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U.S. Salutes Fallen Soldier From Pohnpei

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On May 11, the remains of the late U.S. Army Sergeant Raymond J. Hicks, 26, arrived at Pohnpei International Airport on Continental flight 957. Sgt. Hicks died on April 24 in Sierra Vista, Arizona from non-combat related injuries.

A memorial service was held in his honor at Kolonia Chapel in Panasang, Sokehs. Kolonia Chapel Brother Francisco Simram presided as Master of Ceremony, and special remarks were provided by FSM Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin Robert and U.S. Ambassador Peter A. Prahar. In his speech, Ambassador Prahar remarked, "How lucky we are that our two countries, separated by thousands of miles of ocean, have men and women who not only believe in the ideals that our countries stand for, but are willing to pay the price to defend them....At ease Sergeant Hicks, peace has come to you at last. While your time with us was much too short, you take with you the eternal thanks of two grateful nations."

Upon conclusion of the service, a motorcade escorted the remains to the Hicks Residence in Sekere, Sokehs. A U.S. Military Honor Guard, based in Fort Schofield, Hawaii, placed the coffin in the family home for traditional

mourning.

On Wednesday afternoon, a burial service was held in Sekere. Brother Simram presided as Master of Ceremony, while the Honor Guard performed the traditional military honors of firing of volleys, Taps, and presentation of flags. U.S. Army Casualty Affairs Officer Captain Isaac Floyd provided the citation of awards, which included the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal. Following the service, family and friends lowered Sgt. Hicks to his eternal rest.

Sergeant Raymond Hicks joined the military in June 2006. He trained at Fork Jackson, South Carolina and Fort Gordon, Georgia before relocating to Fort Huachuca in February 2007. Sergeant Hicks deployed to Afghanistan in December 2007 until March 2009. During his tour, Sergeant Hicks served as a multichannel transmission systems operator-maintainer for Company C, 40th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 11th Signal Brigade.

Sergeant Hicks is survived by his wife Tressia Postoak, daughter Anana, father Jimmy L. Hicks, mother Aurelia A. Hicks, sisters Jeeny S. Taimana, Sheila A. Jackson, and Josephine Hicks, and brother Ander Hicks.

Fallen U.S. Soldier Returns to Yap

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On May 15, the remains of U.S. Army Specialist Eric M. Finniginam, 26, arrived at Yap International Airport on a U.S. Military C-17 aircraft. SPC Finniginam died on May 1 when insurgents fired mortar rounds into Forward Operating Base Blessing, in the eastern Kunar province of Afghanistan. A U.S. Military Honor Guard Team escorted the remains to the Finniginam Residence in Fiteburey, Dalipebinaw, where they remained for viewing.

On Monday, a memorial service was held at St. Mary's Church in Colonia. Father John Hagileiram led the service, and special remarks were provided by U.S. Ambassador Peter A. Prahar and U.S. Military Major General Donald J. Goldhorn. In his speech, Ambassador Prahar remarked, "Everyone I've talked to about [SPC. Finniginam] has spoken of the energy and joy he brought to everything he did and to those around him. . . . At times like today [the U.S. and F.S.M.] are indeed one family, sharing both our pride in Eric's courage and our sorrow at his loss." Major General Goldhorn then presented SPC Finniginam's military awards to his wife, Ms. Annie Dargun

Tilig, and his father, Mr. Robert P. Finniginam.

A motorcade escorted the remains to the Burial Service at Amraw Cemetery in Dalipebinaw. Father Hagileiram presided over the brief service, while the Honor Guard performed full military honors of firing of volleys and Taps. Major General Goldhorn conducted the Presentation of Flags to the late-SPC Finniginam's father and wife. SPC Finniginam was then laid to his eternal rest.

Specialist Eric Finniginam joined the military in 2008. He trained at Fort Carson, Colorado, and deployed to Afghanistan in June 2009. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. During his exemplary military service, Specialist Finniginam earned a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, an Army Commendation Medal for valor, and an Army Achievement Medal.

Specialist Finniginam is survived by his wife Annie Dargun Tilig, daughter Alexa, father Robert, mother Lily, sisters Roxanne, Maxine, Rhonda and Yolanda, and brothers Ryan and Julius G. Ingram-Finniginam.

BOAT SEIZURE WITHIN EEZ

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei - On May 5, 2010, patrol boat FSS Micronesia seized a Taiwanese fishing vessel operating within the Economic Exclusive Zone ("EEZ") in Yap without a fishing license. As the boat was pulled into Yap Port by FSS Micronesia on May 8, 2010; its Captain, Chung I. Chen, and his seven crew members were met by the Department of Justice attorneys, Pole Atanroai and Daniel Rescue.

Rescue stated the boat was seized 5 miles inside the perimeter of EEZ. "We suspect the vessels fish in and out of the very edge of the perimeter of EEZ to try and avoid being caught," he said. Nevertheless, radio signals

are picked up by the onboard FSM patrol boat computers, and any suspicious activity is immediately investigated.

On the evening of their arrival in Yap, Atanroai and Rescue reviewed the statements obtained by the Commanding Officer of FSS Micronesia, Stuart Peter, and ensured that based on the evidence they could pursue civil and criminal charges against the seized vessel. The FSS Micronesia Second in Command, Kodak David, remained in Yap that evening to give sworn affidavits to the Department of Justice attorneys, as the patrol boat had to immediately depart to attend an outer island medical emergency.

The Department of Justice received tremen-

dous assistance from the Yap National Immigration Office, where the attorneys set up camp to finalize the preparation of their court filings, and from Yap State Police who provided 24 hour monitoring of the seized vessel and its crew.

The language barrier between the attorneys and the vessel crew was a serious issue; fortunately the Yap Police Department located a Yapese college student studying in Beijing, on vacation in Yap for the summer, who after being deputized on Sunday, May 9, 2010, by Yap Attorney General Victor Napeyan, was able to provide translation services.

Next, on Monday, May 10, 2010, a national holiday, Atanroai and Rescue were able to find a court clerk who facilitated the filing of their civil and criminal cases against the vessel and its Captain with the Supreme Court in Yap. The fines under FSM Code, Title 24

("Marine Resources"), range from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000.

Pursuant to the Joint Law Enforcement Agreement ("JLEA"), an agreement between the FSM National government and each state government, Yap state will take over the case. Napeyan's office will negotiate the fines with Chen, owner of the fishing vessel. Typically, once the civil case is settled, the criminal charges will be dropped. The amount of the fine will vary depending on whether this was a first offense or a repeated offense for this vessel. If Chen is unable to pay the fine, the boat will be sold and the proceeds applied towards the fine.

This incident highlights a smoothly performed operation, with efficient communication and assistance between numerous national and states departments.

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Kosrae audit questions scholarship administration practices

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Kosrae, FSM—Kosrae State Public Auditors indicated in an audit released this month that according to Kosrae State Law, the State Scholarship Program was mismanaged between 2005 and 2009.

The audit implied that in an effort to give as many Kosrae students as possible a scholarship grant or loan, the Board gave money to students who were not qualified for financial assistance because of lower than required grade point averages (GPA).

GPA's are figured on a four point scale where A is 4.0 and a failing grade is a 0.0 on the scale. A GPA is the average of all grades earned during applicable academic study.

Auditors also concluded that due to the

minimal effort of the Administrator and the Board there was no evidence that anyone knows exactly how much money is owed on the student loans that have been issued.

The portion of the code that governs the scholarship code hasn't changed since before the beginning of the program.

Funds for the program come from the Kosrae Department of Education. Director Paul Hadik said that student loan payments received by the State are booked to Kosrae's General Fund rather than to the Department of Education or to its scholarship program.

"There hasn't been a Scholarship Board in several years," Hadik said. The Governor has not nominated anyone to sit on that board. "It's been just one guy doing all the work."

Alokoa Joab Sigrah is the Administrator for the Scholarship Program. He said in his response to the audit that former Governor Sigrah instructed the Board to change its GPA standards in order to provide scholarships and loans to as many Kosrae students as possible and to bring the GPA requirements into line with the US Pell grant requirements. Alokoa Sigrah said that he was instructed to reduce the GPA requirements for student loans from 2.5 to 2.0.

He admitted that the Board failed to update the Scholarship Rules and Regulations based on that instruction.

Hadik said that since he has been director no student loans have been issued but that his department gives as much money as possible in the form of scholarship grants to students who enter the High School advanced program and complete it successfully.

He said that scholarship laws should be changed. "The scholarship rules may have worked years ago but they don't work now."

But the laws dealing with scholarships and loans for Kosrae students haven't changed and the audit performed by the Kosrae State Public Auditor was performed with the existing laws as a basis for their findings.

The background information on the audit says that from the semester that began in the Fall of 2004 through the semester that began in the Spring of 2008, 327 students received financial assistance in the form of scholarship grants or loans for a total of approximately \$1,084,000. A later footnote says that 594 students received scholarship awards. All of the figures in the audit seem to indicate that

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the footnote is correct rather than the background information.

Part of the function of the board is to determine that applicants meet the requirements of the scholarship program.

The law says that a successful applicant must be from Kosrae and must be a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia. Applicants must show and prove a financial need for a scholarship. They must have been accepted for enrollment at an institution of higher learning or if they are already attending college they must be in good academic standing and must be carrying a full academic work load. The applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

The audit report said that the Scholarship Program has not been effective to document approvals of awards and that as a result the auditors could not determine whether awards were approved by the Scholarship Board.

Sigrah told auditors that the board approvals should be documented in the minutes of the meetings that were held but given "reasonable time," he was not able to produce the minutes. The amount of "reasonable time" was not specified in the audit.

The auditor sampled 247 scholarship awards for a total of nearly \$530,000. Of awards sampled, 31 percent of the awards were called into question.

58 of the scholarships were given to students who didn't meet GPA requirements. 27 of the awards did not have the required transcript to show the cumulative GPA for the students awarded scholarship money.

Auditors found that there were no documents showing that the selected recipients had been approved by the Scholarship Board before funds were disbursed. However, financial aid applications approved by Financial Aid Officers of academic institutions where a student was planning to attend or where a student was already attending, were on file.

Auditors noted that "The Scholarship Program has not been effective to ensure compliance with the provisions of Scholarship, grant and loan regulations."

They said that 51 percent of loan awards issued had no promissory notes to legally secure the loans.

The Scholarship Board was not able to ensure that adequate funds are collected and made available to qualified recipients. It said that the Scholarship Administrator was not able to maintain ledgers of repayments and outstanding balances of loan awards.

The Office of the Attorney General told the auditors that no cases had been referred to them by the Scholarship Program arising from non-payments of scholarship awards.

The board or the administrator cannot determine the total amount due to them from the inception of the program to date. This is just as true for awardees who have made no payments as it is for those who have made payments for many years through salary reductions or by other means. No one seems to know how much is owed if anything.

While the auditor said that the intention of the law was to provide for a revolving fund that would go back into the program, Director Hadik said that all payments have been going into Kosrae's General Fund and that as far as he knew, none of it was being returned to the program itself.

"A rough estimate yearly collection of loan award repayments only ranged from \$2000 to \$4000 which is very minimal compared to the annual loan awards of more than \$100,000," the audit said. A footnote explained how the figure was derived. It was based on a "grossed up" average amount on one pay period collection from 2005-2010. It was not clear what the term "grossed up" means.

In another audit exception the auditor pointed out that scholarship money awarded did not meet the financial needs of students based on the Application for Kosrae Student Scholarship, grant or loan. The audit listed 10 examples that auditors claimed were typical of grant awards from the Scholarship program. Auditors provided no criteria for the selections they cited as examples in the audit.

The 10 anonymous applicants on the sample list selected by the auditors represented over \$58,000 in scholarship requests. From that amount the scholarship program awarded the students a total of \$27,000, or just over 47 percent of the amount for which the students applied.

Students on the sample list who applied for scholarships to the College of Micronesia National Campus were awarded the smallest amount both in terms of total money awarded and in terms of percentage of the amount requested. Of \$8400 requested by one freshman and two sophomore applicants, only \$1300, just under 16 percent of the amount for which they applied, was awarded to students attending COM-FSM, an average of just over \$433 per student who applied.

One student on the list applied as a freshman at the University of Hawaii in Hilo. That student requested \$11,398 and was granted \$4500 (39 percent).

In terms of percentages granted, the two students who applied to Palau Community College fared the best of the four schools listed on the audit report. The two applicants, one a freshman and the

other a sophomore, applied for a total of \$3172 and received \$1800 (nearly 57 percent) to attend Palau Community College. Each student was awarded \$900.

Auditors chose to list four applications for freshmen at Chaminade University, a private Catholic school in Honolulu. Those students fared better than the rest on the list in terms of cash awarded. Total grant applications for that college totaled \$35,516 (amounts ranged from \$3604 to \$15,000 per student). The Scholarship Program awarded those four students a total of \$19,860, nearly 56 percent of the amount for which they had applied and an average of \$4965 per student.

The highest award for a student to attend Chaminade was for \$6200. Two students applied for \$8456. One received \$5000 and the other received \$5160. One Chaminade student who applied for \$3604 received \$3500.

The auditors asked the scholarship administrator why so many students received amounts significantly less than that for which they had applied. They were told that most of the applicants overstated their financial needs. The Scholarship program reduced award amounts to an amount that they deemed "reasonable."

Auditors took exception to the fact that "there were no modifications or notes to the application (on) how the amount they deem(ed) reasonable was arrived."

Auditors noted that most of the applications they chose to list as examples had already been approved by the Financial Aid Officers of the institutions to which the applicant had already applied. "The approval of the Financial Aid Officer constitutes verification as to the accuracy of the information in the form which can also be deemed that the amount applied for is already reasonable," the audit said. They asked the rhetorical question, "What will happen if the amount initially applied for was already reasonable and the scholarship management always reduces the amount for reasons that remain undocumented?"

Auditors didn't ask the rhetorical question, "Do Financial Aid Officers for colleges have a vested interest that might motivate them to ask for more money than a student needs from any one funding source in order to obtain enough money from all funding sources for any student to attend their particular college?"

111 student award recipients did not have adequate health insurance coverage which is required under the Scholarship regulations in order to avoid the possibility that recipient health problems will financially burden students who received money from the program.

As a final audit exception, auditors noted that Kosrae state law requires the Board to submit to the Governor and the Speaker, twice a year reports including all sources and amounts of funding or

income; all scholarships awarded; all office related expenses and expenditures; and a list of all current and past scholarship recipients, the scholarship amount awarded, the school they attend or have attended and past dues balances.

Despite the lack of a fully constituted board, nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature, the administrator provided four reports to the auditor which did not include the sources and amounts of funding, office related expenses and past due balances for loan recipients.

Directly quoted from the auditor's report: "If adequate information has been included in the regular reports being submitted to the leaders of the state specifically the recipients past due balances, the leaders could have recommended to the Scholarship Board to take the next step to collect outstanding balance arising from award so that it can be made available to new students for funding in attending college or university..."

Alokoa Sigrah, said in his response that the board must revisit the Scholarship Rules and Regulations and make necessary changes. He also said that the Board will hire a full time staff member to assist the Administrator.

Director Hadik said that he doesn't think that US Compact Funds that currently provide the majority of funds for the Department of Education will be allowed to be used for scholarship funds for very much longer.



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President Mori Delivers His State of the Federation

Message

FSM Information Services

May 13, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei – On May 13, 2010, President Mori stood before Congress and gave his third State of the Nation Address. In attendance were Vice President Alik, all members of the 16th FSM Congress, Associate Justice Yamase, members of the Diplomatic Community, Cabinet Members, employees of the National Government and the public. The speech was broadcast live over national radio and will be released on public television.

After welcoming all those in attendance, President Mori began his speech by acknowledging that the nation is still recovering from the global financial crisis, but stated “the worst of the tempest is over” and reported that a bright forecast has been issued by the Asian Development Bank.

In the same vein, President Mori voiced “cautious optimism” about the Nation’s future, citing promising signs of recovery over the past five years, including the reduced trade deficit, a balanced current account and increased national disposable income. The President warned, however, that the Compact has fueled consumption rather than investment and stressed the crucial need to invest in development to build a self-reliant economy, based on the private sector.

The establishment of a strong private sector will allow the financing of the public sector, the President explained, adding that the nation cannot solely rely on the underfunded Compact Trust Fund. President Mori mentioned that the Administration will summon state leaders, business people and international partners to the National Economic Symposium to discuss such private sector development.

The President thanked Congress for approving \$9.2 million for design work and implementation of nearly \$150 million worth of projects across the Nation; in addition, President Mori highlighted that gracious funding from the US, Japan and the People’s Republic of China, has enabled the completion of AARF buildings in Yap and Kosrae, the mobilization of materials for the Pohnpei airport runway expansion, the start of road reconstruction in Chuuk, the building of new schools in Kosrae and Pohnpei, and the renovations at the Yap Childhood Center and hospital. These new projects should generate \$7 million in tax revenues and 2,500 jobs.

The President congratulated FSM Tele-



com for connecting Pohnpei State to the submarine fiber optic cable, and reiterated that connecting the remaining three states is a priority for his Administration. He then took the opportunity to outline economically promising private and public industries for our nation, including the Guam market, tourism, the Captive

Insurance Regime and plans for an International Open Ship Registry. All, significant sources of future revenue available to offset the needs of Social Security, MiCare and other non-Compact Trust Fund programs.

Next, President Mori urged Congress and the state legislatures to modernize the tax code with a code to include Value-Added Tax, Net Profits Tax and a revamped salary tax; and to establish a single National tax agency. He added that his Administration is proposing two major Constitutional Amendments: dual-citizenship and four-year terms for all members of Congress. The President also suggested lowering the threshold to pass constitutional amendments from 75% to a simple majority.

With his objective of national economic growth, the President renewed his commitment to invest in teacher training, and in in-

formation and communication technologies to ensure the development of the nation’s education system. The President outlined that the modernization of the Nation’s medical facilities is also crucial to avoid the need for citizens to seek healthcare overseas.

President Mori extended his heart-felt gratitude to the Nation’s youths enlisted in the United States Armed Forces, stating “the sacrifices that our young people have made in the mutual defense of [the United States and our Nation] in support of world peace can never be over emphasized.”

With the impact of climate change on all Pacific Islands, the President expressed the need to continue fighting for international initiatives to lower green house gasses and decrease reliance on oil. He called on the FSM to attain “at least 20% [...] of total power generation from renewable energy sources by 2020,” stating this alone will trim \$6 million per year from our energy bill.

President Mori concluded by proclaiming “now is the time for development,” with “real sustainable growth;” and he called on all leaders and the nation as a whole to act in cooperation to achieve economic independence.

For a complete version of the President’s State of the Nation Address, please go to http://www.fsmpio.fm/Speeches/mori/state_of_the_federation_10.html



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U.S. Embassy Harvests Garden With Local Youth

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On May 13, U.S. Embassy representatives reunited with thirty-eight Nett Elementary School students to harvest the U.S. Embassy vegetable garden. The students previously came to the Embassy on April 9 to plant the garden. The harvest yielded sixty-two heads of cabbage weighing a total of thirty pounds.

Before harvesting the cabbage, Conservation Specialist Paul Lake of the U.S. Department

of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services (USDA-NRCS) toured the garden with the sixth graders, reviewing the planting process, the daily maintenance and pest control required to ensure plant health, and the difference in growth rate among vegetable varieties. NRCS staff also demonstrated proper harvesting techniques. To eliminate the need for plastic bags, students were taught how to construct a pwaht, a small basket weaved from palm fronds, to store the vegetables.

In honor of local tradition, the sixth graders pre-

sented the first Chinese cabbage to U.S. Ambassador Peter A. Prahar. Ambassador Prahar praised the students for their efforts in this important initiative, explaining that regular consumption of vegetables will prevent illness and save money. Noting his wife's vegetable garden at the U.S. Residence in Nanpohnmal, Ambassador Prahar encouraged students to plant home gardens as a "fun and healthy summer project."

Before the students departed back to school, U.S. Mission staff entertained questions.

There was only one: "When are we coming back?"



Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Pohnpei State Government

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The Pohnpei State Government in the Federated States of Micronesia will receive sealed Bids at Public Works, Office of Transportation and Infrastructure until 3:00 PM local time on July 30, 2010 for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the construction of the project under the contract entitled "POHNPEI CHC UPGRADE". The project may consist of grading, earthwork, drainage work, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and building construction or as shown in the General Scope of Work.

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Bids thus received will be publicly opened and read aloud by the Contracting Officer or his designee at Public Works, Pohnpei State at 3:00 PM Local Time on July 30, 2010.

A site visit will be held at 9:00 AM Local Time on July 9, 2010, commencing at the Public Works Office for Bidders to familiarize themselves of the actual site conditions. This will be followed by a pre-bid conference at 2:00 PM Local Time on July 9, 2010 at the Public Works Office, Kolonia, Pohnpei. Attendance to both proceedings is mandatory. Contractors who fail to attend both proceedings shall be disqualified.

Copies of the Bid Documents may be examined or obtained at the Public Works Office. Bid Documents are available for the amount of Thirty Five Dollars (\$35.00). Payment should be made to POHNPEI STATE FINANCE. Original receipt must be presented by the bidder to the Public Works Office prior to release of Bid Documents. Bid packages are issued as a complete set only.

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Pacific Break 2010 musicians competition seeking North Pacific entries

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Port Vila, Vanuatu—Each year, round about October, thousands of people gather for the annual Fest'Napuan Music Festival in Port Vila, Vanuatu. The festival has been a fixture since 1997. Over 30,000 people were estimated to have attended the four day festival in 2009. This year the festival will take place from the 21st through the 23rd of October and will feature contemporary musical artists from countries throughout the Pacific.

The name "Fest'Napuan" is a combination of words, the word "festival" from English and French and the "napuan" from one of the languages of the island of Tann, which means music and dance.

In the past there has been a noticeable lack of musicians from the North Pacific. Mr. Ralph Rengenvanu, one of the organizers for the festival said in an email, "We had a Japanese artist last year but this year we will have our first "genuine" North Pacific Islander – Paula Fuga from Hawaii."

For the third year in a row, Radio Australia, of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation is sponsoring Pacific Break. As the name implies the contest is designed to find the best unsigned musicians from the Pacific area, to give them a break and some serious exposure. ABC's programs are broadcast internationally. The winner of the compe-

tion will likely have their music played on Radio Australia. They also will be flown to Vanuatu to perform in front of thousands of people at the Fest'Napuan Music Festival. The winner's submission will also be included in a compilation CD from the festival.

Each year hundreds of artists from the Pacific region submit contest entries but to date not a single entry has come from the North Pacific. Certainly there are musicians in the North Pacific area which includes Hawaii, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Palau, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Guam, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Last year's winner was Emmanuel Mailau from Sabama, a settlement near Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea. "When I heard about the competition, well I thought I'd just give it a try," said Emmanuel Mailau, reflecting on his whirlwind journey to Port Vila to play live at Fest'napuan 2009, "It was great to stand in front of all those people, all the crowds there, it was a very big experience for me as an upcoming musician."

Musical submissions from unsigned artists can be submitted on a cassette, a compact disc, or as an MP3 file. Rules stipulate that artists must

be residents of Pacific Islands. All contemporary styles are allowable from roots to reggae, hip hop to rock, culture to country. Submissions must be received by September 1, 2010.

Sally McMahon, ABC Radio Australia's coordinator for the Pacific Break Contest says that ABC is anxious to hear entries from the North Pacific. She also said that individual artists can submit entries from multiple bands. For instance, a musician could enter a recording of an original piece of music as a solo artist as well as an entry as a band member of another band. All en-

tries must be original music and entrants can not already have any sort of recording or publishing contract.

"All you have to do to enter is send in a copy of your best original song along with a completed entry form to ABC Radio Australia," said McMahon. That and be ready to perform in front of thousands of people!

You can find out all the details and download an entry form from the Pacific Break website at www.radioaustralia.net.au/pacificbreak.



Emmanuel Mailau, winner of Pacific Break 2009 performs at Fest'Napuan in Port Vila, Vanuatu

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Students Share Ideas on Making Kosrae a Better Place

Inter-Elementary School Speech Contest in Kosrae

By: Michael Wang, PCV, Kosrae

Seventh grade students representing each elementary school in Kosrae participated in the Inter-Elementary School Speech Contest on April 23, 2010. This year's theme was "Making Kosrae a Better Place (Akwoye en Acn Kosrae)." Each school selected two students to give speeches in English and Kosraean, respectively, to address the question, "How can we as a community improve our island?"

Students interviewed government leaders, family members, friends and teachers to get ideas and to understand what people are thinking. After engaging the community, they recorded their findings and shared their personal thoughts and feelings on the matter. Students tackled such issues as protecting the environment, drug and alcohol abuse, improving the education system and building a new hospital.

Community members from each municipality formed a panel to judge the Kosraean speeches, while World Teach Volunteers and expatriates formed the English judging panel. The event was organized by Michael Wang, a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer, and was funded by the Kosrae Department of Education.

The following students spoke in the Kosraean category:

Malem Elementary School - Sepe T. Lonno
Utwe Elementary School - Maxon Jr.

Nena
Sansrik Elementary School - Betty A. Isaac
Walung Elementary School - Lorlina Salik
Tafunsak Elementary School - Maggie Alister
Lelu Elementary School - Brence K. Palik
Seventh Day Adventist School - Hokulanie Isisaki

The following students spoke in the English category:

Malem Elementary School - Rina Ribauw
Utwe Elementary School - Kurt Person Emiot
Lelu Elementary School - Mailani P. Sigrah
Walung Elementary School - Nena Jim
Sansrik Elementary School - Arlin G. Ismail
Tafunsak Elementary School - Zackilyn George
Seventh Day Adventist - Amanda Lynn Rogers

The top three speakers in each categories won a \$100, \$75, and \$50 gift certificate to Senny's store. In the Kosraean category, Maggie Alister won first place; Maxon Jr. Nena won second place; and Sepe T. Lonno won third place. In the English category, Rina Ribauw won first place, Kurt Person Emiot won second place, and Nena Jim won third place, respectively. Congratulations to all the winners and to all the speakers!



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Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package containing the job description and remuneration details, which are available at www.forumsec.org. Applications should be addressed to the Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Private Mail Bag, Suva and can be sent electronically to jobs@forumsec.org.fj. Applications should be received by close of business on Friday 18 June 2010.

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages both men and women to apply.

*Island Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

Internationally renowned Chinese Acrobats to perform in Pohnpei

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China

Pohnpei, FSM—Interested in Traditional Chinese Acrobatics but don't have a chance to watch a live performance? Crazy about Chinese Kong-fu (Martial Arts) but have never witnessed the magic in person? Now is the perfect opportunity—the famous Chongqing Acrobatic Troupe will pay a good will visit to the FSM and perform traditional Chinese acrobatics in the China-FSM Friendship Sports Center of the COM-FSM Campus Pohnpei, FSM, on June 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm and June 9 from 3:00-4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

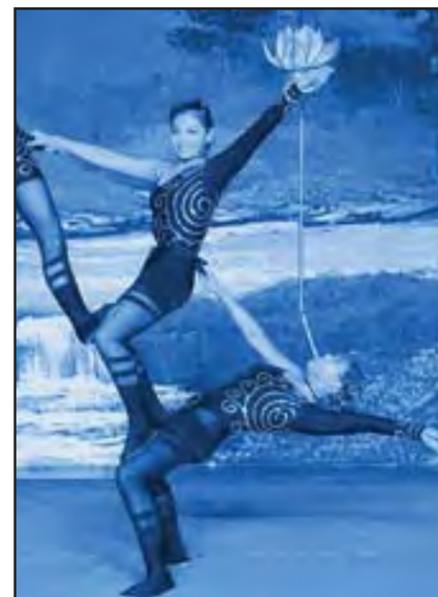
Chinese acrobatics, which embraces a variety of skills, has had a long history as a traditional performing art. In ancient times, it was called Zaji. In the early stages of the evolution of culture, acrobatics was treated on a par with music and dance, and it was an important aspect of culture. During the Han Dynasty (206 BC—220 BC) and the Tang Dynasty (618 BC—907 BC) acrobatics was very popular and it prospered along with music and dance. In the late Ming Dynasty and the early Qing Dynasty, acrobatics was introduced abroad and was highly appreciated by the people all over the world.

To become a Chinese acrobat demands years of dedication and rigorous practice. Youngsters aspiring to be part of professional troupes begin their training as early as four or

five-year-olds. Apart from the spectacular show of flexibility, fluidity, and aesthetic beauty, Chinese Acrobatics are also characterized by strong physical training, balance between movement and quietness, flexibility and strength, nimble and swift movements and adaptation to environment, which are exactly the same prominent features of the Chinese Kong-fu. In this regard, all acrobats are martial arts masters. Besides all the stunning skills and techniques that Chinese acrobats will bring on, it will provide a great opportunity for the people of the FSM to better understand the Chinese culture, especially the ages-old connotations of "peace and harmony" that the performances will convey to the audience.

The Chongqing Acrobatic Art Troupe is one of the earliest and best acrobatic art groups in China. Ever since it was founded in 1951 it has formulated an innovative performance style which helped the Troupe win a great reputation not only in China but also in the international arena through the years. In order to promote cultural exchange and enhance the friendly relations between China and the rest of the world, the Troupe has been touring around the world to perform for the local people. It has been to all the five Continents, and performed in 400 cities in 70 different countries and regions. And now, they are coming here to be with us!

With the theme "China Impression Across the Pacific", the Chongqing Acrobatic Art Troupe has been touring and performing in different Pacific Island countries during the past years. At the invitation of the Chinese Embassy in the Federated States of Micronesia and sponsored by the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China, the Troupe will lead a 14-member delegation to the FSM and perform for two consecutive days in Pohnpei. All those programs most interested by us are on the list: martial arts, top technology, strength, shaking board and lifting bowls, straw hat, plate spinning, jar tricks, jujitsu, geosphere and etc. Don't forget to pass this good news on to your family members, friends, neighbors, classmates and everyone you know. It should be extremely crowded in the Gym that day, so try to be the early birds for available seats!



Attention all college students

The Pohnpei Rotary Club has applications available for its annual **student scholarship** for the 2010-2011 school year.

Scholarships are awarded to FSM citizens in amounts up to \$1,000.00.
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Pearl Project Public Display

By Dr. Singeru Singeo
Research and Extension Director
College of Micronesia

May 23, 2010

Kolonia, Pohnpei—On April 24, College of Micronesia's Pearl Project held its first-ever public display featuring results of its research and its pearl production since it got started about 10 years ago. Presented in the format of a public display as well as public evaluation and critique, the purpose of the exhibit was to receive public comments about the various characteristics of round pearls, half pearls, and related products.

Project Director Mr. Masahiro Ito said he wanted to release those pearls with significantly discounted prices to show the project's appreciations towards the Pohnpei residents who have been supporting the Project. He also wanted to get a sense of the "farm-gate" price range in Pohnpei that the local people as well as some outsiders would pay for different pearl quality. Pearls with scientific importance and rare specimens from the pearl quality improvement experiments were for display only, although some pearl loving people had hoped to purchase such treasures.

Since the Project is not a jewelry maker or a wholesaler, all the pearls were in "loose" form (unlike ready-to-use as earrings, pendants, necklaces or rings). The Exhibit sold about \$8000 worth of various pearls in "loose" form utilizing the price range plan to develop export marketing strategies in the future. All the sales money was put into the project account to support further aquaculture research and extension activities as required by federal rules and regulations.

The Pearl Project has been funded by US-DOI's skill training programs and USDA's aquaculture research as well as Hawaii-based Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture (CTSA) for pearl quality research.

ON JUNE 17 AND 18, 2010, there will be a first time workshop for the outer islands' women sponsored by the Women's Program Division of the Office of Social Affairs. The theme is: "Responding to Economic Crisis: Go Local and Stay Local" Administration's Conference Room. Registration is now open to the first 60 participants and will be closed June 1, 2010. For more information, please call 320-2650 or 320-5142

The Project is now providing technical support for developing commercial pearl farms in Mwaokilloa, Pingelap and Pakin where community-based activities are underway to establish pearl farms for the outer islands' residents. The Project has been working to establish the "Micronesian Pearl" brand name for the Micronesian products to be distinguished from the pearls from the other Pacific countries like

Tahitian "Black" Pearl brand. Mr. Ito says the Micronesian pearls from Pohnpei and its outer islands will be characterized by beautiful colors called "blue peacock" or "emerald green", which is regarded the rarest in the current South Sea black pearl market. He says the quality of the Micronesian pearls from the Project is attracting attention from the international pearl traders as unique and quality products.



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SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY Human Development Programme Call for expression of interest for National Consultant, Federated States of Micronesia, for the

EUROPEAN COMMISSION-FUNDED "STRUCTURING THE CULTURAL SECTOR IN THE PACIFIC FOR IMPROVED HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT"

Expressions of interest are invited for the provision of consultancy services for cultural mapping, planning and policy in the Federated States of Micronesia. The services will be provided for a total of 60 days over a period of six months and will proceed in three stages from June – December, 2010.

Stage 1: In the first stage the consultant will carry out a mapping to survey the range of cultural resources, actors, stakeholders, activities and constraints and potential of the cultural sector, as a lead-up to the cultural planning process, and produce a study developed in close collaboration with cultural stakeholders.

Stage 2: In stage 2 the consultant will facilitate the in-country cultural planning process and work closely with a cultural planning and policy task-force to develop a strategic plan for the cultural sector to identify means to mainstream culture into government planning and policy. The consultant will specifically develop cultural indicators and a cultural lens tool kit for across-government development policy and planning.

Stage 3: In stage 3 the consultant will provide policy drafting assistance and facilitate a national consultation and assist with finalizing the policy document. Throughout the project the consultant will work closely with the Director, Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation.

Expressions of interest should be accompanied by a current CV which outlines in detail research, consultation, analysis, planning, policy, policy development and reporting experience; plus a description of suggested methodology, and a work plan with suggested timeline. In addition the applicant should provide the name of at least three current referees who can be contacted to verify practical experience in this kind of work.

Closing date: 11 June 2010

For further information, please contact Dr Rufino Mauricio, Director, Office of National Archives, Culture & Historic Preservation, FSM Tel – 691-320-2343, Fax 691-320-5634 (fsmunesco@mail.fm) Ms. Elise Huffer (eliseh@spc.int) or Ms. Dorothy Pickering (dorothy@spc.int)

Japan's grass root human security grant scheme donates waste management tools to Pohnpei and Kosrae

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, and Kosrae, FSM—On Wednesday, May 12 at 2:00 pm, dignitaries gathered on the front steps of the Pohnpei State Building for an official hand over ceremony of a trash compactor donated by the Embassy of Japan to the FSM. The compactor has been in operation at the Pohnpei Waste Management dump site for several weeks and the dump site already shows marked improvement.

Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa officially accepted the compactor on behalf of the state from Japan's Ambassador Shoji Sato.

After the ceremony, visitors from Japan, JOCV volunteers, students from the Kolonia Elementary and several other locals spread out down the main street, garbage bags in hand for a Kolonia beautification project picking up trash on two separate routes both of which ended at the PAMI building where the Embassy of Japan is located.

On Thursday, May 20, Ambassador Sato handed over \$48,222 for refuse collection trucks and trash bins to support the improvement of the waste management system in Kosrae. Both the Pohnpei and

Kosrae projects were funded under Japan's grassroots human security grant assistance scheme.

Previously in Kosrae, the Japanese government helped Kosrae to convert three open dumping sites into one main dump site utilizing the "Fukuoka Method" which is a highly efficient and environmentally friendly method of handling solid waste problems.

"I truly hope this will support efforts of the Government of Kosrae of raising public awareness to reduce, reuse, and recycle, and these effort will be rewarded in the near future," Ambassador Sato told the gathered crowd which included Kosrae's Governor Robert Weilbacher.



Governor Ehsa and Ambassador Sato and hand over ceremony. Volunteers celebrate (below)



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2) Mehn Pohnpei kei mie kin kousoan wasa kiset oh limwahn wasa kiset nan Lukop pahn kakete soansuwedla de sohla wasahn arail kousoan oh wiahda arail

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Kalahngan en kupwuromwi,
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May 18, 2010

Dear Editor:

Please allow me to respond to your KP article dated May 12, 2010, entitled "Pohnpei School Lunch Program fate to be decided by Supreme Court"

I have been silent about this controversial issue for a long time, but as a former Pohnpei Chief of Elementary, an Administrator of Social Affairs Office and a concerned citizen, I feel that I should speak up at this time. Clearly, there are political and legal aspects of the issue which the Pohnpei leadership should deal with, however, I'd like to focus on social and educational perspectives:

1. Like many people in the community, I fully support the school lunch program, not only because of my experiences with DOE in the past and my role at the current administration, but as a concerned citizen and a mother. It's quite difficult for me to sit on the side line in silence, knowing full well that nearly 10,000 elementary school students remain hungry everyday while this issue has become a political football.

2. To witness the critical need of implementing this school lunch program, just drive around the schools during lunch time. In most instances, students are eating fruits they picked up on the way to school, some are skipping lunch simply because they brought no lunch, and some go home to eat and never come back for the day. Some students with little cash buy junk food from nearby stores. In one of my school visits 3 years ago, I happened to pick up 3 hungry students on their way home, walking under the rain. When asked what happened when school was not out yet, one replied that he was bullied out of his lunch, one claimed that he brought some mangoes for his lunch, but they

were eaten up by his friends. The last one claimed that he forgot his money to buy his usual junk food (dried ramin with cool-aids). So by lunch time, all 3 students had no lunch and had to go home.

3. We often wonder why the students' performance rates are dropping drastically in some elementary schools, but I'm convinced that no child is able to learn effectively on a hungry stomach, let alone to be compared to a fully fed student. What makes the matter worse is that some elementary schools where ECE and high school students are served lunch on campus, the elementary students are denied. This is clearly an unfair treatment. How many more years are we going to allow this kind of neglect?

4. Clearly, we cannot change the hard fact that thousands of students remain hungry after lunch period every day, but I do believe the answer rests in the hands of our able leadership. For the interest of our disadvantaged students, funding should be identified sooner than later and not make such funding issue the source of squabbling too long. Needless to say, one of the most important roles of our government is to identify and provide funding to address the needs of our young citizens, and school lunch program is no exception.

In my opinion, investing in a school lunch program is just as important as school buildings, staff development, scholarship, etc. While I respect the different legal and political interpretations of this matter, many people are alarmed by the extended amount of time consumed in settling this critical issue. In the process, it is our affected children who suffer. For the sake of our children now and in the future, I hope the leadership will join hands in identifying the

needed funds to ensure that school lunch program is provided for all, and as early as possible.

Thank you,

*SeNellie P. Singeo
A concerned citizen and a mother*

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



TITLE: MIC Strategic Planning Process
CONTACT: Isao Frank, Jr.
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mic_pimpac@ourmicronesia.org
CLOSING DATE: June 5, 2010

The Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) serves as the Coordinator for the Micronesians in Island Conservation (MIC) peer learning network. MIC is in the process of developing a strategic plan during a retreat planned for the month of June 2010 and seeks a consultant to assist with the following:

- Gather appropriate information to inform planning
- Propose retreat desired outcomes (with approval from planning team as needed)
- Design retreat agenda
- Facilitate retreat agenda (three days)
- Transcribe flipcharts from retreat for immediate review by planning team
- Draft retreat report

Assumptions for the project are as follows:

- This process will aim to develop a Strategic Planning Report including a Plan with 10 year goals, 3 year objectives and annual milestones.
- No data collection work is needed by the consultant before the Retreat
- That the mission, vision and SWOT analysis work have already been mostly completed (at the Jan, 10 MIC Retreat)
- That Report boiler plate (e.g. MIC history and accomplishments) will be provided by MIC staff)
- That consultant will not develop Budget aspects of the strategic plan and retreat activities

Please submit the following on or before the closing date of this announcement:

- Letter of interest
- Workplan, timeline and projected costs (for the consultant)
- Detailed resume

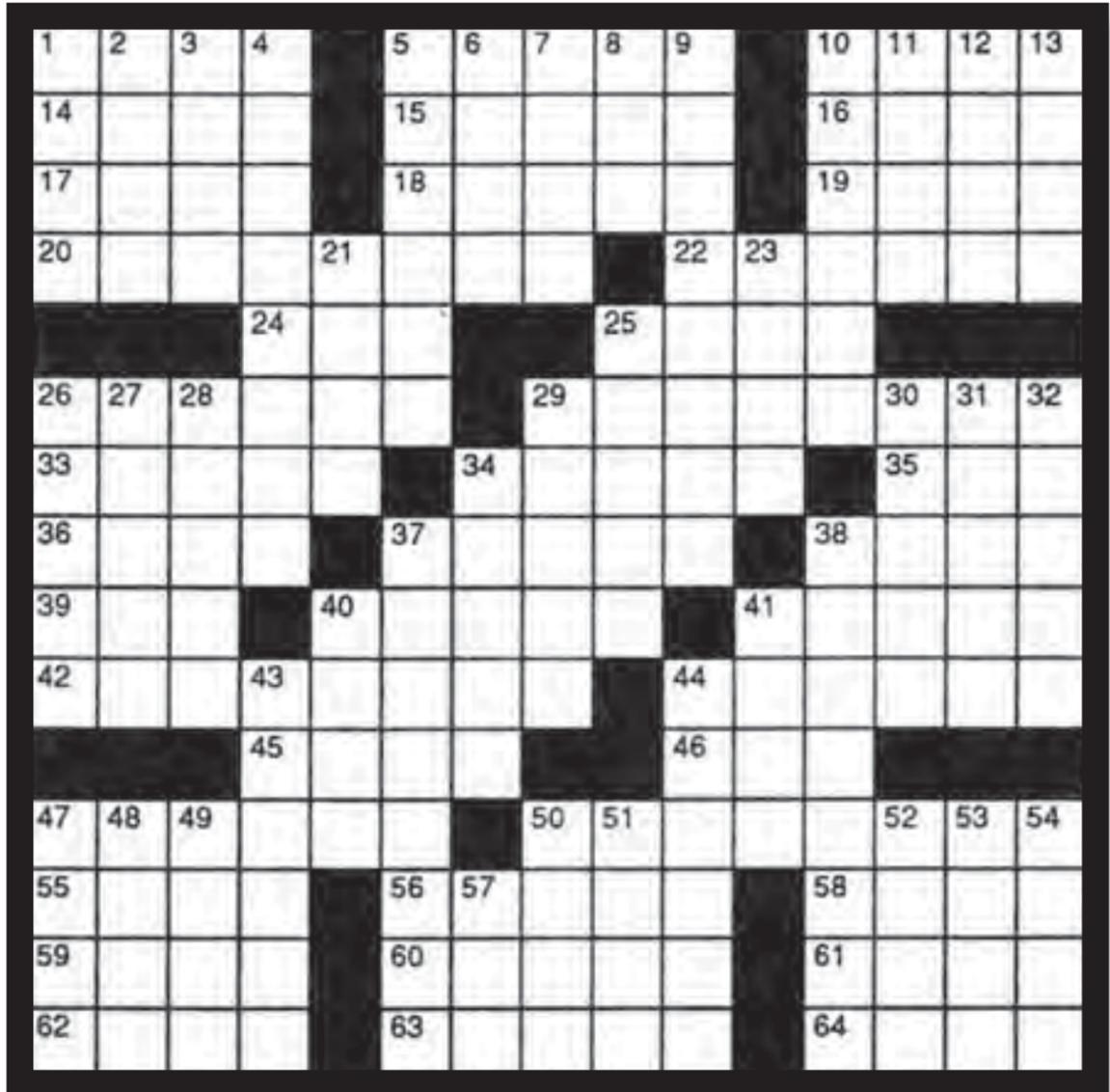
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ACROSS

1. Dull
5. Board game
10. Breton or Highland Scot
14. Underdone
15. Wading bird
16. Notion
17. Grows old
18. Rub out
19. Tidy
20. Exposes to atmosphere
22. Revises
24. Rowing device
25. Remove from liquid's top
26. Makes a monarch
29. Moved up and down
33. Pits
34. Equals
35. ___ carte (2 wds.)
36. Among
37. Assigns position to
38. Mix with spoon
39. Increase motor speed (colloq.)
40. ___ for oneself; manages alone
41. Stockholm native
42. Small spaces for climbing
44. Steeples
45. Operatic solo
46. Fedora or derby
47. Moving masses
50. Burned surface
55. Back
56. Loathed
58. Healthy
59. Sea eagle
60. Oxlike antelope
61. Wicked
62. College head
63. Short simple song
64. Close completely

DOWN

7. Historical periods
8. Distress signal
9. Tennis shoes
10. The movies (British)
11. Paradise
12. Heavy metal
13. Makes lace
21. ___ Christian Andersen
23. Fail to hit
25. Looks for
26. Map
27. "___ and Juliet"
28. ___ drab; camouflage color
29. Causes to go
30. Essential drink
31. Leave out
32. Challenges
34. Chinese bearlike animal
37. Enjoyed
38. Sticks for whipping
40. Shape
41. Box in exhibition
43. Become firm
44. Poorly done
47. Storage building
48. Telegram
49. "___ Karenina"
50. Law (abbr.)
51. Penny
52. Possess
53. Writer-director Kazan
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| EMOTION | ROLE |
| ENJOY | SHOW |
| ENTERTAINING | SKILL |
| EXPRESSION | SPEECHLESS |
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| GESTURE | STORY |
| GRIN | THEATER |
| HANDS | THOUGHTS |
| IMITATE | TRAGEDY |
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1. A tie
 2. Furious anger
 3. Tract
 4. Gave as gift
 5. Shouts hurrah
 6. Mr. (Ger.)

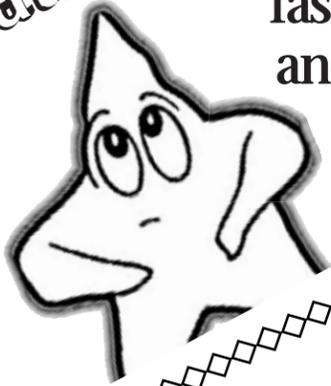


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Definition

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The leading cause of divorce

PICKLE:
A cucumber in trouble



Island Inspiration: Micronesia does not have to mean micro-management

K.P. Krazy Korner

ANOTHER CLASSIC

LIMERICK BROUGHT TO YOU BY

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Roses can sometimes be red
And violets are generally blue
For it's not in the rhyming
But all in the timing
That makes a dumb Limerick true

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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at China Star Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- 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
- 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
- Ultimate Frisbee pick-up game every Tuesday 5:45pm at the Spanish Wall. All levels welcome! Call 320.2439 for more details

Minginfel wins first gold for FSM

FSM Information Services

Federated States of Micronesia's Manuel Minginfel was a class above the rest today in the mens 62kg category at the 2010 Oceania Weightlifting Championship in Suva.

"I am really happy, I have been training for this for a while now and winning gold today has paid all of it off," Minginfel said.

Minginfel took out the gold medal Pacific senior mens 62kg with the total points of 256 for his 110kg snatch and 146kg clean and jerk.

"I wish I had done better in the clean and jerks, two of my lifts were disqualified but nonetheless I am happy with what I have achieved today."

Moce Tui Tikodelaimatuku of Fiji had to settle for silver for his total points of 220, 95kg in the snatch and 125 in the clean and jerk while Stevick Patris of Papua New Guinea came in third place to win bronze medal. Patris lifted 95kg in the snatch and 115 in the clean and jerk.

Tomorrow will see the 44kg-48kg women's session with the 53kg-58kg, the 63-69kg categories and the 75kg category take place at the Yat Sen Hall in Suva.fi

International Day for Biological Diversity Celebrated on 22nd May

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community has pointed out the importance of the International Day for Biological Diversity, May 22, 2010, with the theme being Biodiversity, Development and Poverty Alleviation. A recent SPC paper explained that agricultural biodiversity includes approximately 7,000 plant species and several thousand animal species used globally for food, and soil organisms such as soil fauna, weeds, pests and predators. It

also relates to maintenance of water quality, nutrient cycling, decomposition of organic matter, pest and disease regulation and pollination, capacity to agricultural pest and disease control and potential to adapt to environmental stress and climate change.

Agricultural biodiversity can also play a role in health, for example, here in Pohnpei maintaining a diversity of rare banana

varieties, such as Karat, Utin Iap, Mangat and Karat en Iap, can contribute to health benefits, as consumption of these bananas helps to protect against certain cancers, heart disease, diabetes, vitamin A deficiency and anemia.

So let's help get out the message about protecting our agrobiodiversity, at the local level keeping a diversity of crops in our home gardens and on our land, and

at the national level, using practices that safeguard agricultural biodiversity. What could more be important than agricultural biodiversity, a "commodity" that sustains life?

Information from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees

Let's Eat Breadfruit, One of Pohnpei's Nutritional Treasures

by Dr. Lois Englberger

Breadfruit contains energy and also is rich in fiber. Fiber is important for healthy intestines and helps to control blood sugar levels, reduce blood lipid levels, and control weight. Fiber helps people to feel full and satisfied and can help people to stop eating.

Two cups of mature boiled breadfruit eaten at lunch and dinner provides 25 grams of fiber, which meets the range of the daily recommendation for adults (20-35 grams of dietary fiber per day). Two cups of white rice contains only 6.8 grams of fiber, about one-fourth that of breadfruit. Rice contains more calo-

ries, which is a problem for us in Pohnpei as it may lead people to overweight problems.

Provitamin A carotenoids, which help protect us against infection, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, vision problems, and weak blood, are also found in breadfruit, particularly in the flesh of ripe, seeded varieties. Breadfruit also contains B vitamins, vitamin C and essential minerals like iron and calcium, making it a richer source of micronutrients than rice, particularly since it is likely to be as part of a traditional diet.

The seeds of Mei Kole breadfruit con-

tain a fair amount of protein, almost 15 grams per cup compared to about 6 grams per cup of rice, and have significant levels of niacin and thiamin, which are important for your metabolism.

Mei Tehid is the breadfruit known as the best variety for making the popular pounded dish, Lihli. This variety can be recognized by its unusual, non-lobed leaves. Reports indicate that Mei Tehid is becoming rare in Pohnpei, which should encourage people to plant more of this variety so that it is not lost.

There are many ways to prepare breadfruit! Baked, boiled, grilled are all healthy as well as tasty, and bread-

fruit in coconut cream is a wonderful dish, also breadfruit soup or omelette! Breadfruit chips are tasty too, but take care, eat in moderation, as they are very energy-rich and can lead to being overweight.

We are happy to share a few recipes, see below!

Reference: Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). 2006. Pacific Island Food Leaflet No. 3. Noumea, New Caledonia: SPC.

Astronomical Tide Prediction May 31 through June 13, 2010

		Pohnpei		Chuuk	
Wednesday	05/31	04:44AM 4.3	06:00AM 2.1	05/31	06/07
		11:48AM 0.8	10:44AM 2.5	03:26AM 2.4	01:16AM 1.4
Thursday	06/01	05:16AM 4.1	12:19AM 3.3	06/01	06/08
		12:24PM 1.0	07:05AM 1.7	12:54PM 0.1	12:35AM 1.6
Friday	06/02	05:46AM 3.8	12:58AM 3.7	06/02	06/09
		01:00PM 1.1	07:51AM 1.3	04:13AM 2.1	12:38AM 1.8
Saturday	06/03	06:18AM 3.5	01:35AM 4.0	06/03	06/10
		01:38PM 1.3	08:33AM 1.0	04:30AM 1.9	12:59AM 2.1
Sunday	06/04	12:16AM 2.0	02:13AM 4.3	06/04	06/11
		06:53AM 3.2	09:12AM 0.7	04:39AM 1.7	01:27AM 2.3
Monday	06/05	01:37AM 2.2	02:52AM 4.5	06/05	06/12
		07:41AM 2.9	09:52AM 0.5	04:25AM 1.5	01:58AM 2.4
Tuesday	06/06	04:01AM 2.3	03:31AM 4.6	06/06	06/13
		08:59AM 2.7	10:32AM 0.4	03:07AM 1.3	02:32AM 2.5
		04:10PM 1.5	04:15PM 2.5	02:19PM 0.5	11:06AM -0.4
		11:35PM 3.0	09:25PM 0.9		



Breadfruit Salad

- 2 cups cooked mature breadfruit
- 1 cup finely sliced vegetables, as green papaya, Chinese cabbage
- 3 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1 chopped hard-boiled egg, optional
- 1-2 tablespoons lime or other citrus juice
- 1-2 tablespoons oil

Procedure

1. Cut the cooked breadfruit into cubes.
2. Combine all ingredients.
3. Serve on greens such as on edible hibiscus for a decorative touch.

Breadfruit and Fish Curry

2 cups raw mature breadfruit, peeled and cut into pieces

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1-2 cloves garlic, diced
- 1-2 teaspoons curry powder
- ¼ teaspoon pepper and chili, optional
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste, optional
- 1 cup pumpkin, optional
- 2 cups green vegetable (e.g. kang kong, chaya, pele)
- 1 cup chopped vegetables, such as green papaya
- 1 cup fresh or canned tuna or mackerel
- 1-2 teaspoons lime or citrus juice

Procedure

1. Heat oil and lightly cook onion and garlic for 1 to 2 minutes.
2. Add the rest of the ingredients except the fish and lime or other citrus juice.
3. When the breadfruit and vegetables are cooked, add the fish and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, just until cooked.
4. Add the lime or citrus juice shortly before serving.

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REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

WHAT IS FRAUD?

- Fraud is cheating for profit
- Fraud is characterized by acts of guile, trickery, concealment, or breach of confidence, which are used to gain some unfair or dishonest advantage
- The object may be to:
 - gain money, property, or services; or
 - avoid payment of money, property, or services
- Fraud is a crime that takes money away from essential government programs

FRAUD INDICATORS

- An employee living beyond their apparent means
- An inappropriate relationship between a contractor and a government employee
- A government employee receiving gifts or benefits from a contractor who works for the government
- False timecard reporting
- Contractor fixing prices
- Contractor not delivering goods or services for which they were paid
- Contractor delivering substandard quality work

WHO CAN REPORT?

- Anyone can and should report suspicious activity, whether you may be a government employee, contractor or public citizen. Each of you has a responsibility to combat fraud. Do your part by reporting illegal activity today.

WHO CAN COMMIT FRAUD?

- Government employees and officials
- Contractors
- Private citizens

WHEN TO REPORT?

- You should report any suspicious activity as soon as you observe it. Generally, if you feel something may be fraudulent, you should report it. Trust your intuition. You can be our first line of defense against fraud. It's your own money that you are protecting

PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY

- The ONPA can keep your identity confidential. Do not worry that by reporting fraud it will compromise your job or standing within the community

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