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Fossil fuel electricity going the way of the dinosaur in Kosrae

FSM State will be the first in the world powered by renewable energies

By Bill Jaynes

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Kosrae, FSM—In Kosrae, the FSM's easternmost State, fossil fuel powered electrical generation is doomed; headed for extinction; gone the way of the dinosaurs. Kosrae will likely be the first island State in the world to be entirely powered by renewable energy.

all of Kosrae's current electrical needs and then some.

"KUA and Kosrae are very optimistic and looking forward to being entirely powered by renewable energies in the next two years," wrote KUA representative, Fred Skilling in an email.

"The new corporation (OEK) already secured the Foreign Investment Permit and had registered and chartered under the State of Kosrae," Skilling wrote. "The site selection and data collection with the plant design and layout are currently underway. Construction and installation of the system is expected

to commence within the next seven to nine months," he wrote.

The planned wave powered system will generate 1.5 megawatts of power 400 kilowatts more than Kosrae's current peak demand which Skilling said currently is at 1.1 megawatts.

Kosrae already has a renewable energy system connected to its power

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Department of Health issues dengue and leptospirosis advisory

Yap Department of Youth and Civil Affairs

November 3, 2011

The increasing number of dengue and leptospirosis cases in the State of Yap of the Federated States of Micronesia has prompted the Department of Health Services to issue another advisory. This will be the fourth advisory that the Health Department has put out in less than three-weeks instructing the public to take preventive measures in controlling the diseases from spreading throughout the communities on Yap's main island.

The advisory cautions Yap residents to help keep their homes and property clean of potential mosquito breeding areas. Dengue is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito.

137 suspected cases of dengue have been diagnosed in Yap since the third week of October. Out of that number, 25 have been tested positive for the disease. It is expected that the number of cases will increase when the Department receives confirmation from off-island laboratories to which specimens were sent for testing.

According to the statement issued by the Health

Department, the principal symptoms of dengue include high fever, severe headache, backache, joint pain, nausea and vomiting, eye pain, and rash. The Health Department also said that there is no vaccine or specific medication for treatment of dengue virus infections.

As for the Leptospirosis disease, the Health Department reported that the number of suspected cases has reached 87 and 7 of those cases have been tested positive as positive for the disease.



Aedes aegypti

Leptospirosis is a rat borne disease. It is spread to people by rats. Symptoms of Leptospirosis include dry cough, fever, headache, muscle pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and shaking chills. Symptoms of that disease can develop within 2 to 26 days.

To stop both diseases from infecting the population, the Department of Health has advised the public to clean up their yards by removing all empty cans, bottles, plastics, car tires and other items that could hold water and also to remove possible homes for rats. An outbreak in the future will get worse and more severe if we do not take appropriate actions against the diseases today.

Editors Note: The U.S. Embassy issued an emergency message for U.S. Citizens on November 9, 2011. The

message said that by November 8, 2011 Yap State Hospital had reported over 200 suspected cases of dengue fever, and that number is expected to rise. It said that so far there have been two deaths associated with the outbreak. It said that the Yap Department of Health Services is working with the FSM National Government and experts from the World Health Organization to monitor and combat the outbreak.

According to the Marianas Variety the Republic of the Marshall Islands has declared a state of emergency due to an outbreak of dengue fever there.

Emergency measures after partial collapse of Kosrae 'lifeline' Okat bridge is the land link to the "outside world"

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Tofol, Kosrae—On November 3, 2011 Kosrae's Governor Lyndon H. Jackson issued an emergency declaration due to a partial collapse of the deck of the Okat bridge, the only land-based link to the Kosrae seaport, airport and fuel depot.

At about 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, a portion of the Okat bridge caved in resulting in a hole on the main bridge deck measuring 3 1/2 feet wide by 4 1/2 feet long.

Not only is the Okat bridge a lifeline for Kosrae because all imports and exports, including tourists must travel across the bridge, utility services including power, communication and water lines are all attached to the bridge which is in danger of collapsing. If it does it could mean economic disaster for the State.

The bridge is over 28 years old "and it's deteriorating fast," said Kosrae's Chief of Staff,



Hole in Okat bridge measuring 3 1/2 feet wide by 4 1/2 feet long

Lipar George. "The rebar used for reinforcement is rusting away and little by little the bridge will eventually crack up and collapse into the water below." Lipar said that those problems "along with the recent crossing of dump trucks and other heavy equipment associated with the airport improvement project," are the causes of the recent deck failure on the bridge.

"Life without the bridge will be a social and economic nightmare," Lipar said.



Okat bridge after temporary repairs

Governor Jackson's, November 3 letter to all business owners and importers informing them of the initial emergency measures went a step further. "A complete collapse of the Okat bridge will have disastrous effect on our livelihoods," it said.

The Governor's letter added that he had already issued a stop work order to Black Micro Corporation, the contractor that is handling the on-going runway project at the airport. The stop order is "pending further structural assessment of the bridge."

He told the business owners and importers that after the structural engineer's assessment of the bridge the government might be able to revise the restrictions. "This restriction includes hauling of cargo van, crossing of dump trucks and other heavy equipments. All cargo crossing will have to be in smaller, lighter cargo trucks, with total weight not to exceed two tons," he wrote.

But Black Micro Corporation went to work on the bridge and while the crisis is not at all over it has been averted in the short term.

"Temporary fixes by Black Micro Corporation (BMC) taken after the portion of the deck caved in include widening of the bridge's main deck by chipping one foot off of the sidewalk to allow heavier and wider vehicles to cross away from where the hole is," Chief of Staff George wrote in an email message today. The company has also marked the center supporting girder with paint so that drivers can run across the top of that girder.

"BMC, after materials arrive on island, will erect a pile right underneath the hole and patch up with concrete where the deck caved in to extend the life and usability of the bridge," he wrote.

The Governor's November 3 letter urged cooperation during the emergency situation for people of Kosrae to abide by the weight limit and if possible to refrain from crossings of the

bridge into the Okat area unless absolutely necessary.

Today the Governor amended his initial emergency decree to read as follows (changes are in bold italic):

"Under the power granted to this office in Article V, Section 13 of the Kosrae State Constitution, I hereby issue these Amended decrees:

1. All dump trucks and heavy equipments are ceased from crossing the Okat bridge immediately, **except when able to avoid running over the damaged area crossing between the sidewalk curb and center girder with a weight of no more than 20 tons;**
2. Any other heavy loads of any kind shall not cross the Okat bridge at any time during the operation of these Decrees, **except as stated in Decree 1, but with a weight of no more than 36 tons with a chassis or container crossing between the sidewalk curb and center girder.**
3. **All vehicles that are too wide to pass between the sidewalk curb and center girder, or must cross with the use of the sidewalk, shall weigh no more than 14 tons.**
4. **Black Micro Construction Company (BMC) shall indicate the location of the center girder by painting clear lines outlining the girder over the steel plates.**
5. The public is put on notice to exercise caution when crossing the Okat bridge at any time.
6. All persons shall avoid at all time being near, over and under the Okat bridge.
7. Any violation of these decrees may be prosecuted accordingly."

The amendment removed the decree that initially said, "Except when absolutely necessary, the public shall not cross the Okat bridge from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m."

Mr. George said that, in addition to the decree all vehicles are to cross the bridge at no more than 5 miles per hour.

"With the temporary fixes done by BMC we are ok now," George wrote and reiterated that the "fixes" are only temporary in nature.

"The State, with assistance from the National Government, is seeking US/donor countries' support for the construction of a new bridge to replace the existing one," George wrote.



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Nauru closes its waters to foreign fishing vessels

Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources

November 7, 2011

The Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority issued a notice to the purse-seiners of China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Vanuatu fishing under bilateral access agreements with NFMRA, that the limit of allowable purse-seine fishing effort for 2011 in Nauru under these arrangements has been reached.

Individual vessels may however continue to fish in Nauru if they are able to purchase additional fishing days from the Office of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement. These entitlements would have to be transferred from the zones of other Parties to the Nauru Agreement with under-used fishing effort allocations and who are willing to transfer vessel-days for fishing in Nauru.

“The trouble is, there aren’t many underused allocations this year,” said the NFMRA Chief Executive Officer, Charleston Deiye. “PNA has really tightened up the vessel-days system after getting some criticism from certain quarters in the USA and Spain. They said we were not able to fully control foreign fishing effort being transferred from the high seas into EEZs after the high seas closures came into effect in 2010. Although we dispute that – the baseline estimate of high seas effort doesn’t take into account the full extent of previous high seas fishing by the Philippines, and it doesn’t take into account the fact that the US purse-seine fleet has doubled its purse-seine effort since the baseline was drawn up – the PNA countries are going to make very sure that we don’t lay ourselves open to similar accusations in future”.

“Nauru had to close its zone to purse-seining in October in 2010 as well,” says Mr Deiye. “In fact we have never had any unused days left at the end of the year for the entire period of operation of the PNA Vessel Days Management Scheme. This indicates to us that the Nauru EEZ is one of the best purse-seine fishing areas in the Pacific. We need to keep this fishery under tight control because there is a higher density of fishing in Nauru, in terms of number of purse-seine sets per square mile of EEZ than any other Pacific Island EEZ.”

Although the fishing is always good in Nauru, there are however variations. These variations are not seasonal, but are linked to the El Nino/La Nina phenomenon.

As Mr Deiye explains, “with a La Nina event under way for the past few months, most of the purse-seiners have been operating further west, in Papua New Guinea and the southern part of the Federated States of Micronesia. In fact if this had continued we might have made it through to the end of the year with the few Nauru fishing days we had remaining. However, last week a lot of boats suddenly came back to Nauru, and our remaining days were quickly used up. We had to close the door at short notice.”

The oceanographic event which has pushed the purse seiners westward during the last two months has also apparently had an effect on the supply of purse-seine fish to Pacific Island processing plants towards the east of the region.

“Some are blaming the 3-month (July-September) FAD closure for reducing the supply of fish to certain processing plants

recently,” said Mr Deiye, “but our data – for Nauru waters at least – shows that average skipjack catch rates during the FAD closure in 2010 were the same as catch rates outside the FAD closure, and yellowfin catch rates were even higher. Of course this may have just been because the FAD closure in 2010 coincided with a period of very good fishing in Nauru waters. We’re still waiting on the analysis for 2011.”

The main point of the FAD closure was to selectively reduce the catch of bigeye tuna, because overfishing is occurring on that species, and the catch of bigeye around FADs is 600% higher than from free-school sets. In this it looks to be succeeding, as was reported at Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission meetings recently. Most of the overfishing on bigeye is likely to be removed if current measures, particularly the FAD closure, are continued.

Skipjack stocks remain healthy and robust. However NFMRA feels that the time to decide limits is BEFORE fish stocks get into trouble. Reduced expectations are much less painful than bankruptcy.

The fact remains that zone-closures by PNA countries toward the end of each year, if they continue, are going to have an impact on processors, particularly small Pacific Island processors who cannot afford to build up large freezer reserves to buffer major fluctuations in supply. Mr Deiye however points out that when all PNA countries start allocating vessel-days by vessel, rather than managing the whole zone allocation as a unit, these year-end closures

will be no longer necessary. Vessels will be able to pace their fishing across the entire year, knowing that they hold firm title to a guaranteed number of fishing opportunities.

Following Papua New Guinea’s lead, Nauru plans to introduce a VDS allocation system next year and move away from the current “Olympic” (first come, first served) system. This finer-grained system has been made possible by the PNA Office in Majuro sponsoring the extension of the Vessel Days Management software pioneered by the PNG National Fisheries Authority to the entire PNA membership.

“The next couple of months will be interesting”, said Mr Deiye. “We’ll see how much purse-seine fleets are prepared to bid for guaranteed allocations of vessel-days fishing opportunities in the Nauru EEZ in 2012. We already know what the reserve price is. US\$5,000 per purse-seine fishing day. This has already been agreed as the minimum by PNA Fisheries Ministers through a binding regional resolution. The landed value of the fish caught by the average purse-seiner in a day is up to US\$60,000 at current world tuna prices, so the cost of access to fish in our zones is not unreasonable. And the price of skipjack can only go higher as conservation and management limits kick in around the world. It’s a win-win situation for foreign fishing vessels and for small-island state economies, so everyone should be happy. Except perhaps the US and EU consumers who buy most of the final product, since the price will continue to increase. But even they are likely to be happy if the Pacific Island tuna they are eating is guaranteed to come from a sustainable source.”

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Pohnpei Election Commission releases preliminary results

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei, FSM—The Pohnpei Election Commission released the preliminary, unofficial and uncertified vote counts from the General Election held on November 8. Those results indicate that there will be a runoff election for the positions of Governor and Lt. Governor because no candidate in either of those two races garnered more than 50 percent of the vote. A winner for either of those two offices must have won more than 50 percent of the vote even if fractionally so.

In the race for Governor, incumbent John Ehsa and former Governor Johnny P. David will face off in a run-off election on December 8. According to the unofficial results, Governor Ehsa won 31.41 percent of the votes. Former Governor David won 26.83 percent. Current Lt. Governor Churchill Edward missed beating out Johnny P. David for a spot in the run-off election by less than one percent according to the unofficial results of the Election Commission.

In the race for Lt. Governor, Kiomy Albert-Kilmede had 49.59 percent of the votes and Marcelo Peterson had 40.52 of the votes. There were no close followers in that race. Albert-Kilmede and Peterson will compete for the office of Lt. Governor in the December 8 run-off election.

The FSM Office of the National Election Director yesterday released preliminary

results for the election. Pohnpei State Election Commission representatives yesterday said by phone that they had not released any unofficial results. They were surprised to hear that the National Election Commission had already released preliminary results especially in light of the fact the totals from the Kapingamarangi ballot box had not yet come in and Nukuoro had requested a recount of their ballot box.

According to the unofficial tally three women were elected to the Pohnpei State Legislature, a precedent setting event for Pohnpei State.

Following are the unofficial results that the Pohnpei Election Commission released this afternoon:

Governor:

John Ehsa – 31.41%
Johnny P. David – 26.83%
Runner-up Churchill Edward – 25.90%

Lt. Governor:

Kiomy Albert-Kilmede – 49.59%
Marcelo K. Peterson – 40.52%

Madolenihmw:

Bellarmino Helgenberger – 13.42%
Nelson N. Pelep – 10.80%
Nixon B. Soram – 13.66%
Shelten G. Neth – 12.85%
Runner Up Naiten O. Phillip – 9.19%

Kitti:

Alpino Kerman – 14.12%
Dahker D. Daniel – 12.57%
Francisco I. Ioanis – 12.10%

McGarry Miguel – 12.09%
Runner-up Wincener David – 10.85%

Sokehs:

Ausen T. Lambert – 21.80%
Magdalena Walter – 16.05%
Peter M. Lohn – 18.03%
Rensper M. Liwy – 16.55%
Runner-up Albert Roby – 13.87%

Nett –

Robert Nakasone
Salter Loyola
Two candidates ran for the two seats unopposed

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Aurelio P. Joab
Ioseph M. Edgar
Two candidates ran for the two seats unopposed

Kolonia:

Fernando Scaliem – 37.49%

Marvin Yamaguchi – 38.53%
Runner up Gustin S. Harris – 16.22%

Mwoakilloa:

Ishmael Lebehn – 43.81%
Runner Up Jefferson Peter – 30.21%

Pingelap:

Nihlia Ernest – 48.74%
Runner Up Daniel William 43.92%

Sapuahfik:

Stevick A. Edwin – 65.65%
Runner Up Pelwim Norman – 34.35%

Nukuoro:

Sendilina Lekka – 46.56%
Runner Up Gerson Lekka – 22.89%

Kapingamarangi:

Edgar W. Lickaneth – 43.66%
Runner Up Stiwan Duiai – 27.04%

Micronesia's Minginfel qualifies for London Olympics

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

November 8, 2011

(Pacific Beat) — Weightlifter Manuel Minginfel from the island of Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia has qualified to compete at the London Olympics.

Paul Coffa, General Secretary of the Oceania Weightlifting Federation says Minginfel qualified by finishing in the top 15 in his class at the World Weightlifting Championships in Paris.

Minginfel is one of several athletes who've trained at the Weightlifting Institute in New Caledonia to do well in Paris.

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...Renewable energy

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grid. An EU funded solar photovoltaic (solar PV) system is already providing 47 kilowatts of power capacity to help KUA reduce its dependency on fossil fuels. The EU is working with KUA to increase the solar PV system capacity to 300 kw which would be able to provide more than 27% of Kosrae's current peak electrical power demand further reducing KUA's reliance on fossil fuels for electrical generation.

Not only will the planned energy method be clean but KUA's customers can anticipate a significant price break as well. Skilling said that KUA customers currently pay an average of 45 cents per kilowatt hour for electricity that is being generated by the diesel powered plant.

"The Power Purchase Agreement between OEK and KUA has already agreed on a starting rate that will slash more than half of the current rate," Skilling wrote. The rate will be subject to review every five years.

According to a republished article written by Toby Price, the agreement between Ocean Energies Kosrae and the Kosrae Utilities Authority is for a term of 25 years, "guaranteeing a customer for the output produced by the innovative wave convertor."

The wave convertor technology is proprietary to Ocean Energy Industries. The company has developed wave convertor systems that range in output



A submarine WaveSurfer

component from 1 kilowatt to 20 megawatts of clean electrical energy.

"The WaveSurfer offshore system is described by its developers as a 'point absorber', installed at a variety of depths using moorings. WaveSurfer's main power conversion and generation components are completely submerged at a depth of between 8 and 25 metres. Ocean Energy Industries says that this system 'results in amazing survivability of each unit capable of withstanding extreme storms without any damage that would affect the unit's performance,'" the press release said.

Not only will the wave convertors mean a lower power bill for KUA utilities once it is in operation, the elimination of diesel powered generators will further reduce Kosrae's already small contribution

to worldwide carbon emissions. The manufacturer of the wave generator system says that it is estimated that every kilowatt hour of energy produced by fossil fuels produces 0.43 kilograms of carbon. Ocean Energy Industries calculates that each 20 kilowatt converter will save over 40 tons of carbon dioxide that would otherwise be released by diesel generators into the atmosphere each year. At Kosrae's peak demand of 1.1 megawatts, the system would reduce carbon emissions by nearly 2000 tons per year.

The WaveSurfer is designed to operate in harmony with the waves rather than attempting to resist them. Because of this fact massive steel and concrete structures are not needed. Each WaveSurfer would be installed in water deeper than 15 meters (nearly 50 feet) in areas where there are no breaking waves. The units would have no impact on popular surfing sites because breaking waves actually equate to lost energy.

"The device also offers a high and fast return on investment, since it has the 'lowest construction cost per kilowatt capacity and lowest energy production cost per kilowatt hour in the industry,'" the news article says.

The environmental impact of collecting wave energy is not completely understood. Currently there is a major acoustic measurement study of the technology that is taking place in two locations off the coast of Ireland. IBM and The Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland are working on the project in order to understand and to minimize the environmental impact of converting wave energy into electricity. It is the first project to utilize real-time streaming analytics for monitoring underwater noise generated by wave energy conversion devices.

The WaveSurfer team worked for over nine years to identify the wave energy environmental issues, their possible impacts and mitigation strategies. All of the WaveSurfer projects underwent extensive environmental assessments with assistance from The Marine Hydrophysical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine.

"The project study resulted in a finding of no significant impact (FONSI), which is the highest such environmental rating," the WaveSurfer Environmental Impact Assessment says.

"All energy producing technologies, and for that matter, all human endeavors in general, and ocean energy conversion in specific, have the potential to produce environmental impact," the assessment says. "Given proper care in siting, installation, operation and decommissioning, ocean energy technology is one of the more environmentally benign electricity generations technologies. Most known negative environmental effects can be minimized and in some cases eliminated by diligent attention to the environmental effects."

"WaveSurfer technology has insignificant environmental impact, the environmental

assessment concluded.

According to the assessment the system may actually provide multiple environmental benefits as nine years of experience has shown. The portion of the system that will be on a platform at the surface of the water will likely also function as a fish aggregating device (a FAD) and the cables that will hold the systems in place will likely become artificial reefs. The unit's floating device may be colonized by seabirds.

In other places the floating platforms have been used by pinnipeds (seals, sea lions, and walrus) as "hauling out" space.

The system is not an impervious barrier to waves traveling shoreward. "Gaps between the units and less than 100 percent absorption efficiency allow considerable wave energy to pass through the plant," the assessment says. Still, there could be some lowering of wave energy levels reaching the coast that could reduce erosion in the site's wave shadow.

The floating WaveSurfer devices will need to be marked appropriately as navigation hazards but the markers are expected to have "negligible visual impact when viewed from shore." Because of their "low-freeboard" design the floating platform that is part of the generation system "are visually intrusive on the seascape as viewed from the shore, even from elevated shoreline positions."

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The system does not use oil, lubricants or any other potentially harmful chemicals.

The Environmental Impact Assessment says that there may be "minor and temporary impact from electromagnetic emission on marine organisms in the vicinity of the submarine hub, transformer and cables.

In the unlikely event of submarine cable damage "mild and temporary discomfort for marine organisms and divers could occur."

Construction and installation of the technology is expected to begin in six to nine months.

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FSM National Police celebrate FSM Independence in Dekehtik

By **Bill Jaynes**
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November 3, 2011

Dekehtik, Pohnpei, FSM—The sound of a lone bagpiper and drummer accompanied parading FSM National Police Officers and recruits in Dekehtik to celebrate the 25th anniversary of FSM sovereignty today.

Twenty five years ago today the United Nations Security Council agreed to the termination of the FSM Trusteeship Agreement with the United States.

On the same day a Compact of Free Association between the two sovereign nations of the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States also began.

The celebration in Dekehtik was also to commemorate the twenty first birthday of the FSS Micronesia and the return of the FSS Independence from its life extension service in Australia. Both vessels were donated by the Australian government and are part of the FSM's law enforcement capabilities in its massive exclusive economic zone, second in size in the central Pacific Ocean only to Kiribas.

FSM's President Manny Mori conducted a review of the National Police Officers and presented each with a medal. Lorin Robert, FSM Secretary of Foreign Affairs spoke at the ceremony, as did former FSM President John Haglelgam.

The flamboyant Haglelgam was instrumental not only in arranging for the donation of a marine surveillance vessel (FSS Palikir) and for the Pacific Patrol Boat program by the Australian Government but also for an Australian Embassy located in Pohnpei.

Australia's Ambassador Martin Quinn said of the Pacific Patrol Boat program has been one of the most successful bilateral programs Australia has had with the Federated States of



Former FSM President John Haglelgam

Micronesia, and that it stands as a symbol of our good relations and friendship.

Long service achievement medals were presented to those National Police officers who had earned them.

The ceremony was followed by a meal for the nearly 200 people who were present. The event was open to the public.



President Mori presents a medal to a National Police Officer



National Police parade in Dekehtik

25th Anniversary of FSM Independence celebrated in front of FSM Congress Chamber

FSM Information Services

November 3, 2011

Palikir, Pohnpei—On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of FSM Independence, President Manny Mori, Vice President Alik L. Alik, the Nahmwarki of Sokehs, Governor John Ehsa of the State of Pohnpei, Vice Speaker Bernie Martin, Senator Roger S. Mori and Senator Dohsis Halbert of the FSM Congress, Associate Justice Dennis K. Yamase, Wasai Sokehs, members of the Diplomatic Corps, several National Government and Pohnpei State Government cabinet members and staff, students from the College of Micronesia, a student choir from the Seventh Day Adventist School, and several interested citizens and friends gathered at the front of the FSM Congress Chamber to commemorate the official termination of foreign rule and the birth of political independence for the Federated States of Micronesia.

In addressing the multitude that gathered for the special occasion, the President started his speech by expressing gratitude to the United Nations Security Council for terminating the Trusteeship Agreement that preceded the beginning of "self-government" in the FSM.

"Coinciding with the Trusteeship Agreement termination was the effective date of the Compact of Free Association Treaty with the United States, our former administering authority during the Trust Territory period", the President said.

After paying tribute to the founding fathers of the FSM, the President called on every citizen and the current leaders to renew the commitment "to uphold and strengthen the unity of our nation through sharing of aspirations and commitment, through sharing of resources and assistance and

even through sharing of hardship and sacrifices".

The President also alluded to what he calls "expressed sentiments", calling for cessation from the Federation at different times by some State leaders.

"In our democratic system of government, this is expected and it is a welcome constructive expression of the freedom of speech and freedom of choice. It is our collective responsibilities as leaders to find solutions to these expressed sentiments so as not to allow them to undermine our national unity", the President explained.

Representing Speaker Figir and the 17th FSM Congress, Vice Speaker Martin read the full text of the Speaker's message for the historical occasion which has already been printed in various media outlets. Part of the Speaker's statement states:

"Twenty-five years ago, in a historic exercise of our Government's Constitution authority, we entered into a unique partnership with United States of America expressed in the Compact of Free Association. This Compact, which took effect on November 3, 1986 after fourteen years of negotiations, was and remains today an international treaty between two sovereign nations. It effectively brought an end to the last remaining vestiges of the Trusteeship of the Pacific Islands and it is that sense that we have associated the term, "independence" with the event we celebrate here today", the Vice Speaker stressed.

Governor Ehsa expressed strong conviction in the wisdom of maintaining unity for the nation and cited the part of the Constitutional Preamble that states, "We affirm our common wish to live together in peace and harmony; To preserve the

heritage of the past and to protect the promise of the future."

In commenting on this statement, the Governor said that at the start of the FSM, the founding fathers had a clear vision of what the federation seeks to protect and achieve for the people. "25 years later, we can see the face of rain on the horizon. And perhaps our vision of the future is not as clear as it once was. Yet, this is all the more reason for us to redouble our efforts to protect the "promise of the future" of the FSM; of a nation of small remote islands with diverse cultures where "the seas bring us together" rather than separating us, where "our islands sustain us", and where our people wish for no other home than the islands of this beautiful Federation", the Governor said.

The Governor emphasized that for the promise in Constitution to come true, current leaders must recommit to "do more" in providing jobs and economic opportunities ("especially for the youth"), protecting the unique biodiversity and natural resources of the country, and preserving FSM's unique historic and cultural resources.

Cultural performances were done by the Enipein dancing group from Kitti and the Chu Chok Chuuk student organization from the College of Micronesia-FSM.

Other activities for the celebration included the unveiling of a commemorative stamp, marking the 25th year of independence and the planting of native plants near the chamber, done by the President, the Nahmwarki, the Wasai of Sokehs, Vice Speaker Martin, Associate Justice Yamase, and Governor Ehsa, encouraging sustainable home-gardening as part of nation-wide food security campaigns.

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Yap primary graduates have third option for secondary education

By Arlyne Chugen
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Yap, FSM—Where High Schools are concerned, Yap’s students have previously had only three options after graduation from elementary school. They could enroll at the public high school on the main island; the private high school also located on the main island; or they could attend another high school off-island. But as of this academic year Yap students have one more option.

Yap Catholic High School (YCHS) opened its doors for the first time this academic year. The newly-opened private high school becomes the third high school on Yap’s main island - the other two being Yap High School and the Seventh Day Adventist School.

On September 5th the Yap Catholic High School enrolled 22 freshmen and 13 sophomores. The school does not currently have an 11th or a 12th grade, but otherwise operates like any well-organized secondary institution.

Although the Yap Catholic High School is currently open only to freshmen and sophomores, it plans to expand in the next academic year and admit new freshmen while opening a junior class. As part of the school improvement plan, the construction of a new school facility is imminent. School administrators hope that phase 1 of the project - which is four classroom buildings and one bathroom building - will be completed by September 2012.

YCHS hopes to raise enough money to finance the construction project and is seeking support from the Yap State government and from foundations abroad.

The YCHS student recruitment process began over the summer with preparatory classes involving a pre-test and a post-test. The summer program was facilitated by Miss Jane Casey - a volunteer teacher from Arkansas - and Shmayla Paul who was a teacher at St. Mary’s Elementary School.

Because of the initiative of Father John Hagileiram, Regional Superior of the Jesuits of Micronesia and the thoughtful planning of the Maryknoll Sisters, School Sisters of Notre Dame, and local stakeholders, the opening of YCHS was accomplished on time for the start of the new school year.

Two Jesuit priests from the New York Province - Father Michael Corcoran, S.J. and Father John Mulreany, S.J. arrived a month before the school was set to open. They were tasked to help open the new school. Part of their given objective was to facilitate the opening of YCHS and then to work toward ensuring a smooth transition to local control.

Father Corcoran, the director and principal of YCHS, said that while the plan was to open a new high school, many of the details had not yet been confirmed by the time he arrived on the island.



(L-R) Teacher Shmayla Paul, Father Corcoran, Father Mulreany, and Miss Jane Casey (Photo courtesy of YCHS)

Classroom space was one of the details amongst the many he described.

“We had no idea where we were going to have classes,” said Father Mulreany. Through the generosity of St. Mary’s Elementary School and St. Mary’s Parish, YCHS was able to secure classroom buildings for the two grades.

Supplies were not a problem. A container full of them had already arrived on the island, awaiting the final logistical arrangements of the school administrators. YCHS classrooms are equipped with brand new desks, chairs, whiteboards, and textbooks. Each student has their own dictionary provided by the school.

Father Corcoran said that many of their supplies had been obtained at affordable rates from companies in the United States. He said that many light reading books cost the school as little as one dollar each. Even supplemental textbooks were bought at very decent prices.

Other personal school supplies are paid for by students. Such items include calculators, protractors, and compasses.

YCHS students attend six classes each day. Their school day begins at 8:15 in the morning and ends at 2:15 in the afternoon. Students can also opt to take part in an after school study hall that lasts until 4:00 each afternoon.

Each grade takes required courses in Religion, English Language Arts, Literature, and Social Studies. The freshmen class also has classes Earth Science and Algebra. Sophomores study Biology and Geometry in addition to their core classes.

Father Corcoran, Father Mulreany, Miss Jane Casey, and Teacher Shmayla Paul, the teachers at the High School, have a combined total of seven master’s degrees.

“The school is doing great and students are excited about learning,” Father Mulreany said.

Father Corcoran said that many parents of YCHS students have commented positively about the progress of their teenagers as they have attended the school. He said that many parents who came to the school have told him that they appreciated the school’s effort. But the effort is more than just a school effort. It is a collaborative effort between parents and the teachers and that combined effort has contributed to an almost perfect record of attendance for students during the first quarter.

Ashley Yaltineg, a freshmen at YCHS, said that she enjoys going to school. Yaltineg is an enthusiastic learner who not only loves math, but enjoys learning the other subjects just as much.

YCHS sophomores Meshima Hapthey and Eunice Yamata shared similar sentiments. As student who transferred from another high school, Hapthey and Yamata have recognized and experienced the benefits of YCHS. Hapthey said that learning at YCHS can be hard but is very worthwhile. They

both said that teachers at YCHS are nice and very thoughtful of the students’ learning environment.

“We have teachers who would make good maintenance people” Father Corcoran said during his speech on opening day. Father Corcoran affirmed that the school had “teachers with an incredible spirit of generosity, responding to what needed to be done.”

Indeed, in addition to their teaching schedules, the teachers have cleaned, organized, and painted the school.

Father Corcoran and the YCHS staff envision a high school engaged in college preparatory courses and activities. He said the school’s goal is to make sure students will be well-prepared to succeed in college and then to come back to live and work in Yap. As part of the school’s vision and mission statements, the school hopes to “attract highly-motivated, gifted students from across the state.



Freshmen Literature class engaged in discussion (Photo by Arlyne Chugen)

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Congress committee holds public hearings in Yap

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

October 27, 2011

Colonia, Yap—An FSM Congress delegation led by Chuuk State Senator Roger Mori, Chairman of the Congress Committee on Resources and Development has departed from Yap on Wednesday after it conducted a public hearing on a resolution and six bills which are pending before the Congress.

The Committee will conduct similar hearings in Chuuk during the week before they move to Kosrae where they will also be discussing the same measures with the government and people of that State on Monday, October 31, 2011.

Other members of Congress who are with the delegation include Senator Bonciano F. Nethon, Vice Chairman of the Congress Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations (J&GO) and Senator Yosiwo P. George, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee on Health and Social Affairs (H&SA).

Accompanying the members on their national visit are Staff Attorneys Jonathan Baird Pinkney and Alik Jackson; Mr. Andrew Yatilman, Director of the Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM), and Dr. Justin Rose, an expert on Environmental Law who advises the Environment and Emergency Management Office on environmental issues.

These are the following measures that the Congress Committee have discussed with the Yap State Government and will be discussing in all the other FSM States during their visit:

C.R No. 17-62, the proposed FSM National Energy Policy. The Policy has 2 volumes of which the first is the Energy Policy of the Nation and the second volume is for specified priority projects for Conventional and Renewable Energy. This Policy must be adopted by a Resolution.

C.B No. 17-04, to propose an amendment to the Constitution to reduce the majority necessary for the passage of constitutional amendments to 2/3 of the votes in 3/4 of the states.

C.B No. 17-29, to establish a Register of Financial Interests for public officials and candidates for public office.

C.B. No. 17-33, to allow for the appointment of a special prosecutor to independently investigate and prosecute claims of alleged national felonies committed by government officials.

C.B. Nos. 17-63, 17-64, and 17-65, to define the rights and obligations of nationals of the Federated States of Micronesia; and,

Title 51. The committee seeks input on possible amendments to Title 51 of the FSM Code, as it relates to the issuance and renewal of permits for alien workers, and in particular:

- The restriction of work permits to certain occupations.
- Limits on the maximum duration of work permits
- Transferability of work permits between employers
- Requirement that alien workers return to their country of origin for a specified period before they may be eligible for a further work permit.

Among the measures is a draft bill which has not been introduced in Congress but is seeking to amend title 25 of the FSM Code, which deals with the environment.

Total “crime reports” down in the month of September

By **Bill Jaynes**

The Kaselehlie Press

October 27, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—The Pohnpei Department of Public Safety has released its statistics for crime reports for the months of May through September.

The report showed that in September, “Assault and Battery” reports increased from a four month average of 11 cases between May and August, to 17 reported cases in September.

“Burglary” cases decreased from a high in May of 17 cases to 11 cases in September, just slightly under the four month previous average of 12 reported cases of the crime.

Reported cases of “Appearance in Public under the influence of alcohol” have varied widely in the previous four months from a high of 12 in May to a low of four during the following month. The average number of reported cases between May and August was just under eight. September showed nine reported cases of the crime.

“Careless Driving” reports were down from a four month average of nearly 17 to 11 cases in September. The number has been steadily dropping since June’s high of 20 cases.

An average of just of over 19 reports of “Consuming liquor under age 21” were reported between May and August. The highest number of reports during the period was in July when there were 24 reported cases in the State. September had 12 reports.

June’s figure of 55 was the five month low in the five month period for “disorderly conduct” reports. May and June saw 91 reports of the offense. 73 reports were made in August. September had 59 reports of the crime.

Compared to June’s spike of 66 reports of “Malicious Mischief,” September’s reports of

23 seem low but September’s numbers were the second highest reported during the five month period. May followed with 18 reports of the crime. August had 10 and July had only eight reports of the offense.

At seven, September maintained the average monthly rate of reports for the offense of “Carrying open container of liquor/beer on public road.”

The average number of reports for the crimes of “Driving while under the influence of alcohol” for the previous four months was just under 11. September reports were higher at 15. August had the lowest number of reports for the offense at four.

There were nine reports of “theft” in September, the same number as in May. July’s reports were lower at eight. The six reports in June were the lowest over the five month period. August reports of the crime were at 14. The five month average of Theft reports was just over 11.

In September seven of the ten types of offense reports the Department of Public Safety has been tracking were down from the average of the previous four months. Three were up but not significantly so. Assault and Battery was at a five month high, followed by drunk driving and public drunkenness.

Five months of crime reports is not a great deal of data on which to gauge progress and standard deviations from the average of the figures are high but the Department of Public Safety is making an effort to track their crime fighting progress.

Editor’s note: This article was inadvertently left out of the October 31 issue of the Kaselehlie Press. We apologize for the extreme delay on this report and encourage the Department of Public Safety to continue to submit monthly crime report statistics despite our omission.

President Mori calls a special session of FSM Congress

FSM Information Services

November 8, 2011

On November 01, President Manny Mori, through a letter to Speaker Isaac V. Figir, called a special session of Congress to begin on November 17 for a period of seven days to consider certain important matters.

Five main agenda items have been identified for the session, which include the remaining 4 nominations for cabinet and diplomatic posts and for boards and commissions, budget items for the Department of Health and Social Affairs and others, funding for a household survey for FSM citizens in the US, treaties and foreign grants, and other pending legislations such as the proposed bill on “trafficking in person”.

Before the final wrap up of the Second Regular Session, Congress authorized the President to resubmit previously defeated nominations for the Department of Justice, Mr. Maketo Robert, Department of Finance and Administration, Mr. Tiser Reynold, Ambassador to the US, Mr. Asterio Takesy and the Consul General for Honolulu, Mr. Ismael Dobich.

The household survey to be done at affected parts of the United States, especially Guam and Hawaii, ranks high among the President’s present concerns to allow for an informed, balanced understanding of FSM citizens’ impacts on the communities where they reside. Reports provided by the affected US jurisdictions tend to focus exclusively on FSM citizens’ costs on social and

medical services without any mention as to their contributions to the economy and wellbeing of their communities as contributing residents. It is hoped the survey will quantify the contributions our citizens are making wherever they are.

Included in the same communication is an invitation for the Speaker and Senator Joseph Urusemal, as well as other interested Members, to join the President and other leaders at the FSM National Prayer Day scheduled for November 24 in the State of Yap. The hosting of the National Prayer Day in Yap this year will complete the rotation of the Mori-Alik initiative of holding “prayer day” throughout the nation on Thanksgiving Day.



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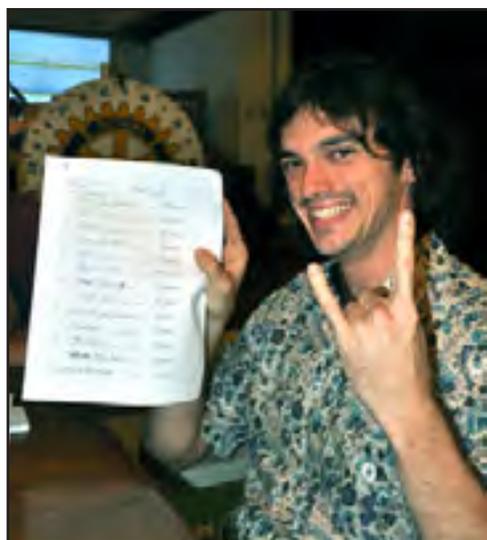
K Press Perspective

Rotary Quiz Night...EHHvry one's a winner!!

There are a couple of really great things about the Pohnpei Rotary Club's annual Rotary Quiz night. If you don't know the capital of South Sudan, and couldn't find it on a map if it was marked with a flaming arrow and lit up in neon; if you don't know Led Zeppelin from Lynyrd Skynyrd, Cary Grant from Sylvester Stallone, or the current exchange rate of a Nepalese Rupee, it just doesn't matter. Whether you know the answer to only one question or every question everyone goes home with a prize and everyone, without exception, even the most cantankerous, competitive grump has at least one good laugh during the evening, or at least cracks a smile.

And if it's a little crowded, a little loud, and a little sticky; if it takes a while to get a drink it just doesn't seem to matter. It's fun AND it raises college scholarship money for deserving students of Pohnpei!

It's a win-win situation and Saturday night November 5 at the PCR hotel and restaurant was no exception.



Contestant Jonathan White displays his "Led Zeppelin" prowess. He was one of the few contestants to get every single question on the "name that tune" segment of the evening.

It was a record crowd for the quiz night. Rotary members sold tickets for 28 tables of six quiz participants each at the low cost of \$10 per participant. Though by the time the evening started three of the tables still sat empty, the \$180 those missing participants paid for the empty seats still went into the Rotary scholarship fund.

The Rotary Club of Pohnpei raised just a hair short of last year's record breaking amount of \$9,000 at this year's fund raising event and all of it will go to Pohnpei's students in the form of scholarships.

And that's not all the money the club raises annually for Pohnpei scholarships. Each month on the first Friday of the month the Pohnpei Rotary club holds a Chook Raffle night at Coco Marina. It's called the Chook raffle because in addition to other fabulous prizes donated by local businesses and individuals that can be won with the purchase of a raffle tickets (the more the better for Pohnpei students and for participants) they can also win a chook, a whole frozen chicken, in a special raffle.

These events are supported by local businesses and individuals who give numerous valuable prize donations to support the scholarship fund. United Continental airlines donated two round trip tickets for auction at the Rotary Quiz night. The top prize for quiz participants was \$600 donated by the Bank of Guam. Both United Continental and the Bank of Guam have supported the quiz night with similar prizes and auction items for several years.

I was a member of the Pohnpei Rotary club for two years and it was my privilege during that time to coordinate one of the Quiz Nights. It was an exhausting task that consumed a good deal of my life for several weeks.

This year's event was coordinated by Steve Finnen who in inimitable Steve Finnen style, also entertained the audience with stellar Steve Finnen humor as the Master of Ceremonies and quiz master.

When it all was over, Mr. Finnen, Esquire, was toast. He leaned against a rail surveying the emptied room with slightly vacant eyes, a rarity for him. I know the feeling. I've been there. Finnen and the rest of the Pohnpei Rotarians had been working on the event for several months. I know this to be true because that's about how long ago he asked if Rotary could borrow my microphone and speakers.

It's no wonder that at press time Pohnpei Rotary hadn't yet issued a press release on the event and it's why I'm writing this piece as an opinion item.

But there WILL be an official press release. The Rotary Club of Pohnpei didn't raise the money all by itself. They have many people and many businesses to thank. When the press release does arrive I'll put it in my "stories" folder for the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press along with several more photos shot by Rotarian Caroline Pinkney-Baird that evening.

So for those of you who chose to do something else that night and didn't end up having much fun, here's a pitch for the next Rotary Quiz night, and I'm going to have to use a phrase I haven't used since I was a teenager. My wife and I "had a blast" at the Rotary quiz night AND the tiny bit of money that we spent that evening went to support Pohnpei college students. It just can't get any better than that, can it?

Of course it can! Not only did we share in the table prizes, which were pretty awesome (if you'll allow me to use a teenagerism just one more time) but one of the raffle tickets we bought meant that my wife won a spin of the Rotary wheel that ended in our winning a romantic two night get away to The Village Hotel along with a dinner and brunch.

What a night!! There were no losers at the Pohnpei Rotary Club Quiz Night. There never are!

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor



Jim Tobin displays Pohnpei shells donated by Rotarian Alison McConnell while MC and Quiz Master Steve Finnen conducts the auction



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In their rush to pass judgment on President Mori's nominations for his second administration, nobody took note of the fact that history was being made on account of the President's nominating 4 women, 3 to head important agencies in the National Government and one to serve as the FSM's Permanent Representative (ambassador) to the United Nations. In all the previous administrations, only one woman served as a cabinet member, and that was in Urusemal's administration. So, one can say that President Mori's action was unprecedented, courageous and forward looking.

Credit must be given where credit is due, and President Mori deserves much credit for doing the extraordinary and unexpected

in nominating these many women to key positions in his administration. This is long-overdue, and something we all should be proud of. It's a sign of progress and maturity on the part of our young nation, and it has certainly boosted our international image and reputation. President Mori ought to be applauded for being progressive and imaginative, a leader who is not afraid to take us into uncharted waters to secure important gains for our nation.

The Congress should be commended too for giving its stamp of approval to all the 4 woman nominees. Its action is a clear endorsement of the President's decision to put more women into government than ever before. Together they had sent out a loud and powerful message to our young women especially that nothing is beyond

their reach, and that through hard-work and perseverance, they too could become important leaders of our country.

Given Congress' positive action on the 17 of the 21 nominations, there is hope that it will do the right thing and approve the remaining nominations, to allow the President to get on with the business of the people and nation. Members of Congress should be mindful that they are the ones who voted this President into office, and so should provide him with the people he needs in order to be successful in leading the nation. After all, his success is our success as a people and nation. I am confident Congress will do the right thing.

Thank you,
Kasio E. Mida
FSM Chief of Staff

Should we have more employees working for the government or should we have private sector development?

Dear Editor,

This is indeed a good question and one that future leaders should think about. If you remember the video on "Compact of Free Association - Upside Down Economy". FSM's economy is compared to an upside down turtle. The reason why he uses this analogy is because we are like an upside down turtle - on our back depending on the U.S. and cannot get on our own feet.

If we want to get on our own feet, we must and I mean we must develop our private sector. Without the development and private sector - we will continue to depend on the government and thus the foreign aid. With some private sector, the people will start taking control of its own economy... instead of importing, we will start exporting and expanding the economy within our own State (FSM).

Think about it... the reason why we are in recession (high price of good, low income) is because of the Compact step down, everytime we have a step-down (less money is given through compact), the people will suffer.. if we depend on the private sector, this step-down will not be so damaging to the people.

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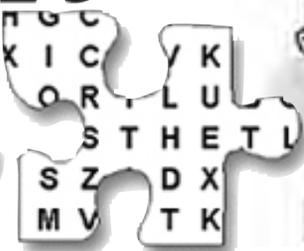
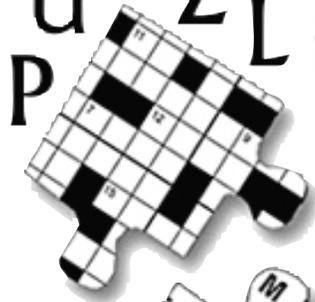
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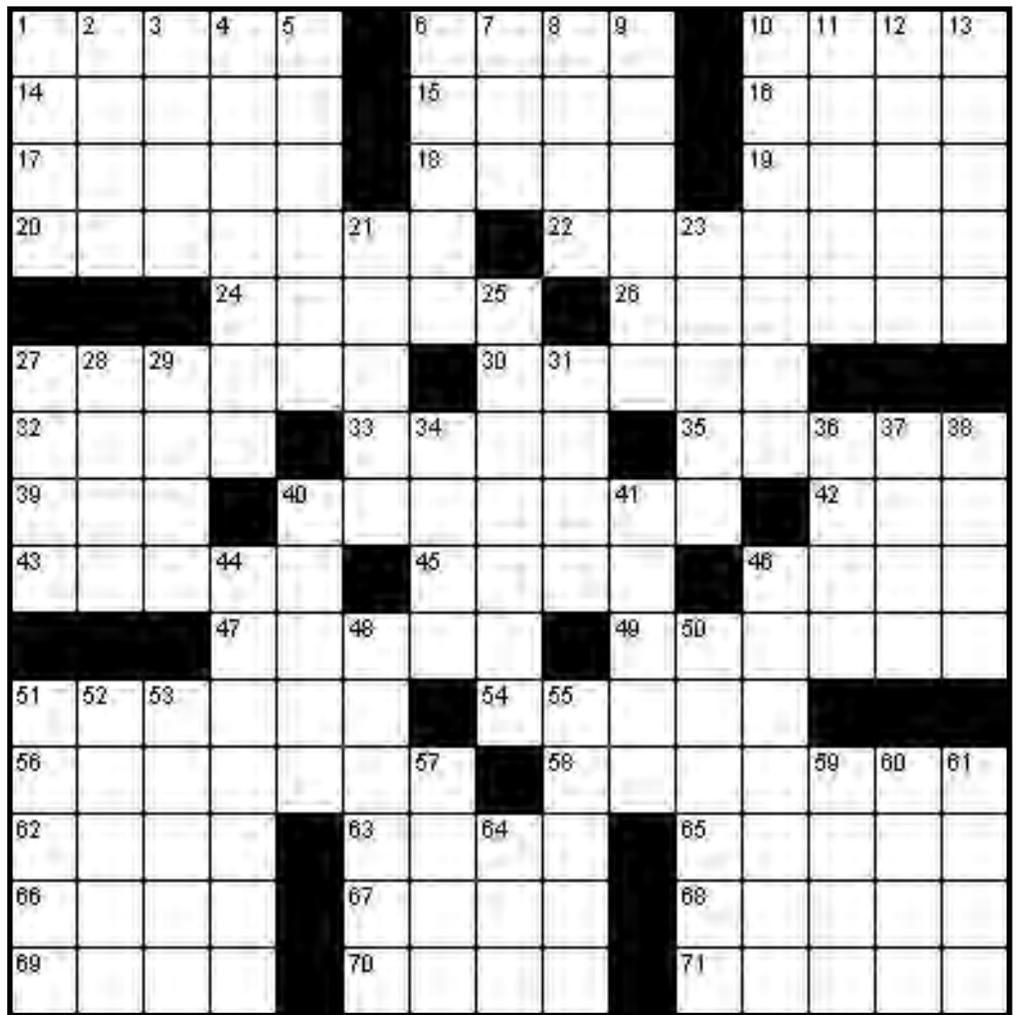
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Crossword!



Across

- 1 Lights
- 6 Thomas ___ Edison
- 10 Actor Lugosi
- 14 Banish
- 15 Great Trek participant
- 16 Berserk
- 17 Funny man Woody
- 18 "Touched ___ Angel"
- 19 Persian fairy
- 20 Must
- 22 Speaker's spot
- 24 Billy, Nanny and the kids?
- 26 English counties
- 27 Heraldic dragon
- 30 Orbital point
- 32 Weeding tools
- 33 Commotion
- 35 D-day beach
- 39 Like some vbs.
- 40 Checkpoint sites
- 42 Yang's opposite
- 43 Words of agreement
- 45 "I ___ Kick Out Of You"
- 46 Hang in the balance

- 47 Works for actors
- 49 Rough and outspoken
- 51 Fought for air
- 54 Not our
- 56 Diffusion through a membrane
- 58 For fun
- 62 One of these
- 63 Uninteresting
- 65 Danny DeVito's "Taxi" role
- 66 "Women and Love" author
- 67 Tel ___
- 68 Touch of color
- 69 Rushed
- 70 Computer command
- 71 Readily available

Down

- 1 "Ryan's Daughter" director
- 2 Wheel support
- 3 Race distance
- 4 Promises
- 5 It picks up readings
- 6 Monks' head
- 7 Frequent Powell co-star
- 8 Calf's flesh
- 9 TV's "Gunsmoke" star
- 10 Christening
- 11 Mideast prince
- 12 Mr Moto portrayer Peter
- 13 Actor Claude
- 21 So much, to Solti
- 23 Aegean island
- 25 Most pathetic
- 27 Caprice
- 28 Days gone by

- 29 Green, in heraldry
- 31 Longfellow, e.g.
- 34 Wild party
- 36 Passing remarks?
- 37 Helpful suggestion
- 38 Capp of comics
- 40 Tree trunks
- 41 Track events
- 44 Anti
- 46 Filch
- 48 Gymwear name

- 50 Commercial area of Venice
- 51 Ancient invaders
- 52 On board
- 53 Afflict
- 55 Reduce by 50 percent
- 57 Fiji's capital
- 59 Female relative
- 60 Baltic port
- 61 Retain
- 64 Actress Ullmann

Word Search - Too Soon. -

- Buffoonery
- Burlesque
- Clowning
- Comedy
- Drollery
- Farce
- Gags
- Japes
- Jests
- Jocularly
- Jokes
- Nonsense
- Parody
- Puns
- Raillery
- Satire
- Slapstick
- Wisecracks
- Witticism



“Go Local” at the first MiCare Plan Healthy Lifestyle Walk/Run

By *Chizuru Seki (JICA)*

Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Over 350 participants attended the first Healthy Lifestyle Walk/Run sponsored by MiCare Health Plan held on the morning of October 29, 2011 at Palm Terrace parking lot in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

Before the run/walk started, participants had a moment of silence for the founder of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) and the biggest supporter of “Go Local” campaign**, Dr. Lois Englberger who passed away last month. She initiated much of the government and community effort today to provide only healthy local snacks to participants at fun runs/walks instead of unhealthy imported snacks such as soft drinks and cookies. Dr. Lois also made sure that she gave a short talk about the benefits of local food at every community event that IFCP attended.

Continuing her work, IFCP staff gave a short talk before the run/walk started. On this day, there were many yellow- orange- fleshed bananas (Akadahn, Karat, Utin Iap) and pandanus donated by IFCP.

Micronesian local food, especially yellow- orange- fleshed, is high in beta-carotene, and is pro-vitamin A. High contents of not only beta-carotene but also other vitamins, minerals and fiber in local food can help people protect against diabetes, heart disease, certain cancers, Vitamin A deficiency and anemia.

A health crisis in FSM (one in three adult suffers from diabetes) is considered to be due to the change in diet (increased consumption of unhealthy processed imported food instead of local food) and lack of exercise.

Fun Run/Walk is a great way to encourage people to start a healthy lifestyle. Run or walk to get exercise for a day and refresh your body and mind. Drink plenty of water which your body really needs (not soft drinks). And enjoy healthy local snacks to supply energies and nutrients to your body.

**IFCP encourages people in FSM to “go local” which means to plant, grow, maintain, harvest, cook and eat more local food for its CHEEF benefits (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security).

Acknowledgements are made to the US Forestry Services, Australian AusAid Small Grant Schemes, and SPC Cepact for funding support.



Participants are warming up before they run/walk 5k

Chuuk CRE Expands Collaboration with Community

College of Micronesia-FSM



The Chuuk Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) services worked with various Chuuk government agencies, private sectors and civil societies in promoting and

implementing its programs in global food security and hunger, childhood obesity, climate change and community resource and development.

Last September, Chuuk State was the first in the FSM to declare a “state of health emergency”. The declaration was issued by Governor Johnson Elimo due to the alarming presence of non-communicable diseases among Chuukese. This local effort was spearheaded by the Non-Communicable Disease NCD Coordinator, Ms Moria Shomour. Following the declaration, the Chuuk NCD coordinator requested assistance from World Health Organization (WHO) through the FSM National Department of Health and Social Affairs for a Food Security and NCD stakeholder consultation meeting. The WHO responded immediately by sending Dr Temo Waqanivalu, Dr Boris Pavlov and Mr Peter Hoejskov as resource persons to Chuuk. Mr Moses Pretrick from the FSM National Government was also present during the visit.

The Chuuk CRE participated in the following events held in Weno on October 24-27 to rally for the reduction of non-communicable diseases: Chuuk State Food Security and Non-Communicable Diseases Stakeholder Consultation Meeting, unveiling of Chuuk Hospital’s “Tobacco, Alcohol and Betelnut Free Environment” signage and the opening of the Chuuk Wellness Center for the promotion of physical activities to the public. The Chuuk CRE also initiated its WHO-funded project

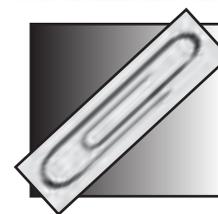
“Adopt-A-Community Approach for a Healthy and Clean Chuuk” through the signing of a memorandum of understanding among 26 partner agencies and villages. Earlier this month, the Chuuk CRE expanded its networking when it joined the 24th Guam Island Fair held at Ypao Beach on October 14-16. It not only promoted Chuukese handicrafts and distributed food security brochures but it also opened up possibilities for marketing handicrafts to the Guam military base and practical utilization of recyclable solid wastes.

Last week, Mechitiw Elementary School in Weno joined eight other schools for its Health Promoting School Project on October 18. On October 27, the WHO agreed to execute a contract with Chuuk CRE to extend its project from 5 to 10 schools.



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As required by FSM law, the Bank wishes to inform these customers that accounts will be closed and the funds transferred to the FSM Secretary of Finance in January 2012. If your account appears on this list, you can avoid having your funds turned over to the Secretary of Finance by making a deposit or withdrawal to the account before December 31, 2011.

Kosraean:

In fwal nuke pusren Masap lun FSM, Bank FSM inge akkalemye nusin Customers nukewa, ma e akkalemyeyuk lung inge la account lowos ma akkalemyeyuk inge e tufwa kauli a money ka an ac tuhfa itukyan nusin Secretary lun Finance ke FSM National Government ke January 2012. In oralla account se lom an tia putatyan nuke oakwuk ku oiya se inge, kom enenu in tuku nu Bank FSM oralla sie deposit ku withdrawal nuke account san meet liki December 31, 2011.

Chuukese:

Sia awora ei esinesin ngeni ami kei aramas, mwicheichen aramas, ika sopai mi affat itemi assan pun faan pungun annukun FSM, masowan ami kei accounts epuene lo ngeni ach ewe FSM Finance lon January 2012, ika pwe ese wor mwokutukutun uttut (withdrawal) ika isonanong (deposit) lon me mwen December 31, 2011. Ach anean pwe kopwe chuuto rech ach sipue annisfengen won om kei account.

Yapese:

Tan e Motochiyal nu FSM, Bank e badag ni nge yog ko pi customer rok ney ni rayan I January 2012, maran close nag e pi account ney, man pii e salpiy riy ko FSM Secretary ko Finance. Fa'an ra be mug e account rom ko re list ney, ma rayog ni dabni pii e salpiy rom ko Secretary ko Finance faanra ngamub mu deposit fa mub mu withdraw nag e salpiy ko account rom u m'on ko December 31, 2011.

Pohnpeian:

E kosonndier sang ni ruwes en kosonned en FSM me FSM Bank udahn pahn pakairkiheng aramas oh pwihn en aramas me sansalehr powe, me epwelpen amwail tungol de sapwellimomwail nekinek nan Bank en FSM pahn katoktokidi nan sounpwong en January pahr 2012. Mwoni koaros me patpato nan nekinek pwukat pahn kesepwillang FSM Secretary en Finance. Ma mwaromwi iang sansal powe ah komwi kak pwaredo de ketido oh kapidohi de kasauwada omwi tungol de sapwellimomwi nekinek sang nan FSM Bank mwohn December 31, 2011 ma komw sohte kupwuriki omwi tungol de sapwellimomwi nekinek en kepideklang FSM Secretary en Finance.