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Power “back to normal” in Pohnpei with repair of number nine generator

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM—Power! We don't merely want it, we need it. Without it the things that run our lives don't work. Cash registers, computers, newly connected to FSMTC's new iSpeed services, lightbulbs, fans, refrigerators and freezers that keep our food bacteria free; without power, none of it works. For the last week and a half, residents of Pohnpei

were left wondering why they were at least partially powerless four hours each day

The wondering ended on the evening of June 8 when Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) mechanics were finally able to repair the six cylinders of the “number nine” generator that had failed. The failure of the generator had left PUC unable to meet power demands in Pohnpei.

PUC's General Manager Feliciano Perman said that Pohnpei's electrical demand averages approximate 6.5 megawatts of power during peak demand times. It has risen as high as 6.8 but only for a very short period of time. In order to meet that need, PUC has seven generators mysteriously numbered

four through ten. Four of the generators are Caterpillars and three are Daihatsu generators. Two of the generators have not functioned for at least 5 years. Recently, the number nine generator broke down leaving PUC with only four generators.

Perman said that the remaining four generators are only able to crank out just over 5 MW of power, not enough to meet Pohnpei's power needs during peak use times. The utility was forced to ration power during peak demand times while PUC mechanics worked on the number nine generator, also a Daihatsu. The breakdown caused PUC to ration power.

When asked how PUC decides which areas must be shut down and which will remain in service when demand exceeds the utility's ability to produce electricity,

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First FSM citizen graduates from U.S. Naval Academy

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On May 28, Byron K. Silbanuz graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology. Silbanuz, 21, is the first F.S.M. citizen to graduate from the Naval Academy, and only the second F.S.M. citizen to be accepted and graduate from one of the five U.S. Service Academies.

currently attending the Naval Academy, becoming the second FSM citizen to attend the Naval Academy and the third FSM citizen to attend any U.S. Service Academy. The midshipman is set to graduate in 2011.

Under the Compact of Free Association, the F.S.M. may nominate candidates to compete for admission at each of the U.S. Service Academies: the Naval Academy, the Air Force

Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, the U.S. Army's Military Academy (West Point), and Merchant Marines' Academy (Kings Point). The nominees must be F.S.M. citizens between the ages of seventeen and twenty-three.

FSM Citizens interested in applying for admission to one of the five U.S. Service Academies can contact the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs.

While attending the Academy, Silbanuz made the Commandant's List, the Dean's List, and the Superintendent's List for academic achievement. He also received an award for his capability in combating cyber warfare. He graduated 330th out of a class of 1051 in overall order of merit. After completing his service obligation to the FSM national government, Silbanuz plans to become an officer in the U.S. Navy.

A native of Madolenihmw and Kolonia, Silbanuz is the oldest son of Bernard Mendis, former Information System Manager for FSM Telecommunications Corporation, and Phyllis Silbanuz, IT Division Chairperson and Assistant Professor at the COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus. Prior to enrolling in the Naval Academy in 2006, Silbanuz attended the Seventh-Day Adventist School in Pohnpei.

Eugene Amor of Pohnpei is also



(L-R) U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Jeffrey Lemmons, Pentagon Director of International Relations; Silbanuz; and Mr. Dominic R. Maluchmai, 1st Secretary, Political and Cultural Affairs, F.S.M. Embassy to the U.S. following the U.S. Naval Academy Graduation Ceremony in Annapolis on May 28.

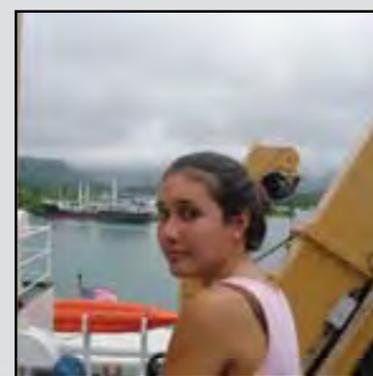
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Congress passes bill shifting power to select FSMTC board members from the States to the FSM President

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei—The 16th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia passed a bill that would, among other things, make it the responsibility of the FSM President to nominate all of the members of the Board of Directors for FSM Telecommunications, Inc. (FSMTC) with advice and consent from the FSM Congress.

Currently, the President has the responsibility of nominating one board director who would represent the National Government on the Board. The Governors of each FSM state nominate their own representatives and each state's legislature is called on for advice and consent. The state legislature must confirm the governor's nominee.

The bill (CB-16-26) was passed on its second reading on May 17 at which time it received a new number (CA 16-34) before transmission to the office of the President for his consideration.

Even if the bill's intentions were well intentioned it is mired in controversy. The four FSM state Governors have urged President Mori to veto the bill on the basis that the bill contravenes the rights of the states.

According to Pohnpei's Chief of Staff Ihlen Joseph, Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa chose to discuss his concerns about the bill in a telephone call to the President. The Governors of Chuuk, Kosrae, and Yap wrote letters to the President urging him to veto the bill.

The letter from Chuuk Governor Wesley W. Simina was dated May 26, the earliest dated of the letters from the State Governors to President Mori. His letter pointed to an understanding that leadership "should allow the status quo to continue for the FSM Telecommunication Corp's structure, which includes the appointment and confirmation processes already in place." That

understanding was reached at the State and National Leadership Conference (SNLC) that took place at the China Friendship Gym at the College of Micronesia FSM national campus on March 2010.

He wasn't the only Governor to point to that understanding. Yap's Governor Sebastian L. Anefal, in his letter dated May 28 said, "my small delegation came home (from the SNLC meeting) with the understanding that this proposed measure would not be considered favorably because everyone was satisfied with the status quo in as far as the state governments' appointment and confirmation processes of the FSM Telecom Board were concerned."

Kosrae's Governor Robert J. Weilbacher, in his letter dated May 27, didn't mention the understanding reached at the SNLC. He did say, "We believe that any action on the part of the National Government that seeks to isolate or alienate the States at this crucial juncture would be counter productive."

The other state Governors who wrote to the President echoed that sentiment in their own ways.

"It is yet another Congressional action that chills the principles of our loose federation; it belittles the States' belief that we are owners of the FSM National Government and its entities and the notion that the States' assigned statutory rules from the beginning had served our Federation well," Governor Simina said.

Yap's Governor Anefal was pragmatic in his approach to the bill, "To nationalize FSM Telecom clearly implies that all of its existing facilities and future investments in Yap, specifically, ought to be fully nationalized as well since there would be no room for state participatory assistance. The alienation and marginalization of Yap State Government's participation and involvement would no doubt negatively

impact all consumers of FSM Telecom services, including all economic development activities, throughout the federation. Against all odds, the enactment of the bill into law is a very sensitive trigger for an undesirable situation, which must not be permitted."

Unlike the other two FSM governors who wrote to the President, Anefal never explicitly asked the President to veto the bill. Instead he appealed to President Mori's good judgment and "patriotism for our young nation in exercising your authority under the FSM Constitution."

Chuuk's Governor Simina asked the President to remember that the move of Congress "runs counter to recent enactments, such as the FSM Petroleum Corporation Act wherein the states were actually given the same type of appointment and confirmation roles..." He said "Such inconsistency should not be encouraged, for we are foremost a nation made up of four states, not otherwise."

None of the governors who wrote to President Mori had anything to say about the other provisions of Senator Dion Neth's bill which is now an act of the FSM Congress.

Neth is the Chairman of the Congress Committee on Transportation and Communications. His committee report (16-72) relied on committee hearings and a survey undertaken by FSM's Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure.

A reading of the committee report (CR 16-72 at [www.fsmcongress.fm/pdf/documents/16th Congress/Committee Reports/SCR 16-72.pdf](http://www.fsmcongress.fm/pdf/documents/16th%20Congress/Committee%20Reports/SCR%2016-72.pdf)) on the transmitted bill showed that witness testimonies were essentially discounted while the Department of TC&I survey results were heavily weighted. The committee did mention that "it was clear that witnesses from the cor-

poration dislike the proposed amendments and want to maintain the status quo. They did not mention that witnesses questioned the efficacy of the TC&I survey saying that questions seemed to be designed to elicit a predetermined response.

Besides changing the method by which Board members are selected, the bill gives preference to candidates with financial or telecommunications knowledge with at least five years of working experience. It also requires that they have a college degree.

The bill makes provisions for staggering the terms of board members and decreases the number of board members that must be present in order for the board to conduct business (a quorum) from five, which is the entire board, down to four.

Kosrae's Governor Weilbacher said in his letter to the President, "If the performance of past or current State appointees to the Board is at issue here, we believe that a better and more prudent approach would be to isolate and address those issues rather than taking away the States authority to appoint its representatives."

The bill sets up arrangements for replacing board members that includes notification of the Governor of the state from which a departing member comes. It says that nominations made by the President would be made with consultation with the State Governors and would be based on those recommendations.

FSM's Public Information Office said that President Mori will be back in his office on the 14th of June and that he has not yet indicated his intentions regarding the bill. By law, the President has 30 days to either sign a bill into law, let the bill become a law without his signature, or to veto the bill. If he vetoes the bill and sends it back to Congress that body can override the veto if enough members vote to do so.

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Pacific government and media representatives meet face to face in Nadi, Fiji

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Nadi, Fiji—Government agricultural officials and media representatives from eleven Pacific Island countries gathered at the Tanoa International Hotel on May 10-14 to hash

out a plan to effectively communicate agriculture, rural development, and the environment in the islands. The participants were brought together by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Land Resources Division and Regional Media Center with funding and cooperation provided from CTA. CTA is the acronym for the ACP-EU Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation based in Waneningen, The Netherlands. The acronym comes from the name of the organization in French. The seminar was also supported by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ).

The objectives of the seminar as stated were to strengthen communication between the media and other stakeholders involved in agricultural and rural development; identify media support programs; identify how

the media can be mainstreamed into all levels of policy development; and to identify partnerships, networking opportunities, and synergies between agriculture, rural development and environment sectors together with the media.

It was, perhaps the first time that government officials and media representatives from throughout the Pacific had ever been assembled to develop specific ways to solve a Pacific wide problem. Traditionally, government officials gather to hold talks and discuss Pacific wide problems while the media hangs on the periphery trying to “get the story” on the talks that are being held. Many of the delegates at the seminar agreed that the idea of including media as a solution to the problem was nothing short of a stroke of genius.

Some media representatives suggested that similar concentrated meetings with officials from other government departments would also be welcome.

Certainly, the seminar content itself and small group interactions achieved all of those purposes but perhaps the most produc-

tive times at the seminar came when participants gathered at evening cocktail parties or to share bowls of “grog” together. “Grog” is Fijian prepared kava similar to but not quite as potent as Pohnpeian Sakau. It was during those times that participants truly came to know each other and began to come to an understanding that government officials and media representatives don’t always have to think of each other as the enemy.

Media representatives from radio, television, Internet and print media heard from government officials that young people in particular throughout the Pacific are turning away from agriculture as a professional pursuit in part because of some basic misunderstandings of earning potentials for farmers. The officials also said that the noble profession of farming has been stigmatized by those who view it as a “fallback” type of career for those who can’t compete in other professions.

They told stories of farmers with several thousands of dollars in their bank accounts who drive brand new pickup trucks and live

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Marshall Islands Police Host Media Relations Seminar

26 May 2010

Minister Brenson Wase of the Ministry of Justice officially opened a seminar aimed at improving community confidence in police forces across the North Pacific on Monday 24 May 2010.

The seminar, held in Majuro and funded by the Australian Federal Police's Pacific Police Development Program, attracted 24 participants from 3 countries, including the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, who will take part in five days of workshops and tutorials focused on

building relationships with the media and the community.

The need for the seminar was identified jointly by the Police Commissioners at the Port Moresby Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Conference during their discussions regarding the Police Strategic Directions plan (2009 – 2014).

A number of eminent people from a wide section of the community representing the Majuro Chamber of Commerce, the Council of local churches, women's organisations, youth organisations and schools will

address the seminar. Media representatives from radio, television and newspapers will also attend the seminar at various stages and discuss how they can assist the police in further developing relationships and building community confidence in the local police force.

Minister Wase stated that "community safety and security will never be successful if Government and the community do not have trust and confidence in the police. Good media relations are fundamental to informing the community of matters of interest in delivery of law and order services."

RMI Chief of Police, Mr. George Lanwi paid tribute to the importance of the seminar to the police force and the community. He said that in the Marshall Islands, they have had problems with low confidence of the public in the police force and that there was no set policy on who could speak on behalf of the force to the media, which sometimes created misinformation

in the news. Through this workshop, he hopes to solve these problems and commented that this is an important event for the police force in the Marshall Islands.

One of the workshop facilitators, Mr. Mick Spinks, a former AFP media officer for over 16 years, stressed that the seminar was not a media training course but an exchange of ideas as to how police can better get their messages out to the public and discuss what works in other countries. Their plan is that after the workshop, they will be in contact with the media officers in each of the countries on a weekly basis through an e-network, whereby media officers will begin to receive practical scenarios of incidents and write up action plans on how they would deal with the situation and inform the media. These write ups would be critiqued and sent back for further learning. Also, the facilitators will visit each island police force within the next few months and again after one year, to see if there are changes to the level of confidence that the communities have in the police.

According to the facilitators, this training will help promote better performance from the police force and build integrity. The overall Pacific Police Development Program has several facets to it, including leadership development and forensics training, and will continue through 2012.



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Public notice is hereby given that the lots and parcels described at right will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Lot No. 70154, land situated in Tunnuk, Weno Municipality, Chuuk State, with an area of 467 square meters ±, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 6013/08, registered as Doc. No. 1111330 at the Chuuk State Land Commission.

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Parcel No. 096-D-01, land situated in Edienleng, Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an area of 18,939 square meters ±, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 096-D-01, registered as Doc. No. 22438 at the Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure.

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- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcel or lot.
- Bids may be placed on one or more parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "July 1, 2010 Land Auction" by personal delivery to FSM Development Bank, Corporate Office, Namio Building, 2nd floor, Kolonia, Pohnpei or to at any Bank branch in Kosrae, Chuuk or Yap, on Thursday, July 1, 2010 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m. Bids may also be mailed to FSM Development Bank, Attn: Nora E Sigrah, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941
- The deadline for receipt of bids by the Bank will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2010.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount separately for each parcel.
- The winning bidder for each parcel will be notified in writing. Payment by cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Development Bank" must be made no later than ten (10) days after notice is given. The winning bidders must be eligible to hold title to land in the FSM.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The lots and parcels are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- Bids may be rejected at the discretion of the Bank.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, or Ricky Jano at rickyj@fsmdb.fm
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Perman said that in all things PUC tries to be fair. They take into consideration the fact that businesses need to be able to continue to operate.

When demand is extremely high the utility is forced to shut down utility grids with the highest demand for power. They also look at areas where they know that at least some high demand customers have their own generators.

Sometimes when demand is high, but not extremely high, the utility shuts down power in areas with smaller than average demand which enables them to just eek out enough power to meet the demand.

Perman said that there is no published schedule for the power rationing plan that was in place for a week and a half.

PUC customers, perhaps looking for a way to explain why the power in Pohnpei has recently been so erratic, took to creating their own rumors. One popular rumor was that Daihatsu refused to supply parts to PUC due to non-payment of bills.

"That's the first I've heard about that," Perman said, "and I should know. If everyone else knows that, how come I don't know?" He said that the rumor has no basis in fact. "PUC pays its bills,"

he said.

He said that PUC would conduct a test of the number nine generator on the afternoon of June 7. Mechanics had apparently not completed the repairs by the time of the scheduled test. Those repairs were not completed until the following evening.

Perman said that the number nine generator is back online and PUC is able, once again, to meet the power demands of Pohnpei but they still have no backup generators for now.

Perman said that PUC plans to repair the two generators that have been down for five years. Repairs on those generators are scheduled to be completed within a month. If the repairs are successful PUC will have two additional backup generators they can utilize during peak times of demand.

"90 percent of the parts to fix those generators are already on island," Perman said.

Pohnpei's Chief of Staff Ihlen Joseph said that money for spare parts to overhaul those two generators was authorized by Pohnpei State and by the US Office of Insular Affairs.

Last year, PUC requested Infrastructure Development Funds for the purchase of a 2.2 Megawatt generator. Perman said

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in homes that are fully paid for as a result of their passion for farming. They pointed as an example to a Jesuit run agricultural school in Fiji. Graduating students that stuck with farming after being trained at the school had an average bank account of approximately \$50,000 after just five years of farming.

Food security is a global concern and the matter is no less important in the Pacific region where much of what is consumed in many island nations is imported from other countries. The migration of young people from farming communities is a serious concern and will only mean that importation must increase as farmers age and ultimately have to stop farming.

Many of the media representatives present had never heard the problem presented in such a concentrated way and some came to a new understanding of the importance of the issues that they might not otherwise have done. Media representatives shared ideas about how government officials involved in managing agricultural and rural development issues could make use of media outlets to make their message clear within communities and committed to devoting more media time and space to the coverage of those issues.

They stressed the need for those involved in agricultural and rural development to take some time out from doing their important work to talk about what they are doing.

Some of us found ourselves sitting at tables in another country with someone from our own community who is doing noteworthy and newsworthy work at home. The Kaselehlie Press traveled 7000 miles round trip to discover that someone who works in an office not 75 yards away is doing astounding things in the North Pacific, including an agricultural outreach program with students. Connections like those were not unusual at the seminar.

The North Pacific was represented by Gibson Susumu, of the FSM's Department of Resources and Development, Henry Capelle, agriculture representative from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Ms Mereseini Seniloli of the SPC stationed in Pohnpei, and Bill Jaynes, Managing Editor of The Kaselehlie Press. North Pacific representatives spent several hours hashing out a cooperative plan for our countries that if carefully followed will result in greater media coverage of agricultural and rural development issues.

Of course, no multilateral meeting of this kind would be complete without a document of outcomes. This seminar was no exception and government officials, development partners, and media representatives committed to what became known as the Nadi framework of action.

The seminar was attended by representatives from Australia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Island, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Pursuant to orders of the FSM Supreme Court entered August 18, 2009 and May 13, 2010, public notice is hereby given that the apartment building located on public land Parcel No. 018-A-17 in Chinatown on Nan Kepin Kotoa Street, immediately adjacent to the "Pastries, Inc." building, will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:



- The minimum bid amount is \$ 120,000.00.
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- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2010.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
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- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The property is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- The winning bidder will take title subject to any valid lease agreement favoring existing building tenants under the same terms and conditions lawfully in effect at the time of the award.
- The building and improvements subject to this auction are located on leased public land. The winning bidder will receive a court ordered assignment of the current lessee's rights to Parcel No. 018-A-17 for use in applying for a new lease, any award of which will be subject to and determined by the Pohnpei State public land authorities having responsibility for the issuance of such leases.
- This auction is subject to cancellation at any time prior to the entry of the court order designating the winning bidder.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to the National Justice Ombudsman at the FSM Supreme Court or Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei FM 96941, phone: 691-320-2840, fax: 691-320-6533/320-2842, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm



Influential Climate Action Network to set up office in the Pacific

By *Makereta Komai of Climate Pasifika in Bonn, Germany*

06 June 2010, Bonn, Germany – Moves are afoot to set up a Pacific arm of the influential Climate Action Network (CAN), a worldwide network of about 500 non-governmental organisations across the globe that promotes action on climate change.

Initial ground work discussions have been advanced here in Bonn during the climate change talks.

Leading the Pacific charge is former attorney general of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and climate change activist, Marstella Jack.

“I am part of the FSM government delegation and that’s the beauty of climate change negotiations for us in the Pacific. It brings the government and civil societies together to be on the same page, Jack said.

Cook Islands and Tuvalu are keen to set up their climate action network organisations, said Jack.

“Now we have Kiribati expressing interest to join us. They’ve given us the go ahead to set up what we call a regional node. It’s just our laid back attitude in the Pacific that we are taking our time to set up.

“I have approached Marshall Islands and a lady in the delegation is keen on the idea. If we get the Pacific node up and running, new organisations can then join us, said Jack.

CAN International has had to revise its position on the global temperature to enable membership from the Pacific

“Last year we had some difficulties, the overall position of CAN was 2.0 degrees average in global temperature and as you know we were advocating for 1.5 degrees. That has changed now.

“After the release of many scientific reports, CAN International has now realised that they need to readjust their position.”

A charter of the association for the new climate change NGO in the Pacific is now ready to be registered.

“We are looking at registering it in Tuvalu. Once that is done, we will need to look for funds to get a co-ordinator on board. At the same time, we should consider applying for observer status at the Pacific Islands Forum”, said Jack.

Kiribati, Jack said, has also expressed its interest to join CAN Pacific.

“We have enough right now but it’s better to have more from the rest of the Pacific Islands so that we become inclusive and representative of the whole region, more so the low lying islands of Marshalls, Tuvalu and Kiribati. We want them to be involved because they need to be the ones carrying the torch for us in the region.”

Climate Action Network Pacific will be focused on climate change and its cross cutting issues, said Jack.

“This is the first time that we have to come together to say enough is enough. We need to be focused, strong and build the capacity of members. Climate change demands us as NGOs and governments to come together to demand action from the polluters.

CAN members promote information exchange and coordinate development of NGO strategy on international, regional, and national climate issues. It has seven regional offices which co-ordinate these efforts in Africa, Australia, Central and Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Latin America, North America, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Its vision is to protect the atmosphere while allowing for sustainable and equitable development worldwide.

Q&A Session with Marstella Jack

Federated States of Micronesia has included civil society representation on its delegation here in Bonn for the climate change talks. Marstella Jack, the island’s former Attorney General and activist explains to Climate Pasifika’s Makereta Komai her specific role in the negotiations.

Marstella: I am part of the Federated States of Micronesia government delegation. That’s the beauty of climate change negotiations in the Pacific – it brings the government and civil societies together and we are on the same page. We are here to support our government’s position to keep a tab of hundreds of meetings that are happening simultaneously.

Q: So, as an NGO, what are the issues you are pursuing at this climate change talks in Bonn?

Marstella: I am here as part of Climate Action Network International, working with CCAN (Cook Islands Climate Action Network) and TUCAN (Tuvalu Climate Action Network) to establish a regional Climate action Network. The issues that we follow will have to be aligned with CAN’s interests. Last year we had some difficulties, the overall position of CAN was 2.0 degrees average in global temperature and as you know we were advocating for 1.5 degrees. That has changed now.

Q: How did you do that?

Marstella: After so many reports that have now come out, CAN International has now realised that they need to readjust their position but the overarching issues that we follow is really issues that are coming from developing countries – on finance, mitigation, adaptation, capacity building. So it’s an advantage for us in the Pacific, we have such weak civil societies. There is really no NGO or group that is dedicated solely to climate change work in the Pacific, I may be wrong but there is none right now. We have some environmental NGOs that include CC in their work but not necessarily dedicated to climate change per say.

I have drafted the articles and charter of the association and we are looking at registering it in Tuvalu. Once that is done, we will need to look

for funds to get a co-ordinator on board. At the same time, we should consider applying for observer status at the Pacific Islands Forum.

Q: How far have you advanced discussions here in Bonn for the setting up of a CAN in the Pacific?

Marstella: I have good responses from CCAN and TUCAN. Now we have Kiribati expressing interest to join us. They’ve given us the go ahead to set up what we call a regional node. It’s just our laid back attitude in the Pacific that we are taking our time to set up. We want to get that done when Kiribati comes on board. I have approached the Marshal Islands and a lady in the delegation is keen on the idea. If we get the Pacific node up and running, new organisations can then join us.

Q: How many Pacific countries do you need to express interest to join before you can operate?

Marstella: Just two or three really and we can start. I have enough right now but it’s better to have more from the rest of the Pacific Islands so that we become inclusive and representative of the whole region, more so the low lying islands of Marshalls, Tuvalu and Kiribati. We want them to be involved because they need to be the ones carrying the torch for us in the region. We should be able to get that done this year, hopefully before August. I am waiting for Reverend Lusama to get back to me on the charter and to see what we need to do before we register in Tuvalu as a regional organisation. This is issue focused but when you look at climate change, it is cross cutting. If we can get this up and running, then we can partner up with other organisations. This is the first time that we have to come together to say enough is enough. We need to be very focused, strong and build our capacity. Climate change demands us as NGOs and governments to come together to demand action from the polluters.

Q: From your observations here and previous negotiations, do you think our Pacific negotiators are doing enough?

Marstella: I am wearing a government badge but it is safe for me to say no. Even my government can say no. Sometimes we want to make some positions but we have to go back to capitals. And people back home are talking to the Chinese, the Australians and other major donors and this becomes difficult. We are looking at ways to say look this is our only issue. You think of any development issue and climate change is impacting on it.

I think the problem is really capacity to understand the issues. When I came here last year I was overwhelmed with the issues discussed here. I thought I could handle it but it was too overwhelming I had to do a lot of reading to understand what they are talking about. I am privileged to be part of CAN network because they have experts in the different areas that we can benefit from. They understand our limitations and are willing to help us with capacity building. If not for Tuvalu, our voice would be non-existent at these kinds of negotiations. I am so proud of Tuvalu. My government also has a strong position on this. We have told our government do not even turn your head to the

Copenhagen Accord.

Q: Your government has not signed up to the Copenhagen Accord?

Marstella: We just think it’s full of baloney. It’s not what we are after and does not have what we are after.

Q: How about the argument that this is at least a starting point for an agreement?

Marstella: A starting point for what? The current pledges right now are as much as 4 degrees...is that the starting point? The current pledges are not ambitious enough. We are selling ourselves short if we accept the Accord and unfortunately some of our countries in the region have. That is why there needs to be recognition in the region that climate region is the only thing we have.

Q: Is it then strong political leadership that we need to have?

Marstella: Definitely, that is what we need. When they heard the \$100 billion, for us in the Pacific that is a lot of money. But if you look at all developing countries, our organisation calculated that it comes down to \$20 per person, if you were to divide that amongst all developing countries. What are you going to do with \$20? As you know what happened in Cairns, Australia, the climate change position our Leaders came up with was pretty atrocious and now we find out there was breakdown of communications. This is an issue that we as civil societies need to partner with government to attack the issue. I came with my delegation and offered my services to them. I am an attorney and told them if you need me to help out, just tell me. For me to have this badge and access these meetings has helped to build my capacity. Climate change is an issue that we cannot be screaming at each other from opposing sides.

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...PUC Power

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that Pohnpei's Governor Ehsa approved that plan as did the Pohnpei State Legislature.

Instead JEMCO provided a generator for the hospital.

"The hospital already has a backup generator," Perman said. "I don't understand it. If they'd given Pohnpei a generator then Pohnpei and the hospital would benefit, but the way they did it, only the hospital benefits."

He said that a 2.2 Megawatt generator would cost approximately \$2 million.

Perman is hopeful that JEMCO will approve the use of Compact funds for that purchase the next time they meet but because all of the states need help with their electrical utilities generation program he doubts they will do so because, he said, it would set a precedent for the other states who also need help with power generation.

Chief Joseph agreed that Compact funding for the purchase of a new generator for PUC using Compact funds is unlikely. "OIA isn't supporting the purchase of generators that use fossil fuels," he said.

A September 2009 JEMCO decision on the use of Compact Funds for power generation purposes listed revenues and ex-

penses from each of the FSM's utilities companies for fiscal years 2006 to 2008. Every single utility company in the FSM ran at a substantial loss every year with the exception FY 2007 when Yap posted a small "profit" of \$4,746. Losses at the utilities ranged from just over \$200,000 to as much as \$5.6 million. Average losses were approximately \$1.8 million annually.

The JEMCO decision said that during the first Compact agreement the FSM Government received annual Compact contributions of \$3 million, adjusted annually for inflation. The money was to have been used for the purpose of achieving increased self-sufficiency in energy production. "Instead, the funding was primarily used by the governments to subsidize diesel energy production and to pay government utility billings." In Compact II that money was eliminated as a result of the previous uses. "...Utilities have not fully adjusted to the lost of this dedicated revenue stream," the decision said.

PUC has also asked for funding to rehabilitate the Nan Pil hydroelectric plant.

As reported late last year, the PUC board did not sign off on the Governor's plan to send the hydro generators to China for rehabilitation. Perman said that the PUC board decided that plan would be too costly for consumers in the future. Apparently, because PUC didn't approve the plan, the Governor's signature was not effective on the agreement with the

Chinese company and the announced plan hasn't yet gone through.

Chief Joseph said that he is still hopeful that the PUC board will approve the plan so that it can move forward.

If what JEMCO said in its 2009 decision still applies the utility is not likely to get funding to rehabilitate the generators at the Nan Pil power plant. The decision said, "An allowable, secondary priority area for the Public Infrastructure grant is energy development that includes renewable energy which cannot be funded through electric tariff structures." Since PUC would be able to charge customers for any power produced by the Nan Pil plant it would not likely qualify for Compact funding for its rehabilitation.

The decision of last year said as part of its explanation for denying PUC's infrastructure funding request that all power utility corporations in the FSM are eligible for U.S. federal program funds to assist in implementation of capital system improvements and utility asset purchases. "Evaluation criteria for receiving federal program funding assistance are based primarily upon managerial and financial soundness of the utilities. Anecdotally, it appears that the utilities would prefer not to meet the restrictions and funding criteria embedded in the RUS program covenants to the extent that those criteria are an expression of sensible policies for sustainable operation of utility corporations. The avoidance of such restrictions

through the use of Compact sector funds would be counterproductive," the decision said.

The base tariff price that PUC is authorized to charge has not been increased since PUC's inception. Costs exceed what the 10 cents per kilowatt hour tariff can cover and PUC, which runs at a loss, has no money to buy spare parts or to do maintenance that it should be doing.

"The board asked me to present a budget (for the base tariff) that would cover maintenance costs," Perman said.

Perman said that according to the audit for fiscal year 2009, the utility sold approximately 30 million kilowatt hours. At the ancient tariff rate which has not been adjusted for inflation or for the "loss" of the first U.S. Compact of Free Association benefits, PUC would have collected approximately \$3 million for all operations based on the audit's reported rate of sales. That money would have been used for all operations including plant maintenance, salaries and loans; loans that Perman said he inherited when he became the manager of PUC.

For now, PUC's power generation capabilities are the same as they were before the recent "power crisis." PUC's board and management long ago declared that status quo as an emergency situation for Pohnpei.

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Pohnpei woman accepted to US Coast Guard Academy

*Bill Jaynes and
US Coast Guard press release*

The United States Coast Guard Academy announced that Margaret Berman Damarlane from Pohnpei has been recognized for superior academic achievement and leadership potential. Margaret who attended the Pohnpei Seventh Day Adventist High School, has accepted an appointment to attend the Coast Guard Academy and will be sworn-in as a member of the Class of 2014 on June 28, 2010.

The United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut is an accredited college educating future Coast Guard officers. The smallest the United States five military academies, the Coast Guard Academy's Corps of Cadets represent the nations best and brightest students, ready to serve and lead their country.

Admission to the Coast Guard Academy is highly competitive and less than 400 appointments are offered annually from a pool of over 4,000 applicants. Cadets receive a full tuition scholarship and monthly stipend. All graduates receive a Bachelor of Science degree.

According to her mother, Mary Berman, Margaret chose to enter the academy as a U.S. Citizen and is choosing to work toward becoming an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. FSM citizens do not have to commit to five years of service with the Coast Guard but Margaret was told that she had the option as an FSM citizen to opt out. Right now she wants to work toward an officership commitment.

Margaret is the daughter of Mary Kathleen Berman of Corvallis, Oregon in the United

States and Kadalino Cantero Damarlane of Pohnpei, FSM. She is the grand daughter of Margaret and Robert Berman from

Corvallis, Oregon, and Ignacio and Ignacia Damarlane of Awak, U, Pohnpei, FSM.



TIMETABLE

FOR MARCH 8, 2011 FSM GENERAL ELECTION

This Timetable is based on the Revised National Election Act of 2005

Sections	Dates	Definitions
Open and close of absentee request by mail (9FSMC) Sec. 602 (2) a	October 9, 2010 January 26, 2011	Request to vote absentee ballot by mail must be received by NEC not more than 150 days but not less than 40 days before Election Day.
Closing for filing Nomination Petition (9FSMC) Sec. 202 (4)	November 7, 2010	The name of any candidate shall be printed on an official ballot only if, at least 120 days prior to a general election the nomination paper is filed in the office of the NEC of the state concerned.
Last day to appoint various boards and Counting and Tabulating Committee members (9FSMC) Sec. 302 (3)a	January 2nd, 2011	The NEC of each state with the approval of the National Election Director shall appoint election board and tabulating committee members on or before January of each election year.
Designation of Special Polling Places (9FSMC) Sec. 605 (2)	January 6, 2011	Not less than 60 days prior to a general election, the NED shall designate the locations of the special polling places, (one in Guam and one in Honolulu)
Printing of official ballots (9FSMC) Sec. 503 (1)	December 27, 2010	The NED shall complete the printing of the official ballots no later than 70 days before a general election.
Request to vote at the special polling places (9FSMC) Sec. 605 (3)	February 5, 2011	Request to vote at a special polling place must be received by the NEC of the state of registration not less than 30 days prior to a general election.
Last day to send absentee ballots by mail (9FSMC) Sec. 602 (2)a	January 26, 2011	The NEC, shall, at least 40 days before a National Election, mail an absentee ballot to any absentee voter who has requested an absentee ballot in accordance with this section.
Absentee for Travelers (9FSMC) Sec. 606 (1)b	February 5, 2011 March 7, 2011	Not more than 30 days and not less than 1 day before the National Election; a voter must submit in person a written request to cast a ballot prior to traveling.
Preparation of signature lists (9FSMC) Sec. 303(7)	February 15, 2011	NED shall prepare signature lists from National Voter Register for each of the polling places not later than 20 days prior to each election.
VAAPP Requests (9FSMC) Sec. 604(1)d	February 28, 2011	NEC of the state of registration receives the written VAAPP requests at least 7 days before the National Election.
Posting of Signature Lists of SPP (9FSMC) Sec. 605(4)	March 1, 2011	No later than 6 days before a National Election, NEC shall post at the National Election Offices in their states signature lists of each special polling place in their state.
Posting of Signature Lists for Guam and Honolulu (9FSMC) Sec. 605(5)	February 21, 2011	No later than 14 days before a National Election, the National Election Director, or his designee, shall post the Special Polling Place Signature lists for Guam and Honolulu in a publicly accessible place in each location to be set out in the regulations promulgated pursuant to this title.
Election Day (9FSMC) Sec. 105(1)	March 8, 2011	All general elections for members shall be biennially in each odd-numbered year on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in March.

Hand-over Ceremony for Bulldozer



The Embassy of Japan

Ambassador Shoji Sato traveled to Chuuk to execute various official duties and also attended the Xavier High School Graduation. FSM President Manny Mori was also a guest at the Xavier ceremony and exchanged with Ambassador Sato his appreciation of projects granted to Chuuk State.

Currently Chuuk has a total of 15-20 illegal dumping sites all over the island of Weno which have affected the livelihoods of the local pollution in terms of sanitation. In an effort to resolve this grave predicament, the Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency (Chuuk EPA) requested the assistance of the Embassy of Japan in the FSM to provide equipment to aid the work of repairing the road that leads to the official dumping site. If this is accomplished, the illegal dumping sites can be abolished.

As a result of this proposition, on May 28, 2010 Chuuk EPA received a grant through Japan's Grant for Grassroots Human Security Projects. The grant amount was for US\$97,000 and it was used to purchase a bulldozer for the improvement of waste management on Weno. The hand-over ceremony was held at the Chuuk Governor's Office and Governor Wesley Simina received the grant on behalf of Chuuk State Government.

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On June 1st, 2010 Pakin Island Community received 40 solar lanterns worth \$1,478.00. Receiving the solar lanterns on behalf of Pakin Island Community are Messrs., Aisek Artui and Mr. Paulino Lambert. Youths holding solar lanterns are David Panuelo Jr (DJ) and Joshua Panuelo representing Green Energy Solutions. Green Energy Solutions

*By David Panuelo
Green Energy Solutions*

(GES) is a local company that promotes renewable energy. GES focuses on helping the remote communities who live without access to electricity with smart technology that is affordable and environmentally clean. Solar lanterns get free energy from the sun and eliminate the use of expensive kerosene and batteries. This benefits people in remote communities by improving their quality of life with high quality solar-powered lanterns. Solar lanterns will reduce their cost of living and helps to promote sustainable lifestyle.

Pakin Island is now inhabited by 20 households. Each household will receive one Nova solar lantern and one Kiran solar lantern. These all purpose solar lanterns are

weather resistant and have LED bulbs that last 50,000 hours.

The distributor for the solar lanterns is Green Energy Solutions (GES) – a local company located at 2nd Floor of Blue Nile Building.



Mr. Edgar Santos, Pohnpei Tourism Office, David Panuelo Jr. (DJ), Mr. Aisek Artui, Personnel Office, Mr. Paulino Lambert, Chief of Personnel and Joshua Panuelo, front holding solar lantern



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Chinese acrobatic troupe performs in Palikir, Pohnpei

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM-The Chongqing Acrobatic Art Troupe has a right to boast. They have performed their dramatic and traditional acrobatics all over the world and now they can add the Federated States of Micronesia to the list. On June 8 the troupe performed before hundreds of spectators in Pohnpei at the China Friendship Gym in Palikir. From the enthusiastic response of the crowd who competed to see which section of the audience could applaud more loudly, it was apparent that the audience was delighted as well they should have been.

Photos by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China

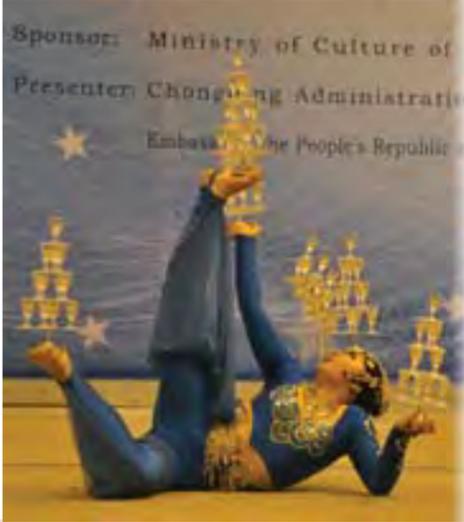
The troupe in engagingly entertaining fashion pulled

off feats of strength, balance, grace, agility, and yes, even feats that made the audience wonder if perhaps these people were human at all! One such acrobat performed feats of contortionism that left the audience wondering if she had any bones at all in her body. See if you can figure how a human body can bend itself the way the middle picture below shows.

But human beings they are, our neighbors from the People's Republic of China. They are simply extremely well trained and disciplined people. They didn't wake up one day with their extraordinary skills. All of them trained from the time they were very young children.

The shows lasted for just under an hour and a half. They started promptly and ended all too soon leaving the audience wanting more.

And after the Wednesday matinee show, the cars streamed down the circumferential road in bumper to bumper fashion and those of us unable to attend the matinee showing noticed as we drove home from work that children, playing in their yards were trying to lift each other other, perform handstands, and flip in the air. Who knows, maybe there will be an acrobatic movement in Pohnpei but do be careful. Nearly all of the feats the troupe performed can be extremely dangerous without proper training!!



Letter to the Editor

School lunch from another view

Dear Editor,

I read the opinions expressed by a reader in the last K-Press about the school lunch program and felt inclined to add a few thoughts. This is what I admire about our democracy and our courteous community lifestyle in that I could have a great friend I admire and yet differ in my opinions concerning the issue at hand.

I for one believe very strongly that while the school lunch program could very well become a political issue especially in light of the last election, we all should preserve the pride in our simple community lifestyle and care enough for our children so as to provide for their basic nutritional needs. Our Public Education System is provided for at no cost to families except for uniforms and annual registration fees - maybe? Our Public Health care is also heavily subsidized at almost no cost to families requiring public health services.

I wanted to express my thoughts on the school lunch program because providing for lunch for our children is the one thing that parents could care enough to do for their children. If the government would take that intimate role

away from parents, than what is there for parents to do? What incentive is left for parents to do for their children? If my children's education is free, health care is free and school lunch is free than I probably will have very little incentive to work hard and make a living for my family.

We don't have poverty in the true sense of the word in Pohnpei. Yes, life is becoming harder for many families to make ends meet because of inflation and the cost of living today, but we are never truly poor because of the abundant natural food resources around us and the cushion of our extended family custom or lifestyle. We don't have to be dependent on imported food items when we are so littered "so to speak" with healthy natural food sources on our islands.

Hard work, whether it is for a subsistence lifestyle or for gain in our small island monetary economy, is a healthy part of a normal lifestyle that contributes to our national domestic growth. I do believe that most children in Pohnpei are raised with a sense of hard work instilled by their parents. As we have seen or read in other parts of the world, any system that promotes any kind of welfare system in any society usually has the tendency to kill human creativity and hard work that is inherent in people. We are no exception.

Aside from the disincentives mentioned above, it just does not seem genuine or logical for the government to promote any school lunch program if it is not sustainable. Any high school graduate could conduct a simple research or survey for that matter and easily come to the conclusion that our limited government finances would not be able to afford any sustained school lunch program in our Public Education System in the short term, let alone the long term with the explosion of young people in our population and exponential growth in our birth rate.

I for one, think that the government should have an intelligent and well informed policy in our Public Education System so that our leadership is not so scattered with such issues like "school lunch program" getting tossed around between branches of government thereby making them look somewhat foolish or like children in the public eye. One would think that we are way past this stage and that other topical issues of growth would occupy the important agenda of our government.

For background purposes, the US National School Lunch Program came about largely as a result of the 1930's depression to aid families because of widespread unemployment in the cities with millions of people who had no means to support their families and children.

Many families then were obliged to seek help through public assistance programs. Much of the farm production during the same period was not marketable and surpluses of farm products continued to mount. The recipe was appropriate for a subsidized school lunch program while providing needed domestic market for U.S. farmers. Even today, families are required to apply for a low cost (not free) school lunch program for their children to qualify.

Here at home, it is never honorable for politicians to promise what he or she cannot deliver to the constituents as in the case of the school lunch program. It is a form of exploitation of the less-informed populace who merely rely on the promise of the more educated candidates vying for public office. Where will the resources come from to deliver such promises? Once in a while it is good to hear when theologians tell us that "being educated is not the same as having wisdom.

For us workers, it is better to work hard and rely on our own efforts and make a living than to rely on the promises of politicians or anyone for that matter.

Thank you.
David W. Panuelo
Farmer

By Mat Mix
The Kaselehlie Press

Law & Economics

One Pass Update

The US Congress passed a law in 2002 giving one pass miles to US government employees. Prior to 2002 it was not legal for government employees to use one pass miles for personal use.

In May of 2001 the US Government Accounting Office asked the US Congress to change the law. The GAO said that it was necessary to give one pass miles to government employees because private sector employers were giving this benefit to their workers and if the US government did not

do the same they would not be able to attract good workers.

There are two major differences between what happened in the US in 2002 and what is happening here.

First, private sector employers in Pohnpei seldom need to buy tickets for their employees. One pass miles are not an issue when a local person decides where to work.

Second, the US decision was reached through the legislative process.

As of July 1, 2010 the Australian Government will no longer allow one pass miles to go to their employees. The Australian government says that it will save about \$160 million next year because of this change.

There is a strong similarity between the situation in Australia and the situation here. Both the Australian Government and the FSM and Pohnpei Governments need to save money.

The FSM national government says we have to change out taxes to increase revenue. We suggest that we also need to save

money where we can. Keeping the value of the one pass miles is one way our government can save a lot of money without raising taxes.

This issue needs to be brought to the floor of the Congress and to the floor of the Legislature. These bodies need to pass the laws governing one pass miles that belong to their governments. As of June 8 no bill had been introduced in either the Congress or the Legislature. Gentlemen, the ball is in your court. It's tough taking away benefits from yourselves but it is for the good of our government budgets.

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K-Press Perspective

Deadlines and commitments...

“Well those drifters days are past me now. I’ve got so much more to think about: deadlines and commitments; what to leave in, what to leave out...”

—Against the Wind, Bob Seger

Ann Arbor, Michigan rocker, Bob Seger released a song in 1980, the year that I graduated from High School, that was a number 5 chart “hit” not only because Seger had extraordinary vocal talents and the melody was great but because the song’s message resonated in the hearts of listeners, especially older listeners. “I’m older now and still running against the wind,” he crooned. He was 35 years old at the time. By that time, the self proclaimed “Rambin’ Gambler” Man” had begun to come to grips with life and what it really meant.

I saw him in concert when I was 14. He was 32 years old and I only saw him then by accident because he was the unannounced opening act for the “Doobie Brothers.”

Now that I’m an “older listener” I get the lyrics of his 1980 song in a way that I didn’t understand them when I was 17 years old. I had no frame of reference; no pegs of life on which I could hang the meaning of his lyrics. Still, of all the lyrics that I have remembered from his song, “Against the Wind,” the ones that always stuck with me are the ones italicized at the beginning of this article.

I didn’t remember the lyric about “Janie” from Seger’s younger days who was the “queen of his nights.”

I do remember another great line from the song, “I wish I didn’t know now what I didn’t know then.” In my memory I always applied those words to the ones I remembered...“Deadlines and commitments...”

Who likes deadlines or commitments?

As usual in my editorials, I’ve buried my lead way deep down in the seventh paragraph. Here it is at long last: “Deadlines and commitments...” What do they really mean and how do missed deadlines and unfulfilled commitments impact our lives?

Someone who I consider to be a friend, who is also very high up in the FSM government asked me one day, “Is there really such a thing as a ‘drop-dead’ date? I don’t think so,” he opined. “‘Drop-dead’ dates can always be renegotiated.” He spoke from long experience.

I had to think about his words for a bit. I’d never heard it put quite that way before. The term “drop-dead” sounds so final. Deadlines are deadlines but does anyone really “drop dead” if they are missed?

I suppose that depends on how one looks at life and the value that we place on relationships.

A deadline is always assigned and accepted by parties based on a mutual agreement. If one party doesn’t care about the results of missing a deadline then deadlines just doesn’t matter. That is, they don’t matter if that party wants to continue a mutually beneficial relationship.

That’s oversimplified, I know.

As an example, I definitely want to continue my mutually beneficial relationship with my wife of 29 years but I constantly disappoint her by not showing up at home when I say I will do so. I don’t tell her that I will be home by 6:00 and then show up at 6:20 or 6:25 or later because I want to sever our relationship but I constantly do it. And it’s nearly always because I’m trying to keep some other commitment or please some other person with professional or other demands by keeping their deadlines or my perception of what they expect from me.

I operate in the hope my wife will stay with me because she has always done so and because we love each other but it really strains our relationship when I break promises and miss deadlines.

When someone else makes a “professional” demand on my time I tend to defer to them because I have had the perception that my wife will always forgive me. “Drop-dead” dates and times with my wife have always floated on the sea of other people’s demands and my own need to satisfy the demands I have not already satisfied. I hope there never comes a day when she says “enough is enough,” and because of that niggling fear in the back of my mind, I am striving to do much better.

But really one can only hear, “I’ll do this,” or “I’ll do that,” for so long before the message is meaningless and dissatisfaction sets in, and not just for the party whose deadlines have been neglected.

Over time, ignored deadlines and commitments end relationships, whether those commitments are between spouses, amongst parents and children, friends, businesses and their customers, or amongst sovereign nations.

Deadlines are serious if relationships are respected. If we promise we’re going to do something by a certain time we should do EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER to be sure we keep that commitment even if it means personal sacrifice.

In the case of a business owner or a committed employee of a business that might mean uncompensated overtime because you promised a customer you would do something by a certain time. At the least it might mean that you might have to make a tough phone call to your customer explaining why you can’t do what you thought you thought you could do. Usually, customers appreciate that kind of timely notification and are much more understanding than you thought we might be.

In terms of the commitments of sovereign nations to each other, your commitments affect your entire citizenry. You aren’t working for yourselves. You’re working for the citizens of your nations and for the citizens of the world. Unmet deadlines and broken commitments between you, or amongst you, are devastating for your people. You can’t afford to be nonchalant about deadlines and commitments even if you think that you “love each other,” and that love covers all manner of sins.

Relationships can end with devastating consequences for all parties when “deadlines and commitments” aren’t met; when they aren’t fulfilled.

Since I opened with lyrics I’ll end with another lyric. It’s a song written by Burt Bacharach for a musical in 1960, two years before I was born. It became a big hit when Dionne Warwick recorded it in 1968.

As Solomon said, “There is nothing new under the sun...”

Promises, promises, this is where those promises, promises end. I don’t pretend that what was wrong can be right...

Bill Jaynes
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Letter to the Editor

A dangerous precedent

Dear Editor,

On April 23, 2010, you shared your indignation at the vessel that turned away from our Pohnpeian drifters, Dr. David and Rayder, and deliberately decided NOT to render assistance to these two mariners in distress at sea. This is a violation under international law and FSM law. I could not help but wonder if there would have been any difference had the FSM Government effectively prosecuted a similar incident that had occurred back in 2006.

A Chuukese mayor and some others from one of the outer islands of Chuuk were lost at sea. During their ordeal, they came across a fish carrier vessel, Hai Shun, which knowingly decided not to render assistance, and went on its way. Common sense dictated to someone in the group to note the name and call sign of this vessel, especially since they were within such close proximity of the vessel. Luckily, the group was eventually rescued by another vessel a few days later.

The FSM national police arrested the captain of Hai Shun as soon as the vessel pulled into our port, pursuant to the information it had received from the Chuukese drifters. A criminal information was filed immediately thereafter, charging the captain with violation of FSM law, 19 FSMC 425, requiring a master of a vessel to render assistance to any person found at sea and in distress or danger of being lost if this assistance can be rendered without endangering

the vessel or its crew members. This was a case of first impression (first time), not only in FSM, but the entire Pacific region as a whole. As the Secretary of the Justice Department at the time, my objective was to prosecute and convict the captain so that we send out a clear message that anyone fishing in our Pacific waters must comply with our laws, and that means suspending the profitable fishing operations momentarily to SAVE islanders who have been lost at sea when the situation calls for it. There was no two ways about this for me, and I was adamant to get a conviction!! Unfortunately, I left the government a few months after the case was initiated, and lost touch with it. I met the captain one evening and he was cheerfully celebrating his impending journey home. When I inquired as to the status of the case with a DoJ attorney, I was told the case had been dismissed. I was completely appalled and disappointed that the Department could have taken such a compassionate attitude toward a captain who clearly did not feel any sense of compassion towards our own people. So when I read your piece, I connected with every sense of anger and outrage you exhibited in there.

Would diligent prosecution of Hai Shun’s case have made a difference to Dr. David and Rayder’s situation? We’ll never know. Thank you for availing space for this.

Marstella E. Jack

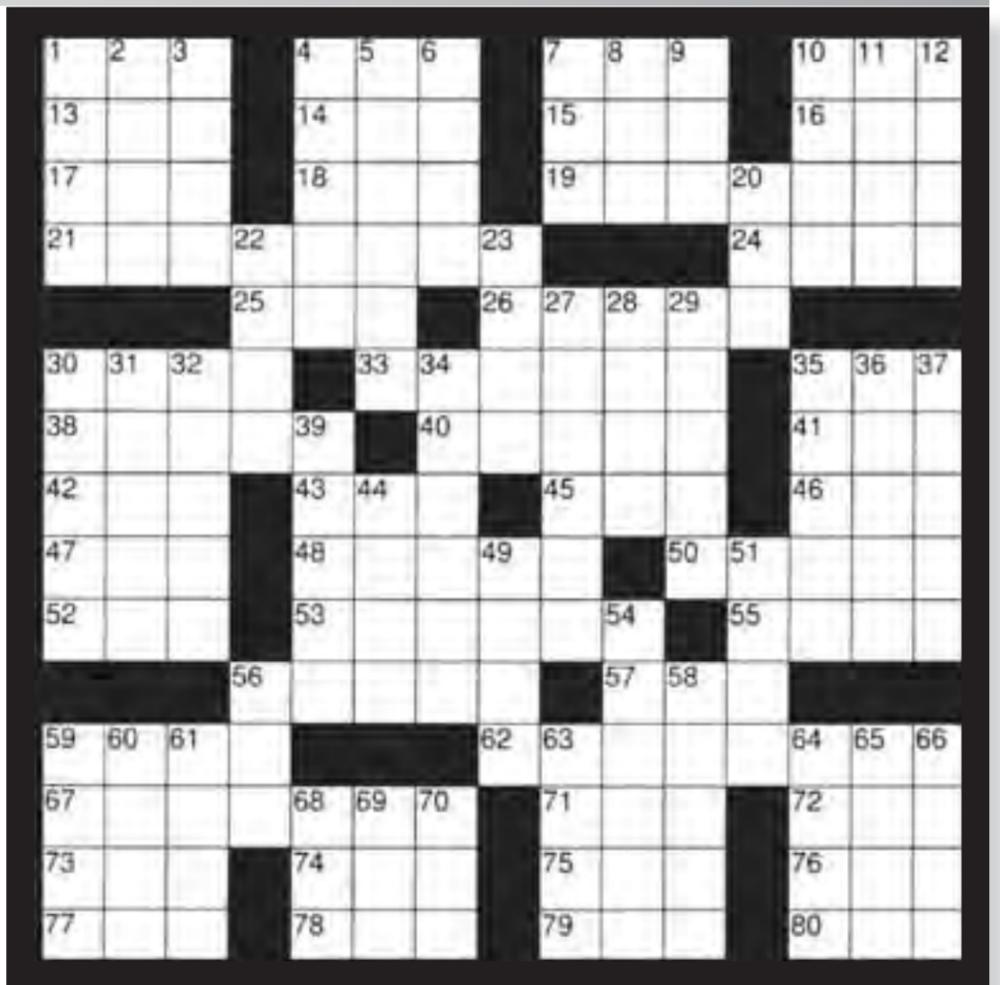
Crossword - Film

ACROSS

- 1. Top ____ (Astaire film)
- 4. Actor Vigoda
- 7. Actress Peeples
- 10. Malcolm X director
- 13. ____ Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
- 14. Actress Wray
- 15. TV's Byrnes
- 16. Another role for the guy who played Twiki
- 17. Late-night TV fare since 1975: abbr.
- 18. Jim Carrey role
- 19. War drama of 1981
- 21. Show on TV
- 24. Actress Chlumsky
- 25. Actor Benicio ____ Toro
- 26. The Maltese Falcon actress
- 30. 21 Jump Street role
- 33. ____ Weapon (Gibson/ Glover film)
- 35. Director Van Sant
- 38. 1985 film ____ Dancing!
- 40. Actress Anne
- 41. Actor Carney
- 42. What Carol Burnett tugs
- 43. Gregory Hines film
- 45. Actress Grey
- 46. Old movie studio
- 47. Chances ____
- 48. Sigourney Weaver film

- 50. Actress Mamie Van ____
- 52. Cadillac ____ (Williams movie)
- 53. Knowledge (Nichols film)
- 55. Actor on ER
- 56. Exodus actor
- 57. Certain movie planet resident
- 59. Frasier actress Gilpin
- 62. Actress Eggar
- 67. Home state in a Reese Witherspoon movie of '02
- 71. Movie studio
- 72. Actor Ziering
- 73. Green Acres role
- 74. Director Lars ____ Trier (Dancer in the Dark)
- 75. Anything ____ Love
- 76. The 5,000 Fingers of ____ (Dr. Seuss movie)
- 77. Ben in the film Ben
- 78. Actress Irving
- 79. Meyers of Kate & Allie
- 80. Dolls based on a film

- 6. ____ of Laura Mars
- 7. Actor Beatty
- 8. Actress Lupino
- 9. TV "clutter"
- 10. Bert Lahr role
- 11. A Yank at ____
- 12. ____ Plum, Little House on the Prairie role
- 20. Cheers setting
- 22. What Herman might do at work on Herman's Head
- 23. Soap surname
- 27. Actress Reed (Major Dad)
- 28. Movie plantation
- 29. Charlie Chan's portrayer
- 30. Mr. T's TV group
- 31. Only the Lonely actress
- 32. Actress Black
- 34. Star Wars group
- 35. TV personality Moore
- 36. Jaleel White cameo role that took over the series
- 37. Platoon director
- 39. Step by Step actress Keanan
- 44. Actor Rickman



- 49. Sonny Shroyer role
- 51. Throw Momma from the Train role
- 54. Dorothy of "Road" pictures
- 56. Movie starring Smith and Jones, briefly
- 58. Actress LuPone
- 59. Former Tonight Show host
- 60. Actress Joyce of Roc
- 61. He often played bad guys who

- flipped coins
- 63. Star of Dark Angel
- 64. Sub thriller Crimson ____
- 65. Wagner role
- 66. Them, in Them!
- 68. Burt's TV wife in Evening Shade
- 69. Mr. ____ (Keaton film)
- 70. ____ Which Way But Loose

K Press Puzzle Pleasure

Express Yourself

If you can finish this puzzle quickly, you can DECLARE yourself a master word search solver. Each word below refers to a mode or manner of expression. We won't take up any more of your time with our BANTER; we'll just let you get right to the solving

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| AFFECT | CHORUS | GREET | PROMISE | TELL |
| ANNOUNCE | DECLARE | HERALD | QUIP | UTTER |
| ASSERT | DELIVER | INDITE | QUOTE | VOICE |
| BABBLE | DEMAND | INSIST | REFER | WARN |
| BANTER | DENY | INVOKE | REITERATE | YARN |
| BECKON | DICTATE | JIVE | SAY | |
| BID | ECHO | MIMIC | SNEER | |
| BLURT | EVOKE | NOTE | SPEAK | |
| BROACH | EXCUSE | ORATE | SWEAR | |
| CHAT | FIB | PAGE | TALK | |



K.P. Krazy Korner

Me Time:

I have the body of a god... Buddha

Island Inspiration:

English 101: Using double negatives is a no-no!

My Karma ran over your Dogma

Vegetarian-- A word meaning "lousy hunter"

Math 101

Math uses 50% equations, 50% proofs, and 50% formulas

THINK ABOUT IT: Life's a garden - Dig it.

Computer Corner

If at first you don't succeed, call it version 1.0!



Daffy Definition:



I started with nothing; I still have most of it.

Papa Says:



Mama Says:



This day was a total waste of makeup.

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There once was a musical hobo
Who strung four strings on his oboe.
Said he, "With these strings,
This thing really sings!
I both blow and bow on my oboe."

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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

Hand-over of Buses and Tires

The Embassy of Japan

The Saramen Chuuk Academy was another recipient of a grant provided by the Government of Japan through Japan's Grassroots Human Security Grant Assistance scheme.

The Academy received two buses and a dozen spare tires.

Saramen Chuuk Academy Campus on May 29th, 2010 and Ambassador Shoji Sato from the Embassy of Japan in the FSM was present to officially hand over the items to the Academy's principal, Mr. Wayne Olap.

It was reported by the Academy that students were having difficulty getting to school due to transportation problems and it feared that the situation will effect students' motivation for learning and academic ability. The buses will enable the students to get to school on time as well as participate in extra-curricular activities outside of school grounds.



Bus, staff and students

The ceremony was held at the

Go Local Project is Initiated in Chuuk as a Collaborative Effort

Elfrieda Suda,
Dr. Lolita Ragus,
and Dr. Lois Englberger

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) led a Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements workshop in Chuuk on May 5 to 6, 2010, in collaboration with UFO Fefan Community, Chuuk Department of Agriculture, College of Micronesia-FSM Chuuk Campus Cooperative Research & Extension, and Chuuk Women's Council.

The workshop introduced the two-year project, which aims for increased local food production and consumption through awareness of the CHEEF (Culture, Health, Environment, Economics and Food security) benefits of local foods. The workshop collected baseline information and provided the IFCP Local Foods Talk to 72 participants.

How exciting to have local food refreshments, served on beautiful local "plates"!

Our IFCP team enjoyed very much the collaboration with our Chuuk partners. Elfrieda Suda, the College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Research and Extension State Coordinator in Chuuk, and her colleague Dr. Lolita Ragus, Re-

searcher, provided such insightful comments, we want to present these here and thank them, along with Innocente Penno, Agriculture, Fefan Community and all partners! Thanks too to US Forestry, Global Greengrants Fund and Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) Healthy Pacific Lifestyle Section for funding support.

Ms. Elfriede Suda. I am in support of IFCP's collaborative efforts to have brought to the Island of Chuuk their model of "Let's Go Local." [Due to her interest and support, Ms. Suda brought her entire staff of 10 individuals on the first day of the workshop and she and two others on the second]. I found the survey results interesting, that out of the 35 households surveyed, all ate rice within the past seven days.

A community member asked why is it "all right" for Japanese and Koreans to eat rice everyday and why not us? "Is it only because we are Chuukese and that rice is not traditionally ours?"

After consultation with Dr. Lois Englberger, Ms. Suda conveyed to the concerned community member that the amount of rice intake and the food variety eaten per meal marks a great difference,



Participants in the Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements workshop in Fefan, Chuuk on May 5, 2010, happily join for a photo.

and said "yes, that's very true that rice is imported from Japan and it is a Japanese dish preferably eaten every meal. However, the amount consumed at each serving is minimal as opposed to that of ours, and rice is eaten with a variety of fruits and vegetables to balance a healthier diet. Here in the FSM, it is different. We (Micronesians), in general, prefer to eat rice and meat alone. That marks a huge difference in our diet." The question at stake is not who is rightful to eat rice, but the quantity of rice consumed and variety in each meal that matters.

The two-day activities were a great approach to collaborate with local communities in bringing awareness to revive a healthier diet into our household. It was talked about by most CRE staff members present as a mutual learning experience. The staff commented that they learned as they assisted IFCP staff. And as a token of appreciation, CRE also staff prepared souvenirs locally made in Chuuk [from the Sewing Project, Handicraft Project, and Woodcarving Project].

Dr. Lolita Ragus. I fully support this project due to the following attributes: 1. Pohnpei GO LOCAL project implemented in 2005-2007 [the previous project with Mand Community, Madolenihmw] can ably share its lessons learned in developing positive attitude change of local population towards local foods. 2. Target communities and local partners laid out the fundamental planning phase of obtaining baseline information about the daily consumption of local foods in the diets of concerned families for the past one week. 3. The survey data were quickly processed and presented to the communities for awareness and information campaigns of appropriate local foods to eat for good health. 4. Forging collaboration among local agencies and IFCP creates and eventually sustains sustainability of this project. 5. Foremost, the local communities recognize their need and are willing to work with state institutions for their own welfare.

Astronomical Tide Prediction June 14 through June 27, 2010

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	06/14	04:10AM 4.6	06/21	05:42AM 1.7	06/14	03:05AM 2.6	06/21	12:30AM 1.5
		11:12AM 0.4		10:48AM 2.3		11:48AM -0.3		11:03AM 0.2
Tuesday	06/15	04:51AM 4.5	06/22	12:01AM 3.4	06/15	03:37AM 2.5	06/22	12:18AM 1.7
		11:52AM 0.4		07:12AM 1.4		12:30PM -0.2		10:41AM 0.0
Wednesday	06/16	05:32AM 4.3	06/23	12:55AM 3.7	06/16	04:06AM 2.3	06/23	12:35AM 2.0
		12:33PM 0.6		08:10AM 1.1		01:10PM -0.1		10:40AM -0.1
Thursday	06/17	06:15AM 3.9	06/24	01:40AM 3.9	06/17	04:28AM 2.1	06/24	12:59AM 2.2
		01:15PM 0.8		08:53AM 0.8		01:42PM 0.1		10:45AM -0.2
Friday	06/18	12:33AM 1.5	06/25	02:20AM 4.1	06/18	04:35AM 1.8	06/25	01:28AM 2.3
		07:01AM 3.5		09:30AM 0.6		01:57PM 0.3		10:52AM -0.3
Saturday	06/19	01:47AM 1.8	06/26	02:57AM 4.3	06/19	04:09AM 1.5	06/26	01:57AM 2.3
		07:55AM 3.1		10:02AM 0.5		01:37PM 0.4		10:59AM -0.2
Sunday	06/20	03:35AM 1.9	06/27	03:31AM 4.3	06/20	02:26AM 1.3	06/27	02:26AM 2.4
		09:07AM 2.6		10:33AM 0.5		12:17PM 0.4		11:08AM -0.2



Delicious local food refreshments were served, along with beautiful local hand-woven "plates".

WeiPat Graduation

WeiPat High School, which serves the Northwestern Area of Chuuk State, graduated 23 students on June 4 at a commencement exercise held on the island of Onoun in the Namonuitoes. The keynote speaker was Bill Hagen, the founder of the Cuthbert Project. The theme for the graduating class of 2010 was "Sail beyond your Horizon," Mr. Hagen working around the theme told the graduates that if they stand on the beach with the water lapping at their feet and they look out at the ocean, the horizon, where the sky and ocean meet, is only 6 miles. He went on to explain that what they could see was only a physical, line of sight horizon but that the true horizon they needed to address was the horizon of their minds which is limited only by their imagination, their education and their ability to dream.

Salutatorian, Jimmy Akkin, addressed the need for his classmates to live in 2 different worlds. The first world is the world of their traditions and the values of respect and honor learned at home and from their island communities.



Mr. Bill Hagen, founder of The Cuthbert Project with Salutatorian Jimmy Akkin of Pollap and Vaedictorian Rose Matheus from Magur

The second world is the world of the modern, into which his peers were graduating. He told them to, "Never forget your traditions or where you come from."

Mr. Hagen just happened to be on Onoun working on upgrading the Cuthbert Project and was asked to be the keynote speaker. The Cuthbert Project is working on establishing a computerized learning center, computer lab, at WeiPat High School and currently has 8 operational laptop computers in use at the school teaching American English using Rosetta Stone software.

U.S. remembers fallen soldiers on Memorial Day

Ambassador Prahar greets Pila Yoma, mother of the late U.S. Navy Seaman Apprentice Frank Yoma, at the family residence in Nanpohnmal May 31



Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

In honor of Memorial Day May 31, U.S. Ambassador Peter A. Prahar paid respects to FSM citizen U.S. soldiers who died while on active military duty. Ambassador Prahar was accompanied by Father Francis X. Hezel of Our Lady of Mercy Church and representatives from the FSM Veterans Association.

The day's event included visits to the gravesites of the following soldiers and sailors: Sergeant Skipper Soram of Madolenihmw, Specialist Macbeth Lengsi of Nett, Specialist Cwislyn Walter of Nett, Private First Class Henry Paul of Kolonia, Seaman Apprentice Frank Yoma of Nanpohnmal, Specialist Richard Oliver of Nan Kepin, Sergeant Youvert Loney of

Palikir, and Sergeant Raymond J. Hicks of Sekere.

During the visits, Ambassador Prahar laid a wreath at each of the gravesites, and called upon the families of the fallen soldiers.

The Compact of Free Association enables Micronesians to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, which they have done honorably since World War II. Currently, citizens from the F.S.M and other Pacific islands serve in the U.S. military at a higher per capita rate than U.S. citizens.

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Disadvantages of Kerosene

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- Leads to respiratory infections
- Causes burn injuries to millions each year
- Emits greenhouse gases

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