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## Flood disaster in FSM a potential disaster to coffers

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM** – When early December flood waters washed across FSM’s low outer islands the damage was enormous. The ocean, when it receded brought home with it large portions of the shore lines of those islands. Retaining walls designed to hold off the sea were in left in ruins. Most importantly, taro patches and other crops were inundated with salt water and lay scorching in the sun in the wake of the capricious Pacific Ocean.

Relief was required for islanders whose food supplies were damaged or even destroyed.

Governors from each of the states issued declarations of emergency. Some FSM states were later than others in declaring a state of emergency due to technical com-

munications problems and other problems of human error but as soon as the last state declared the emergency, the President of the FSM declared a state of emergency for the nation and monetary aid flowed. It flowed not only from countries interested in the development of the FSM but it flowed from within from the FSM General Fund.

Before the disaster occurred the FSM Congress passed a \$1.4 million appropriations bill for public projects, an amount equal to \$100,000 per Senator in the FSM Congress in order to fund projects in each of the Senators’ home states. The bill detailed the projects that would be funded in each FSM state.

President Mori vetoed that bill saying that there were other more pressing needs in

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## Pohnpei resolution says that FSM actions jeopardize the continued existence of the Federation

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Pohnpei, FSM** – On February 24 the Seventh Pohnpei Legislature passed a resolution that expressed their view that “the national government of the Federated states of Micronesia is not seen to be fairly representing the interests of all of the people of the Federation, and is, thereby, jeopardizing the continued existence of the Federation.”

The resolution was passed because of the Legislature’s concerns over the FSM Congress’s passage of the Social Security bill on its second reading which ultimately reduces Social Security benefits and raises taxes in an effort to bail out the ailing Social Security Administration.

The bill became law without President Mori’s signature. President Mori said in a letter to Congress’s Speaker Isaac Figir that he was washing his hands of the bill

by letting it become law without his signature.

The letter said that perhaps a better, “cleaner” solution would be to provide an initial subsidy of \$2 million to the Social Security Administration and an annual appropriation of \$1.5 million per year for the following four years.

The harshly worded four page letter is being recalled by the President’s office for redrafting but not before its intended recipients had read the letter. The letter was drafted by the Justice Department and wasn’t sufficiently reviewed before it was signed by the President.

The original Social Security bill was a work product of the Executive Branch rather than of Congress.

Like Pohnpei Legislature’s resolution the letter says that at a time when other governments like the United States are putting together stimulus packages to try to stimu-

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# US security directive impacts Micronesian businesses

By Pacnews

**13 MARCH 2009 MAJURO** - A suddenly enforced U.S. airline security directive is sparking concern among businesses and individuals in the western Pacific who send freight on Continental Micronesia airlines, reports Marianas Variety.

The U.S. Transportation Safety Administration directed Continental effective this week that freight can no longer be accepted from individual shippers, forcing all to go through a cargo agent, consolidator or freight forwarder.

"It adds another layer of paperwork and cost that makes our products less competitive," said Majuro businessman Mike Slinger, who manages a tropical fish exporting company.

Continental officials said they are negotiating with TSA for exemptions for these small islands that have few licensed cargo agents.

"As we continue to work with TSA in hopes of an exemption or an alternate procedure, we must for the time being, even though

expensive, direct our customers to (cargo agents and freight forwarders)," said Guam-based safety and security official Leo Tkel.

He called the development "an unfortunate change the TSA has imposed upon us," adding that Continental has been beseeched by customers affected by the new rule. Affected are Continental locations in Majuro, Kwajalein, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap and Palau, all of which are closely affiliated with the United States through a Compact of Free Association.

There are only three approved agents who can provide freight to Continental in Majuro. Slinger said he is concerned that his marine products, which he air freights to U.S. and European aquarium businesses, could be priced out of the market by TSA's new requirement.

But it is not only businesses being impacted by the new rule that is aimed at ensuring cargo is 100 percent screened.

Human remains, small packages, tropical fish and other marine life exports are all affected by the new ruling.

Mr Slinger said TSA's abrupt enforcement of the rule provided no time to the airline and businesses to sort out an alternative.

# Election Observers Arrive in Federated States of Micronesia

By East-West Center

**HONOLULU (Feb. 27)** - A delegation of election observers coordinated by the East-West Center in Honolulu has begun arriving in the Federated States of Micronesia to act as official monitors for the FSM national congressional and Chuuk state elections on March 3. Some 20 observers from a variety of countries in the Asia Pacific region will be participating in the monitoring project, which will focus on learning about local election processes and promoting their integrity and legitimacy.

Among the observers is expected to be U.S. congressional Rep. Eni F. H. Faleomavaega of American Samoa, along with a number of other prominent scholars and diplomats. Teams of observers and translators will be stationed at a number of key polling and vote tabulating locations in Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap.

"Since gaining independence in 1979, the FSM has a strong overall record of holding fair and honest elections," said Dr. Gerard Finin, Deputy Director of the East-West

Center's Pacific Islands Development Program and Project Director of the election monitoring delegation. "However, the relatively small number of news media in the country and the remoteness of some polling stations do pose some challenges. The purpose of the Election Observation Mission is to help local officials ensure that irregularities do not occur."

After the election, the mission will prepare an assessment report that contains an analysis of the 2009 election results and recommendations for ways to enhance the quality of future elections. It is anticipated that FSM officials and citizens will participate in future observation missions in other countries in the region

The Election Observation Mission is being conducted under the auspices of the Asia-Pacific Democracy Partnership, a multilateral collaboration of Asia Pacific countries to promote and strengthen democratic processes in the region. The East-West Center is coordinating the monitoring project under a grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.

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# Salt tolerant plants a step closer

By *University of Tasmania*

*Monday, 02 March 2009* - Salinity costs the farming industry billions of dollars.

Chief investigator Associate Professor Sergey Shabala said salination causes multi-billion dollar losses to the crop farming industry.

Up to seven per cent of the total land surface is saline and about one-third of the world's irrigated land suffers from secondary-induced salination, he said.

Previously plant breeding for salt tolerance has achieved only a limited success, mainly due to the physiological and genetic complexity of salinity trait.

"Traditionally, plant breeding for salt tolerance followed two main avenues", Assoc Prof Sergey Shabala said.

"One was to make sure that plants don't take up sodium, and another one - to synthesise some chemicals to help them to withstand the water stress imposed by salinity. Unfortunately, neither of them was efficient enough".

Now Assoc Prof Shabala and his team at the School of Agricultural Science believe they are getting close to solving this problem.

In a project funded by the Australian Research Council and Grain Research and Development Corporation, the scientists have explored some other mechanisms contributing to salinity tolerance in plants.

One mechanism, related to plant's ability to keep a constant level of potassium within its tissues, seems to be crucial to make plants salt tolerant.

"It appears that we have found a 'missing link' in this puzzle", Assoc Prof Shabala said.

"As far as plants are capable to keep potassium high, they are happy. And all other mechanisms discovered so far appear to be complimentary to this one".

The National Land and Water Resources Audit estimates that somewhere between 10 and 25 per cent of currently arable land could be out of production by 2020. So creating salt tolerant varieties is critical for

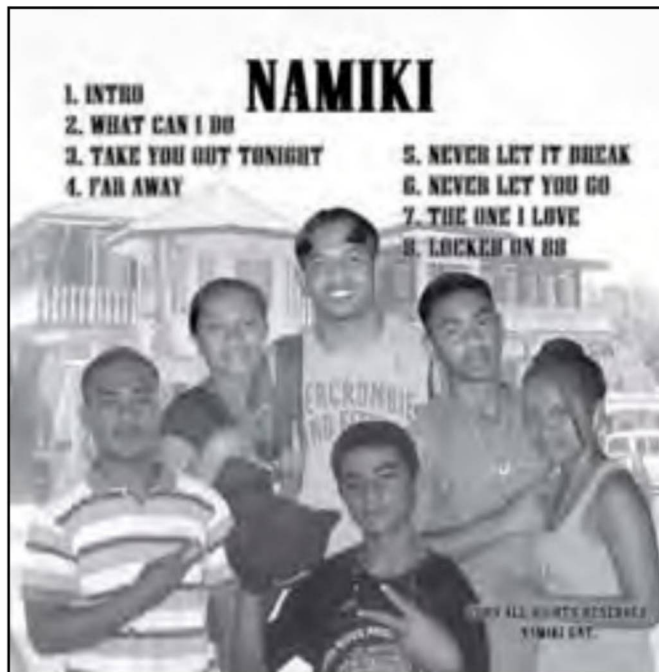
both reclaiming already salinised land and for minimising the overall cost of dryland salinity in Australia which may exceed \$1 billion by 2100.

Assoc Prof Shabala and his team believe that targeting potassium in plant breeding for salt tolerance opens new and exciting prospects to overcome salinity problem

and create tolerant varieties.

"Given the large amount of contributing components, it's a painfully slow process," he said.

"But the knowledge is in place, so it's simply a matter of time and appropriate techniques to get it all working in the field."



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# Court orders Pohnpei land sales in FSMDB vs PFS

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Palikir, Pohnpei** – Chief Justice Andon Amaraich, on February 26, 2009 issued an amended order in aid of judgment in the civil action 2007-035 FSM Development Bank versus Pacific Foods and Services, Inc. and the individual defendants who secured two defaulted loans for the corporation. The court ordered that six parcels of land owned by Perdus Ehsa are to be sold and that the assignment of the lease parcel on which sits the Seabreeze Hotel and Red Snapper restaurant along with its improvements be assigned to FSM Development Bank.

All proceeds from the land sales will go toward the retirement of a judgment in excess of \$2.2 million. Interest on the judgment is still accruing at the rate of \$496.29 and no payments have been made on the 2007 judgment to date.

Because Pacific Foods and Services, Inc. recently filed for bankruptcy protection the order applies only to its officers, Perdus Ehsa, Timakio Ehsa, and Ellen Mae Ehsa.

By the Pohnpei State Constitution land cannot be sold except “by statute”. A prominent Pohnpeian attorney said that the Pohnpei State Legislature passed the required statute when it passed the mortgage law several years ago. He said that it is that law that allows lenders like banks and other agencies to accept land collateral for loans. He said that according to the Constitution without that law loans could not be made using land as collateral in Pohnpei.

The Supreme Court defined the procedures for the land sales. The auction will take place through the submission of sealed bids to be delivered to the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir with the National Justice Ombudsman assigned as the responsible person for care and custody of the bid submissions. Bids may be submitted for one or more of the parcels of land.

A reserve price means that at least one bid must bid amongst all received would have to be above a certain pre-established minimum bid amount. The court ordered that there will be no reserve price for any of the parcels.

The order requires that public notice be provided at least 45 days in advance of the bid submission cutoff date in The Kaselehlie Press. The court requires radio broadcasts for 20 consecutive days in advance of the cutoff date and for ten consecutive days on cable televisions broadcasts. It also requires print advertisements to be placed in conspicuous public places such as the post office.

FSMDB has been assigned the responsibility for arranging for the public disclosures. All costs for advertising the sale are to be deducted from the auction proceeds after court approval.

The winning bidder will be notified by the Supreme Court and payment will be required by cashier’s check within ten days of notification.

The defendants were given 30 days grace period after the February 26 order to pay the balance of the judgment in full.

The order says that if the proceeds of the land sales are not enough to satisfy the \$2.2 million judgment FSMDB will be allowed to seek modification of the order in aid of judgment to provide additional payments on the judgment.



## NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Pursuant to an order of the FSM Supreme Court entered November 20, 2007, public notice is hereby given that each of the three parcels of land described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

**Parcel One:** Parcel No. 56-B-05 located in the Kipar area of Sokehs Municipality, consisting of an area of 30,000 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 056-B-00.

**Parcel Two:** Parcel No. 45-E-12 located in the Lohd-Powe area of Madolenihmw Municipality, consisting of 12,551 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 045-E-00

**Parcel Three:** Parcel No. 64-D-14 located in the Mesihou area of Madolenihmw Municipality, consisting of 5,317 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 064-D-02.

- There is no minimum bid amount for any of the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “FSMDB Land Auction” by personal delivery to FSM Development Bank, Corporate Office, 2nd Floor of the Namio Building, Kolonia, Pohnpei.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009.
- 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.
- All bid submissions must state a bid amount separately for each parcel. Bids may be placed on one, two or all three of the parcels.
- The winning bidder for each parcel will be notified in writing by FSM Development Bank. Each winning bidder shall pay the full amount of the bid by delivery of a cashier’s check payable to the FSM Development Bank no later than 10 days after the winning bidder is notified.
- 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.
- FSM Development Bank reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- The properties are offered for sale “as-is” with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- The winning bidders will take title to the parcels through a quitclaim deed issued by the FSM Development Bank.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Nora E Sigrav, Legal Counsel at the FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-2842, email: [noras@fsmdb.fm](mailto:noras@fsmdb.fm), website: [www.fsmdb.fm](http://www.fsmdb.fm)

## Fallen FSM soldier given full military honors in Pohnpei

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

*Nett, Pohnpei* – The body of 19 year old Hawaii Army National Guard soldier Spc. Cwislyn Walter arrived at the Pohnpei International Airport on March 5 by military transport. A motorcade of dignitaries and military officials escorted her body to the Catholic Church in Kolonia where a memorial service was attended by hundreds of people. Father Frances Hezel, S.J. presided over the service.

Walter died in a non combat related traffic accident February 19 in Kuwait where she was deployed with the Headquarters Company, 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion. Three other National Guard troops were injured in the accident. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Cwislyn was born in Chuuk, raised in Guam and in October of last year became a citizen of the United States.

On Friday, March 6 Cwislyn's body was laid to rest in Nett, Pohnpei in a burial service with full military honors.

Her parents, Kiwis and Conception Theodore Walter attended the burial ceremony in Pohnpei. Major General Vern Miyagi presented the flag to the grieving parents. She was posthumously awarded an Army Commendation and a Hawaii Army National Guard Medal of Valor.

An honor guard from the Guam Army National Guard provided a 21 gun salute and a bugler

played taps before the flag that draped her casket was folded for the last time for presentation to her parents.

Iso Nahnken of Nett, Salvador Iriarte was in attendance as were the United States Ambassador to the FSM, Miriam Hughes and Congressman Eni Faleomavaega from American Samoa

At a memorial ceremony in Hawaii held on Wednesday, March 3, Major General Robert Lee, State Adjutant General, presented the State Medal of Valor to her parents. Hawaii's Governor Linda Lingle ordered flags to be flown at half staff on that day in honor of the young soldier.



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### Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation Signs Contract with Tyco Telecommunications to Construct an International Fiber Optic Connection

More than eight years in the planning, FSMTC has finally executed a contract with Tyco Telecommunications to construct an extension that will enable FSMTC to have international fiber connectivity to Guam. The extension will provide high bandwidth connectivity between the FSM and the rest of the world. The target date of completion is March 2010.

Using the latest undersea cable network technology, this connectivity will enable FSMTC to provide FSM with the same telecommunications access and services available in major countries and cities throughout the world. In particular, the extension will be comprised of a one fiber pair segment that will ultimately enable connectivity through another cable system back to Guam including access to multiple 10 Gbps wavelengths. Since Guam is a regional node, FSMTC will have a variety of onward connectivity options.

This extension represents phase one of FSMTC's submarine fiber cable network plans; the next phase being the development of a domestic inter island cable networks. However, all islands will be able to realize more reliable and expanded services such as improved voice calling and faster Internet as a result of the completion of phase one. Phase one marks the beginning of the deployment of modern submarine fiber networks that will serve government, commercial and private communities for many years to come.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**HOW TO APPLY:** Applications can be obtained from and returned to: FSM Telecommunications Corporation Headquarters, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941 any of the FSMTC offices in Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap.

# Micronesian Ambassador visits Camp Lejeune

**Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. (March 6, 2009)** – Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Yosiwo P. George, visited Camp Lejeune, March 4-8, to meet with the citizens of the FSM who are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

According to the FSM embassy's website, FSM is a sovereign nation with a population of more than 100,000 people. About 20,000 Micronesians reside in the United States.

The ambassador's visit was a part of a citizen outreach program that he recently started.

"Programs like this one have been done in the past," said Ambassador George. "My goal is to become more aware of the lives of the Micronesian people living in the United States and serving in the military."

During his visit he met and spoke with several Micronesian Marines at the Ball Center here and recognized them for their contribution to the United States.

"I was very impressed with the Marines and the hard work and dedication they put forth for the Marine Corps," Ambassador George said. "I am proud of those who have made the choice to serve and I encourage more Micronesian citizens to join the [U.S.] military as well."

FSM shares a Compact of Free Association with the United States, which enables close cooperation between the two nations.

According to fsmlaw.org, the agreement between FSM and the United States was made by negotiators in 1980 and signed in 1982. Citizens approved the proposal in a vote held the following year. Legislation on the agreement was adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into law in November 1986.

In recognition of Micronesian citizens' contributions to our mutual defense, Ambassador George attended the retirement ceremony of Master Gunnery Sgt. Rudy A. Kephias, operations chief for 2nd Marine Logistics Group, who hails from Micronesia.

Kephias retired after 30 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Marine Corps and said he was honored to have such a distinguished guest at the ceremony.

Ambassador George also met with II Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, Lt. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik, and toured



*The Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia, Yosiwo P. George, his son Palikkun Y. George and Dominic R. Maluchmai, the First Secretary (Diplomatic Agent) for the Embassy of Micronesia, at the retirement ceremony of Master Gunnery Sgt. Rudy A. Kephias, operations chief for 2nd Marine Logistics Group*

the base with Kephias to observe some of the Marines' field training.

"This is the first time for us to be invited to a military installation and to be given this opportunity," said Ambassador George. "And for that, I am embraced. I hope that my visit will increase the understanding of the relationship we share with America."

This trip was a living example of the generous invitation found in the Micronesian constitution, "We extend to all nations what we seek from each: peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our community."

Ambassador George plans to visit with private FSM citizens in Fayetteville, N.C. and military personnel in Norfolk, Va.



*The Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia meets Lance Cpl. Diane E. Tickell, from Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-269 from Marine Corps Air Station New River, at the retirement ceremony for Master Gunnery Sgt. Rudy A. Kephias. Tickell and her family are FSM citizens.*

## FSM man wanted in Kansas detained at airport

By *Pacific Daily News*

**March 2, 2009** - U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers detained a 30-year-old male citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia in mid-February, according to a press release from CBP's Honolulu office.

The man had previously been removed from Guam under a deportation order in July and escorted back to the FSM. He then obtained a new passport under a new name and a different date of birth, the release said.

The man's digital fingerprints and photograph were contained in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's US-VISIT database.

As CBP officers conducted a primary inspection of passengers arriving at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport in mid-February, the US-VISIT database confirmed he was previously removed from Guam under a July deportation order.

"The man was also found to be the subject of an active arrest warrant in Kansas," according to the news release.

After processing, the man was turned over to the Guam Police Department.

"This case demonstrates the vital role biometric identifying technology has in ensuring the safety and integrity of our borders," Guam CBP Port Director Rocky Miner said in the release.

## Public Announcement

### Department of Education Special Education Program

The FSM Department of Education announces that an application for funding under the US Department of Education Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is being submitted for Fiscal Year 2009. The FSM receives funding under IDEA to provide special education and related service programs for eligible children with disabilities and their families.

IDEA requires that the annual application for funding be made available for Public Review and Comment. Consistent with this requirement, the FSM DOE announces that the Annual State Application under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as Amended in 2004 for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education on May 11, 2009.

The FSM Department of Education announces that a 60-day public review period and a 30-day public comment period will be available to allow the public an opportunity to review the application and to make comments. The dates for the 60 day public review will be from March 11, 2009 – May 11, 2009. The 30 day public comment period will be from April 9, 2009 – May 9, 2009.

Copies of the Part B Application FFY 2009 are available at each State Department of Education. Please submit any comments concerning the application to the state Director of Education of to:

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Chief, Special Services Division  
Department of Education  
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## ...Resolution

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late the economy, the FSM has chosen to burden the common people of the FSM with a higher tax and lower benefit.

Pohnpei Legislature put it this way, "... various nations of the world are reacting to the global economic slowdown by injecting government monies into their economies to bail out their business sectors and get funds into the hands of their citizens, while the FSM government appears to be siphoning funds out of the hands of its citizens and businesses to bail out a government agency."

Congress's Committee on Health, Education, and Social Affairs, chaired by Senator Urusemal of Yap held many public hearings in each state of the FSM and outside of the FSM. The Pohnpei Resolution says that while they took part in the hearings and wrote long letters that suggested changes Congress essentially ignored their recommendations and passed a flawed law that will ultimately hurt the people of the FSM.

Most particularly hurt, the resolution says, will be the citizens of three states who are being told to accept a reduction in benefits

and an increase in cost "because the performance of the fourth state is bringing the system to ruin."

The letters Pohnpei sent to Congress recommended the possibility of a separate program for each state based on that state's performance. One of the letters provided the illustration of a young driver's car insurance being higher when he has tickets and accidents on his driving record. Pohnpei contends that Social Security is a form of insurance and that payment levels should be based on risk, the higher the risk the higher the payment.

Pohnpei's Committee on Health and Social Services chaired by Senator Magdalena Walter said that the response of the FSM Social Security Administration has been to flatly refuse to provide copies of its budgets for fiscal years 2006, 2007, and 2008 as they requested them to do.

The resolution said that though Congressional Committee members made two complete circuits of the FSM plus travel outside of the FSM to receive public input on the bill there is no evidence in the final bill that public input had any affect on the Committee's deliberations or on the final language of the bill.

It said that despite both Pohnpei state Ex-

ecutive and Legislative branches expressing their dissatisfaction with the bill and the need for further information and discussion on the matter the entire Congressional delegation of Pohnpei sought a quick vote on and voted affirmatively for the bill with minimal further amendment which did not address the substantive problems in the

bill.

Pohnpei State's Committee on Health and Social Services recommended that Pohnpei not move forward with the idea of pulling out of the FSM Social Security system and establishing its own Social Security system at this time.

## Conman Foster scraps prison farm bid

By *Christine Flatley*  
*Sydney Morning Herald*

**March 5, 2009** - Notorious conman Peter Foster has abandoned his court battle to be transferred from jail to a low-security prison farm.

Foster, who once tried to evade the law by diving into a river in his undies, is currently a high-security prisoner at Wolston Correctional Centre at Wacol, in Brisbane's west.

He's serving a four and a half year sentence after being convicted in December 2007 for money laundering. During his original hearing, the court was told he brought into Australia more than \$300,000 he had fraudulently obtained from the Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Instead of using the money to develop a resort in Fiji, as was the agreement

with the bank, he used the cash for other purposes including repaying his own credit card debt and rent on his girlfriend's Gold Coast house.

The 46-year-old has repeatedly pushed for permission to serve out his time at the Numinbah Correctional Centre in the Gold Coast hinterland as a low-security prisoner.

Authorities have so far refused to move him, saying he is a moderate-risk prisoner with a low work ethic.

Foster launched legal action in February against Queensland's Department of Corrective Services in a last-ditch attempt to be moved.

But he abandoned the court challenge on Wednesday, just three weeks after filing his application in the Supreme Court in Brisbane.

Foster will remain at Wacol and will be eligible to apply for parole in May.

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# US Congressman Faleomavaega visits the FSM

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Pohnpei, FSM** – United States Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega of American Samoa recently paid a visit to the FSM as the head of a delegation from the East-West Center in the FSM to observe the recent elections. This is Faleomavaega fourth visit to the FSM.

On Tuesday, March 3rd he attended a dinner reception at the Cliff Rainbow restaurant held in his honor by FSM President Manny Mori, Speaker Isaac Figir of the 15th FSM Congress and Pohnpei State Governor John Ehsa.

As is the tradition in Pohnpei, Faleomavaega was treated to a sakau ceremony with the Iso Nahnken of U, Ihlen Joseph and some of the highest leaders of the FSM and Pohnpei State. Faleomavaega spoke of the Samoan kava tradition and said that there the people call the tradition one of healing and of life. He thanked the leaders for the traditional observation saying, "Herein lies the heart and soul of our people."



US Congressman Eni Faleomavaega



President Manny Mori, US Congressman Eni Faleomavaega, and the Iso Nahnken of U, Ihlen Joseph at a traditional Pohnpeian Sakau ceremony

Governor Ehsa welcomed the Congressman to Pohnpei followed by the head of the Pohnpei Delegation to the FSM Congress, Frederico Primo. Primo said that he felt that it was appropriate to welcome the Congressman home because he has been a partner in development and as an islander is an FSM colleague. "This island is also your home," Primo said.

Primo said that there were many things to be discussed during Faleomavaega's visit like issues of infrastructure in the FSM. Speaking of the Compact of Free Association between the US and the FSM Primo quoted US President Barack Obama saying, "The day of reckoning has arrived." He continued, "Now is the time to review what needs to be changed (in the Compact), not to blame or to point fingers but for partnership between our two countries...The time to take charge of the future is here."

FSM's Secretary for the Department of Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert said that Faleomavaega has long been a naviga-

tor. He was a navigator for the 1987 voyage of the Hoku'lea and for 21 years has been a navigator on Capitol Hill in the US Congress as well. He spoke of Faleomavaega as a voice for the Pacific Islands in the United States and said, "The FSM is keen on upholding our commitments under the Compact."

Faleomavaega took the podium and with his long experience in public speaking spoke extemporaneously.

He spoke of the importance of the Asia Pacific region saying that in his 21 years in Congress the foreign affairs policy of the United States regarding the region has not even been on the radar screen. He said that with 6 of the 10 largest armies in the world located in the Asia Pacific region it never made sense to him but now the US has a leader who knows where and who Pacific islanders are.

He said that he was proud to be an American and especially now that it is apparent that Americans have begun to put aside issues of race.

He said that he was one of the first to endorse President Obama. He said that Presi-

dent Obama is concerned about global environmental issues including global warming and he is concerned with Pacific Island issues.

One of the first State visits by the Obama administration was to the Asia Pacific region when Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made State visits in the region. Faleomavaega said that visit was historic in that no other US State visits to the Asia Pacific region had ever taken place so early in a new administration. The visit to the Asia Pacific was the first State visit of the Obama administration. Most other US administrations chose to visit Europe first.

Faleomavaega said that he would personally be sure that Pacific Island issues are heard in Washington D.C.

The Congressman spent six days in the FSM visiting with many of its leaders in private meetings. He also took part in the memorial service and burial of Cwislyn Walter, a nineteen year old native of Chuuk who died in a non combat traffic incident in Kuwait while serving in the Hawaii Army National Guard.

Pago Pago, American Samoa was Faleomavaega's next destination.

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## FSM Delegation Attends ITU Pacific ICT Ministerial Forum in Tonga

*By FSM Information Services*

*Palikir, Pohnpei, March 4, 2009* - The Honorable FSM Secretary of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, Mr. Francis Itimai, and his Assistant Secretary for the Division of Communication, Mr. Jolden Johnnyboy, recently attended the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Pacific ICT (Information and Communication Technology) Ministerial Forum that was hosted by the Kingdom of Tonga with the theme of "Connecting the Unconnected". The Forum was attended by thirteen Ministers and two Prime Ministers from the Pacific Islands Forum Countries including ICT Officials and delegates who accompanied the Ministers. Mr. Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid, Director of the ITU Telecommunications Development Bureau (TDB), also attended as well as 17 partners ranging from UN ESCAP sub-regional and regional organizations, funding agencies, national security agencies, private industries from various regions, NGO's and academic players through public-private partnerships.

During the forum, the ITU inaugurated, signed and announced various partnership initiatives. From the joint Communiqué, the objective of the Forum was to, "provide Forum Island Countries and other stakeholders and partners with a platform for improving access and adoption of the ICT in the Pacific Region through various projects, initiatives and commitments, in particular an objective was to advance specific initiatives in the Pacific Region, including the Digital strategy and the Wellington Declaration, to meet the 2015 Millennium Development Goals of making available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communication technologies to all."

During the Forum, the FSM Delegation also held several bi-lateral meetings with the Director of ITU TDB, Marketing Representatives of O3b Satellite Operators, the Project Director for the RICS Projects, Mr. Ian Thomson, Digital Pacific Tonga, and with the other Ministers from RMI and RoP.

The joint Communiqué from this Forum is to be circulated to all Forum Island Leaders and the items within it will be brought to the table for discussion and endorsement at the next Pacific Island Forum Leader's meeting in Australia later this year.

## DC Embassy's Outreach Program Targets Tangible Benefits for the FSM

By *FSM Information Services*

*March 10, 2009 Palikir, Pohnpei* –

Approximately two years ago, the FSM Embassy in Washington DC, in coordination with the Home Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Palikir, designed what is now known as the Citizen Outreach & Advocacy Program, or COAP for short. This is a modest but deliberate attempt by the Embassy to improve its delivery of consular services to the FSM citizens residing in the US and to strengthen its outreach to the Micronesian communities throughout the US.

While the COAP was designed primarily for the FSM citizens residing on the US mainland, it is hoped that it would serve as a model that could be adapted for use by our consulates in Guam and Hawaii as well. The COAP was put together in view of the ever increasing number of FSM citizens migrating to the US, including Guam and Hawaii, thanks to the habitual residence privileges provided by the Amended Compact treaty between the FSM and the US. These privileges make it easier for FSM citizens to travel to the US, without visa, to reside to attend school and to seek employment and other opportunities.

There are approximately 30,000 FSM citizens residing in the US. Taking advantage of the privileges provided by the Compact, many have engaged in gainful employment in Guam, Hawaii, the Northern Marianas, and the US mainland. The remittance or monies that they send back home to their families have been acknowledged as a significant contribution to the FSM economy. It is estimated that each year for the last several years, the FSM citizens working in the US send home approximately \$20 million, a conservative estimate, in the form of remittance. This is one reason that the Embassy and the two consulates have made a determined effort to improve their services to our citizens.

Ensuring that the employment of our citizens is not interrupted or adversely impacted is one of the challenges, for example, to be overcome. In assisting the citizens with their consular difficulties, the Embassy and the consulates hope that our overseas citizens will continue to contribute significantly to the FSM economy. It is also the aim of the Department of Foreign Affairs and its overseas missions to ensure that our citizens abroad continue to be contributing members of their newly adopted local communities and continue to be "goodwill ambassadors" of the FSM. Toward this objective, President Mori himself has launched a program of recognizing the achievements and contributions of our citizens residing abroad.

Since the launching of the COAP two years ago, officials of the Embassy have made site visits to FSM communities in Pasadena

and the San Francisco Bay Area in California; Portland, Oregon; Greenville, North Carolina; Kansas City and Neosho, Missouri; Albany, New York; and Denver, Colorado. The Embassy was involved in the "reconciliation efforts" that were undertaken immediately after the mass shooting in Neosho over a year ago in which three Micronesians were killed. The Embassy played an instrumental role in the establishment of the sister-city relationship between the State of Pohnpei and the City of Neosho as a result of the shocking incident.

The latest COAP activity undertaken by the Embassy was in the form of a series of "town hall meetings" that Mr James A Naich, Deputy Chief of Mission at the DC Embassy, had with the citizens in Orlando and Clearwater in Florida, where there are sizable FSM communities. The world-renown amusement parks in Orlando, such as Disney World, Bush Garden, and Epcott Center, are among the major employers of FSM citizens, particularly Pohnpeans and Chuukese, in the State of Florida.

During the height of the "nursing home fiasco" three years ago, in which many FSM citizens found themselves without jobs, the Embassy stepped in and worked out an employment arrangement with a consortium of hospitals run by the Catholic Church and the Pinellas County in the Clearwater and St Petersburg areas. The "safety net" with the hospital consortium remains in place today, benefiting both the consortium and the FSM community in Clearwater and neighboring St Petersburg.

During his recent visit to Clearwater, DCM Naich also met with officials of the hospital consortium. In the course of the meeting, the hospital consortium made an offer to donate hospital supplies and over-the-counter medicine worth approximately \$70,000 to the FSM. A similar offer was made several years back by the hospital consortium to the State of Chuuk shortly after Typhoon Chataan.

Another offer was made during the recent visit to Florida. This offer was in the form of a donation of school supplies and textbooks, worth approximately \$10,000, by a school district in Fort Meyer, Florida. While these school and hospital supplies are provided gratis, funding is need to ship them to the FSM. The donors are requested to provide the cost estimates for the freight.

The Embassy has identified a number of specific activities for the COAP for the current year. While there are high hopes for the COAP, it can only be considered a modest effort, owing to limited manpower and other critical resources. There is no doubt, however, that it has received at least the encouragement and support of the top leadership of the FSM executive branch and the FSM Congress.

## Japan's Grant for Community Development

By *Embassy of Japan in the FSM*

*Pohnpei, FSM* - The long awaited project is now ready to kick off. On March 2nd, at the Embassy's conference room, Ambassador Sato of the Embassy of Japan to the F.S.M. and Pwihn Keisu Community leader, Podis Pedrus has signed the Grant Contract for "Building the Pwihn Keisu Community Hall" in the amount of US\$ 88,493 under the Japan's Grass-roots Human Security scheme.

This is a long awaited project for people of Pwihn Keisu Community of Madolenihw. Pwihn Keisu community, also known as Mand community, was longing for having their own community hall being able for all people to access freely and comfortably through a

year, without a boarders of religious differences or various migration groups. Community activities have been actively held such as Island Food Community's workshops for health issues and a mobile clinic arranged by the government's health team. People of Pwihn Keisu are very energetic and motivated that they are planning to explore more activities by having own community hall when the project will be completed in a year.

On behalf of the Community, Mr. Podis delivered his appreciation to realize this project for the local people to get the direct benefit.

This is the last project that the Embassy of Japan funded under the Grass-roots Human Security scheme, out of 6 projects in total, for the Japan's Fiscal Year 2008 which ends on March 31, 2009.

### NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on February 26, 2009, public notice is hereby given that each of the six parcels of land described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

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- Parcel Two:** Parcel No. 023-D-05 situated at Rohi, U Municipality, consisting of 4,400 ± square meters, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 023-D-00.
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- There is no minimum bid amount for any of the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "May 8, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to the filing window of the Office of the Chief Clerk of Courts of the FSM Supreme Court – Pohnpei trial division in Palikir.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2009.
- 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.
- All bid submissions must state a bid amount separately for each parcel. Bids may be placed on one or more of the subject parcels.
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## 3rd FSM Pandemic Influenza Summit is set for March 16, 2009 in Pohnpei

By *FSM Information Services*

**March 13, 2009 Palikir, Pohnpei** – The FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs is set to convene the 3rd FSM Pandemic Influenza Summit in Pohnpei at the Yvonne's Hotel Conference Room. This year's Summit's Theme is "Preparing for the Pandemic Influenza Outbreak through Community Partnership." This year's Summit is a result of the 2nd Pandemic Influenza Summit which was held a year ago, around the same time, March 10-14, 2008.

The main focus of last year's Summit was to discuss the need for FSM to review and update the respective Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plans that were developed in 2004. Due to issuance of new planning guidelines

by agencies and organizations such as the US Department of Health and Human Services, which fund the Cooperative Agreement Grants that the FSM is a recipient of, the need to revise the plan is required. During the last Summit in 2008, all the states were tasked to conduct reviews and make revisions on their respective plans to address three main components: Continuing Operation Plans (COOP), Community Containment, and Mass Vaccination. Each entity, including the FSM National Department of Health and Social Affairs, was tasked to update their respective plans to address these areas. Each respective entity is now expected to provide an update on their plans during this year's summit.

The revised plan for the FSM was submitted to

the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, as required to all awardees for evaluation and rated. Based on the evaluation, there are areas with major gaps that need to be improved in the planning document, especially in the Continuing Operation component. Other component such as Mass Vaccination did received acceptable ratings, but despite that, FSM still needs to continually review and revise the plan to be in line with new guidelines.

For this year's Summit, additional components have been added that FSM and the states need to develop and incorporate into the pandemic influenza plan. These additional components are: a) surveillance and laboratory capacity, b) communication interoperability, c) port of entry, and d) distribution of medical coun-

termeasures. These are added components to those that were discussed during the 2nd Pandemic Influenza Summit. Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEEs) from the Joint Task Force – Homeland Defense will join the WHO Epidemiologist and Health staff from the four states and the national department to team up and work on the new components that FSM needs to work on. The Summit is structured to provide both plenary and focus area breakout sessions to allow interactive discussions and presentations that will be practical and produce insights that will help the participants, including the non-government and community representatives, in forging their thoughts into developing plans that include all partners in responding to an outbreak of pandemic influenza.

## K-Press Perspective - Opinion Editorial

### Public servant ventriloquists in Chuuk?

Responding to the previous K-Press Perspective an anonymous citizen of Chuuk sent me an email voicing one major concern about the content of it. She said, "You CONSTANTLY refer to Chuukese elected representatives as 'leaders.' They are not leaders, Bill. Camillo Noket is the traditional Chief of the Iras Clan. HE is a leader. Those who are elected to public office are 'public servants,' aren't they? When the Micronesians believe the people they elect to office are leaders, they automatically default to deference, as they would to their chiefs. Unless Micronesia can begin to tell the difference between public servants and leaders, their 'democracy' will be nothing other than another form of clan politics."

She suggested that I begin to use the term "servants of the people" and to keep doing it over and over until the idea begins to sink in. "That is if you can last so long," she said.

Good point.

For nearly two weeks now I've been watching for the results of that most honorable privilege and responsibility, the right to vote. It's deadline time and still the results from Pohnpei are not certified. I can't seem to find out why it's taking so long. Yap is done, and Chuuk is done, or are they?

Sources in Chuuk say that Chuuk's election is far from over and not just because the certified vote tally requires that a runoff be held on March 31 for the office of Governor. The certified results say the runoff will be between incumbent and number one servant of the people, Wesley Simina and challenger Gillian Doone.

Redley Killion has filed a complaint with the election commission. The Commission has three days to respond to the complaint. If they deny his complaints then Killion has the right to file suit at the Chuuk State Supreme Court. He's poised to do that and will, if it comes to it, be represented by the Law Office of Fred Ramp.

My sources in Chuuk say that even some

Simina supporters are saying that no one can ever remember an election done this badly.

One of the issues is the loss of all of the votes from the Northern Namoneas polling station in Honolulu.

I know the name of the man who smashed the ballot box there which had the effect of depriving all of the voters at that station their voice in the democracy that is Chuuk. I'm not going to print it here because my understanding is that there is an investigation on going in that situation. Killion is asking for a revote there.

If what Killion claims in his ten page complaint for irregularities in the election are true then there were many more problems with this election. Before the election even took place he wrote a letter contesting the make up of the members of the election commission. He said that all five members of the commission are government employees beholden to the incumbent governor.

His complaint is very precise right down to numbers. He said that he had watchers in each polling place and that the numbers they had assembled varied from the numbers that were recently certified.

The tabulators who counted the ballot box in Wichap, Northern Namoneas made a significant mistake that candidate Gillian Doone caught immediately. He called for a recount and the numbers changed giving Killion the lead there rather than Simina as had been previously reported.

Killion claims mistakes in tabulation in ten different polling places.

The polling place in Sapore, Fefen, Macheweichun opened at 8:00 in the morning and closed at 7:00 in the evening though the law clearly states that polling places are to open at 7:00 in the morning and close at 5:00 in the evening. Further, according to Killion's claims, the same election official who felt that it was okay to change the hours of the polling place also allowed

voters whose names were not on the master voter list to vote in Sapore. He says that now no one can sort the valid votes from the ones cast by non-registered voters.

He said that the outer islands are required to submit their results within 24 hours but that in several places the submission of those results was delayed for as many as 72 hours. The Governor's Chief of Staff Wilfred Robert went to the outer islands to assist with the process.

Killion is asking for the commission to set aside the unofficial results of the ballot boxes of the election precincts in Oneop, Lekinioch, Moch, and Satowan. He wants to seek and obtain permission of the court of competent jurisdiction to conduct a recount of the ballots already counted and tabulated in Sefin/Mwan, Neauo and Epinup in Northern Namoneas and in Sapore, Fefan, Machew, Southern Namoneas. He wants a revote for the Northern Namoneas VAAPP in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Killion's complaint points out two previous instances where courts ruled that a revote was necessary in a Chuuk election, one was in 1993 and the other in 2006.

The lone female candidate running for the legislature came in sixth place out of five. There are only 34 votes between her and the person who came in 5th place. She had expected the vote in Honolulu to give her enough votes to make it into the Legislature since she has a history in Honolulu.

Sources in Chuuk said that there were 56,000 ballots printed for the Chuuk election. There were 29,300 ballots cast. No one seems to know where the other 26,700 paper ballots are. Why is that?

According to candidate Killion, he and his opponent Gillian Doone are in harmony on the filing of the complaint. Both feel that there were irregularities in the election and that they need to be resolved.

A team of election observers from the East-West Center were in the FSM to observe

the elections. I have been told that the report they generated has been written but US Congressman Faleomavaega, who was the team leader has not yet signed off on it for release to the public, having left the FSM for Pago Pago, American Samoa. It is not certain when that report will be available. My highly placed source said that the report noted a few irregularities but that in general the team felt the election had been handled fairly. The team left Chuuk before the ballots were tallied.

I was also told that it is illegal for US Citizens to be observers in foreign elections held on US soil. That is why the East-West Center had no observers at any FSM polling place located in the United States.

With the votes the way they are it is obvious that any runoff would be between Simina and one of the two other candidates for Governor. I can't think of any motivation that the Simina administration might have to tamper with the election, at least none that I would be willing to publicly state. I don't think anyone is accusing his administration of tampering with the election; it's just that the election was handled so poorly that nearly any candidate could reasonably build a good case to file a complaint about it.

If Killion's complaint gets to the Chuuk State Supreme Court it will be heard by a panel of three judges who will, by the Constitution have five days to make a ruling.

Of course, the end result of any irregularities in the voting process in Chuuk is that once again, the people's voice is not heard and they are robbed of any participation in the decision making processes in the state, a participation that they are guaranteed under the Chuuk State Constitution and that is the underpinning to the democratic process. If a voter opens his mouth to speak it should not be the voice of any "public servant of the people" that comes out. It should be the real voice of the public and it should be well heard.

**Bill Jaynes**  
*Managing Editor*



## ...FSM flooding

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the FSM. He prepared an alternative bill and submitted it to the Congress.

In the face of the emergency, on January 6, 2009 Congress overrode the veto.

On the face of things it appeared that Congress acted selfishly but according to a committee report from the Ways and Means Committee the motivation of Congress was altruistic. The report said that a Congressional override of the Presidential veto was the fastest way to provide financial resources for the emergency in the outer islands.

“The amount appropriated by this bill of \$1.4 million represents the sense of Congress as to the maximum that the President should spend under the declaration of emergency at this time,” the report said.

On January 9, three days after the Congress override of his veto, President Mori issued a decree that allowed him to spend the money he needed from the FSM General Fund in order to meet the demands foisted upon the FSM by the whim of the Pacific Ocean.

At press time, all but \$406,000 of the \$1.4 million appropriation had been spent.

The intent of the Congress override was apparently not communicated well with the election district offices in the states. As early as the 12th of January, three days after the Presidential decree, election district officials in Chuuk began to submit Project Control Documents (PCD's) for projects thinking that the Congress override of the Presidents' veto meant that their projects would be funded by the law. Because of the Presidential emergency decree issued on January 9, those PCD's were returned to the election districts where they originated, much to the consternation of the officials there.

A Congress press release said that the Congressional override of Mori's veto provided \$1.4 million for the emergency. It did do that but according to FSM law the Executive Branch must replenish the funds that it used for the emergency.

According to Speaker Figir, the most recent report submitted by the FSM Office of Statistics, Budget and Overseas Coordination

(SBOC) said that the FSM General Fund has a remaining balance of \$350,000.

Congress didn't really expect that the President would spend as much as it did on the disaster relief. FSM never has done so before.

A Congress staff member said that the situation was like telling a house guest that he could help himself to food in the refrigerator only to find that the guest had eaten everything except for a withered hot dog, three ketchup packets from a fast food restaurant, one slightly wobbly and discolored egg, and something resembling a green furry rodent hidden in the far right corner of the fridge.

A Kaselehlie Press article published in April of 2004 said that Typhoon Sudal destroyed 95% of the homes in Yap. Speaker Figir said that to the best of his recollection, in the aftermath of the typhoon the National Government spent a total of \$10,000 to assist the state with fuel for supply ships. He said that was the extent of National Government participation in the recovery from Sudal.

Speaker Figir said that Congress has not received a report from the Executive Branch on FSM General Fund expenditures for the emergency. He said that the understanding at Congress was that approximately \$650,000 was spent for rice for the inhabitants of the islands and approximately \$350,000 for fuel for the ships that carried the relief teams.

The Office of SBOC said that the population of the effected islands was most recently estimated at 19,173 people. According to the anecdotal expense figures that the FSM Congress has received to date, the FSM National Government bought approximately \$33.90 worth of rice for every man, woman, and child in the effected outer islands.

The law currently says that the Executive Branch must replenish the funds which it does not have the money to do without putting the FSM Government into a deficit position.

It is within Congress' power to eliminate the problem by amending the law. The last special session of the 15th Congress of the FSM begins on the 16th of March. It remains to be seen what Congress will choose to do about the situation.

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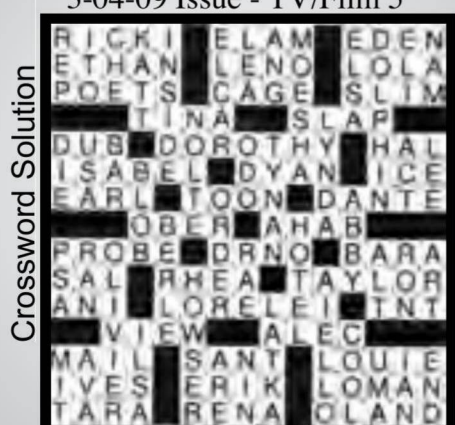
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# Peace Corps' GAD group decides to GO LOCAL at this year's International Women's Day celebration

By Kathay Larsen  
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

International Women's Day, which is March 8, was celebrated on Friday March 6th this year in Pohnpei, at PICS Track and Field. There were 19 women's groups that officially participated in the activities that day by donating money for scholarships, dancing, presenting important environmental and health messages and bringing local handicrafts. Although it rained a few times early on, it turned out to be a wonderful day for gathering together and celebrating women. This year's theme was "Women taking the lead to protect our planet".

Peace Corps Volunteers work together with members of their local communities, bringing attention to the importance of Gender and Development (GAD) issues facing today's youth. Here in Pohnpei, the female Peace Corps Volunteers help facilitate a three day camp for 8th grade girls that teach them the value a woman has to her community when she is a strong, healthy leader. This is called camp GLOW (Girls Leading Our World). Different organizations are brought in from around the island that represent diverse areas of importance from which the girls can gain knowledge.

These include, but are not limited to, Pohnpei Public Health, Pohnpei Dental, Island Food Community of Pohnpei, The Red Cross, Conservation Society of Pohnpei, as well as various individuals in the community who can shed light on different careers or lifestyles here in Pohnpei. This camp is paid for through fundraising and sponsorship from the community.

This year, for one of their fundraisers, the Peace Corps Volunteers decided to have a "local cake" bake sale at International Women's Day. The group made both banana and coconut cakes, and sold them by the slice. Wherever possible, substitutions were made to make the cakes more "local" or healthy. For example, the cakes use local bananas (Akadahn, Daiwang, Karat, etc.). You can also use coconut oil instead of vegetable oil. Using sehu instead of sugar is a healthier alternative as well. For cinnamon, use the ground bark of the madeau tree. All of these ideas will promote the use of local and/or healthy cooking while still allowing you to bake an incredibly tasty cake.

Along with the purchase of the cake, or free to any passerby, the volunteers were distributing recipes of these delicious, health-

ier alternatives to a storebought cake. On the back of the recipe card, there were helpful hints for continued healthy eating alternatives. These ideas included adding lime juice to your food and drinks

for extra flavour and vitamin C; drinking a nice cold coconut instead of soda; eating taro or breadfruit with your meals instead of rice; buying fresh meat when available, but always choosing canned tuna or mackerel over SPAM or corned beef; putting a little dollop of peanut butter on your ripe banana for a fast, healthy snack that has an added protein benefit; and finally, using ½ wheat flour and ½ white flour when baking instead of all white flour. These little changes to your diet will make a difference that you will notice and your body will thank you for.

What is important to know is that you can make "little" changes to improve you and

your family's health. Doing something, however small it may be, is better than doing nothing. Once you implement, and get used to the first set of changes, then make a few more. Walk a little further to work each day. Add a few more local/healthy ingredients to each meal. Do simple stretches when you get up in the morning. Little by little, you will be making a world of difference in your long term health. Island Food Community of Pohnpei commends Peace Corps, its volunteers and the sponsors of GAD/Camp Glow who support teaching today's youth the importance of eating local food, and establishing/maintaining a healthy lifestyle.



## Astronomical Tide Prediction March 18th - March 31st, 2009

	Pohnpei		Chuuk	
Wednesday	03/18 06:31AM 3. 01:35PM 2.1 04:16PM 2.2 10:48PM 1.4	03/25 02:48AM 3.7 08:40AM 1.0 02:48PM 4.1 09:03PM 0.7	03/18 04:53AM 1.8 08:51PM -0.1	03/25 02:26AM 1.4 07:53AM 0.5 02:02PM 1.9 08:25PM 0.3
	Thursday	03/19 07:11AM 3.0 09:33PM 1.5	03/26 03:10AM 4.0 09:11AM 0.8 03:16PM 4.1 09:24PM 0.6	03/19 05:14AM 1.6 08:57PM -0.1
Friday		03/20 11:49AM 2.9 08:27PM 1.4	03/27 03:34AM 4.2 09:43AM 0.6 03:45PM 4.0 09:46PM 0.6	03/20 05:40AM 1.5 08:45AM 1.4 11:59AM 1.5 08:59PM -0.1
	Saturday	03/21 03:32AM 2.4 06:21AM 2.3 12:52PM 3.2 08:12PM 1.3	03/28 04:00AM 4.4 10:17AM 0.6 04:14PM 3.8 10:08PM 0.7	03/21 12:26PM 1.6 08:53PM 0.0
Sunday		03/22 02:28AM 2.6 07:10AM 2.0 01:24PM 3.5 08:15PM 1.1	03/29 04:28AM 4.4 10:52AM 0.7 04:42PM 3.4 10:29PM 0.9	03/22 12:49PM 1.8 08:40PM 0.1
	Monday	03/23 02:22AM 2.9 07:41AM 1.6 01:52PM 3.8 08:27PM 0.9	03/30 04:58AM 4.3 11:31AM 1.0 05:10PM 3.0 10:49PM 1.0	03/23 03:11AM 1.0 06:47AM 0.9 01:12PM 1.9 08:28PM 0.2
Tuesday		03/24 02:31AM 3.3 08:10AM 1.3 02:20PM 4.0 08:44PM 0.8	03/31 05:31AM 4.2 12:17PM 1.3 05:36PM 2.6 11:05PM 1.3	03/24 02:36AM 1.2 07:19AM 0.7 01:36PM 1.9 08:23PM 0.2

The following recipes were graciously submitted for the Peace Corps GAD/Camp GLOW local cake bake sale by Emeliana Musrasrik. Island Food Community of Pohnpei suggests additional local/healthy substitutions by trying the following: You can use coconut oil instead of vegetable oil. Using sehu instead of sugar is a healthier alternative as well. For cinnamon, use the ground bark of the madeau tree. Try these easy to make cakes at home and you will never go back to the store bought version again! Be sure to thank Emeliana Musrasrik next time you see her, for such a delicious recipes!

### Delicious GAD Banana Cake

- 2 cups pounded ripe bananas (Akadahn, Daiwang, etc.)
- 1 cup pounded ripe Karat banana
- 3 eggs
- 1 ½ cups fresh milk
- ½ cup oil\*
- 1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- 1 ½ cups white flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 ½ tbsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp baking soda
- 2 tbsp cinnamon

Pound the ripe bananas. Add the sugar, eggs, milk and oil. Stir well. Blend the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon in another bowl. Mix in all ingredients together. Pour into a greased and floured 13x9in cake pan or a Bundt pan. Shake the pan gently to remove extra air bubbles. Bake at 350F for 30-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean.

*\*If using coconut oil, decrease to 1/3 cup*

### Camp GLOW coconut Cake

- 1 grated coconut (about 2 cups)
- 3 eggs
- 1 ½ cups fresh milk
- ½ cup oil\*
- 1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- 1 ½ cups white flour
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 ½ tbsp baking powder
- 2 tbsp cinnamon

Grate the coconut. Add the sugar, eggs, milk and oil. Stir well. Blend the four, salt, baking powder and cinnamon in another bowl. Mix in all ingredients together. Pour into a greased and floured 13x9in cake pan or a Bundt pan. Shake the pan gently to remove extra air bubbles. Bake at 350F for 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean.

*\*If using coconut oil, decrease to 1/3 cup*

# Chuuk State Election Commission Releases State Election Results

By *FSM Information Services*

**March 12, 2009 Palikir, Pohnpei** – The Chuuk State Election Commission has released the certified list of election results and declared the final results of the Chuuk State General Election of March 03, 2009. The official result for Gubernatorial, Senatorial, and Representatives races are as follows:

## I. Gubernatorial Race:

Total votes cast - 29,300

### Distributions:

1. Wesley Simina/Johnson Elimo - 10,719
2. Gillian N. Doone/Ritis Heldart - 9,367
3. Redley Killion/Jonathan (Sondan) Salle - 9,214

Because no candidate obtained 50% +1 of the votes, there is no out-right winner of the gubernatorial election. A run-off election will be used to determine a winner.

## II. Senatorial Race:

### A. Senatorial Region No. 1

#### Distributions:

1. Alanso Cholymay - 2,361 (winner – incumbent)
2. Mark Mailo - 2,355 (winner – incumbent)
3. Keiuo S. William - 1,899
4. Anselmo Daniel - 1,733

### B. Senatorial Region No. 2

#### Distributions:

1. Nelson Stephen - 4,192 (winner – incumbent)
2. Detor Santos - 3,646 (winner – incumbent)
3. Harris (Heris) Rain - 2,382
4. Salomon Stephen - 1,813
5. Urubano Sony - 1,647
6. Jackson Irons - 1,206

### C. Senatorial Region No. 3

#### Distributions:

1. Cornelio Kalisto Refalopei - 4,154 (winner – new)
2. Arno Kony - 3,602 (winner – incumbent)
3. Peter L. Aten - 3,496
4. Antasio Sori Bisek - 2,796
5. Leon Kaminanga - 814

### D. Senatorial Region No. 4

#### Distributions:

1. Isiro Choram - 4,308 (winner – incumbent)
2. Helbert Dereas - 4,262 (winner – incumbent)

### E. Senatorial Region No. 5

#### Distributions:

1. Kisano Aichem - 1,151 (winner – incumbent)
2. Cox Raymond - 898 (winner – new)
3. Samuel Bisalen - 759
4. Tenry Matou Ewen - 681
5. Ruphin Micky - 540
6. Matheus S. Lokopwe - 360
7. Elias Sandy - 355

## III. Representative Race:

### A. Representative District No. 1

#### Distributions:

1. Pecky Robert - 2,295 (winner – incumbent)
2. Nickson Bossy - 2,171 (winner – incumbent)
3. Keswick Matus - 2,148 (winner – incumbent)
4. Tracy Souleung - 2,134 (winner – new)
5. Ia Ueda - 1,970 (winner – new)
6. Joe Eas - 1,958
7. Kitela Kitauo Aniol - 1,905
8. Kein Faylim - 1,376
9. Antio Malon - 1,247
10. Santino Mushara - 1,227
11. Andy Jack - 1,145

### B. Representative District No. 2

#### Distributions:

1. John Soyon - 1,219 (winner – incumbent)

2. Innocente Oneisom - 1,215 (winner – incumbent)
3. Augustine (Chun) Takashy - 1,134
4. Arthur "Artie" Irons - 790

### C. Representative District No. 3

#### Distributions:

1. Marius J. Akapito - 1,648 (winner – new)
2. Tar Tedor Francis - 1,321 (winner – new)
3. Charles Rianong - 1,209 (winner – incumbent)
4. Sippo Liffang - 1,208
5. Charlie Hallers - 1,092
6. Kidson Namelo - 981
7. Francis Tipeno - 823
8. Anderson (Terson) Stephen - 681

### D. Representative District No. 4

#### Distributions:

1. Bonsiano Fasy Nethon - 1,338 (winner – incumbent)
2. Kite Kitomy Kikku - 1,128 (winner – new)
3. Happy Refit - 1,052
4. Istor Edwin - 645

### E. Representative District No. 5

#### Distributions:

1. Kaper Kaminanga - 1,357 (winner – incumbent)
2. Leo John - 1,147 (winner – incumbent)
3. Olimpas Samuel - 899
4. Onnu Joakim Wasan - 560

### F. Representative District No. 6

#### Distributions:

1. Kenruo Nero - 1,501 (winner – incumbent)
2. Enepo Enwilliam Mwokut William - 1,399 (winner – incumbent)

### G. Representative District No. 7

#### Distributions:

1. Karson Billy - 2,033 (winner – incumbent)
2. Bino Raphael - 1,616 (winner – incumbent)
3. W-one "WiWi" Williander - 1,575 (winner – incumbent)
4. Sanser Betiru - 1,339
5. Enkim Kimiuo - 1,294
6. Wayne Iro - 1,142
7. Katwam Takesy - 1,055

### H. Representative District No. 8

#### Distributions:

1. Asaichy Sana - 861 (winner – incumbent)
2. Nathan Aten - 748 (winner – new)
3. Reminis Simina - 563
4. Brando Pitio - 456
5. Frank Fara Albert - 373

### I. Representative District No. 9

#### Distributions:

1. Kiper Lippwe - 944 (winner – incumbent)
2. Mike Olap - 823 (winner – incumbent)
3. Ezechiel Lucas - 793

### J. Representative District No. 10

#### Distributions:

1. Singkoro F. Harper - 1,601 (winner – incumbent)
2. Remikio Bualuay - 1,538 (winner – incumbent)

### K. Representative District No. 11

#### Distributions:

1. Season Jacky - 482 (winner – incumbent)
2. Constantine (KOKO) Dungawin - 322
3. Esa Maycry - 247

### L. Representative District No. 12

#### Distributions:

1. Ada Smith - 310 (winner – new)
2. Ermino Max - 152

3. Celes Kaliga - 114

### M. Representative District No. 13

#### Distributions:

1. Martin Edward - 898 (winner – incumbent)

## UNOFFICIAL Election Results for the FSM National Election 2009

Today, the Office of the National Election Director released updated unofficial results for the March 3rd Congressional Races. We expect the National Election Director to certify these results tomorrow and officially announce the winners. (NOTE: Only numbers for Chuuk and Yap States were updated. Pohnpei and Kosrae remain the same as previously reported.)

## Chuuk State:

### Election District #1 (Mortlocks)

- 1) Peter Sitan = 1,911 votes
- 2) Able M. Kristoph = 1,372 votes
- 3) Tender Haser Rickysach = 1,373 votes

### Election District #2 (Northern Namoneas)

- 1) Roger Mori = 2,908 votes
- 2) Tesime Kofot = 2,470 votes

### Election District #3 (Southern Namoneas)

- 1) Joe N. Suka = 2,569 votes
- 2) Ignacio Stephen = 1,923 votes
- 3) Anucha Styephan Hallers = 1,946 votes

### Election District #4 (Faichuuk)

- 1) Tiwiter Aritos = 3,866 votes
- 2) Esly K Kanto = 3,252 votes

### Election District #5 (Northwest)

- 1) Tony Otto = 928 votes
- 2) Moses A. Nelson = 903 votes
- 3) Lambert N. Lokopwe = 777 votes
- 4) Masachiro Christlib = 177 votes

## Pohnpei State:

### Election District #1

- 1) Dohsis Halbert = 2876 votes

### Election District #2

- 1) Dion G. Neth = 2,896 votes
- 2) Berny Martin = 2,838 votes

### Election District #3


- 1) Fredrico Primo = 2,737 votes

## Kosrae State: (Single Member District)

- 1) Paliknoa K. Welly = 1,811 votes

## Yap State: (Single Member District)

- 1) Isaac V. Figir = 2,104 votes
- 2) Fidelis F. Thiyyer = 643 votes



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