for 10 minutes more and serve.

\*Note: For health reasons it is best to avoid adding salt to recipes if possible. Also, many people like the taste of "natural foods". One can add seasonings at the table, if desired.

This was the third winning recipe in the any local food category of the 2009 World Food Day Healthy Cooking Competition, October 15, 2009.

### Ingredients

- 2 banana flower (kakipwel en uht)
- 1 cup shrimp
- 1 1/2 sliced onion
- 1 sliced bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil or coconut oil



## Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia

### Notice of Inactive Bank Accounts

Bank of the FSM currently maintains accounts for the following individuals & groups:

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Edyn Thomas Onongoch Fefal	P.O. Box 261	Weno, Chuuk
Kalista Iakopus	General Delivery	Chuuk
Edgar Joseph	General Delivery	Chuuk
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#### **Kosraean:**

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#### **Chuukese:**

Sia awora ei esinesin ngeni ami kei aramas, mwicheichen aramas, ika sopai mi affat itemi assan pun faan pungun annukun FSM, masowan ami kei accounts epuene lo ngeni ach ewe FSM Finance lon January 2010, ika pwe ese wor mwokutukutun uttut (withdrawal) ika isonanong (deposit) lon me mwen December 31, 2009. Ach anean pwe kopwe chuuto rech ach sipue annisfengen won om kei account.

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#### **Pohnpeian:**

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