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# Congress urges Speaker to convene Special Investigative Committee on alleged Executive law breaking

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei—On October 6, the last day of the regular session of Congress, Senators reminded their Speaker that he has the authority to convene a special investigative committee to investigate nearly any matter at any time he sees fit to do so. Isaac V. Figir, Speaker of the 16th Congress of the FSM said that he, of course, knew that but he wanted to be sure that it was the move that the Senators wanted him to make.

The issue at hand was, once again, Congress Resolution (16-31), introduced by Vice Speaker Frederico Primo. The resolution urges Speaker Figir to create

a special committee to investigate the matter of alleged systemic violations of the Financial Management Act and the National Public Service System Act by the Executive Branch.

The resolution was not brought up for a vote the first time it was posted on the Congress agenda. Senators agreed at that time that in light of the President's apology to Congress behind closed doors and because of his stated commitment to be sure that violations don't happen in the future and because of the agreement reached between the two branches to find a solution to the problem the resolution wasn't necessary and they didn't vote on it.

But then on October 1, the President,

through his staff members, sent to media outlets across the Pacific, including the Micronesia Seminar forum (<http://www.micsem.org/forum/index.php>), a press release lambasting Congress. The press release essentially accused Congress of unnecessarily dragging its feet on the passage of a \$39,041,803 budget act (16-48) for the National Government which it says that Congress slashed by over \$14 million, down from the \$53,044,445 budget bill the President had submitted to Congress. The President said that "the funding reductions made by Congress could lead the Nation to a potential economic crisis."

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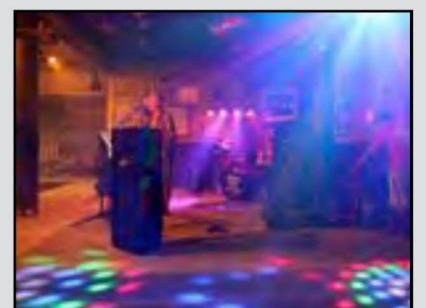
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# Home loans on hold at Pohnpei Housing Authority Majority of home loans issued are considered uncollectable



By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM— The mission of the Pohnpei State Housing Authority (PSHA) "is to provide safe, decent and sanitary housing at an affordable cost to the deserving people of Pohnpei for their welfare, safety and health." But that mission has gone seriously awry. According to Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa regular housing loans by the Authority are currently on hold because there is no money

to loan.

An audit of the authority that covered the 2008 and 2009 fiscal years conducted by the Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor says essentially that serious, long term and systemic administrative mismanagement issues have existed at PSHA.

A critical reading of the State Auditor's work shows that the most serious problem that PSHA faces seems to be that a majority of borrowers are simply not

paying their loan bills in part because PSHA has not done their duty to press them to repay their loans.

At the end of the 2008 fiscal year, PSHA considered that of the 538 regular housing loans they had made, 95% of the money was uncollectable.

By the end of the 2009 fiscal year, the

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# ONPA releases audit report on FSM Department of Education Supplemental Education Grant

*FSM Office of the National Public Auditor*

The report is available for public review online at the Auditor's website at [www.fs-mopa.fm](http://www.fs-mopa.fm) and copies are also available at the Auditor's offices in Palikir, Pohnpei and on Weno, Chuuk. The audit was conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GA-GAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The audit was conducted at the request of the Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means of the FSM Congress who asked the Public Auditor to verify that SEG grant funds had been expended in accordance with the requirements. As such, the main objective of the audit was to determine if the funds were expended in accordance with the Integrated Plan and the Grant Award Notification.

Based on the audit findings by the audit team, a review of SEG travel expenditure

documents identified eleven trips totaling \$41,395.61 that were funded using the SEG grant, but were not authorized in the Integrated Plan's Supplemental Education Grant Budget. In addition, SEG funds were also used to pay for two trips for programs that did not have travel funds authorized per the Integrated Plan's Supplemental Education Grant fund. As a result, National Department of Education (NDOE) has over obligated its available SEG travel budget by approximately \$51,942 and, it is unclear as to how NDOE will finance the trips not yet taken, but specified in the Integrated Plan.

Additionally, the audit team found that NDOE used the SEG funds to hire individuals for positions that were not included in the Integrated Plan. An Administrative Clerk in the main office and an Executive Secretary were both hired and paid using SEG funds designated for other positions. The audit team also found that the salary for the Program Manager for the Early

Childhood & Elementary Education Program was not authorized by the SEG grant but by the Education Sector Grant. During the 18-month grant period, the Clerk will be paid approximately \$9,200, the Executive Secretary will be paid approximately \$14,400, and the program manager will be paid approximately \$21,300 from the SEG grant. Use of SEG funds to pay for positions not authorized for SEG funds resulted in the shortage of funds to pay for authorized positions.

Furthermore, the audit revealed that there is no system in place to track Other Consumable Expenditure (OCE) by program. While OCE funds were used for items that are correctly classified as OCE, the usage of items purchased by program(s) was/were not recorded. For example, \$1,000 of OCE funds was used to purchase twenty five \$20 and fifty \$10 Telecards. There is no documentation as to whom the cards were distributed, or the program. Similarly, purchase of many items such as ink cartridges and paper are most likely used by the entire department and not just those programs funded by the SEG grant. At least \$27,838 of SEG funds were spent on general operating expenses that benefitted NDOE as a whole rather than the specific programs included in the Integrated Plan.

As a result, the audit team concluded that NDOE did not fully comply with the Integrated Plan pertaining to SEG. While most expenditures were made in accordance with the Integrated Plan, in some instances NDOE deviated without permission from the Grant Manager.

The audit report included several recommendations to address the aforementioned problems. The Secretary for NDOE should recognize that the Integrated Plan is a contract between the grantor and the grantee and should ensure that it is done in accordance with the approved Integrated Plan, or obtain written approval from the Grant Manager to deviate from the Integrated Plan. In regards to approved travels that are authorized for SEG funding as specified in the Integrated Plan, if deviations are also necessary, then written approval must be obtained from the Grant Manager. The Grant Manager's review of the notifications of grant award prior to execution should ensure terms and conditions are clear. In the event that the grant terms and conditions are not consistent with all intents and purposes following execution, then the Secretary should contact the grant manager to determine if an amendment should be processed and executed.

# U.S. conducts weather, disaster and climate workshops in F.S.M.

*Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia*

In August and September, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency National Weather Service (NOAA-NWS) Warning Coordinator Meteorologist Charles "Chip" Guard conducted Tropical Cyclone, Disaster Preparedness and Climate Workshops in Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap states. The two-day workshop covered approximately fourteen different weather and disaster-related modules, including volcanoes, tsunamis, climate change, rip currents, and tides. Mr. Guard presented in Kosrae August 11-13, Pohnpei August 24-27, Chuuk August 31 - September 2, and Yap September 21-23.

In addition to the workshop, Mr. Guard also


served as a guest speaker in the U.S. Embassy-College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) Forum Lecture Series. While in each state, Guard conducted island-specific presentations on historical typhoons, La Niña weather conditions, and entertained questions concerning the impacts of such weather systems. In all Guard presented to over 150 students, faculty, and interested community members who attended the lectures at the COM-FSM National Campus in Pohnpei and the state campuses in Kosrae, Chuuk, and Yap.

In addition to weather forecasts, severe storm warnings, and climate monitoring, NOAA conducts fisheries management, coastal restoration and marine commerce support. The agency provides accurate and timely information on oceanic and atmo-

spheric issues. NOAA is considered an international leader on scientific and environmental matters. Its mission is to understand and predict changes in Earth's environment and conserve and manage coastal and ma-

rine resources. NOAA also performs outreach such as the meetings in Chuuk and Pohnpei to promote an understanding of the ocean, coasts, and atmosphere.



  
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## Rotary Club of Pohnpei delivers more solar water stills

### Rotary Club of Pohnpei

The Rotary Club of Pohnpei in cooperation with the Rotary International (RI) District 2750 and assistance from the RI Foundation is in the process of delivering another 600 Solar Powered Water Stills to the remote islands in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Last year, 400 Stills were delivered to the Hall Islands, the Namonuito Islands, the Wetem Islands and some of the Mortlock Islands in Chuuk State of the FSM.

The water stills are intended to provide drinking water to the people of the outer islands during times of drought. Sea water is placed in the still and distilled water is produced through an evaporation and condensation process powered by the sun. The stills have the added benefit of producing salt as a by-product and the distilled water is suitable for use in the batteries that are widely utilized on the islands.

In September 2010, 90 Stills were loaded aboard the Caroline Voyager for delivery to Sapwuafik, Nukuoro and Kapingamarangi in Pohnpei State of the FSM. This delivery, which was accompanied by

Pohnpei Rotarian Melner Isaac, was particularly timely because the weather service has issued a warning that Kapingamarangi is expected to experience a severe drought over the next several months due to a La Nina condition. It has been suggested that the stills are unnecessary because the people can drink coconuts during times of drought. However, experience has shown that in times of drought, even the coconuts shrivel up and drop prematurely from the trees.

In late September, a voyage of the PMA ship Sea Haven took 215 stills to the islands of Losap, Piis-Emwar, Namoluk, Ettal, Kuttu, Lekinioch, and Ta to complete the delivery to the outer islands of Chuuk State. Pohnpei Rotarian Noel Boylan joined this voyage as well as Tokyo Rotarians Mariko Nishiyama and Mitsuhiko Sakamoto and Tokyo Rotaract member Toshki Rokugawa. This was an excellent opportunity for inter-cultural exchange and fellowship between the visiting Rotarians and the Micronesian Islanders. The kids are always willing ambassadors and tour guides and the visitors received an education about life on the remote islands.

The Caroline Voyager is current-

ly taking 35 stills to the islands of Mokil and Pingelap. Melner Isaac is once again accompanying the delivery to provide instruction and ensure the safe arrival and proper distribution of the stills.

Next year, after the Trade Winds subside, the Sea Haven will set sail for the outer islands of Yap State with 260 stills for delivery.

At completion of this project, 1000 stills will have been delivered to the outer islands of the FSM. This will help Rotary International in their effort to provide clean drinking water to everyone. Access to clean drinking water is considered to be so important that the United Nations has placed it high on their list of Millennium Development Goals.



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## ...Special Committee

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release said, "Despite this surprisingly late transmittal from the legislative, Mori was determined to avoid a government shutdown today, the first day of the 2011 fiscal year. He worked late into the evening of September 30, with his Cabinet members, to ensure a speedy and intensive review of the 2011 budget under Congressional Act 16-48."

Before the President's press release came out, an official spokesperson for Congress told The Kaselehlie Press on several occasions that the committees had worked on the budget until very late the previous night.

Speaker Figir in the Congress press release said that while Congress preferred to have passed the budget earlier in the month, "it was more important to do our job thoroughly and based on correct information, than (to) simply rubberstamp the bloated budget as submitted by the Executive; a budget which far exceeded the actual revenue projections for the upcoming year."

In the President's letter to Congress informing them of the fact that he had "grudgingly signed" the Budget Act into law, the President expressed extreme disappointment in the actions of

Congress. The letter which is referred to in his October 1 press release can be viewed at [www.fsmpio.fm](http://www.fsmpio.fm)

Speaker Figir, in a Congress press release dated October 4, entitled "Congress hopeful balanced 2011 Budget would curb financial mismanagement, said "the mud-slinging must stop. Our citizens deserve more from their leaders."

"What we hear from the Executive Branch behind closed doors is substantially different from what we read in these negative, politically charged statements," the Speaker said in response to the President's negative press release and public statements regarding Congress' actions.

"There are a lot of half-truths and misinformation being circulated. I urge every interested citizen to read the actual legislation and accompanying committee reports to learn the whole truth," he said.

Anyone with access to the Internet can do that at [www.fsmcongress.fm](http://www.fsmcongress.fm).

The President's transmittal letter to Congress said that Congress had reduced funding for National Scholarships by \$700,000, Social Security by \$800,000, Infrastructure contributions by approximately \$2.75 million, the FSM Trust Fund by \$500,000, the FSM Development Bank by \$1 million, and

the Capital Integrated Information System by \$300,000.

The Congress press release says that the Budget they passed shows that spending in the operations budget of the National Government is very similar to fiscal year 2010 levels. They noted that the National Scholarship and aid to non-public schools funding was increased above the level of the 2010 levels of spending.

The release said that the significant cuts from the President's recommended budget appear in line items that have never before existed. For instance, Congress cut \$1.6 million in "Legislative/Executive Discretionary Funds."

"It is very clear in the Standing Committee Reports that Committees were diligent in ensuring that approved budget items had to serve a legitimate purpose of this Nation to be funded," the release said.

From the Congress floor, a Senator read from the FSM Constitution, a passage that specifically says that income projections are to be transmitted to Congress by the Department of Finance and Administration. Congress used those budget projections as the basis for the budget it passed.

The President apparently used income projections that said there would \$14 million more in income than the figure

presented to Congress by the Department of Finance and Administration. The income figures the President used were apparently generated by the office of Statistics, Budget, and Overseas Coordination (SBOC), an office created by his administration.

Senator Dohsis Halbert, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee said on the floor of Congress that when presented with two figures for income projections the prudent way for his committee to proceed even without considering the Constitutionally mandated way of dealing with things is to take the lower of the two figures. He said that if Congress had accepted the higher figure and that figure turned out to be overstated then there would certainly be trouble for the government.

The President's October 1 press release also blamed Congress for "finally" passing only just over \$200,000 of his supplemental budget request of over \$342,000 that was needed to cover the 2010 fiscal year budget overruns.

Congress borrowed the President's term saying in their October 4 press release, "Congress also 'grudgingly' approved yet another supplemental (budget act 16-50) in order for all National Government employees to be paid this past week, despite mismanagement of funds by their supervisors and violations of the Financial Management Act by the Administration.

The Kaselehlie Press fielded several telephone calls from employees of the National Government who by press time reported that they still had not been paid.

"Congress members made it clear by their statements on the floor that they did not want to be part of a 'cover-up' of the violations or be accused of aiding those who have violated the law, but that paying employees for their services and salaries owed was a paramount concern," the Congress release said.

Speaker Figir, during a session of Congress read, only one sentence from a Presidential communication that otherwise would not have been part of the public record. In the sentence the Speaker read the President referred to the alleged violations of the Financial Management Act as a "source of embarrassment," to him.

On October 6, the last day of Congress, Senators passed, without fanfare, and with very little discussion from the floor on the matter, Vice Speaker Primo's resolution urging the Speaker to form a Special Investigation committee to look into those matters.

Speaker Figir had not yet responded at press time to our email asking him if he has already assigned members to that committee.

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# Pohnpei Soccer team conquers Guam's Crushers

## Pohnpei State soccer team

The Pohnpei State soccer team has just returned from a seven-day tour of Guam where the young squad made history by recording Pohnpei's first competitive win, thrashing the Crushers 7-1.

After 12 months of training, the squad of 14 coached by Englishmen Paul Watson and Matthew Conrad left for Guam on September 30 to play four games thanks to sponsors Coyne Airways.

The Pohnpei players were met by fantastic hospitality from the Pohnpeian community in Guam. Walden Weilbacher, founder of the Ayuda Foundation, mobilized the local Micronesians, who provided meals, drinks and support for the soccer stars.

The opening game against the Rovers ended in an unlucky 3-2 loss for Pohnpei, who dominated for most of the game. The Pohnpei goals were scored by young winger Rodrigo Matamba and towering defender Tom Mawi.

Excited by their first performance, a large crowd of passionate Pohnpeians turned up for the second contest and saw their heroes make history. Pohnpei demolished Guam side, the Crushers by a score of 7-1 to register the first ever official win by a team from the island.

Playing fantastic football, Pohnpei went ahead through Matthew Carlot before Nick Santiago added a second. Ryan Johnson made it 3-0. Pohnpei didn't look back with Johnson and Carlot getting one more each and Tom Mawi and Mike Selikar also scoring great goals. Charles Welson in the Pohnpei goal was almost unbeatable and made some stunning saves to deny the Crushers' strikers. After the game the emotional players celebrated with a Pohnpei flag. Celebrations raged long into the night.

The third game against Carpet Masters ended in a 2-0 defeat. Pohnpei missed a series of good chances and were unlucky when Rocky Henly's long-range drive flew just over the bar. Two penalty appeals were also turned down.

The final contest against a very strong Guam national side was 3-0 to Guam - a big improvement on the 16-1 defeat the last time the two teams met in 1998. Pohnpei could easily have won as Dilshan Senarathgoda, Nick Santiago and Mike Selikar all went close to scoring when one-on-one with the goalkeeper. Pohnpei impressed everyone in Guam and were highly praised in the local newspapers and TV stations.

There were meetings in Guam aimed at helping the Federated States of Micronesia join the East Asian Football Federation which would provide large amounts

of funding to develop the game in the region.

At the end of the tour, Guam Football Association chiefs Richard Lai and Tino San Gil presented a vast amount of football equipment that clubs in Guam have donated to Micronesia. Walden Weilbacher has very kindly agreed to transport the boots, balls and kits to Pohnpei.

On the final evening of the tour, a presentation was held for the Pohnpei players. Inspirational defender Denson Fairfield won the players' vote for Most Valuable Player while Nick Santiago and Roger Nakasone earned the coaches' awards.

Coaches Paul Watson and Matthew Conrad now plan to hand the managerial reins over to captain Dilshan Senarathgoda.

## POHNPEI STATE SQUAD FOR GUAM TOUR:

- Charles Welson
- Andrew Falcam
- Brian Taylor
- Rockson Henly
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- Roger Nakasone
- Mike Selikar
- Nick Santiago
- Dilshan Senarathgoda
- Marvin Jack
- Rodrigo Matamba
- Bob Paul
- Ryan Johnson
- Matthew Carlot



## College Prep Program: Local Brightest State-bound?

By Amber Ham

Amber Ham, Peace Corps Volunteer, and Whitney Hoot, World Teach Volunteer, announce the establishment of the College Prep Program (CPP) for 10 selected seniors from PICS who demonstrate high achievement inside and outside the classroom and who show a desire to attend college in the United States. For the next 10 weeks the students will be researching and applying for scholarships and financial aid (including Pell grants), writing resumes and letters of application, preparing for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), getting letters of recommendation, and finding and applying to schools in the States. This is program that will help the student be successful in getting into college.

Students and volunteers will meet every Thursday for 2 hours each week. The students will be held accountable for their progress and goals, much similar to the responsibilities of a freshman in college in the US. More importantly, they will learn valuable skills that will prepare them for the 4 year college experience.



In order to qualify, students in Miss. Hoot's class answered three personal questions and submitted the 5 paragraph essay. A selection committee chose the top 10 essays, presented an invitation to the selected students, and included a letter to parents with an explanation of the goals and mission statement of the Program.

The Program has high expectations for these students and looks forward to a productive semester. It is our goal to see some of Pohnpei's finest students studying in the States this time next year. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Amber at 922-5478 or Whitney at 923-1711.

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## Pohnpei Supreme Court dismisses Legislature's 'School Lunch' case

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—In a speedy and sometimes complex ruling, the Pohnpei Supreme Court, on September ruled to grant a Motion to Dismiss by the defendants in the case filed by the Seventh Pohnpei State Legislature on the matter of the Pohnpei School Lunch program. The ruling said that the civil action is dismissed without prejudice which essentially means that the Legislature can file on the subject matter again in a different way if any new claim doesn't have the same impediments as the claim that was dismissed.

The motion came as a result of written and oral arguments by Huddy T. Lucas from the Office of Legislative Counsel and State Attorney General Scott Garvey. A short hearing on the matter was held on August 18 in Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez' chambers during which time oral arguments were heard. Garvey argued on the record and Lucas read a prepared statement into the record.

Garvey was the defense attorney for John Ehsa, Churchill B. Edward, Thomas S. Pablo, and Joseph Villazon all in their official capacities.

In the motion to dismiss the defense argued that "Implementation of the school lunch program is a political question where the court lacks jurisdiction."

The Chief Justice ruled otherwise.

The defense argued that "Legislature is seeking an advisory opinion."

The Chief Justice ruled otherwise on this argument as well saying that the plaintiff specifically requested a "declaratory judgment" and injunctive relief.

The defense further argued that there was a "lack of personal jurisdiction, insufficient process and service of process."

The Chief Justice said that the gist of the argument made by the attorney for the de-

fendants is premised on the jurisdiction issue and the Trial Division of the Pohnpei State Supreme Court has personal jurisdiction over the parties of the case by the Pohnpei State Constitution Article 10 Section 4. The defendants' Motion to Dismiss failed on all of those grounds.

The defendants argued that the case failed "to state a claim upon which relief can be granted."

The Motion to Dismiss failed on those grounds as well because the Plaintiff's Complaint made several allegations upon which relief could be granted including various constitutional and statutory violations.

The defendants argued that there was a violation of Civil Procedure for "failure to join a necessary party." Pohnpei State, they argued is a necessary party to the case but the Legislature's case did not name the State as a defendant as 58 PC 2-108 specifically requires them to do. Instead they named employees of the State in their official capacities as defendants and excluded the State.

The Chief Justice said that the Legislature had filed a motion to "Amend the Caption." "In this case simply requesting to 'Amend the Caption' does not serve the same purpose as a Rule 19 Motion joining a party. Plaintiff does not even argue its Motion to Amend the Caption as a Rule 19 Motion." The justice ruled that the Defendant's motion to dismiss was successful on those grounds.

The defendants moved to "Strike all allegations of criminal misconduct."

The court said that the Legislature alleged some criminal actions and even prayed for criminal relief against the defendants. Instead of deleting that language and knowing that the Attorney General could not possibly prosecute such a case the plaintiff inserted the idea of a Special Prosecutor.

The Chief Justice said that firstly, there is no statute that would allow for the creation

of a Special Prosecutor within the State to handle matters such as were alleged in the Legislature's complaint. Secondly, the case was initiated as a civil matter and brought in accordance with the Pohnpei Civil Rules of Procedure, not the criminal rules.

"I find the idea of a Special Prosecutor of no merit," the Chief Justice ruled and granted the Defendants' Motion to Strike.

He added that the plaintiff has other remedies available under the Constitution and laws if in fact the defendants had a misconduct in office.

The most complex legal ruling by the Chief Justice in granting the defendants' motion to dismiss was the argument that there is a "lack of standing and thereby a violation of Pohnpei Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 12(b)(1) Lack of subject matter jurisdiction."

The court ruled that based on the facts and arguments the plaintiff has no standing to sue on the ground of Equal Protection "since it has no threatened injury to itself."

It ruled that the Legislature has no standing to sue on the grounds of the Executive violating Separation of Powers by enacting legislation since the Executive is not

enacting new legislation with its school lunch program. The legislation is already in place and will be implemented if sufficient funds are appropriated. The due date has not yet run and the Legislature still has other remedies including not appropriating funds for the program if they choose to do that.

The Court ruled that the Legislature has no standing to sue on a violation of 18 PC 1-139, Financing for the school lunch program because the due date of "October 15 has not come around yet." It is, therefore, not a justiciable issue yet. They can't sue on the basis of 18 PC 1-139 either because the Legislature is trying to enforce the rights of others and not rights flowing directly to the powers of the Legislature.

The Court said that the Legislature has no standing to sue on a violation of the Fiscal Procedures Agreement since the plaintiff will not itself suffer injury from the alleged misallocation of Compact funds making this a "generalized grievance which will harm people."

"If the Plaintiff lacks standing to bring the suit on the issues enumerated above, the Court thereby lacks subject matter jurisdiction on those issues," the Chief Justice ruled. He granted the motion of the defendants to dismiss the matter without prejudice.

## New JICA Volunteers Dispatched to Capital State of Federated States of Micronesia



Japan International Cooperation Agency

JICA Micronesia has welcomed two new members of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) into the Federated States of Micronesia, this time for Pohnpei State only.

The JOCV program has been established in the FSM since November of 1989. JICA Volunteer program's objective is to provide technical cooperation and actively support work for nation-building and human resource development in the FSM. JICA has been dispatching volunteers into the FSM for over 20 years now, focusing mainly on Education and Health, but have now expanded to other fields, such as Agriculture, Environment, Tourism, to name just a few.

Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency is the recipient organization for one of the new JICA Volunteers. Commenting on his goal at EPA, the JICA Volunteer said, "I will try my best to do activities for local people...I am not able to provide materially, but I am just a trig-

ger or one to prompt things by offering myself, manpower and skill in the Environmental field."

"I, too, want to help people, that is, teach teachers and students about how useful math is in everyday life," so said the second JICA Volunteer, who will be posted at Pohnpei State Department of Education, Division of Math and Science.

The new JOCV members arrived on October 1, 2010. Their names, technical field and post are as follows:

1. JOCV Mr. Kazuya Nishimura  
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EPA
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## ...Housing Authority

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percentage of uncollectable loan amounts improved to only 73%.

In 2008, uncollectable loans totaled \$5,946,802 out of a total principal balance of \$6,263,869.

In 2009 the amount deemed to be uncollectible had decreased to only \$4,893,666 out of approximately \$6,704,000 in principal.

Because collections were so scant, the Authority didn't have enough money to loan to customers who applied and had qualified for a loan.

The audit did not include a balance sheet or a profit and loss statement.

Some of the money the Authority did collect went missing. The audit said that cash receipts were not banked in a timely manner. It says that there are two employees who need to pay missing cash amounting to \$4,966 that disappeared during the audited period.

A prior audit found that employee advances are not being paid back as per the arranged payment schedule and at the end of 2008, \$218,096 in employee advances remained uncollected. At the end of 2009, employee advances which were booked to 25 accounts ranged from as little as \$34 to as much as \$71,096. The auditor said that most of the employees' bi-weekly allotment or salary deductions are very minimal when compared to the amount of the advances.

The audit also noted that important documents were entirely missing from several loan files.

In addition to providing regular housing loans, the Authority also monitors the Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) loan funds extended by the United States Department of Agriculture through Rural Development. Because of property ownership laws in Pohnpei as well as in the other states of the Federated States of Micronesia which don't allow for foreign ownership of land, Rural Development would not be able to loan money for housing in the FSM because it could not secure its loans using property as collateral as it would do in the United States. Pohnpei Housing Authority has served as trustee for Loan Guarantee Escrow Funds. The escrow fund was established during the first Compact of Free Association for the sole purpose of servicing loans made by Rural Development in the event that a borrower defaults on a loan. That escrow fund of \$500,000 has been exhausted as a result of paying for the escrow fund loan guarantees to Rural Development on 79 of 88 defaulted loans.

The authority still owed \$461,792 for 9 of the defaulted loans by the end of fiscal year 2009.

As an entity of the Pohnpei State Government PSHA has the legal authority and mandate to initiate foreclosure processes through the Attorney General's office in order to collect money it paid out on defaulted loans.

The audit says that before a loan reaches that stage Rural Development and PSHA should exhaust all other possible means of collecting delinquent loans including the possibility of moratorium payments, interest credit assistance, and provisions for an additional partial payment agreement. If all of that fails, PSHA with the continuing assistance of Rural Development is to work toward resolving the problems by other means such as assisting borrower to enter into agreements with Rural Development to sell or transfer the property to another eligible rural housing applicant, or to transfer the property under ineligible terms. (An ineligible term would be one in which a buyer who does not qualify as a low income borrower can take the property on a purchase basis.)

Governor John Ehsa said during a press conference held on October 12 said that there is a new administrator at PSHA whose first priority is administration. Some of the employees have been "shifted out of the Authority," and the Authority is in the process of making collections for delinquent home loans.

"Individual home loans are on hold right now," the Governor said.

"In hindsight," he said, speaking of the escrow arrangement with Rural Development, "we're not sure if it is a good relationship or not. Clearly the MOU (the memorandum of understanding between Rural Development and the Pohnpei Housing Authority) has been breached," he said.

Asked for clarification, the governor said, "We breached it." He explained that the Pohnpei Housing Authority guaranteed HPG loans of \$1.4 million dollars with only a \$500,000 escrow account to support the loans.

The audit said that the Authority had not done nearly enough to collect from delinquent borrowers.

Governor Ehsa said that the problems of the Pohnpei Housing Authority had taken a long time to develop, implying that those problems had not suddenly sprung up during his watch. He said that his administration is searching internationally for monetary solutions to the problems.

He said that during the 2010 fiscal year there were nine applications for HPG home loans and that six were approved and funded. He didn't say what collateral was used to secure the approved HPG loans.

PSHA's Housing Loan Program loans (separate from HPG loans) are categorized by amount and term. Level I loans are loans for up to \$8000 and up to a 15 year term. At the end of the audit period

there were 196 loans at that level. 157 loans were issued at level II for loans up to \$16,000 and up to a 13 year term. 103 loans were on the authority's books at Level III which includes loans of up to \$25,000 and terms of up to 11 years. 71 loans were given under Level IV which includes loans up to \$35,000, the maximum amount available for loan by the Authority, and up to a nine year repayment term.

The auditors noted that other loans were given including eight who were granted loans that were over the maximum legislated amount of \$35,000.

Auditors classified three other loans as "no level" loans because the information available on those loans shows only the loan balance. Nothing is recorded at the Authority regarding the original principal amount of those loans.

The audit noted that:

- There were no follow up letters sent to borrowers from 30% to 63% of the borrowers in all levels.
- There were no subsequent collections from 30% to 45% of the borrowers in all levels.
- There were differences between the balances that were recorded in the general and subsidiary ledgers of level I borrowers and in a quarter of the level II borrowers loan files.
- Subsidiary ledger files of 5% of Level I borrowers are missing.
- There is no aging schedule of loans receivable for any of the borrowers.
- There is no loan amortization schedule for individual borrowers.
- There are no regular monthly loan collection letters sent out to the borrowers.

Auditors recommended that PSHA should:

- take a more aggressive approach in enforcing compliance on those who have repeatedly violated loan agreements on loan repayment by serving notices on delinquent loans;
- establish a lending manual including procedures for loan collection such as an aging schedule, and an amortization schedule in order to expedite collection of delinquent loans;
- strengthen controls on employee salary allotments to ensure collection;
- conduct periodic reconciliation of loans receivable records to facilitate collection of delinquent loans;
- refer delinquent regular loans to collection agencies or to legal firms;
- update and refer defaulted loans including all loans that have reached maturity to the Attorney General's office for foreclosure;
- provide liability insurance coverage by borrowers for all loans; and
- replenish regular loan funds with the collection from delinquent loans.

The audit also found that required monthly accomplishment reports, an annual report to the Governor and the Board of Directors for annual accomplishments, and other reports requested by the Board of

Directors are not being done. It results in a lack of review and oversight to assess whether performance accomplishments are in accordance with plans. The audit said that they were told that the person who knew how to do the reports no longer works at the Authority and no one else knew how to do them.

Welson Panuel, PSHA Director, in his response to the audit made two requests for the auditor's office to consider:

"Assigning one of your auditors to the PSHA for over-seeing duties in ensuring auditing standards are not deviated and for other advice as deem necessary."

"Audit frequency (financial or performance) of the PSHA to be done on an annual basis so deviations could be caged in due time and dealt with accordingly, last audit your office did at the PSHA was in 2002."

Panuel said that things are definitely changing at the PSHA. He said that there currently are several foreclosures in process at the Attorney General's office and his office has begun delivery state wide of delinquency notices.

"The PSHA has adopted several new policies and guidelines to best address internal and external problematic issues, new loan fee, etc," he wrote. "There is absolutely no laxity room under current leadership and priority attentions are fully geared toward activities to change things into the positives."

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## Pohnpei State holds Clean Up the World 2010 event

### Australian Embassy

On September 17, 2010 Governor John Esha gave half-day administrative leave to all Pohnpei State employees so they could take part in the 2010 Clean Up the World event that was sponsored by the Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency and co-sponsored by the Australian Embassy. This annual clean-up event, organized by EPA Environmental Specialist Mr. Charles Lohn who was also the Chairman of this year's Clean up the World 2010 planning committee, has been held in Pohnpei for more than 10 years. This year, more than 5,000 individuals took part in clean-up activities both on land and in the marine environment.

In the declaration that Governor Esha signed for the day, he stated that this year's theme was "Communities Caring for Nature" and said that "on this day, I hope we will all go out and clean up the litter and trash that we have thoughtlessly allowed to accumulate around our yards, schools, workplaces, waterways, roadsides and shores, and once again beautify this island for our enjoyment and healthy livelihood"

A formal opening ceremony was held at the Governor's conference room at 9:00 am on September 17th. It was attended by the division heads for all state government departments, many NGO's, and state employees.

The ceremony opened with welcoming remarks from Menin Keder Lapalap, Mr. Pretrick Ringlen, from the Madolenihmw Municipal Government. Because the Governor was not able to attend, the Director of Finance, Mr. Thomas Pablo, gave remarks on the Governor's behalf. Also giving remarks were Mr. Naoyoshi Sasaki of JICA and Ambassador Susan Cox of the Australian Embassy.

After the ceremony, all state employees went out to the areas that they were assigned to by their respective divisions and began picking up trash. The Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture took the lead to form the marine clean up group along with other state departments that have boats such as EPA, PPA, CSP and the Economic Development Authority. All public schools were also given a half-day and students were assigned to clean up around their areas with 1st through 5th graders assigned to clean up their classrooms and campuses and 6th through 8th graders were assigned to clean up along the side of the roads that are close to their schools.

All in all it was a very busy day at the dump site in Dekehtik with more than 10 tons of truck-loads of garbage delivered that day. Since communities were asked to continue clean-up efforts throughout the weekend, dump trucks were also scheduled to go out on Monday September 20th to continue to collect the trash that was laid beside the main road. Municipal trucks also collected trash bags from secondary roads. The EPA, with the help of the two PTA dump trucks, continued collection of collected trash until the 22nd of September to make sure that all trash laid on the side of the road was collected.

The EPA Awareness Division videotaped the day's event and has produced an educational video that will be shown on ICTV and used during EPA's upcoming School Visits Program to highlight the environmental problems that littering causes for Pohnpei.

The Australian Embassy arranged for a videographer from the FSM Public Information Office to record the activities of the day. This footage will be forwarded to the Australian Network for a planned program to highlight Clean Up the World activities across all of the Pacific, including Pohnpei, and will later be shown on the Australian Network channel sometime in December.

The Pohnpei State EPA would like to thank our sponsors for this year's Clean Up the World event. The following businesses and agencies contributed critical funding and

donations to make this a very successful event: The Australian Embassy, JICA, Caroline Fisheries Corporation (CFC), Ocean Care Company (OCC), Luenthai, PT&S, Upward Bound, the Village Restaurant, and True Value.

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping Pohnpei beautiful for the sake of our health and for the health of our environment. Please remember the 4R's: Refuse, Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle, and we can all enjoy the beauty of our island.



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## U.S. commemorates fallen journalist

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On October 9, Pohnpei local band Wetter Than Seattle dedicated its live performance at the Rusty Anchor in Nett to the 9th Annual Daniel Pearl World Music Days. The World Music Days "Harmony for Humanity" is inspired by the life and work of Wall

Street Journal reporter and musician Daniel Pearl, who, in 2002, was murdered by terrorists while investigating a story in Pakistan. U.S. Embassy Chargé d' Affaires Lori Dando thanked those present at the event, calling the global initiative a "tribute to all the visionary men and women who use the power of music to lift peoples of different backgrounds and beliefs above the differ-

ences that set us apart."

The Daniel Pearl Foundation was established as a global concert network affirming the ideals of tolerance, friendship and shared humanity. The inauguration of Daniel Pearl Music Days in October 2002 was launched with a huge impact, incorporating over 100 concerts in 18 countries. Musi-

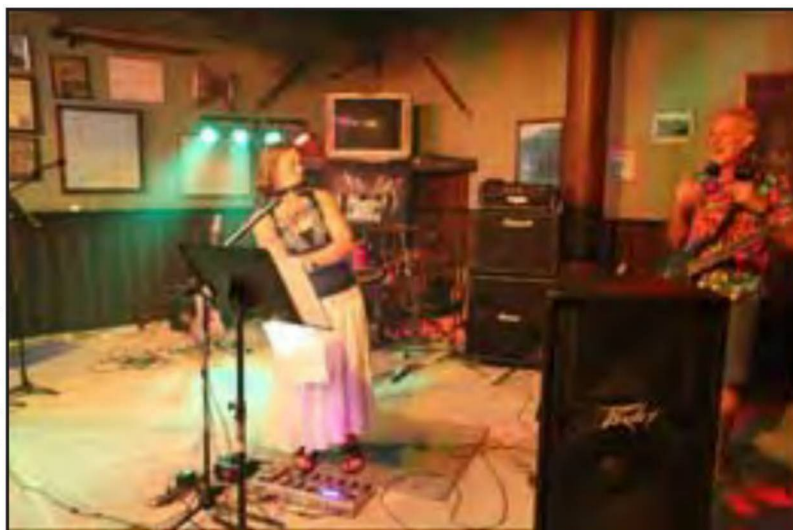
cians ranging from small amateur bands to the symphony orchestras of Atlanta, Boston and Chicago dedicated performances to the ideals for which Pearl stood: friendship, tolerance and a love of humanity.

For 2010 there are currently over 1,500 events registered in 71 countries.



*Wetter Than Seattle plays in honor of the late Daniel Pearl during its live show October 9. Pearl was murdered in Pakistan in 2002.*

*U.S. Embassy Chargé d' Affaires Lori Dando and Wetter Than Seattle member Bill Jaynes at the live performance at the Rusty Anchor in Pohnpei October 9.*



## Australian Immersion Program visits Chuuk and Pohnpei

A group of twelve Australian boys from St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, of Lane Cove, New South Wales recently visited the FSM for their Micronesian Immersion 2010 program. The group spent two days in Chuuk and five in Pohnpei taking part in various service activities.

According to their website, "Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview, is a Catholic School run by the Society of Jesus. As such, it is grounded in and informed by the values inherent in Ignatian education. Our Mission is to provide an all-round education for boys that inspires them to a life-long development of their faith. This means they will seek understanding, strive for justice and commit to the service of others with discernment, conscience and courage."

This immersion program is an Ignatian event held for students during the holidays between their Term III and Term IV years at the college. This has been the third group of boys from St. Ignatius' College to visit the FSM. The first group came in September of 2008.

Whilst staying in Chuuk and Pohnpei the students and two staff took part in various Ignatian Service activities including

spending time with students at Xavier High School, assisting teachers in the classrooms at Pohnpei Catholic School and Palikir Elementary School, and engaging in work run by Jesuit International volunteers. In Pohnpei they also visited the Micronesian Seminar and Nahlap resort.

The Immersion program is an annual event and students fundraise to pay their own way. As part of the Ignatian experience, journaling and reflection are a daily part of their program. According to John McKeon of the not-for-profit Mates Abroad, "Riverview is a leader in these social justice programs. The students do carry out in a very practical way the motto of the Jesuits, which is to be men and woman for others."

Australian Ambassador Susan Cox hosted a breakfast for the group on the morning of their departure from Pohnpei to get feedback on their visit. The boys provided positive feedback on their experiences and on how beautiful the islands were. Their only disappointment was that because of airline delays they were only able to spend two days in Chuuk instead of five as they had planned.



## AusAID Sponsors Primary Trauma Care Courses in Pohnpei and Chuuk

AusAid, through the Pacific Islands Project, sponsored two 2-day courses on Primary Trauma Care (PTC) in Pohnpei and Chuuk last month. Dr Wayne Morris an Anaesthetist from Christchurch, New Zealand and Dr Chris Bowden an Anaesthetist from Frankston, Victoria, Australia were the instructors for the courses which were held at the Pohnpei State Hospital Training Room and the conference room at Chuuk Hospital respectively.

In addition to the PTC course in Pohnpei, a one-day PTC Instructor Course was held where local hospital staff from Chuuk and Pohnpei were trained to be instructors for the PTC course. Seven people attended the instructor course – four doctors, one nurse, one representative of the Micronesia Red Cross Society and one nurse anaesthetist. The 2-day course in Chuuk was then organised and taught by the newly trained local instructors from Chuuk. The aim of these courses was to teach trauma management knowledge and skills to course participants and also to train and develop the skills of local PTC instructors.

Trauma is a major cause of death and disability in many developing countries. In the Federated States of Micronesia there are limited resources for dealing with trauma patients and limited training. The Primary Trauma Care course was developed to train health care workers to effectively and systematically manage trauma patients. The course is specifically designed for health care providers working in developing countries and takes into account the resource shortages in these countries. Course teaching is rapidly handed over to local

instructors. PTC is now being taught in many parts of the world, including many countries in Africa, South America and Asia.

Trauma statistics are unavailable in FSM, but most trauma deaths and disability on Pohnpei are caused by road traffic crashes or falls from vehicles or trees. In Chuuk there are a considerable number of deaths and injuries due to penetrating injuries caused by sharpened steel darts fired by a slingshot. Other causes of injury include boat crashes, machetes, shark bites, and burns or blast injury sustained while dynamite fishing.

Twenty people attended the Pohnpei course including six nurses, six health assistants, 5 doctors, one nurse anaesthetist and 2 representatives of the Micronesian Red Cross Society (involved with disaster planning). Up to 33 people attend the Chuuk course. There were 19 nurses, one nurse anaesthetist, one ambulance driver and 12 doctors.

Dr Johnny Hedson, surgeon, was the local organiser for Pohnpei while Dr Kennedy Remit, also a surgeon, was the local organiser in Chuuk.

In Pohnpei, Australian Ambassador H.E. Susan Cox attended the closing ceremony of the 2-day course and presented the course certificates. She also presented an airway trainer, donated by the Pacific Island Project / AusAID.

A PTC committee has been formed and plans are under way to commence regular PTC training, starting with a course in Pohnpei in February-March 2011.

## FSM Department of Health's Status Report on Effect of H1N1 Pandemic in FSM

*FSM Department of Health*

*October 13, 2010*

On August 10th, the World Health Organization announced that the world had entered the post pandemic period, in other words that the H1N1 Pandemic of 2009 was officially considered over. This announcement was a result of the fact that, in most places, the pandemic (or worldwide epidemic) has largely run its course and the virus responsible (H1N1) is now behaving like a typical seasonal influenza. In some places in the world, there continue to be significant influenza outbreaks, but the H1N1 is no longer considered a global threat.

The FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs is pleased that the effects of the N1N1 Pandemic were relatively mild in the FSM,

with very few confirmed cases and relatively little impact on our populations. This is largely due to diligent work of the State Departments of Health Services, both clinicians and Public health, in screening people with suspected illness and providing appropriate treatment, isolation, and vaccination and education measures to prevent the ongoing spread of the disease throughout the community. It is also due to the important work of our partners, including the US Centers for Disease control, World Health Organization, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, all the members of the communities themselves, in coping with the disease. We were also very lucky, in that this pandemic virus turned out to be much milder than it could have been.

Any new disease outbreak is always charac-

terized by uncertainty-our preparations and response were necessarily aggressive because of this uncertainty. We have learned many lessons from this pandemic, including the importance of planning and preparation, but also the need to be flexible enough to adjust our plans to changing situations. While we expect the current H1N1 vaccine to continue to circulate as a seasonal influenza virus for many years to come, there remains the possibility of new influenza viruses, including avian influenza viruses, invading our communities. As we move forward, we must all work together to remain vigilant to the possibility of future serious influenza outbreaks, practice good hygiene techniques such as frequent hand washing, and report any unusual illnesses immediately to local health authorities.

## Limited Time for FSM Absentee Ballot Applications

*FSM Information Services*

*October 11, 2010*

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## British Ambassador Stephen Lillie presents his credentials to President Mori

*FSM Information Services*

*October 12, 2010*

**Palikir, Pohnpei** - This morning, President Mori met with British Ambassador Stephen Lillie of the British Embassy in Manila, to officially receive Lillie's letters of credence.

A letter of credence is an official letter sent by one head of state to another head of state, formally granting diplomatic accreditation to a named individual to be their ambassador in the country of the head of state receiving the letter.

The ceremony was attended by Vice President Alik; Ambassador Weidong Zhang of the People's Republic of China; Ambassador Susan Cox of Australia; Genichi Terasawa, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Japanese Embassy; and Lori Peterson Dando, Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy, as well as members of the Cabinet.

Lillie expressed the great honor he felt in having been appointed British Ambassador to the FSM. He highlighted that the UK is a Pacific Island Forum Dialogue Partner and that the UK foreign minister had attended the Pacific Island Forum Meeting in Vanuatu this past summer, reaffirming Britain's commitment to maintaining strong links to the Pacific region.

On the issue of climate change, Lillie welcomed the initiatives undertaken by the FSM to raise international awareness of and action against climate change, including, he said, "through the Green Energy Micronesia Initiative, and the powerful speech delivered to this year's UN General Assembly by his Excellency Vice-President Alik."

"We shall continue to offer practical assistance to the FSM through our contributions to the European Union's de-

velopment assistance program here, which assists sustainable development in areas such as renewable energy and disaster risk reduction," said Lillie.

Mori congratulated Ambassador Lillie on his accreditation and took the opportunity to reaffirm the FSM Government's commitment to strengthen the good relations between FSM and the UK. He reminded all those present that FSM had supported the UK candidature to the Human Rights Council, and to the International Court of Justice. "Our collaboration is based on shared democratic principles and values," said Mori.

He also took the opportunity to applaud the UK's continued efforts in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and informed Lillie that the FSM Government will be participating in the UN Climate Change Conference in Mexico later this year.

"The FSM Government will continue to seek the support of the UK Government and the European Union during this important event," said Mori, "to combat climate

change." Mori explained that the FSM, with the support of other small island developing states, has developed a proposal which will be brought forward at the Conference, to phase out HFCs and altogether eliminate one of the six gases listed under the Kyoto Protocol.

After the ceremony and delivery of their respective speeches, Mori and Lillie held a brief private meeting. During this meeting, President Mori reiterated that climate change was certainly the "biggest challenge in our lifetime." He emphasized that FSM was not only looking for support from the UK Government, but also welcomed their guidance in the area of climate change.

Lillie confirmed that climate change threatens the world's prosperity for basic needs such as water, food and energy security. He spotlighted the fact that the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference will be an opportunity to regain momentum for an international agreement on the issue. "We will have to work collectively to persuade the US towards an agreement," said Lillie.



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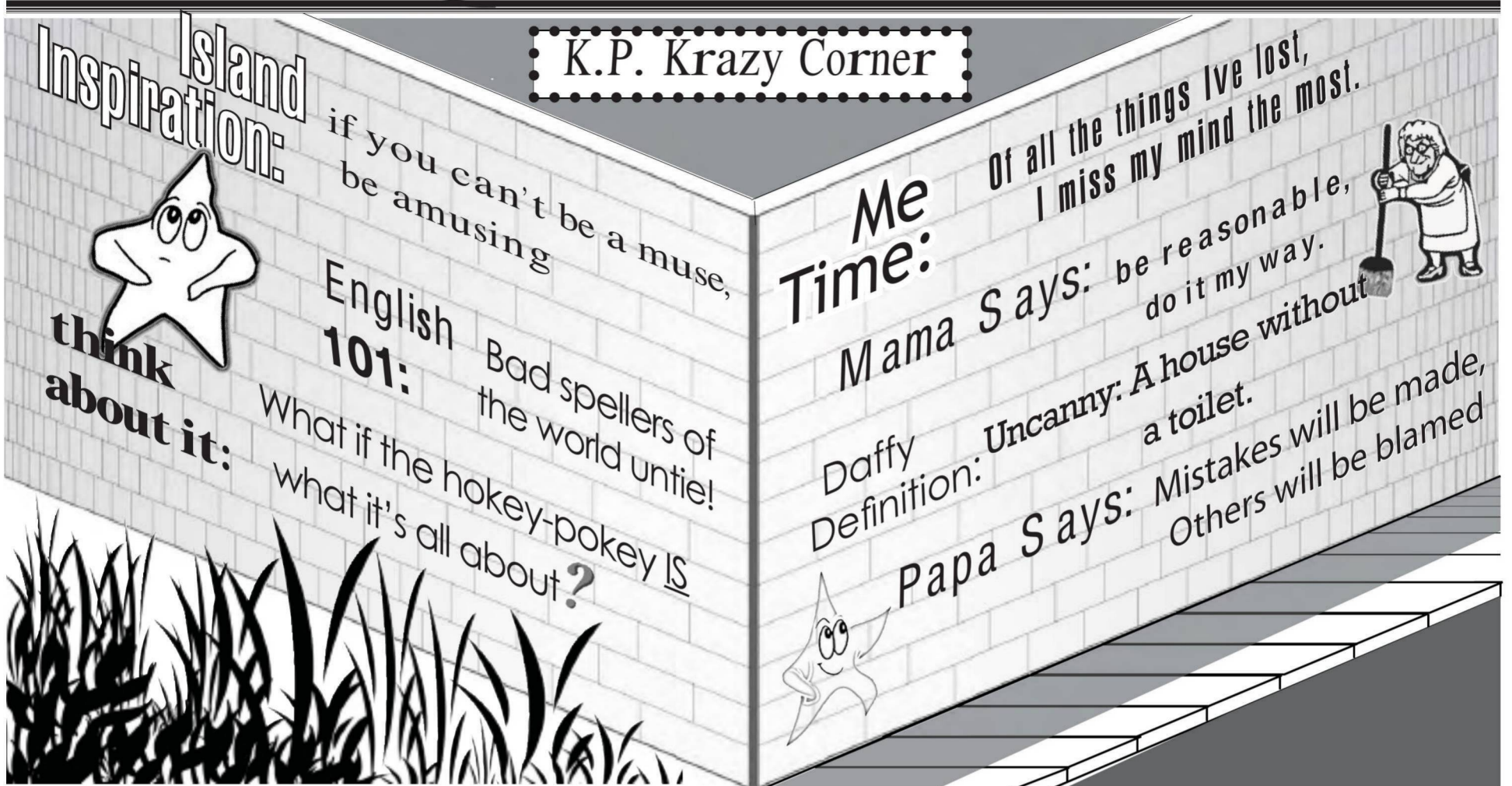
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**Kathay Larsen**  
*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

Pohnpei really is an island paradise! This fact is evident if you just look around at all of the wonderful food that is growing on the island. One type of great food found here is our citrus fruit (karer). There are lemons, limes, and even limited amounts of tangerines and oranges.

Citrus fruit contains high amounts of Vitamin C. You need this vitamin to stay healthy. Vitamin C assists the body's use of iron, which is important for making strong blood, and providing energy! Citrus fruit also contains other vitamins and minerals, which are important to help you stay healthy.

It is important to buy local citrus instead of buying the imported citrus. Imported citrus cost more and are not as fresh, and thus are likely to have lost some of its vitamin C and other nutrient content. The imported citrus may have chemicals on it that are not healthy. Local citrus are a much better nutritional and economical value.



in the refrigerator for storage. They will keep longer and not change to that brown colour so quickly. We all like to use a squeeze of lime for our sashimi sauce as well – it gives it just the right taste. When you have a stuffy cold or sinus headache, pour hot water over some lemon leaves and place your head over the steam and cover up your head and the bowl with a towel so the vapors don't escape.

Why don't you make some lemonade or limeade tonight for your family – it's been a hot day and they deserve it. Just be sure not to add sugar, or add some natural sweetness from a local coconut!

Acknowledgements to the Secretariat of the Pacific Community citrus food leaflet for its information.

The easiest and most valuable way to get the vitamins and minerals contained in citrus is to eat it right from the tree. You can also quench your thirst with a refreshing citrus drink. If you want to juice your citrus, roll it back and forth along the counter, with moderate pressure, then cut into it and squeeze the juice out into a glass.

In order for a citrus tree to grow, it needs to have plenty of soil, so that the deep roots will be able to drink up plenty of fresh water. They also need space and not be crowded so that the roots will have room to properly grow. In order to grow a citrus tree, you can use the seeds from ripe fruit, then place them ½ inch below the soil surface, in a place that gets a fair amount of shade. Once they are about 8 inches tall, then you can transplant them to a place that get a lot of sun, and where they have room to grow without fighting for nutrients with other plants.

Some of the around the house uses for citrus are as follows: You can use lemon or lime juice to remove some stains, like rust, from your clothing. Lemons and limes are a good alternative to vinegar. If you are diabetic and on a salt restricted diet, then use lemon or lime to flavor your food and you will enjoy your food without salt.

If you want to preserve other fruits, dip them in lemon or lime juice, then put them

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## Astronomical Tide Prediction October 18 - 31, 2010

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
<b>Monday</b>	10/18		10/25		10/18		10/25	
	12:26AM	3.5	03:48AM	3.3	07:35AM	0.2	02:48AM	0.6
	07:12AM	1.5	09:25AM	1.1	02:34PM	1.2	07:31AM	0.1
	01:43PM	3.4	04:03PM	4.8	07:17PM	0.9	02:51PM	2.2
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/19		10/26		10/19		10/26	
	01:03AM	3.6	04:18AM	3.1	12:23AM	1.3	03:06AM	0.4
	07:27AM	1.4	09:47AM	1.2	07:16AM	0.3	07:36AM	0.0
	01:52PM	3.8	04:33PM	4.7	01:59PM	1.3	03:16PM	2.2
<b>Wednesday</b>	10/20		10/27		10/20		10/27	
	01:32AM	3.7	04:50AM	2.8	12:49AM	1.2	03:10AM	0.3
	07:44AM	1.3	10:09AM	1.4	07:03AM	0.3	07:33AM	0.0
	02:07PM	4.1	05:06PM	4.6	01:43PM	1.5	03:43PM	2.2
<b>Thursday</b>	10/21		10/28		10/21		10/28	
	01:59AM	3.7	12:12AM	1.5	01:13AM	1.2	07:16AM	-0.1
	08:01AM	1.2	05:26AM	2.6	06:58AM	0.3	04:11PM	2.1
	02:25PM	4.3	10:30AM	1.6	01:42PM	1.7		
<b>Friday</b>	10/22		10/29		10/22		10/29	
	02:25AM	3.7	01:18AM	1.7	01:37AM	1.1	06:46AM	-0.1
	08:21AM	1.1	06:21AM	2.3	07:02AM	0.2	04:39PM	1.9
	02:46PM	4.6	10:49AM	1.9	01:51PM	1.9		
<b>Saturday</b>	10/22		10/30		10/23		10/30	
	02:25AM	3.7	03:09AM	1.8	02:02AM	1.0	06:29AM	-0.2
	08:21AM	1.1	08:13PM	3.6	07:11AM	0.2	05:03PM	1.7
	02:46PM	4.6			02:08PM	2.1		
<b>Sunday</b>	10/24		10/31		10/24		10/31	
	03:20AM	3.5	05:00AM	1.8	02:26AM	0.8	06:28AM	-0.1
	09:03AM	1.1	12:21PM	2.7	07:22AM	0.1	04:49PM	1.4
	03:35PM	4.8	03:46PM	2.6	02:28PM	2.2		
	10:10PM	1.1	10:28PM	3.5	09:55PM	0.0		

## FSM Participates in Regional Meeting in Guam on Nutrition, Diet and Lifestyle

**By Emihner Johnson**

A six-member team from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) recently participated in the Workshop on Nutrition, Diet, and Lifestyle: Scaling up Action in the Pacific, held in Guam from September 20-24, 2010, at the Hilton Hotel and Spa. Over 40 other participants from Guam, Saipan, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands and American Samoa participated, as well as consultants and officers from the World Health Organization, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

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During the workshop, participants were enlightened by the presentation of the experts on Nutrition, Multi-Nutrients, Local Fruits and Vegetables, Salt Reduction, and Physical Exercise.

The Concept of GO LOCAL was presented in a new Draft Guidelines Booklet as supported by FAO and written by Dr. Lois Englberger of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP). Emihner Johnson of IFCP made this oral presentation on behalf of Dr. Englberger.

During this full, busy five-day workshop, each morning was kicked off by a morning jog that started at 7 am, followed by presentations from experts and country representatives and ending with in-door aerobics exercise or zumba dancing exercise sessions. Also a part of this workshop was a cooking demonstration and a blood sugar examination for each participant.

On the last day of the workshop, each jurisdiction decided on the areas of NCD that they planned to prioritize and came up with a plan of action, which

they would carry out. The FSM team selected Salt Reduction as the priority area. Four Pacific jurisdictions took up the Go Local Approach as one of their priorities for plans of action; these were Guam, Marianas, American Samoa, and the Marshall Islands.

The FSM participants were Kipier Lip-pwe, of the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs, Marlyter Silbanuz of the FSM Department of Resources and Development, Sennyorina Kun Yang from the Business Sector representing Kosrae, Kantito Kanas, of State Department of Agriculture, Moria Shomour of the Chuuk Department of Health Services and Emihner Johnson of IFCP, representing Pohnpei.

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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

1. Classroom Teacher, Kosrae High School (1975-1977)
2. Coordinator Educator for Self-Government Task Force (1977-1978)
3. Member, First Kosrae Legislature (1977-1978)  
Chairman, Resources and Development Committee
4. State Health Planner 1979-1987
5. Administrative Officer III, Department of Health Services (1987-1995)
6. Director, Department of Agriculture & Land (1995-1999)
7. Director, Department of Agriculture, Land & Fisheries (1999-Nov 2004)
8. Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs, FSM National Government (November 2004 to May 11, 2007)
9. Consultant, Department of Health, Education and Social affairs FSM National Government (May 12 to November, 2007)
10. Consultant to the Department of Resources and Economic Affairs, State of Kosrae (January, 2008 to August, 2008)
11. Administrator, FSM MiCare Health Insurance Plan (September 2008 to Present):

**OTHER COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

(1978) President, First Utwe Municipal Charter Commission	(1999-2000) Chairman, Future Kosrae Task Force (2001-2004)
(1980-1982) Chairman, Kosrae State Board of Education	Vice-Chairman, Kosrae Economic Project Improvement Council (KEPIC 2002-2004)
(1988) Chairman, 1st Kosrae Municipal Leadership Conference	Chairman, Board of Directors, Utwe-Walung Marine Park, (Member since 1996)
1988 President, 2nd Utwe Charter Commission	(2001-2007) Member, FSM National Oceanic Resources Management Authority (NORMA), Representing Kosrae State (2005-2007)
(1989-1990) Chairman, Utwe Municipal Council	Vice-Chairman, NORMA (Nov 2004-Nov 2007)
(1991-1992) Advisor to Utwe Municipal Mayor	Chairman, FSM Association of Chief State School Officers (FACSSO) (Nov 2004-Nov.2007)
(1993-1994) Vice-Chairman, Kosrae State Appeal Board	Chairman, FSM Health Officers Associations (2005)
1994- Nov 2004 Chairman, Board of Directors Kosrae Utility Authority	Member, Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) Board of Directors (March 2006-Oct 2007)
(1995) Floor Leader, 2nd State Constitutional Convention	President, Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA: Health Directors/Minister/Secretaries from American Samoa, CNMI, RMI, Palau, Guam and FSM)
(1998) President, 3rd Utwe Charter Commission (1998-2002)	
Chairman, Kosrae Task Force on Joint Compact Negotiation (JCN) (1999-2000)	
Advisor to Utwe Municipal Mayor	

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