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Pohnpei weights and measures enforcement up and running Price control enforcement not yet implemented by Economic Affairs

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—In January of 2009 Pohnpei's Department of Economic Affairs hired a Consumer Protection Technician.

Peter Walter was hired for the position and immediately took part in a two week training program that was provided by Guam Tax and Revenue officers that was held in Pohnpei. He was trained how to calibrate scales and to properly measure consumables like gasoline delivered at pumps. He was also trained how to ensure that containers are accurate when they are used to deliver fuel at less technical fueling stations who store their fuel in barrels.

Walter will be leaving Pohnpei for another two week training session with Guam Tax and Revenue officers beginning in Guam on April 26.

Vallerio Hallens said that vendors initially had a good number of questions about the program but once they had been informed what was expected of them the Department of

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Peter Walter prepares to check pump measurements at Ray and Dors in Sekere

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ANZAC sacrifices commemorated in Pohnpei

The Kaselehlie Press

At 5:30 A.M. on April 25 celebrants gathered at the ANZAC memorial site in Kangaroo Court in Liwy, Pohnpei to commemorate ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day.

The holiday was initially set to commemorate the sacrifices made by ANZACs after they landed on the Gallipoli peninsula as part of an Allied Forces attempt to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey.) ANZAC forces landed on April 25, 1915 in what was to be a quick operation. Instead it lasted for 8 months. All of

the Allied Forces took heavy casualties and suffered severe hardships. Over 10,000 ANZAC soldiers were killed during the conflict.

April 25 was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916 and became one of the most important days of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand as citizens remembered the sacrifices of those soldiers who gave their lives in Gallipoli. In subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include Australians and New Zea-

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Photos by Louise Ruhl

USCG Cmdr Sparks, Lt Jarnac, RAN Lt. Cmdr Ruhl and USCG Lt. Cmdr Salas



Joshua Ruhl and Jaxon Campbell place a wreath



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Micronesian Shipping Commission sets commercial shipping regulations in Micronesian countries



Francis Itimai, Kenneth Kedi and Jackson Ngiraingas at the MSC office in Pohnpei
By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—In July of 2009, Moses Nelson was hired as the Micronesian Shipping Commission's Executive Director. MSC has been in existence for nearly 20 years but has not had a staff for most of that time. That has changed. Nelson said that the Commission has been reinvigorated and is up and running at full force, regulating commercial shipping throughout Micronesia.

The Commission covers commercial shipping regulations and licensing in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. "If it gets here by water we regulate it," Nelson claimed.

He said that the function of MSC is vital in the region in order to insure that there is a steady shipping arrangement for an equally steady flow of commodities into the region. "99% of what we need in the Micronesian countries comes by ship," said Nelson, only slightly ex-

aggerating the rate of importation. The Micronesian Shipping Commission operates under a unique mandate. Commissioners are the Transportation Ministers from FSM, Palau, and RMI. Saipan and Guam are non-voting members of the commission. Nelson said that MSC is covered by a treaty amongst the participating nations. Each of the voting nations on the commission has its own enabling legislation regarding MSC. It's a model for multinational cooperative organizations that Nelson believes should be used whenever cooperative organizations are formed to solve multinational problems.

He specifically mentioned environmental, and fisheries issues that could possibly be dealt with by Micronesian countries in a fashion similar to the MSC model. "Sometimes issues are given to a National Government department to take care of but that department usually doesn't have enough funding or staff members to properly handle regulation of the issue, and each country is doing it themselves," Nelson said.

MSC, on the other hand, works cooperatively to regulate shipping in the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean that the three Freely Associated States control as their Economic Exclusive Zones. Each member government has their own internal laws giving responsibility for regulation of commercial shipping to MSC. Nelson said that those laws "have teeth" in terms of enforcement.

"MSC's loyalty is to the governments and ultimately, the people," Nelson said.

Just the same, MSC receives approximately 90% of its funding from license fees that they issue to shippers operating in the region. Nelson said that the commission receives very little financial support from any of the governments of the countries involved in the Commission.

The Micronesian Shipping Commission works towards the equitable operation of all carriers in the FSM. MSC sets and collects licensing fees from commercial shippers including freight forwarders. The three governments collect taxes from the shippers.

In the FSM, admiralty issues are covered under National law. Where State and National laws collide on maritime issues the MSC functions as an intermediary as they did in a recent case of a barge carrying aggregate to Yap. The barge foundered on a reef in Palau and officials filed a lawsuit seeking huge fines. Other companies who carry imported products to Yap were concerned that they might face similar reprisals and were becoming squeamish about steaming into Yap's ports. According to Nelson, MSC played a role in ensuring that goods would continue to be shipped into Yap's ports.

At least one shipper considered the possibility of ending shipping services to Chuuk because of that State's extraordinarily high rates for

piloting. Nelson said that MSC, the shippers, and Chuuk officials handling pilotage fees discussed the matter and came to a resolution on the matter of piloting fees. Freight continues to be carried into Chuuk's Weno port.

The current MSC commissioners include Jackson Ngiraingas, RMI Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce, Kenneth Kedi, Palau Minister of Transportation and Commerce, and Francis Itimai, FSM's Secretary for the Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure.

The three Commissioners met in Pohnpei on April 19 and 20. Nelson said that most of the content of the meetings had to do with administrative oversight and details regarding the shipping commission but their main topic had to do with training issues.

MSC's bylaws allow for preferential licensing of shippers that take on Micronesian interns. Two commercial shippers currently take on interns, Matson Shipping Lines and the Kyowa/FSM Line. The shippers each take interns for a one year period. They are recruited from the maritime program in Yap which is run by the College of Micronesia FSM. RMI and Palau both previously had similar programs but they are no longer in operation.

Sometimes the participating shippers take on students from a similar program in the Philippines that often trains Micronesian citizens. The shipper provides all needed equipment and uniforms and provides a bi-weekly per diem to the interns for the year long training period.

Matson has two interns that will soon finish their program which means that shipper will have two spaces available for Micronesians. The Kyowa/FSM line will soon have one slot available for an intern.

Nelson said that he would like to see other shippers operating in the area, take on interns as well.

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Chinese Special Envoy for the China-Pacific Islands Forum Dialogue, H.E. Du Qiwen Visited the FSM



By China Embassy

Friday, April 16, 2010

The Chinese Special Envoy for the China-Pacific Islands Forum Dialogue, H.E. DU Qiwen payed a goodwill visit to the Federated States of Micronesia from April 12th to 15th, 2010.

The Special Envoy and his delegation were warmly welcomed by the government and people of the Federated States of Micronesia. Special Envoy DU and his delegation were met separately by the President of the FSM, H.E. Emanuel Mori; Vice Speaker of the 16th Congress, Hon. Fredrico Primo; Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Lorin Robert and Pohnpei

State Acting Governor, Hon. Churchill Edward. The two sides exchanged views on ways of further developing China-FSM relations, promoting mutual coordination and enhancing mutual communication.

In their talks, Special Envoy DU spoke highly of the China-FSM relations, and said that the friendly relations between the two countries had brought tangible benefits to both the peoples. He reiterated that the Chinese government will continue to promote mutual understanding, enhance the friendship and provide economic and technological assistance to the FSM within its own capacity in the years to come.

President Mori and the FSM leaders welcomed Special Envoy to visit the FSM. They hope that Special Envoy DU's visit will promote the bilateral relations intensively and lead the friendship between the two countries to a new high.

Despite the tight schedule, Special Envoy

DU also took his time to visit the China funded Pohnpei State Administrative Building, China-FSM Friendship Sports Complex, Pilot Farm and Luen Tai Fishing Company.

On April 14th, Special Envoy DU and his delegation attended the handover ceremony of the funded Kosrae High School Building in the state of Kosrae. Special Envoy DU made a speech at the handover ceremony and took part in the celebrations thereafter. Special Envoy DU also met with Hon. Vice President Alik Alik, Governor Weilbacher, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker and Chief Justice and other national and state leaders while in Kosrae.

China had been participating in the Pacific Island Forum Dialogue since 1989, and accredited its first Special Envoy in 2007. Hon. DU Qiwen is the second Special Envoy for the Pacific Island Forum Dialogue, and this is his first trip to the FSM since he assumed office in 2009.



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Chuukese teen is an accomplished swimmer and water polo team captain in Hawaii

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Oahu, HAWAII—The last time seventeen year old Alena Alumbaugh visited her relatives in Chuuk was when she was a year old. Since then she has become an accomplished swimmer and hopes to be offered an athletic scholarship for her achievements.

Alumbaugh is a senior at Kaiser High School in East Oahu. The Kaiser water polo team competes in the Oahu Interscholastic Association East Division. The team has a 4-2 record this season as of April 7 and team members hope to make it to the state water polo tournament. If they do it would be the first time for the Kaiser team to compete in the state tournament.

"I am hoping we make it this year," Alumbaugh told the East Oahu Islander in an interview, "I think we've been doing good. If we keep practicing, we'll get better and better. This is the best year we've had since I've been here, so I think we're pretty strong."

Besides water polo, Alumbaugh is also a year round swimmer for the Kamehameha Swim Club.

"When I was seven years old I started swimming in California," she said. "Then we moved to Oahu, Hawaii where my best friend

Kehau Ai introduced me to water polo when I was about 13 years old. I like swimming and water polo a lot because they are both excellent exercise, but water polo is more enjoyable because it's a team sport."

"I definitely like the competition and the adrenaline I get before a swimming race or a water polo game," she said. "Also after doing either swimming or water polo, I feel healthy and rejuvenated if it was a good workout. For swimming, my times motivate me to bet better, as well as my Kamehameha Swim Club coaches, and my teammates. In water polo, my friends, teammates, Kaiser High School coaches and family motivate me."

Alumbaugh hasn't yet decided on what career she might like to choose. Right now she thinks she might be interested in Nursing, Writing, or Business. She's currently considering U.H. Manoa, Hawaii Pacific University, and Chamaine University because she said she wants to stay close to home for at least the first two years and because those schools offer majors for the career paths she might choose.

But she also wants to make it easier to for her parents, Richard and Dee Alumbaugh to pay for her college and would probably take an Athletic Scholarship if it is offered.



Her father serves in the U.S. Coast Guard and is stationed in Hawaii.

When asked if there is anyone that she would like to thank for her success Alena said, "God, for blessing me with everything I have and all the opportunities I've been able to have a chance at, and my big wonderful family of course for supporting me in everything I do."

Her parents were asked which of their daughter's accomplishments have brought them the

most joy. "Her academic achievements of being on the honor roll, her commitment to helping out the church community, and MVP two years in a row and Team Captain on both the swimming and water polo teams," they said. "She is a true leader. She also teaches children swimming during the summer break."

Alena said that she and her brother Victor are thinking about trying to swim for the Federated States of Micronesia in the Olympics.

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...Weights and measures

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Economic Affairs has had good cooperation from vendors.

He said that the department has found no major problems with weights and measures although he said they did find one gas station whose pumps were delivering a gallon and a half which registered on the pump as only one gallon. That fuel station had developed quite a loyal following but was costing the vendor a lot of money. "He was very grateful that we found out about it," said Hallens.

Hallens said that Walter is "very strong and very straightforward." He said that Walter had reported several incidents when vendors tried to bribe him but didn't say if any charges had been filed in those matters.

The Consumer Protection Technician, a job whose title was changed from the initially proposed job title of Consumer Protection Officer, a title that might have connoted some law enforcement powers does check local fish market scales as well. Some vendors had been using one scale that registered weights as being lighter than they actually were when they bought fish from local fishermen, and another scale with the opposite problem when they sold the fish to customers. It has been much more difficult for vendors to do that since Walters assumed his position. Hallens went further emphatically saying, "That problem has stopped."

In addition to surprise inspections at local fish markets Walter does a thorough quarterly inspection of fuel pumps at commercial stations. When the inspection is completed he places an official seal on the pump. Each month he returns to each fuel station to verify that the seals have not been broken.

Walters also accompanies the Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency to island stores to be certain that food and beverage products being sold are not already beyond expiration.

The job has become too large for just one person and Hallens has included in his budget submission for the next fiscal year, salaries for two additional employees. If the budget is approved, one of those employees would help Walter to effectively cover the island to enforce weights and measures. The other employee would perform the, as yet unimplemented portion of the proposed job description of nearly a year and half ago: enforcement of price control laws and regulation of repair shops that either overcharge or perform unnecessary or unauthorized work.

In an interview with The Kaselehlie Press that appeared in the November 26, 2008 issue, Hallens said that his office would set up a consumer hotline that people could call in order to register consumer complaints. During the 17 months the newspaper attempted to conduct a follow up interview on the matter it became clear that a hotline had not yet been established.

Hallens said the price control portion of the job description has not yet been implemented because of an uncertainty as to whether his office has jurisdiction in the matter. He said that Economic Affairs is mandated under the law to give assistance to the Pohnpei Price Control Commission but the Commission has not existed for a very long time. Even when it did exist, Hallens said, it wasn't very effective because most of the members of the commission were business people who may at least have been perceived to have had their own interests in keeping prices high.

He said that the Attorney General has not yet been consulted for a legal opinion on the matter but that he and Governor Ehsa have recently discussed the matter.

Whereas in larger population bases the economic effects of competition are effective at keeping prices as low as pos-

sible, Pohnpei does not have a large enough consumer base or competing business structure for those principals to be effective.

To combat that problem Pohnpei has, built into its code, a maximum legal allowable mark up for imported items bought and sold in the state. The vast majority of products sold in Pohnpei are imports. The law says that the first seller of a product landed in Pohnpei can add certain defined importation costs to the sale of that good plus a maximum markup of 50% beyond that cumulative price. A first seller can sell that product to a business for resale. That "second seller" can only mark up the item's price by a maximum of 20% beyond the price they paid for the item.

Some small village stores buy their products from a second seller rather than a

first seller—a wholesaler, and so they markup the second seller's 20 percent markup price even further. There does not appear to be a law regarding third sellers but competition in villages does seem to function effectively as far as third sellers go.

During the long overdue follow up interview we provided three specific examples from personal experience in which second seller vendors had marked up their prices as much as 81%, 61% higher than the law allows.

Hallens said that he was aware that consumers and businesses alike are having a more difficult time making ends meet during this time of economic downturn and that his department is anxious to have someone on board to help protect consumers by enforcing the various applicable laws.

...ANZAC

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landers killed in all the military operations in which they have been involved.

The timing of the commemoration in Pohnpei was traditional for the celebration. It was held at dawn because that was the time of initial attack in Gallipoli.

Commemorative wreaths were placed at the site of the Pohnpei memorial on ANZAC day.

Wreaths were placed by Australian Ambassador the Honorable Susan Cox OAM on behalf of all Australians. Mr. Chan Tallon placed a wreath on behalf of all New Zealanders. The Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia the Honorable Mr Alik Alik placed a wreath on behalf of the National Government and the people of FSM. American Ambassador the Honorable

Peter Prahar placed a wreath on behalf of all Americans. Japanese Ambassador the Honorable Shoji Sato placed a wreath on behalf of the people of Japan. Charge d'Affaires for China Mr Bao placed a wreath on behalf of the people of China. The Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat the Hon Tuiloma Neroni Slade placed a wreath on behalf of all Pacific Island Forum member states. CPOMT Dean Moore placed a wreath on behalf of the Australian Defence Force. Major Frank Semens (Rtd) placed a wreath on behalf of Micronesian members of the US Armed forces and Micronesian service Veterans. The Honorable Marcelo Peterson placed a wreath on behalf of all other Pacific Island service Veterans and non-ANZAC servicemen and women. Jaxon Campbell and Joshua Ruhl, the young sons of Royal Australian Navy Officers serving in Pohnpei placed a wreath on behalf of the children of Australia.

As the sun rose in Pohnpei participants took part in a traditional gunfire breakfast at the Kangaroo Court.

Japanese Government to donate trash Compactor to Pohnpei

The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—The Embassy of Japan to the Federated States of Micronesia plans a hand over ceremony of a new trash compactor for the Pohnpei Waste Management site in Dekehtik, Pohnpei on Wednesday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held in the lobby area of the Pohnpei State Building.

The ceremony will be short and will be followed by a "Street Cleanup Campaign." The public is invited to the handover ceremony and also to help with the cleanup campaign. A group of 20 volunteers from Japan is coming to Pohnpei on May 9 and will be helping with the campaign. Kolonia Elementary school students and JOCV volunteers will also be picking up trash along the route. The Street Cleanup Campaign will begin outside of the Pohnpei State Building in Kolonia at the Governor's call to start at approximately 2:30.

Some of the participants will cover the street northward through Kolonia from the Pohnpei State Building past Spanish Wall and down the hill to the waterfront road. Another group will turn right at the Social Security building and continue on to the waterfront road. Both groups will meet at the Japanese Embassy located at the PAMI building. A truck will take collected garbage to the dumpsite.

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VDSL-3072	3072 kbps	3072 kbps	\$3,822.00
VDSL-4096	4096 kbps	4096 kbps	\$5,096.00
VDSL-5120	5120 kbps	5120 kbps	\$6,370.00
VDSL-6144	6144 kbps	6144 kbps	\$7,644.00
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Home Elite	1536 kbps	384 kbps	\$194.00
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Premium 128	128 kbps	128 kbps	\$637.00
Premium 192	192 kbps	192 kbps	\$955.00
Premium 256	256 kbps	256 kbps	\$1,273.00
Premium 384	384 kbps	384 kbps	\$1,909.00
Premium 512	512 kbps	512 kbps	\$2,545.00
Premium 768	768 kbps	768 kbps	\$3,818.00
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Basic 256	256 kbps	\$3,430.00	\$637.00
Basic 384	384 kbps	\$3,640.00	\$855.00
Basic 512	512 kbps	\$6,310.00	\$1,273.00
Basic 768	768 kbps	new	\$1,910.00
Basic 1024	1024 kbps	\$12,330.00	\$2,546.00
Basic 1280	1280 kbps	new	\$3,183.00
Basic 1536	1536 kbps	\$18,350.00	\$3,819.00

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Domestic 256	256 kbps	\$7,040.00	\$2,437.00
Domestic 512	512 kbps	\$12,160.00	\$4,873.00
Domestic 1024	1024 kbps	\$16,640.00	\$8,745.00
Domestic 1536	1536 kbps	\$17,760.00	\$14,017.00

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FSMTC set to roll out iSPEED Internet services

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM— FSM's President Manny Mori announced in his inaugural address on July 16, 2007, that FSM broadband connectivity would be a priority during his administration. At 9:00 p.m. on April 1, 2010, the President's dream came true after a fashion. At that time all FSM international communications tasks were "cut over" from the satellite dish at FSM Telecommunications (FSMTC) headquarters to a fiber optic cable located in Pohnpei.

According to numerous press releases and interviews, President Mori would like to have seen a fiber optic cable link to every state in the nation. He created a task force to try to do just that. In an interview on Friday, April 23 he said that he is disappointed that the cable landed only in Pohnpei. His policy since he took office has been to connect a fiber optic line to each state. He would not take credit for accomplishing his stated goal because he said that he doesn't feel that is what has happened.

Many residents and government officials in Chuuk, Kosrae, and Yap are skeptical that the fiber optic cable in Pohnpei will benefit the residents of their states significantly. FSMTC has been the focus of sharp criticism from those states even before the new ADSL (Asynchronous Digital Subscriber Line) service is implemented in all FSM states.

FSMTC is marketing its high speed broadband Internet services under the name iSPEED.

ADSL Internet services utilize the copper wires that already run to many homes and businesses in the FSM as they have done since the FSMTC's early days. ADSL lines utilize the capacity of copper wires to carry the high frequencies that are not used to carry the frequency of a human voice. It will allow simultaneous voice communication and Internet data transmission on a single phone line without interruption of either service. Data received on an ADSL is received at a speed four times faster than it can be sent.

FSMTC will be providing ADSL services in all of the FSM States and expects to see the same level of ADSL Internet services in all states. Unlike previous Internet plans that were sold by the minute or by the Megabytes transferred, ADSL will allow unlimited monthly use that is connected 24 hours a day.

FSMTC is on record as having said that speeds in Chuuk, Kosrae, and Yap will increase by three times. Actually what will be happening by the end of May is that satellite bandwidth in those states will increase by three times their current level. That increased bandwidth will facilitate much faster Internet connection speeds through existing satellite dishes in each state.

The service will allow speeds up to 1536 kbps depending on the service plan subscribers purchase on a pre-paid basis. ADSL service plans for home users start at \$33 per month for 256 kbps downstream (data received) and 64 kbps upstream (data sent). Prices range upward to \$194 per month for 1536 kbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream. Business rates start at \$100 and range upward to \$718 per month.

The one service that will be provided in Pohnpei that will not be available in the other states yet is VDSL service (Very high bitrate Digital Subscriber Line). VDSL allows a user to send and receive data at the same guaranteed rate depending on the service plan subscribers purchase. Prices for that type of service in Pohnpei start at \$1,274 per month for a 1024 kbps service and range upward to \$10,192 per month for an 8192 kbps service.

There is no way around the fact that Pohnpei will be the first in the FSM to receive ADSL services but only by a matter of days.

The FSMTC Board of Directors, which is represented by a state selected member from each FSM state along with one selected by the National Government, approved an implementation plan and rate schedule for business and home broadband Internet services across the FSM at its April 13 meeting.

As a result of that meeting FSMTC will begin deploying ADSL (Asynchronous Digital Subscriber Lines) beginning with Pohnpei on April 26. Pohnpei has the largest Internet subscriber base.

Yap has the second largest Internet subscriber base in the FSM. It also has two separate communications satellite dishes. One of those is located in Colonia. The other is in Ulithi. The FSMTC board approved plan has Yap scheduled for ADSL Internet connectivity beginning on May 10.

Deployment of ADSL services in Chuuk is scheduled to begin on May 20. Kosrae, is scheduled for ADSL implementation on May 31.

Meanwhile, the entire FSM has begun to realize international communications benefits. Already FSMTC customers all over the FSM have noticed a profound change in the quality of international voice communications.

"FSMTC has received reports from all over the country saying that international voice communications have dramatically improved," said Matthew Mann of bonnice-MANN Consulting (BMC).

BMC has been a consultant to FSMTC helping the corporation to implement FSMTC's fiber optic connectivity dreams for the nation.

"What happened," a business customer in

Pohnpei asked? "I called a supplier in California and it was like they were right next door; no more delay, no more echo. It's great," she exclaimed.

In Pohnpei, Internet customers have already begun to see faster Internet connections. WIFI services in Pohnpei are sprinter fast compared to speeds attainable before the switch to the fiber optic cable. Even customers using pedantic dial up lines in Pohnpei are experiencing faster Internet speeds.

Across the nation, both WIFI and dialup Internet services will continue to be provided at 8 cents per megabyte of transferred data for the foreseeable future.

ADSL services will only be available in the FSM within 4.3 miles in either direction of a substation. Some residents in the FSM will not be able to connect to ADSL services because they live further away from a substation than 4.3 miles. To combat that problem, the FSMTC board has authorized the purchase and installation of four ADSL blade cabinets. More are planned for the future so that everyone that can possibly be reached in the FSM will be able access broadband Internet services if they choose to do so.

Mann said that FSMTC has been testing and improving the copper plant in the FSM and that there is still a good deal of work to do. He said that because of corrosion and other issues 30% of lines in a recent test in Colonia did not pass quality testing even for voice lines. "ADSL will still work on most of those lines but we just want to get them right," he said. Work is continuing on rehabilitation of the copper plant.

When asked if FSMTC was intentionally making it more difficult for dial up customers in Pohnpei to connect to the Internet in the days leading up to implementation of ADSL services so that customers will appreciate ADSL that much more, Mann laughed. He said that after the fiber optic line was installed customers noticed that they were getting the actual speeds at which their computers told them they were connected on a dial up line, and demand for modem connections rose by over 30% in the month of April. When all available modems are in use, a dial up customer often receives an error message when trying to connect that says that the remote computer did not respond in a timely fashion. Customers continue to receive that

FSMTC Board names successor to retiring CEO, Takuro Akinaga

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

April 13, 2010

Pohnpei, FSM—John Sohl was selected by the FSMTC Board of Directors as Chief Executive Officer of FSM Telecommunications to replace Takuro Akinaga who retires on April 26, 2010. Sohl had been the FSMTC Chief Operating Officer. Fredy Perman the FSMTC Customer Care Manager was selected by the Board to replace John Sohl. The selections were made at the April 13, 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors.

"Mr. Akinaga has been the most instrumental figure for telecommunication in this country and without his able and astute leadership, the country would not have been where it is now with its telecommunications infrastructure," said an FSMTC press release. Akinaga served at FSMTC for over 25 years. He has been at the helm of FSMTC's operations since the corporation's inception.

John Sohl, who will assume the position of CEO came to FSMTC in 1988 and assumed the position of Assistant General Manager. At that time Akinaga was the General Manager.

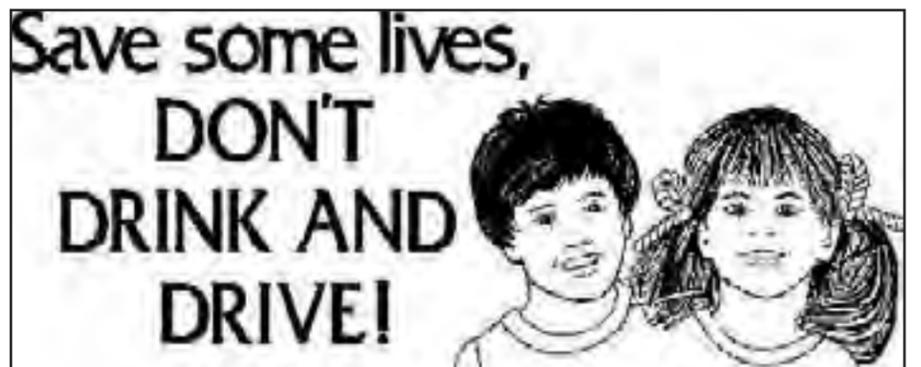
Fredy Perman's undergraduate studies were in marketing and economics. He recently completed a Master's degree in telecommunications at the University of Hawaii in Manoa.

Perman said that there are no immediate plans to fill the Customer Care Manager position he will vacate and that the duties of that position will, for the time being, be folded into his new position as FSMTC Vice President and COO.

message on subsequent attempts until a modem line is freed.

He said that situation will correct itself as users switch over to the new ADSL service.

So far 400 customers throughout the FSM have expressed interest in iSPEED service.





Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia

Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia Statements of Condition December 31, 2009 and 2008

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cash and due from banks	\$10,037,263	\$12,303,824
Federal Funds Sold	500,000	2,613,000
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	335,545	543,203
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>10,872,808</u>	<u>15,460,027</u>
Interest bearing deposits in banks	9,566,000	5,291,000
Short-term investment in money market funds	804,546	296,648
Securities available for sale	23,646,842	31,966,425
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	36,219,254	29,714,252
Accrued Interest receivable	456,356	540,229
Premises and equipment, net	3,303,374	3,400,933
Prepaid expenses and other assets	322,960	140,614
Total Assets	<u><u>\$85,192,140</u></u>	<u><u>\$86,810,128</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Liabilities:			
Deposits:			
	Noninterest-bearing	18,781,588	19,573,068
	Interest-bearing	49,166,967	50,183,921
	Total deposits	<u>67,948,555</u>	<u>69,756,989</u>
	Accrued interest payable	40,871	64,834
	Accrued expenses and other liabilities	643,331	490,157
	Total liabilities	<u>68,632,757</u>	<u>70,311,980</u>
Commitments and contingencies			
Stockholders' equity:			
	Common Stock, \$5 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized; 934,348 shares issued and outstanding at 2009 and 2008	4,671,740	4,671,740
	Additional paid-in capital	4,663,576	4,663,576
	Retained earnings	6,478,890	5,763,676
	Accumulated other comprehensive income	745,177	1,399,156
	Total stockholders' equity	<u>16,559,383</u>	<u>16,498,148</u>
	Total Liabilities & Stockholder's Equity	<u><u>\$85,192,140</u></u>	<u><u>\$86,810,128</u></u>

Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia Statements of Income Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>		<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Interest income:			Non-interest expense:		
Loans	3,296,389	3,263,511	Salaries and wages	1,463,905	1,435,966
Investment securities and due from banks	1,287,946	1,223,308	Occupancy	333,840	404,950
Federal funds sold	2,864	155,948	Employee benefits	274,873	272,879
Total interest income	<u>4,587,199</u>	<u>4,642,767</u>	Data processing	244,459	294,584
Interest expense:			Professional fees	230,328	212,554
Time deposits, \$100,000 and over	207,956	342,917	Furniture and equipment	202,028	246,693
Savings	161,962	244,542	Telephone	170,726	160,129
Other time deposits	61,367	85,368	Gross Receipts and use taxes	164,894	72,839
Total interest expense	<u>431,285</u>	<u>672,827</u>	Correspondent bank fees	139,676	99,877
Net interest income	<u>4,155,914</u>	<u>3,969,940</u>	Travel	136,431	117,205
Recovery for loan losses	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	Stationary and supplies	130,928	136,465
Net interest income after recovery of loan losses	<u>4,255,914</u>	<u>3,969,940</u>	FDIC deposit insurance	88,273	8,709
Non-interest income:			Insurance	55,824	55,068
Service charges on deposit accounts	211,309	243,208	Director and shareholder	46,703	54,127
Loan fee income	207,071	203,929	Teller and operating losses	40,108	3,566
Other	424,792	387,687	Business development	23,208	25,612
Total Non-interest Income	<u>843,172</u>	<u>834,824</u>	Credit and collection	22,165	30,658
			Postage	21,804	19,399
			Miscellaneous	33,090	27,312
			Total Non-Interest Expense	<u>3,823,263</u>	<u>3,678,592</u>
			Net Income	<u>1,275,823</u>	<u>1,126,172</u>
			Earnings per share	<u>\$1.37</u>	<u>\$1.21</u>

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US Coast Guard comes to Pohnpei and leaves behind more than they brought with them

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—When the US Coast Guard vessels Assateague and Sequoiah docked at the Pohnpei port on April 17 crew members spread out across the island bent on trying to experience as much as they could before their port call was over. They were everywhere on the island from the Nan Madol historic site in Madolenihmw to what would have been the Nan Madol Hotel had it been completed. The shell of the hotel is where Rusty Anchor, owned by Marie Olter does business in Nett.

Crew members shopped at the souvenir stores in Pohnrakied. They bought T-shirts in Kolonia. They played basketball at the College of Micronesia Pohnpei Campus gym. For over a week crew members from the two vessels boosted Pohnpei's economy but they left more behind than just their money.

Crew members also did selfless service projects while they were on island. Several of them painted areas at the Pohnpei State Hospital that desperately needed painting, smiling all the while. And when the work was done, Pohnpei hospital officials, and Governor John Ehsa, on April 22 congratulated and thanked the crew and presented them with an award while US Ambassador to the FSM Peter Prahar looked on and they smiled and smiled and then enjoyed the light refreshments they were served.

When the formalities were over they could have gone back to their ship but they didn't. Instead they trekked down the hallways in their blue work uniforms armed with weapons of a different sort than those they were trained to use. These weapons were soft and cuddly and designed to melt hearts at a hundred paces—their own. The crew members had smiled while they worked. They smiled even bigger when they were presented with their award for services rendered but when they walked into the children's ward their smiles were incandescent. When they pulled out their secret weapons, the stuffed animals they'd brought with them the children's faces lit up too.

The Coast Guardians went from bed to bed trying to communicate with the mothers and children there. The mothers and the Guardians didn't always speak the same language but their shared smiles transcended language boundaries. Words were just not necessary.

The sailors grouped up for photos with Governor Ehsa and milled about for a moment after the photos were completed. Behind them, Coast Guardian Montes had scooped up one of the beautiful little patients, "I can't help it," she said and cooed into the baby's ear. "I had to. I just had to," she whispered and smiled the biggest smile of the day.

15 or so kilometers south, the Coast Guard



and local lawyers were helping FSM National Police officers to gain some experience in testifying in court. They held a mock trial in which lawyers acted as prosecutors and defense attorneys and questioned police officers as they would do if called upon to testify in a prosecution against a defendant accused of a violation of maritime, fisheries or other laws.

The Coast Guard held a reception aboard the USCG Cutter Sequoiah on the following evening and presented awards to the lawyers that participated in the mock trial as well as people who had a key role in the recent search for Dr. David and Rayder Suzuki along with several others.

Fifteen of the Coast Guardians attended the ANZAC day commemoration at the Kangaroo Court in Liwy, Pohnpei on April 25 at 5:30 in the morning including Commander Sparks who commands the Coast Guard in the region. Lieutenant James Jarnac, Commanding Officer of the USCG Cutter Assateague and Lt. Commander, Commanding Officer of the USCG Cutter Sequoia were amongst the Guardian representatives.

When USCG left the Pohnpei port on Monday, April 26 it was to participate in a Marine Law Enforcement action in the FSM Exclusive Economic Zone along with FSM Marine Surveillance ships that will last for a week. Word was tight on that action as well it should have been. The FSM is hoping for several more smiles as a result of that action.



Conservationists gather to celebrate conservation successes with EU Head of Delegation

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—Monday, April 19 was a nearly moonless night in Pohnpei. The wind that howled through the Coco Marina Bar and Grill tousled the hair of the more than 30 people gathered there. It was nature acting as nature does. The people who had been invited to the reception, sponsored by the Micronesia Conservation Trust, might reasonably have been excused if they'd been irritated by nature's show. Instead they seemed to revel in it.

And there was good cause for good natured celebration. The Head of Delegation of the



European Commission for the Pacific, Ambassador Wiepke van der Goot and his wife Ida were at the reception on behalf of the European Union which provided 719,000 Euros in 2007 to build Non-State Actor (NSA) capacity to formulate and deliver environmental protection and conservation projects within the FSM. Since then a total of \$626,403 dollars has been awarded to environment protection and conservation projects in the FSM. Of 27 conservation projects submitted for funding 14 projects passed the EU evaluation process and received funding.

"I am glad that you have had good success and that you have been able to use the money to get other money. That was always the plan. It's what we hoped," said Ambassador van der Goot. "Still it is not just about the money but the results that take place."

The dinner was attended by partners from the FSM government. Grantees with closed out projects in Pohnpei also attended including representative from the College of Micronesia-FSM, the FSM Marine Science Program, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, the Marine Environmental Research Institute of Pohnpei and the Micronesian Seminar. Staff members from Micronesia Conservation Trust were on hand including Willy Kostka who spoke to the gather revelers. The FSM Deputy National Authorizing Officer was present and well as a representative from GEF PEF Micronesia Small Grants Programme.

Micronesia Conservation Trust held four workshops to help applicants for environmental funding to better understand the concept of project design and grant writing which gave non-governmental organizations the tools they

needed in order to be successfully funded.

Of the 14 funded projects two were in Kosrae, five in Pohnpei, three in Chuuk, and four in Yap. 35 new jobs were created as a result of the programs many of which were extended past the scheduled completion of those projects.

Five of the 14 projects are managed by women.

All 14 projects address the nominated thematic areas in the FSM non biodiversity Strategic Plan. Eight of the 14 are within the 44 areas of biological significance.

Micronesia Conservation Trust was able to use the EU grant to leverage a 1.5 million euro grant from the German Ministry of Environment (LifeWeb). They also were able to leverage funds for professional internships in Pacific Island Ecosystem management.

The Conservation and Environmental Protection program is 15% of the European Development Fund number 9. 85% of EDF9 funds were given to the FSM National Government for a Renewable Energy Program. The remaining 15% was given to the Micronesia Conservation Trust for the Conservation and Environmental Protection program.

The EDF10 is focused solely on renewable energy. Mary Rose Nakayama of the Micronesia Conservation Trust said that the FSM Government will have to decide whether or not to give a portion of the new funds to the NSA's.

Steering Committee members included Tina Takeshy, Bill Raynor, Cindy Ehmes, and Marion Henry.

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U.S. celebrates Earth Day with local youth

By Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

April 23, 2010

In honor of Earth Day April 22, Mrs. Amy Kit-Ling Choi Prahar, wife of U.S. Ambassador Peter Prahar, visited Lukop Elementary School in Madolenihmw, accompanied by Mrs. Emiko Sparks, wife of Thomas Sparks, Commander of the U.S.

Coast Guard (USCG) in Guam.

During the two-hour visit, Mrs. Prahar read a book on endangered sea turtles to fifty seventh and eighth grade students. She employed props that demonstrated the sea turtle's life cycle, as well as enticed students "out of their shells" to participate in the reading.

Mrs. Prahar then spoke on the history of Earth Day, an event which launched the modern environmental movement. In 1970, some twenty million Americans publicly denounced increased pollution and deterioration, and demonstrated for a healthy, sustainable environment. Rising environmental awareness led the U.S. government to establish the Environmen-

tal Protection Agency in late 1970, and to enact the Clean Air Act of 1970 and Clean Water Act of 1972.

In the spirit of the 2010 Earth Day theme, "International Year of Biodiversity," Mrs. Prahar utilized posters of endangered species and demonstrated the harmful effects of trash to promote the students' awareness of the environment.

Mrs. Sparks donated waterproof backpacks, school supplies, and sports equipment on behalf of the Coast Guard. She encouraged students

to "study hard and stay in school," as well as to utilize the sports equipment to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle. The Coast Guard Cutters Assateague and Sequoia are currently in Pohnpei to participate in Operation Sea Guardian, a maritime security exercise.

Mrs. Prahar and Mrs. Sparks also toured the school and the Early Childhood Education (ECE) facility, both of which receive funding under the Compact of Free Association with the United States.



Pohnpei Fishing Club and "Petro-Corp" team up for fishing safety

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—The Pohnpei Fishing Club had scheduled a tournament for Saturday, April 17, 2010. That tournament was cancelled until after the club had a chance to review its safety policies. Instead the club sponsored a celebration on behalf of Dr. Aminis David and Rayder Suzuki who became lost during a squall during the last PFC tournament and were not seen by anyone who could or would admit to seeing them for nine days.

When Dr. David and Suzuki went missing, members of the Fishing Club and non-members alike banded together for the search effort. PFC President Andy Musrasrik coordinated private boat search efforts from land, by radio.

In addition, PFC member Alex Tretnoff, pilot for Caroline Islands Airlines took to the sky. According to an award presented to him at a reception by the US Coast Guard aboard the USCG Cutter "Sequoia" on Friday, April 23rd, Tretnoff covered 12,400 nautical miles of "critical search patterns" above the ocean during that nine day period.

FSM Marine Surveillance vessels were also tasked in the search and covered several thousand nautical miles of ocean

"The Pohnpei Fishing Club has always focused on safety," said Lt. Commander Ruhl (Royal Australian Navy), Vice President of PFC. Tournament registration forms required participants to list items of safety gear that they had on board. It also required them to list the area where they intended to fish. The safety disclosure information on the registration relied on the honor system.

Ruhl and Musrasrik said that PFC never attempted to verify safety information reported by fishing club members. "Anyone who goes to sea should be personally responsible for safety issues," Ruhl said.

Musrasrik and Ruhl said that the PFC board has developed and secured funding for a plan that will essentially secure the safety of its members during tournaments and will also help to secure the safety of other fishermen in Pohnpei who take to the sea.

The FSM Petroleum Corporation has agreed to fund the purchase of 30 EPIRB's (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon). The largest number of boats that have signed up for any one PFC tournament was 24.

A boater with an EPIRB can activate the device during an emergency situation. When the device is activated a monitoring center in Guam is electronically alerted. If the device is still active after the satellite that received the signal has made three passes, emergency procedures would be implemented. In a marine emergency situation where responders from Pohnpei would be effective, the Guam office would notify the proper Pohnpei officials. EPIRBs allow emergency responders to know, within 200 meters of accuracy, where the device is, and therefore, where the boaters are so that rescuers can go right to that position.

EPIRBs transmit no information if they have not been activated and are for emergency use only.

A very small percentage of PFC members already have EPIRB's installed on their boats. If Dr. David's boat had an EPIRB on board, he and Suzuki would not have had to spend nine days drifting in the open ocean.

No PFC tournaments will be conducted before the EPIRBs have arrived and are available for use. All participants in tournaments will be required in the future to carry the self contained water proof devices aboard their boats before they are allowed to participate in the tournaments.

The EPIRBs will not sit idle when they are not being used by tournament participants. They will also be available for use by other Pohnpei boaters at any time. Issuance of the



US Coast Guard Commander Sparks presents an award to PFC member Alex Tretnoff

devices will be administered by PFC officials. The details of that arrangement have not yet been formalized but PFC officials said that it would likely be a matter of contacting a PFC board member.

Ruhl and Musrasrik said that there are no plans to charge a fee for the use of the devices or to require a deposit. It would probably be just a simple matter of signing an agreement that the boater who checks out one of the devices would be financially liable for it if it is lost or damaged.

"It's a matter of safety," Musrasrik said. He also said that PFC intends to sponsor a boating safety column for publication in The Kaselehlie Press.

Dr. David told PFC members at their celebration on April 17 that he discovered that he had put a large knife near his compass which affected the device by as much as 180 degrees. For quite some time he and Suzuki were going in the wrong direction during their search for Pohnpei.

PFC hopes their column on boating safety might eliminate even those kinds of problems through a campaign for public aware-

ness. Musrasrik said that PFC is extremely grateful to FSM Petroleum Corporation for stepping in to help with funding for the purchase of EPIRBs.

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European Union signs €14.4 million Renewable Energy Programme with three Pacific Island Countries

European Union and Secretariat of the Pacific Community

16 April 2010

Pohnpei, FSM—The European Union (EU) today signed a multi-country programme with the governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau. The programme provides €14.44 million (approximately US\$20 million) in assistance for a renewable energy and energy efficiency programme that will help improve the quality of life on the outer islands and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. The programme, known as North-REP, complements the bilateral cooperation programmes of the individual EU Member States. It is the single largest financial commitment ever made by the EU in these three countries.

"These countries are very remote from international markets, making them particularly vulnerable to movements in international petroleum prices. This programme will help improve the overall capacity of the energy sector through energy efficiency measures and grid-connected renewable energy and increase access of remote populations to affordable and reliable renewable electricity services" said Ambassador Wiepke van der Goot, Head of EU Delegation for the Pacific.

"Climate change is a serious threat to all countries, but particularly to the communities of low-lying atolls in the Pacific. Because this programme creates energy from the sun, it will help to mitigate some of the damaging effects expected of climate change", he added.

The North-REP programme will be implemented over four-years with assistance from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community – a regional agency with a 60-year track record of supporting Pacific island countries. At today's signing ceremony in Pohnpei the Secretary General of SPC, Dr. Jimmie Rodgers, said, "SPC is very happy to be associated with North-REP. Electricity on the outer islands makes it possible to deliver other programmes such as internet services and the one laptop per child initiative".

North-REP is fully consistent with the policy objectives of participating governments and will carry out various activities at national and local government levels to raise the profile of energy efficiency and

conservation. In the outer islands, it will provide renewable energy based electricity to households, schools and health centres. This is expected to have a positive impact on income generation and the quality of education and health services - resulting in poverty reduction, improvement in the quality of life and increased opportunities.



New EU-funded project will contribute to sustainability of Pacific fisheries

European Union and Secretariat of the Pacific Community

April 16, 2010

Pohnpei, FSM—The European Union (EU) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) signed the contributions agreement for a new regional fisheries project today in Pohnpei. The Scientific Support for the Management of Coastal and Oceanic Fisheries in the Pacific Islands Region (SciCOFish) project, funded by the EU and implemented by SPC, has a budget of €9 million (US\$11.7 million) and will run for the next four years.

The project will contribute to fishery sustainability by providing the 15 Pacific ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States) member countries, with a reliable scientific basis for development of management arrangements for both oceanic (tuna) and coastal fisheries. The project will build capacity in a number of areas, including: strengthening of national observer programmes; the ability to collect information on coastal fisheries; and improved management of data from both oceanic and coastal fisheries.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Ambassador Wiepke van der Goot, Head of EU Delegation for the

Pacific, noted that the project builds on several earlier initiatives funded by the EU and successfully implemented by SPC. He pointed out that its objectives are in line with the EU's and Pacific Island countries' mutually agreed strategy for assistance to the region, which has a 'blue/green theme' (focusing on the oceans and conservation). 'The natural resources of the Pacific Ocean are fundamental for the well-being of Pacific Island people; but they are also of global interest and concern. We are happy to contribute to ensuring their good management and conservation for future generations,' he said.

SPC Director-General Dr. Jimmie Rodgers said that his organisation would carry out the project in an effective and efficient manner. He observed that the EU is an important and greatly valued partner in the region, and provides much needed support in the natural resources sector. 'It is significant that this agreement is being signed here in Pohnpei,' he added 'not only because of the importance of fisheries to the Federated States of Micronesia and its neighbours, but also because this project will see the first SPC Fisheries Specialist posted to our North Pacific office in Pohnpei. This is in line with our policy of decentralising and putting services nearer to the people who need them.'

The EU is one of the largest donors of development aid to Pacific Island countries and has committed €9.5 million (US\$11.7 million) to regional projects alone over the next 4–5 years.

ECONOMICS AND THE LAW

*By Martin Mix
The Kaselehlie Press*

- Eminent Domain -

Pohnpei has a tradition of individuals giving easements for public roads at no money cost to the government.

In large part this tradition is a result of the efforts of the men who obtained agreements from the hundreds of landowners who owned the land that the circumferential road was built on.

The circumferential road was constructed by the Pohnpei Transportation Authority between 1970 and 1984.

The easements for the circumferential road were given by the landowners for free.

The idea that a person who owns land should be willing to give up a small part of that land for free to help the community is a good idea.

Pohnpei must not become like Chuuk where a very large portion of the state budget is used every year to pay rent for

land which is used for public purposes.

I hope Pohnpeians are able to maintain the tradition of allowing the government to use land for public purposes such as roads without the government having to pay to use the land.

If we move away from this great tradition then we must use the power of eminent domain.

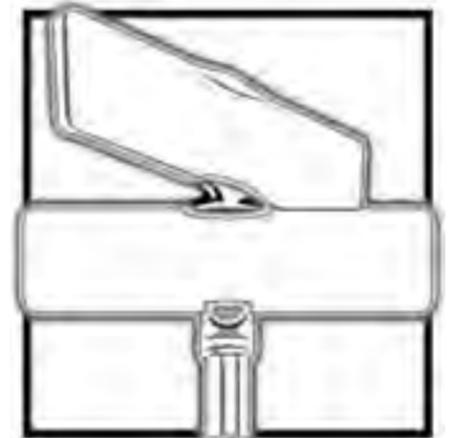
Eminent domain means the power of a government to buy land that will be used for public purposes.

Article 12 of our Constitution gives the Pohnpei State Government this power. Title 43 of our Code tells us how the land will be bought.

I am aware of only one recent instance of the government renting land. The Pohnpei Port Authority leased the land for the cable that took electricity to the light on top of Sokehs Rock. This lease is no

longer important because PPA is not using the electric cable any more but the idea of renting the land was bad.

We should never rent land unless the land is going to be used less than five years. Any land that will be used for public purposes for more than five years should be purchased by the government using the power of eminent domain.



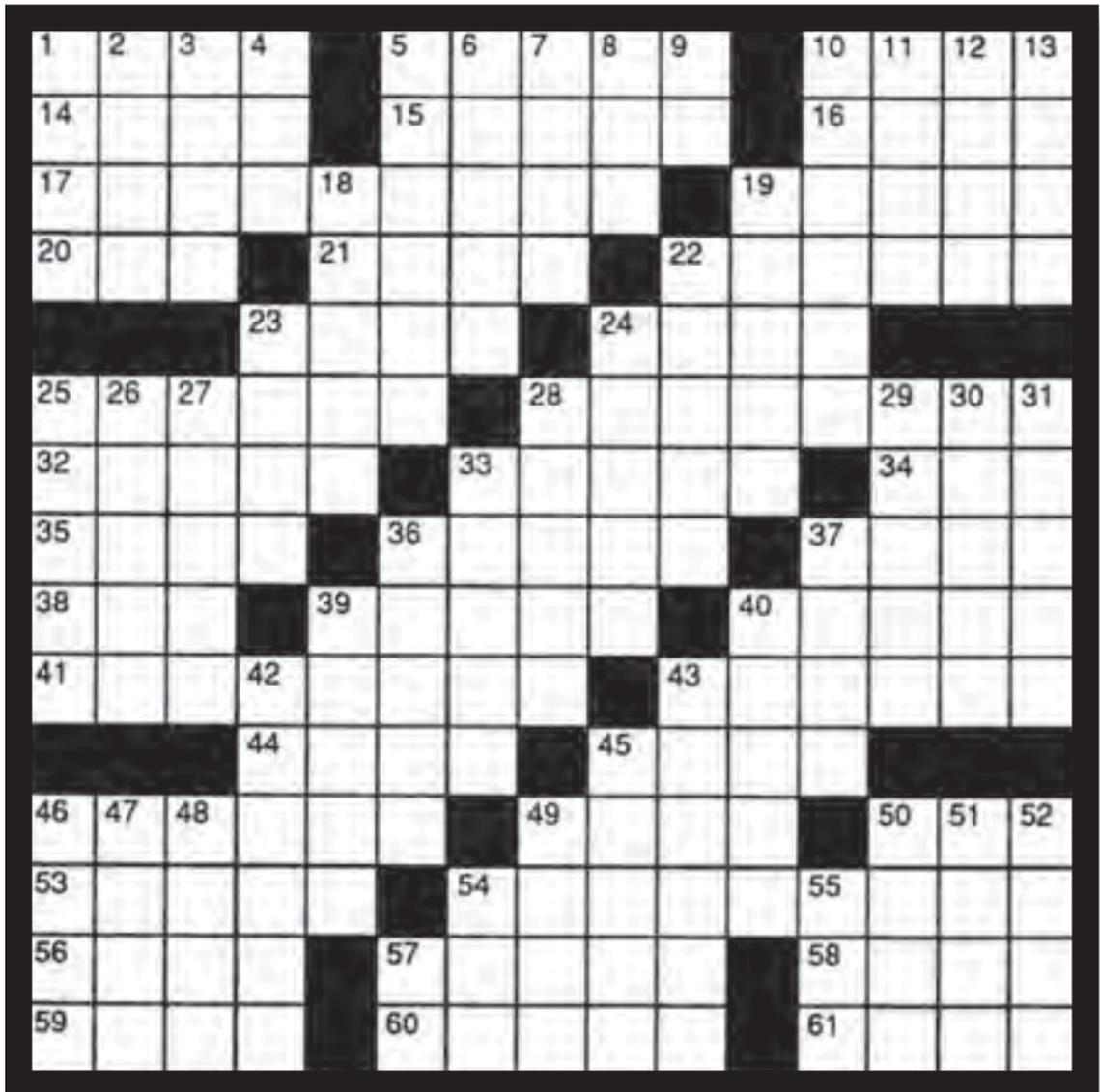
Crossword - EXCITING

ACROSS

1. Rounded root
5. Greens with dressing
10. Twirl
14. Having wings
15. Select group
16. Ending musical pas-
sage
17. Pianist's clockwork de-
vice
19. Boy Scout unit
20. Edgar Allan —
21. Narrow country road
22. Bores a hole
23. Tiny creature
24. Metric weight unit
25. Conduct oneself prop-
erly
28. Small sunfish (p1.)
32. Make amends
33. Tribal divisions
34. Floor covering
35. Melody
36. Practical joke
37. Leaf in book
38. Lyric poem
39. Identifying mark
40. Bet
41. Young bird
43. Up-to-date
44. Speed contest
45. Automobiles
46. Render harmless
49. Travel by water
50. Weep aloud
53. Rub out
54. Innocent, trusting
56. Give off
57. Lying flat
58. Cry of pity
59. Red planet
60. Wrote with typewriter
61. Youths

DOWN

1. Slightly wet
2. Bread spread
3. Companion
4. Make mistake
5. Part of Congress
6. Solitary
7. Greenish citrus fruit
8. Devoured
9. Yvonne — Carlo
10. Economize
11. Pond
12. Object of worship
13. Dozes briefly
18. oil
19. Catches in snare
22. Swallowed liquid
23. Horse's hair
24. Magnificent
25. Conductor's stick
26. Musical composition
27. Sharpens on stone
28. Loud ringing noise
29. Statue
30. Anxious to do
31. Severe
33. Wading bird
36. Cost
37. Cushions
39. Bored and satiated
40. Planet earth
43. Posted
45. "The — Mutiny"
46. Think
47. Columnist Bombeck
48. Bazaar
49. Boutique
50. Farm tower
51. All right (colloq.)
52. Pres. Truman's wife
54. Shout
55. Scientific research
room (cofloq.)
57. 1/2 quart (abbr.)



K Press Puzzle Pleasure - K Press Puzzle Pleasure



WIZARD WORDS

Circle all the words listed below; then read the leftover letters from left to right, top to bottom, to discover the Wizard's Words.

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

<p>ARTS</p> <p>BONDS</p> <p>BUSINESS</p> <p>CASE</p> <p>CELEBRITY</p> <p>CONCERN</p> <p>CONGRESS</p> <p>COVERAGE</p> <p>DEBATE</p> <p>DISPUTE</p> <p>FASHION</p> <p>GOVERNMENT</p> <p>GOVERNOR</p> <p>HEALTH</p> <p>ISSUE</p> <p>MATTER</p> <p>MAYOR</p> <p>MEDIA</p> <p>NATION</p>	<p>NEWS</p> <p>OPENING</p> <p>OPINION</p> <p>POLITICS</p> <p>POLL</p> <p>PRESIDENT</p> <p>PRESS</p> <p>PUBLIC</p> <p>SCIENCE</p> <p>SCORE</p> <p>SENATOR</p> <p>SPORTS</p> <p>STATE</p> <p>STOCKS</p> <p>VOTE</p> <p>WEATHER</p> <p>WINNER</p> <p>WORLD</p>
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K.P. Crazy Korner

Daffy

Definition:

Think About This:

Mama Says:

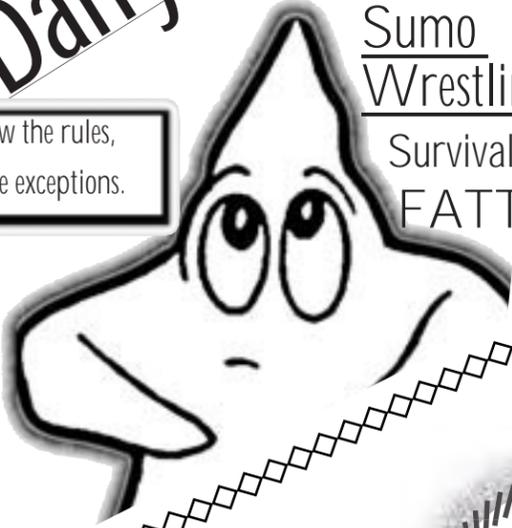
Young people know the rules,
Old people know the exceptions.

Sumo Wrestling:
Survival of the FATTEST

If you deliberately try to fail, and you succeed in doing so, which have you done?

You are only young once...
But you can be immature forever!

Papa Says:



English 101:

It's not who you know
it's whom you know.



Just say "NO!"
to gossip.

Island Inspiration: ..

K.P. Crazy Korner

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- 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.
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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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- 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
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- Ultimate Frisbee pick-up game every Tuesday 5:45pm at the Spanish Wall. All levels welcome! Call 320.2439 for more details

The never-ending value of coconut

Kathay Larsen
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

coconuts. The coconut is delicious and it is one of the most nutritious versatile foods that we have on the island.

I don't think I've run into one person on Pohnpei who doesn't like something about

A mature coconut is seen as an energy food

because of the amount of fat that it contains. In turn, you will receive high Vitamin C value from a drinking coconut.

I know I've failed to mention some of its uses. Additionally, these trees need very little maintenance, and live for 70 years and longer.

A drinking coconut has so much more nutritional value than a soft drink!! Drinking coconut contains energy, Vitamin C, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, calcium, iron, niacin and some protein too. Soft drinks contain a harmful amount of sugar (about 8 spoons per can, but a drinking coconut has only one and a half), and soft drinks contain harmful chemical additives, which can cause health problems.

There are many different coconut trees, and the shape and size of each vary. The height ranges from just over 10 feet, to about 80 feet. Trees will start producing nuts between three and eight years after they are planted. They will bear nuts the entire year. The nuts, especially between varieties, will be different shapes, sizes, colors and weights. You are able to pick them when they are still young, or wait for them to mature. It takes about one year from flowering, to mature coconut.

Studies have shown that soft drinks are related to weight gain, which is a serious problem in Pohnpei, and leads to diabetes, heart attacks, strokes, and cancer. Frequent consumption of soft drinks is linked to tooth decay, dental erosion and osteoporosis. Soft drinks are also more expensive and less healthy than drinking coconut, so why drink them when you have other wonderful options?

If you want your coconut tree to bear as much fruit as possible, don't use the leaves for anything. Keep them on the tree and enjoy the shade that the tree provides when you lounge beneath it. It is very important to take care of your coconut tree as when your tree has healthy leaves, it will produce a lot of food energy in the actual coconut.

Don't let the goodness of your coconut go to waste just because you don't have time to "deal" with it right now. See the recipe on preserving grated coconut.

You use all parts of a coconut plant and its products. You can cook with it, eat it, drink it, clean with it, use it for light, make fires with it, fuel your car with it, build your house with it, and protect your skin and body with it. I don't know of anything else here that is so diverse, and

As most of us have coconuts in our yard, or at least know someone who has coconut trees, we have the opportunity to use this wonderful plant anytime we want. From keeping your hair healthy, to uht sukuuk, pounded banana dish- the coconut is a wonderful tree. Be sure to utilize it today!



Astronomical Tide Prediction April 28 through May 11, 2009

	Pohnpei		Chuuk	
Wednesday	04/28	05/05	04/28	05/05
	02:48AM 4.6	06:38AM 3.5	02:02AM 2.3	04:36AM 1.9
	09:19AM 0.7	02:56PM 1.8	09:24AM 0.3	07:31PM 0.2
	03:11PM 3.5		02:26PM 0.8	
	08:53PM 0.9		06:58PM 0.4	
Thursday	04/29	05/06	04/29	05/06
	03:20AM 4.7	07:36AM 3.2	02:22AM 2.5	04:44AM 1.7
	09:57AM 0.6	04:39PM 1.8	10:01AM 0.2	07:27PM 0.3
	03:44PM 3.3		02:41PM 0.6	
Friday	04/30	05/07	04/30	05/07
	03:52AM 4.7	09:37AM 2.9	02:46AM 2.5	04:26AM 1.5
	10:35AM 0.7	05:35PM 1.7	10:40AM 0.2	07:06PM 0.5
	04:16PM 3.1		02:45PM 0.5	
Saturday	05/01	05/08	05/01	05/08
	04:24AM 4.6	12:46AM 2.9	03:10AM 2.5	03:16AM 1.4
	11:13AM 0.9	05:58AM 2.4	11:22AM 0.3	06:28PM 0.6
	04:47PM 2.8	11:20AM 2.9	02:33PM 0.4	
Sunday	05/02	05/09	05/02	05/09
	04:56AM 4.4	12:56AM 3.2	03:34AM 2.4	02:03AM 1.4
	11:53AM 1.1	06:51AM 2.1	07:08PM 0.1	07:50AM 1.0
	05:19PM 2.6	12:20PM 3.0		11:38AM 1.1
Monday	05/03	05/10	05/03	05/10
	05:28AM 4.1	01:15AM 3.5	03:58AM 2.3	01:24AM 1.6
	12:37PM 1.4	07:28AM 1.7	07:16PM 0.1	07:57AM 0.8
	05:55PM 2.3	01:03PM 3.1		12:30PM 1.0
Tuesday	05/04	05/11	05/04	05/11
	06:01AM 3.8	01:38AM 3.9	04:19AM 2.1	01:15AM 1.8
	01:33PM 1.6	08:02AM 1.4	07:25PM 0.1	08:19AM 0.5
	06:47PM 2.2	01:42PM 3.1		01:11PM 1.0
	10:59PM 1.9	07:31PM 1.2		06:06PM 0.5

Dried grated coconut

1. Grate the flesh of a mature coconut.
2. Spread the grated coconut on a tray and put it in the sun to dry.
3. Dry it for 2 to 3 days, stirring it regularly so that it dries evenly.
4. It is ready when it feels dry. Dried grated coconut will keep for several weeks if stored in a dry place. It can be used for baking or in fruit salads.

“Acknowledgements to the coconut”: Pacific Food Leaflet No. 4., Secretariat of the Pacific Community

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