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Pohnpei observes the 2012 International Day of Disaster Reduction and World Food Day

Disaster Risk Management Network

Kolonia, Pohnpei—Last Saturday, October 13, marked the second International Day for Disaster Reduction in the FSM that was held at the Spanish Wall on a beautiful sunny Pohnpei day where it only rained once. This year, the event was combined with World Food Day and was attended by over 500 people.

The joint event was organized by the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Network, which is a collection of government agencies, official missions, international, regional, and local organizations that work on disaster risk reduction and climate change in the FSM. The DRM Network is co-chaired by the Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Following the introductions to the event, the Lt. Governor of Pohnpei, Honorable Marcello Peterson, delivered the keynote address. He stressed the importance of raising awareness on the risks associated with climate change and the increase incidence and severity of natural disasters. The Lt. Governor reminded the audience of the devastating earthquake and tsunami of March 2011 that shattered so many lives in Japan and stressed how critical it is for individuals, schools, communities, and our government agencies to be prepared. This year's theme for the

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ABOVE:
Student going through the Japanese Embassy Photo Display



L-R: Lt. Governor Marcello Peterson; Mr. Adelino Lorens, Chief of Agriculture; Mr. Andrew Yatilman, Director of OEEM; Mr. Ashley Carl, IOM Chief of Mission; Mrs. Susana Sohs, President of Pohnpei Women's Advisory Council; Silepe of Our Lady of Mercy, Deacon Augustine Damarlane;

FSM Court grants preliminary injunction in PUC matter

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

October 23, 2012

Palikir, Pohnpei—Governor Ehsa's decisions and orders regarding the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation have been temporarily overturned by the FSM Supreme Court.

On Monday, October 22, Chief Justice Martin G. Yinug issued a preliminary

injunction restraining Governor Ehsa from: 1) terminating or suspending PUC General Manager Feliciano Perman from his position as PUC General Manager; 2) from terminating or suspending PUC Board members Francisco Mendiola and Wilbur Walter; 3) from implementing the EIG MOU or any MOU agreement not approved by the PUC Board after an appropriate bid evaluation process; and 4) from ordering PUC or its General Manager (or anyone else)

to enter into an agreement or a memorandum of understanding with a bidder who was not chosen through a fair bidding evaluation and whose contract is not first approved by the PUC Board of Directors.

The preliminary injunction does not signal the end of the lawsuit filed by Perman, Mendiola, and Walter, and by FSM Petroleum Corporation and does not mean that the plaintiffs have prevailed in the larger matter

of issuance of declarative and permanent injunctive relief.

The preliminary injunction will be in effect only until such time as the full case has been presented and the court renders a final decision.

The plaintiffs have been ordered to pay an injunction bond. The Chief Justice's ruling said that the defendant "did not ask for a bond or specify any certain amount or even comment on the point." Yinug set the amount of the bond at \$1000.

Chief Justice Yinug made his ruling based on

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Vital to build and operate 100 kw solar array on Guam

Vital Energy, Inc.

PITI, GUAM - Another energy milestone was reached this week with an agreement between Vital Energy Inc. and the Guam Power Authority (GPA) that will allow Vital to build and operate a 100 kW solar array at the GPA Bulk Fuel Facility on the island.

For Vital it's the first step in an 18-month project to facilitate investment in over 1MW of generation capacity from solar arrays across its six locations throughout Micronesia.

"We aim to be the only petroleum corporation in the region that distributes fossil fuels from entirely renewable means," says Vital Chairman of the Board, Mr. William Hawley. "Our solar projects will complement our biofuels program being launched in 2013 and move us slowly but surely towards this goal."

Vital, and its parent company, FSM PetroCorp, currently spends between \$300,000 and \$400,000 annually in electricity bills and the application of the latest renewable technologies will enable

the company to significantly reduce utility costs and pass on operational savings to its customers.

The strategic program of work is also in harmony with the mandates of the Chief Executives' - the Governors of Guam, Saipan, Kosrae, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and the President of the FSM- state and national energy policies to move toward less dependence on fossil fuels and broaden the regional energy mix with renewables.

"Current electricity expenses comprise approximately 25% of our total operation cost," says Vital Chief Operating Officer, Jonathan Perez. "The installation of a solar system, whilst capital intensive, will provide long-run cost benefits that will enable us to allocate resources towards maintenance and safe operations of the GPA facility, and ultimately provide GPA long-term savings."

Vital Energy was selected amongst numerous bidders as the most qualified and competitive to manage and operate the GPA Bulk Fuel Facility in April this year. The 538,000bbl facility supplies nearly all of Guam's energy needs.



L to R: GPA SPORD Manager John Cruz, P.E., GPA GM Joaquin Flores, P.E., GPA Assistant GM Melinda Camacho, GPA Special Project Engineer Paz Tison, Vital COO Jonathan Perez, and Vital Guam Terminal Manager Jose Yamashita.

GPA General Manager Joaquin Flores, in a letter to Perez, thanked Vital for its "investment in renewable energy and your efforts to reduce the facility's dependency on imported fuel" and stated he "looks forward to a productive and mutually beneficial partnership with Vital."

Vital will continue to pursue similar projects in the region in line with the state and national energy policies of the different islands and aligned with the company's long-term view toward regional energy security and economic sustainability. October 25, 2012



Japan's Ambassador Suzuki poses with FSM students of The Kizuna Project during the International Day of Disaster Reduction events on October 14 at the Spanish Wall. The Kizuna Project is a youth connection program that is supported by the Government of Japan. The objective of the program is to promote the understanding of other countries with regards to Japan's road to recovery. 22 students from the FSM went to Japan in September 2012.

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Yap recognizes World Food Day & International Day for Disaster Reduction

October 19, 2012

COLONIA, Yap - The State of Yap joined the world in recognizing the World Food Day and the International Day for Disaster Reduction at the State Community Center. Planned activities, events and special remarks made by various speakers were based on issues surrounding the World Food Day theme; "Agriculture Cooperatives; Key to Feeding the World." From the local perspective, the Yap Interagency for Nutrition and Education Council (YINEC) localized the theme to be "Let LOCAL FOOD be YOUR Medicine & Your Medicine be LOCAL FOOD."

Aligning his keynote message to the theme of this year's World Food Day, Senator Jesse Ragalmar-SUBOLMAR emphasized the importance of local food in the island's over processed food. In support of this cause, the Yap State Legislature has issued a Resolution expressing its gratitude on the efforts made by YINEC in promoting local food in the State of Yap.

World Food Day was jointly observed with the International Day for Disaster Reduction with the theme, "Women & Girls; the [in]Visible Force for Resilience," which reinforced the strong links between the two themes. A joint statement by IOM Yap Sub-Office and the State Disaster Coordination Office (DCO) addressed

the linkages between food security and natural hazards in the context of recognizing the vital roles women and girls play in their communities to become more resilient to natural hazards.

Several agencies, institutions and business establishments showed up at the Yap Community Center to join with the Yap Inter-Agency Nutrition Education Committee (YINEC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in celebrating the events.

These included participation from the Department of Health Services, Wa'ab Community Health Center (WCHC), College of Micronesia Land Grant Program, Division of Agriculture, Yap Fishing Authority, Yap Farmers Cooperation, and many more to display booths and share information with the public.

Throughout the day visitors were able to roam about the booths and get their blood pressure/blood sugar checked, get free t-shirts, listen to the winning essays, watch performances from St. Mary's and Colonia ECE students, get their face painted and pick up reading material from IOM all the while snacking on healthy local food provided by Yap farmers. With over 200 visitors and participants to this IDDR and World Food Day event, the goal of raising awareness through the community on the importance of both of these themes proved to be a success.



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International Day for Disaster Reduction was the force of resilience that women and girls provide to communities in preparing, responding and in the recovery to natural disasters. The Lt. Governor focused on the importance of recognizing the unique role that Micronesian women in a matrilineal society play in fostering strength and resilience in our communities.

Following the keynote address, students from Pohnlangas Elementary School involved in the Conservation Society of Pohnpei's Youth to Youth program gave a demonstration of how to prepare potting soil for new seeds. The students then presented seedlings as gifts to some of the distinguished guests in attendance.

After this demonstration, IOM, FSM National Government (OEEM) and AusAID presented new editions of IOM's Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Education (CADRE) Program materials to students as part of Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). The final speech was made by Mrs. Susana Sohs, President of Pohnpei Women's Council, who gave a moving speech acknowledging and continuing to encourage the leading role women and girls play in their communities' safety.

In addition to speeches and demonstrations, awards for art, essays, and local food recipe contests were announced. The local food crop categories for the recipe contest were from Pohnpei's staple crops - banana, breadfruit, giant swamp taro, and yam- along with carotenoid-rich bananas, pandanus, other disaster relief crops and seafood. Winners of the local food recipes were given cash prizes by the Lt. Governor and the committee for World Food Day.

For the art contest, there were two winners who each won a gift certificate from Ace Office Supplies - Ms. Beverlynn Hawley of St. Paul School, and Ms. Roxanne Fredrick of Nanpei Memorial High School. The winners of the essay contest for high school students were: 3rd place prize went to Ms. Emily Billen of PICS High School; 2nd place prize to Ms. Carol Ann Carl, a senior of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School; and the grand prize winner was Ms. Shellany Saimon, also of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School.

Directly after the awarding of the prizes, students from GEAR UP gave a presentation of "What Climate Adaptation Disaster Risk Reduction Education (CADRE) Means to Me." Lunch, all local food, was provided by 6 groups of the Pohnpei Women's Advisory Council. Members of the Pohnpei Farmers' Association were present to showcase and sell their crops. Seedlings of different local crops were distributed as well as agricultural information provided to the attendees. Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) showcased all the winning cooking recipes with samples for anyone interested in trying the winning dishes.

A large number of interesting display booths were set up for participants to wander around and learn more from. The Japanese Embassy had an informative video and photo presentation on the effects of the March 2011 devastating earthquake and tsunami and the recovery efforts. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Micronesian Red



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Volunteers from the College of Micronesia; Winner of High School Essay Contest, Ms. Shellany Saimon; GEAR UP student at Face Painting Booth; Serving only Local Food; Koroi of SPC with students

Cross Society conducted real life demonstrations of First Aid and life saving CPR. The Secretariat for Pacific Communities held interactive games and quizzes that kept people on their toes. Other interesting displays were presented by the World Health Organization, Micronesian Conservation Trust and Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Salvation Army, Australian Embassy and Office of Environment and Emergency Management.

Overall, this was an excellent day showcasing the collaborative efforts of the Disaster Risk Management Network. One participant at the event was overheard saying "2012 IDDR and World Food Day was good, but I heard 2013 is gonna be even bigger!!" Let's see what the DRM Network can do for next year. In the meantime STAY AWARE and GET PREPARED.



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YAP CID conducts the first fraud prevention trainings

Office of the State Public Auditor

October 8-12, 2012

Yap State - The Compliance Investigation Division (CID) of the Office of Yap State Public Auditor (OPA) conducted their first fraud awareness presentations. The trainings went on for one week throughout the Yap State Government starting with the Executive branch, Legislative, Judiciary, schools and the general public. The training is to educate government employees, officials, schools and the general public on what is fraud, how fraud impacts government operations and where to report suspicious activities relating to financial crimes. This is part of the CID mission area to conduct proactive fraud

prevention work. Another purpose is to discuss the internal functions of the new CID division and to make the public aware of their operations in handling instances of fraud, waste and mismanagement.

The program was initiated and conducted by Chief of Investigations Sophia Pretrick with the assistance of Investigator Leelkan Southwick. There were around 200 participants who attended the training. The majority of the participants rated the training valuable and indicated that it should be conducted periodically.

For more information on the Yap OPA functions and activities, please visit the new website: www.audityap.org.



Asian Development Bank – Development Coordination Office, Federated States Of Micronesia (Pohnpei)

Recruitment of two positions: (i) Country Focal Officer; and (ii) Administrative Assistant

A Regional Technical Assistance implemented by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and financed by the AusAID, is supporting the establishment of a development coordination office (DCO) in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. Expressions of interest are sought from qualified national candidates for two positions in the DCO: a Country Focal Officer (CFO) and an Administrative Assistant (AA). The DCO will provide implementation support to the Government in managing the ongoing program financed by the ADB, as well as in day-to-day coordination with development partners. The AA will be providing office management services.

The ADB program in the FSM covers various sectors, ranging from infrastructure planning and services, water supply, renewable energy and energy policy, to social services (e.g. education) and public administration.

For further details, kindly refer to the Asian Development Bank's website (www.adb.org). The invitation for expression of interest is expected to be announced on 1 October, 2012.

Contact person: Hans van Rijn (hvanrijn@adb.org)

General Court Order
No. 2012-02

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Order Amending and Holding GCO 2012-01 in Abeyance for 90 days Allowing for Public Comment and Consideration of Any Public Comment Prior to the Promulgation and Enforcement of the Amendments to the Rules for Admission to Practice Before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in Article XI, Section 9 of the Constitution and Section 117 of Title 4 of the Judiciary Act of the FSM Code, the promulgation and enforcement of GCO 2012-01 is hereby amended and held in abeyance for a period of 90 days from the date of this order to allow public comment to be submitted and considered. The Supreme Court shall be required to immediately publish this order in a newspaper of general circulation and send a copy of it through the postal service to the last known address of every attorney licensed to practice before this Court. The period for public comment shall commence on the date of this order and shall be allowed for a period of 60 days. At the end of this period the comments shall be gathered and considered. If no further action is taken rescinding or amending GCO 2012-01 it shall become a rule of this Court 90 days after this order is signed.

The language of the proposed changes to the FSM Rules for Admission to Practice before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia is found below. All public comment shall be directed through written communication to the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir Pohnpei or at the following address:

**FSM Supreme Court
PO Box J
Palikir Station
Pohnpei FM 96941**

Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Admission to Practice Before the Supreme Court.

Section II(A) shall be amended by the addition of subsection 5. Subsection II(A) is amended to reflect the inclusion of a new subsection applicable only to FSM Citizens. The inclusion of additional language is underlined.

Section II(A) Experience or Education Requirement

Each non-citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia seeking the opportunity to take the FSM Written Examination must demonstrate compliance with standard 1 below. Applicants who are citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia may demonstrate compliance with any of the five following standards.

Section II(A)(5) State Court Judge

The applicant shall submit to the Court proof of appointment and confirmation as a judge of a State Court of the FSM and of current good standing in that position.

Section II(D) is amended to replace in its entirety the first paragraph of the rule.

Section II(D) The Written Examination

All applications for written examination or reexamination shall be filed, with supporting documents and a non-refundable application fee of twenty five (\$25.00) dollars, in the offices of the FSM Supreme Court in Pohnpei at least 60 days prior the date scheduled for the written examination. Upon showing of good cause the Court may permit filing of applications up to 21 days prior to the date of the written examination. After the 21-day deadline no further applications will be received or considered.

The Rules for admission have been amended to include a Section X.

Section X Updated Contact and Service of Process Information.

All persons authorized to practice before the FSM National Courts shall be required to provide the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir, Pohnpei, with an active mailing address and contact information annually, prior to December 01 each year. This information shall also identify two additional persons and their contact information, upon whom service of process may be rendered for the person authorized to practice before the FSM National Courts. Absent a showing of excusable neglect, persons who fail to comply with this rule shall be removed from the list of active members and shall no longer be authorized to practice before the FSM Supreme Court.

Martin G. Yinug
Chief Justice

IOM's Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Education (CADRE) program unveils new materials

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), with funding by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), launched the new edition of the Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Education (CADRE) materials during the International Day for Disaster Reduction & World Food Day held this past Saturday, October 13th at the Spanish Wall ball field.

During the speeches at the International Day for Disaster Reduction & World Food Day, Mr. Ashley Carl, IOM-Micronesia's Chief of Mission invited AusAID's Dr. Leah Briones, Mr. Andrew Yatilman from Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM), and Ms. Nihandini Santi of Marine and Environmental Research Institute of Pohnpei (MERIP) to present the new posters, comics, and coloring books to students.



Students enjoying the new poster



Top Left: GEAR UP/CADRE students;
Bottom Left: Dr. Leah Briones of AusAID & Mr. Andrew Yatilman of OEEM handing over new materials to students;
Right: Students perusing the new coloring book.



Regional conservation & sustainable development promoted at Pacific Region investment conference in November



Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies (APAFS)

Promoting sustainable development and advocating the adoption of a greener economic model has become a long-term challenge for different countries, especially for archipelagos within Asia Pacific that rely heavily on critical ecosystems for their source of living whether directly and indirectly. In order to address the growing realization that conventional methods of resources development are no longer the most effective means of safeguarding sustainability of resources, the 12th Pacific Region Investment Conference, slated for November 15 to 16, 2012 in Manila, Philippines, will discuss and explore more suitable approaches that would lead to a more "Green or Blue" Economic Model.

With this year's theme: "The Future Steward: Promoting global sustainability through socially responsible investing," the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies (APAFS), a non-profit organization whose mission is to raise the level of standards of practice among fiduciaries in the Asia Pacific region, is set to discuss the latest trends and advancements in regional conservation & sustainable development initiatives.

APAFS has gathered a panel of experts for a session entitled "Island Leadership on Global Challenges" to discuss the current issues in both economic and environmental areas. It will be addressed by a panel of speakers and proponents of the Micronesia Challenge Initiative (www.micronesiachallenge.org) composed of William Kostka of Micronesia Conservation Trust, Elbuechel Sadang of Palau Conservation Society, Ricky Carl and Umich Sengebau of The Nature Conservancy

Micronesia Program, Dr. Peter Houk of the Pacific Marine Resources Institute and Clarinda Ziegler of the Palau Protected Areas Network Fund.

"In the light of this year's conference theme, we are pleased to have a group of environmental experts on board to share their success stories regarding their initiatives in advancing the 'Green/Blue Economy'. We see that pushing for both sustainable development and growing

investment returns are not mutually exclusive. This could also mean widespread awareness of the islands' on-going initiatives and a directly proportional expansion to the tourism of the countries in the Asia Pacific region," says APAFS Executive Director Daniel Roland.

In conjunction with the 12th Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference, APAFS offers for the second year, the Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®) Training Program facilitated by fi360 on November 13 and 14, 2012 in Manila, Philippines. The AIF® Training Program gives attendees the ability to earn the AIF® designation, which is the first and only designation that demonstrates knowledge and competency in the area of fiduciary responsibility.

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If you are interested in teaching classes, please contact the Dean of Academic Programs at 320-2480, ext. 144 or ksimion@comfsm.fm

Partnership between IOM and Yap 5 elementary schools

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

October 12, 2012

COLONIA, Yap - The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Yap- Sub Office in close coordination with the Yap State Department of Education met with the principals of the five schools selected to take part in the Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Education (CADRE) Program. The five selected schools are Gilman Elementary School, Dalipeebinaw Elementary School, Bael Elementary School, Rumuu Elementary School, and Tomakaw Elementary School.

Discussions at the meeting focused primarily on CADRE's educational component to ensure smooth transitions between teachers and CADRE trainers. Specific attention was also directed at activities that involve members of the local communities within the school zones, school administrators, and other State actors. These activities include evacuation drills, disaster impact surveys, hazard mapping and pre- and post-test evaluations of students' knowledge on disasters and the environment.

In the excitement of the planning and scheduling, Head Teacher Timothy Tomed of Dalipeebinaw Elementary School remarked, "We're ready to begin right away!" The CADRE trainers were given the approval to work alongside the Science teachers in the second quarter with the first set of trainings and exercises being tentatively scheduled to take place in Dalipeebinaw. The principals were eager to take steps toward meeting standards of accreditation in the future and to conduct new activities such as evacuation drills, Emergency First Response training and Hazard, Vulnerability & Capacity (HVC) Mapping Exercises.

Funding for the CADRE Program was made possible through the Australian Agency for International Development (AUSAID). Its aims are to build resilience of vulnerable



communities in the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands to natural hazards, particularly those that are climate induced. In this endeavor, IOM has focused on school-aged students and the surrounding communities by raising awareness, providing essential preparedness strategies and improving community ability to independently cope with natural disasters.

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exhibits and testimony presented in a hearing in Supreme Court chambers in Palikir, Pohnpei on October 15.

During that hearing, Kembo Mida, attorney for the plaintiffs spent time questioning members of the PUC Evaluation and Selection Committee. Each of those witnesses said that they felt that the time they had been given to evaluate bids was insufficient but that they did the best that they could in the time that they had been given.

Former Acting General Manager Robert Hadley testified that in the three days following the Governor's Emergency Executive order he spent approximately 40 hours evaluating all of the bids before selecting EIG. After the Emergency Executive Order (EEO) was nullified by the Pohnpei State Legislature, the Governor issued an Executive Order (EO) directing PUC to execute an MOU with the company "it has selected".

Mida stressed the past tense nature of that directive. He said that at the time of the EO, PUC had "selected" no other contractor but Energy Infrastructure Global.

Defense Attorney Judah Johnny argued that the Governor, in issuing that directive was not telling PUC that it must select EIG but that they must move forward to make a selection.

Mr. Hadley testified, as did the members of the Evaluation and Selection Committee who testified during the hearing, that he told the committee on the day after the EO that they had until noon that day to make a selection.

The committee did not make that deadline, but by late afternoon they had decided to award the bid to Balance Solutions, an Australian firm. Hadley testified that he compared the committee's numbers with his numbers and that when he averaged those numbers together, EIG came out as the winner. He signed the MOU with EIG at approximately 7:00 that evening.

Committee members also testified that they felt that they needed anywhere from two to three weeks to make such an important decision on what amounts to a \$29 million contract, the largest contract that PUC will ever have signed.

So far there is no contract for power generation. There is only an MOU.

Committee members, including the chairman of the committee, testified that they were not aware of any other time when a PUC General Manager or Acting General Manager exercised his right to decide differently from the committee.

PUC Board Member Francisco Mendiola testified that due to a dispute with PUC over the quality of water in the Palikir area he had in fact stopped paying his water bill. He testified that when he received the Governor's letter "proposing" his termination due his arrears at PUC he paid off the entire balance. Mida argued that when Mendiola paid his

bill the Governor no longer had just cause to remove him from the Board.

Johnny essentially argued that the fact that he remained on the board while in violation of the law was sufficient cause for termination that could not be remedied by paying the bill off. He also argued that Governor Ehsa's proposed termination of Mendiola's Board membership was instantaneous upon receipt of the letter and that at that point Mendiola still had arrears.

PUC Board Member Wilbur Walter testified under oath that he had at no point in time during his board membership ever had three months or more of unpaid PUC bills.

During the testimony of PUC's general counsel, Mr. Joseph Phillip, the Governor's attorney asked Mr. Phillip to read the law regarding removal of board members which says that board members can be removed for "good cause" either by the Governor or by two-thirds vote of the remaining members of the Board. "Good cause shall include delinquency in the payment of public utilities bills for a period greater than three months," Phillip read. Johnny asked Phillip several times if a board member could be removed for any other reason than delinquent bills but Phillip was adamant that under the law a board member can only be removed because of unpaid utilities bills.

Mida argued that there are no laws that would allow a Governor to remove the General Manager and that there are no laws that would allow him to take over the role of the Board of Directors.

Johnny argued that the recent amendments to the law regarding PUC state that unprecedented action is required in regard to PUC. He also pointed out that PUC had in 2009 signed an MOU with the Governor requesting help to buy a generator because of a PUC declared state of emergency.

He further argued that the Governor had not terminated the General Manager's employment but had only suspended it pending an investigation. He said that the terms of that suspension would allow for retroactive pay if he was reinstated, and essentially, because of that there was no harm to the GM.

Mida pointed out that the MOU to which Johnny referred specifically denied the Governor the right to obligate PUC financially without the approval of the Board of Directors. He also argued that the GM had been effectively removed. Whether that removal was by termination or by suspension, the end result was the same, he argued. Mr. Perman was not showing up for work every day because he had been "removed".

As the hearing day ground to a close the court recessed for a short period of time in order to work out how it would deal with the fact that Governor Ehsa's testimony had not yet been heard. The Governor was on the witness list for the day but was off island. He also had been subpoenaed several days prior to a scheduled deposition on the morning of October 11 but did not show. Instead, Mr. Johnny filed a motion to continue based on the fact that the Governor was off island. The

filing was submitted to the court less than an hour before the deposition was scheduled to begin.

Mida has filed a motion to show cause on that matter. It has not yet been heard.

Earlier in the day of the hearing on the 15th, the attorneys and the Chief Justice agreed that when Governor Ehsa arrived on the afternoon flight, arrangements should be made to depose him as soon as he arrived so that his testimony could be admitted in writing. Apparently, Mr. Johnny did not make those arrangements.

As the hearing day ended, Chief Justice Yinug asked the two attorneys to present in their closing arguments what the results would be if he issued the preliminary injunction or if he denied it.

When considering whether to grant a preliminary injunction the court must weigh four factors:

- 1) The likelihood of success on the merits of the party seeking injunctive relief,
- 2) The possibility of irreparable injury to the movant,
- 3) The balance of possible injuries or inconvenience that would flow from granting or denying the relief, and
- 4) Any impact on the public interest.

On the first factor, the ruling said that the plaintiff's likelihood of success on the merits is greater than that of the Governor for several reasons based on Pohnpei State law.

"Only the PUC Board of Directors can terminate PUC's General Manager. The Governor has no such power under any circumstance." He wrote that if the PUC Board lacks a quorum, the Governor's power extends only to nomination of new Board members who, if confirmed, would allow the Board to transact business.

"The Pohnpei Governor has neither the power nor the authority to exercise any of the powers vested exclusively in the PUC Board," Yinug wrote.

As to the difference between terminating and suspending the PUC General Manager, Chief Justice Yinug wrote, "This is a distinction without a difference."

"...since the Governor has no authority to order a PUC General Manager to do anything, the Governor's directive to 'acting' General Manager Hadley, and Hadley's actions in compliance with the Governor's orders will not stand legal scrutiny," he wrote. "The likelihood that the plaintiffs will prevail on this issue is great."

Under the law, bids must be approved by the PUC Board and EIG's bid was not. "Whether the September 12, 2012 bid evaluation committee was lawful is doubtful," he wrote.

He wrote that Governor Ehsa's letter to the Board members on September 10 said that the board members were suspended for 15 days and proposed their removal from the Board. But by the time he removed them on September 16, Mendiola had paid his arrears and Walter had supplied evidence that he had not been delinquent for over three months.

Essentially he ruled that any just cause for removing them from the board had either been covered and so no longer existed or never existed in the first place.

On the second factor the Chief Justice brought up a court decision of 2008 regarding circumstances at the Pohnpei Port Authority. "Similarly in this case, irreparable harm exists since the Governor is exercising, through an executive order, power that applicable state law firmly vests in the PUC Board and in the PUC General Manager that the Board hires and supervises. Money damages cannot remedy these harms. The irreparable harm factor thus weighs in the plaintiff's favor," Justice Yinug ruled.

On the third factor Chief Justice Yinug ruled that the possible injury to the governor is slight since an injunction prohibiting him from doing things that Pohnpei State law does not allow him to do does not injure him. Further because the terms of Board members Mendiola and Walter are set by law to expire soon and since the Governor has already nominated seven new members of the board, "any harm to the Governor in them staying until their term's end is also slight."

He wrote that the harm to the plaintiffs is much greater since GM Perman "has been prevented from exercising, as required under the applicable state law, the duties and responsibilities of his office, as have Board member Mendiola and Walter. FSM Petroleum (Corporation) has been denied an opportunity to have its bid proposal appropriately evaluated."

On the fourth and final factor the Chief Justice ruled that the "public interest should favor a fair and thorough, but not rushed, evaluation of the power generations bids which ends with the PUC Board of Directors approving a contract with the bidder with the best plan because the PUC RFP (Request for Proposal) involves proposals for a long-term improvement of PUC's power generation capacity and the expenditure of a large sum."

"The public interest should also favor adherence to the Pohnpei statutes that govern an independent public corporation—PUC, in this case—rather than a blatant disregard of PUC's independent nature," his ruling stated. "(PUC) is an independent agency not subject to or under any of the three branches of government. It is in the public interest that it remains that way."

Early on the day of the hearing Chief Justice Yinug ruled from the bench to allow for consolidation of the separately filed cases against Governor Ehsa in his official capacity. He ruled against one of the defendant's motions for dismissal based on Pohnpei State law that requires that the Pohnpei State government be named as a defendant and gave plaintiffs time to amend the complaint to include Pohnpei State.

At press time it was unclear whether or not Chief Justice Yinug's ruling to deny the defendant's motion to dismiss included both of the defendant's motions to dismiss or only the motion to dismiss on the basis of plaintiff's failure to name Pohnpei State as a defendant.

K Press Perspective

Criminals needn't worry after all?

"Criminals be warned—FSM has a powerful new crime stopping tool. Fingerprint lab means suspects can be identified quickly and inexpensively".

I wrote that article and its headline on September 11, 2012.

Never mind, criminals. Apparently, you're off the hook. Since the date of my article, not one single police department in the FSM has accessed the services of the new fingerprint lab since it opened.

For whatever reason, law enforcement officials seem to be hesitant to access the technology that is available to help them to solve crimes in the FSM. Criminals are apparently still free to do their worst with seeming impunity.

Lucas Carlos, Director of Pohnpei's Department of Public Safety proudly told me that Pohnpei State started the FSM's first fingerprint program. But, since I wrote an article about the program several years ago I knew that. Maybe you didn't.

Carlos expressed his discontent with the fact that the new high tech fingerprint lab was built in Palikir under the National Police rather than in Pohnpei's DPS. He wasn't aware that all of the fingerprints that his officers had legally collected since their fingerprint program began had been uploaded to the Pacific Automated Fingerprint Identification System (PAFIS), a computerized system that would allow quick identification of fingerprints filed within the system.

When I told Mr. Carlos that not one of my many friends who have been victims of burglary has ever seen a police officer collect fingerprint evidence, Carlos said that his officers do collect fingerprint evidence in some cases.

I told him about a case involving particularly bold criminals, one of many similar cases about which I've heard stories, in which the thieves entered while the family was at home. They live in a neighborhood where every single house except for one has been burglarized at least once and many of them, several times.

During one of the previous burglaries, thieves stole an extremely valuable string of pearls that had been in the family for years. It was not only valuable because it was worth a lot of money; it was valuable to the owners because it had been in the family for decades. They never got it back.

Two of the members of the household were in the front yard entertaining guests on that afternoon, and one of them was in the shower when thieves broke in through a back door. They stole a cell phone, a laptop computer, a digital camera, and a purse among other things. It was one of many times that they had been burglarized.

I told Mr. Carlos that police showed up at

the crime scene that afternoon and that they found the missing purse minus the cash it had contained lying in the field behind the house.

I asked him if he was aware that the new fingerprint lab can now extract fingerprint evidence from items like purses. He said he was not aware that the lab had those capabilities and complained that the communication about the program between his department and the National Police had been essentially non-existent. He groused about the fact that he hadn't even received an invitation to the "Grand Opening" of the lab.

He explained that in the case of fingerprint evidence, photos need to be taken and the chain of evidence has to be meticulously preserved. "Fingerprint evidence is hard to get," he said.

If the handling of a break-in at my son's rented house in Ohmine is any indication, there is plenty of crime. My son and his family were visiting the in-laws last Friday night. When they returned after midnight they found that their home had been "completely trashed" and thieves had made off with several speakers (two of which belong to me), a portable DVD player and a few other less consequential but equally annoying items.

My son and his brother-in-law went to the Police department at 1:30 in the morning and filed a report. Police went to the house afterward and poked around but took no fingerprints.

On Saturday I called the Police Department to find out if any progress had been made on my son's case. The officers were very friendly and gave me the case number but said that detectives wouldn't get the crime report until Monday after they returned to work. There was nothing DPS could do about it until then, and the officers I talked to expressed condolences at our losses.

Police detectives don't work nights or weekends. But that's probably okay since everyone knows that crimes only happen between 9:00 in the morning and 5:00 in the afternoon and only on weekdays.

So I called on Monday, but the only person with access to the report had called off sick on that day. NO reports from ANY crimes from the weekend went to detectives last Monday.

I called again on Tuesday and spoke with the chief of detectives, Cerley Araceley who looked into the matter. To his credit, he did quickly call me back and told me that detectives had only just received the case that morning and that they wouldn't be able to do anything at all on it until Friday because they were busy pursuing other crimes.

I'm thinking they probably needn't bother. They might as well throw the crime report in the garbage.

So I guess the criminals who invaded the lives and the home of my son, his wife, and my young grandchildren have nothing to fear, not that they ever thought they did. I think I know why they thought that they would get away with their crime. They probably will.

There were so many obvious places police could have dusted for prints; so many things that the criminals had obviously touched like the old computer and its monitor that they knocked over. But then I guess fingerprint evidence is "hard to get" after all; not worth the bother.

Once police do deign to take fingerprint evidence it's a laborious task to identify the owner of the print; a task that is reserved for more serious crimes. At least that's what I think Detective Araceley was telling me when we talked on Tuesday. He said that DPS will use the new fingerprint lab if they need the help but that they have their own fingerprint expert.

The other expert went to work for the fingerprint lab in Palikir.

I'm convinced that the Pohnpei DPS expert is stellar. I mean that very sincerely. I couldn't do the job and I'm glad that person is there.

Still, the Pohnpei system is a manual system and it can take a world class fingerprint expert days or even weeks to search through files manually in order to associate

a fingerprint with an owner. Meanwhile, the quarter million dollar fingerprint lab sits unused by FSM's legally authorized crime stoppers even though fingerprint evidence could be processed at the lab in a matter of hours rather than weeks and at the low cost of approximately \$8 per search on PAFIS, plus personnel costs.

Who cares where the high tech fingerprint lab is located? Does anyone in Pohnpei care a whit what government entity has control of the lab if utilizing it means that criminals start to think that they might be caught and decide then that it's not worth the risk?

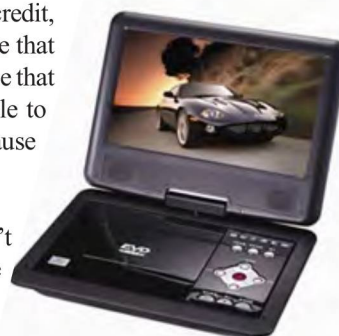
Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor
The Kaselehlie Press

[Note: As soon as I finished this opinion piece I received word from friends that thieves had smashed a bathroom window while my friends were out enjoying the UN Day holiday. Thieves stole a cell phone and a camera. Police DID come out and they took some of the shards of glass from the broken window in order to process fingerprints that might have been on them. I wish police the very best of luck in solving this crime. It was the second break-in I know about that those particular friends have experienced. One of the crimes occurred while they were sitting on the balcony of their apartment blissfully unaware that nefarious deeds were going on inside.]



Only one speaker was stolen from this system

Pictured are some of the items that were stolen from my son's house last Friday. Please contact us at 320-6547 or at kpress@mail.fm if you have any information about these items.



Training Workshop for Vaccine Management and Cold Chain Maintenance with JICA experts in Chuuk State, FSM

In collaboration with the Department of Health & Social Affairs (DOHSA) of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Project for System Improvement of Expanded Program on Immunization in the Pacific Region (J-PIPS Phase 2) is conducting a training workshop in Chuuk State at Truck Stop hotel from 29 - 31 October 2012 on vaccine management and cold chain maintenance. This is the 2nd training workshop and the 1st workshop was held in Yap state in September 2011.

J-PIPS Phase 2 is a technical cooperation project by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the official implementing agency of international cooperation by the Government of Japan. It is a three (3) year-Project which has commenced its activities in February 2011 in response to the requirement from the priority countries on immunization program that includes Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. The project continues the training activities for human capacity development to improve immunization activities followed by J-PIPS Phase 1 Project (2005-2010).

The project aims at achieving its overall goal of capacity development in strengthening vaccine and cold chain management through implementation of the regional trainings to be held annually in Suva, Fiji, and in-country trainings in each target country at both national and district levels.

The main purpose of the planned workshop in Chuuk State is to update and share knowledge and skills on vaccine management and cold chain equipment maintenance with health workers and technicians involved in the program.

The vaccine management course focuses vaccine logistics and immunization safety including adverse events following immunization. For the cold Chain maintenance course, targeted participants are principal persons in charge of the repair and maintenance of equipment and electrical fittings and are trained on principles of vaccine refrigerator, preventive maintenance, major repair of broken equipments and proper way of disposing aged equipment with environmentally accepted methods.

A total of 20 plus participants mainly from Chuuk and some from Yap, Pohnpei and Kosrae States will participate in the said workshop and will receive an updated training from the facilitators and lecturers of J-PIPS 2 and DOHSA leading to the improved immunization services in FSM.

TARIFF CHANGES ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The Board of Directors and Management of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation would like to inform the general public that Phase II of its tariff change schedule will begin October 1st, 2012. New rates that will take effect are as follows:

- Landline Residential. \$12 per month**
- Landline Business. \$24 per month**

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Should there be any questions or comments regarding this public announcement, please do not hesitate to contact any of your local FSMTC offices. Thank you for your support and continued business.



A tourist's view of Pohnpei

Sheri and Matt Schroeder

[Editor's Note: Sheri and Matt Schroeder currently live in Seoul, South Korea and have been traveling throughout the Asia Pacific region. They recently spent time in Pohnpei and Sheri posted a travel blog about their experiences here (www.travelblog.org/Oceania/Micronesia/Pohnpei/blog-749196.html) She posted three pages of photos that cannot be reproduced here. You'll have to see her blog to see just exactly how contented she and her husband were with their visit to Pohnpei. We read the blog and asked for permission to republish. She happily granted that permission. Thank you Sheri!)

October 11, 2012

Seoul, South Korea—A toast to where, what, who??? To Pohnpei, a small island located about 7 degrees north of the equator on the far east side of the Micronesian Islands in the southern Pacific Ocean; tropical, remote, serene. But why on earth would anyone, other than the native Pohnpeians, spend the bucks and the time required to get to this out of the way place that doesn't even have a white sandy beach to boast of? In the short 8 days which we spent in this beautiful place, we encountered not a single other tourist. We did however, discover at least 10 different reasons, other than tourism, that people will journey from their home comfort zone and endure the hardship of working in this tropical destination:

1. US Department of Health and Human Services grant assistance: "We are working

with the Pohnpeian people to assure that they are using their grant monies, particularly in the area of AIDS and STD education, effectively."

2. Peace Corps: The toughest job you'll ever love. 2 years, living local, assigned to assist teachers in a remote hot and humid rainforest elementary/middle school. Imagine working 9 months immersed into a different culture and geographic region before

3. Green Peace: This is a really hard job to influence members of the Tuna Commission at their global meeting to consider sustainable fishing methods. "It's not that we don't want people to eat fish. We all want the same thing."

4. Bank auditors – no explanation needed.

5. Australian disaster relief and eco environmental services: "We're here to train the people how to live with the effects of global warming," for example, contaminated fresh water supply and increased salinity of water supply. Yes, global warming is legitimate and it's time to acknowledge and prepare.

6. Cardiac surgeries volunteer team from L.A., CA doing testing and non-surgical care. "In 1 week, we see approximately 90 kids with cardiac issues. Unfortunately, due to cost, only 1 or 2 of our patients will be able to travel to have cardiac surgery. "Sometimes when I am back in California working, I'm restless and it almost seems wasting my time considering the great extent of needs here."

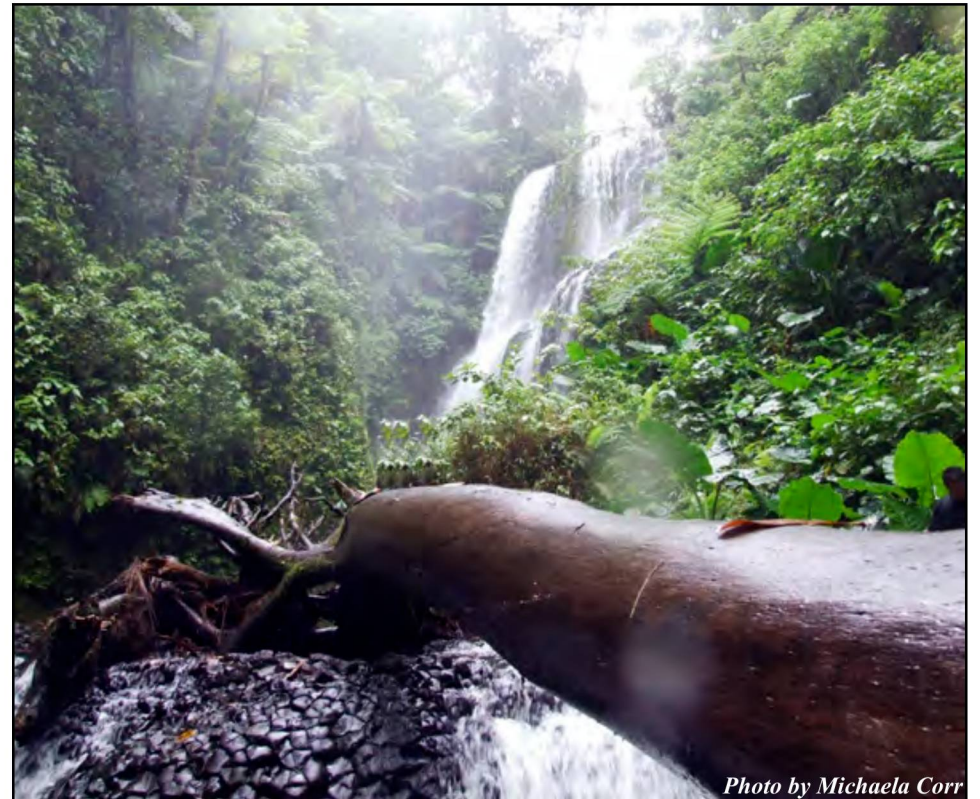


Photo by Michaela Corr

7. Representatives from US Congress: Pohnpei receives US aid and it is their job to view the use of those funds first hand and meet those responsible for its proper use. Matt thinks they're CIA. (Editor's note: No Matt, I don't think they are They were from the Government Accountability Office – GAO)

8. US Coast Guard search and rescue team out of Hawaii: Pohnpei is within the zone of search and rescue coverage for this team and they are working to establish face to face communications with the Pohnpei rescue teams and coordinate efforts.

9. Divers. This is one of the top dive locations in the world.

10. Water sampling and studies specialists from Hawaii. Glad it wasn't until AFTER we swam in that waterfall (Keperohi Falls) that they warned us of the unsanitary contaminant level in the water – it was really a fun swim!

11. American GSA departmental meeting. NOT! Just checking to see if you're still reading.....

Ok, so there are lots of non-tourism related reasons to land on this island state, but we discovered that for those who are willing to explore a bit, Pohnpei can truly be a trek back to a way of life reminiscent of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Bali Hai. Volcanic, often covered with misty clouds, waterfalls, rainforest climate, plants with leaves the size of a dining room table, striations of hues of aqua blue in the surrounding ocean water and big beautiful, distinctive falls under which we swam and felt the power of the strong current and the rushing water on our heads.

Our experience surely would not have felt as authentic had it not been for the gracious proprietors of our eco-resort, The Village. A mere 20 thatched huts perched onto a densely forested ocean side hill compose this truly Pohnpeian accommodation. Each hut is raised on stilts and contains simple amenities like a ceiling fan, attached bathroom/shower facilities, and double queen sized waterbeds shrouded by mosquito netting. Open screened sides permit ample breezes AND during high

wind and rain, lots of moisture to enter the large mahogany floored room.

Indeed, our late first night arrival in a tropical depression caused us more than a bit of angst as the winds howled, shadowed palm trees swayed, and heavy rain mist soaked our bed covers. But oh, the reverberations of bird sounds echoing through the surrounding forest and the spectacular scene of distant islands perched atop expansive ocean that greeted us in the morning! Life is easy going here. Without rigidity and formality, the family owners of the Village opened up their world of adventurous, gentle, and hospitable Pohnpei. Mother Nature herself set our daily activities. Consult the tidal charts, surmise the direction of the distant patches of rain, and coordinate with a handful of other guests to plan the best day for a waterfall trek, snorkel on a distant reef, tour mysterious ancient ruins, or kayak through the mangroves.

Now, here I am in Guam airport, 8 days after arriving in Pohnpei, awaiting boarding of our return flight to Seoul. My insides still sway a bit from the ocean cadence, I still can taste the fresh tuna bento box lunches and soursop smoothies and still remember trodding over gigantic leaves as toads and lizards scurry aside on the rocky pathway to our hut. The sounds of the constant pounding waves on the distant reef and tick tock pitter patter drips off the big rainforest leaves are still fresh in my memory. To the many, many smiles which greeted me as I explored this island, I raise my toast of coconut milk with gratitude.

So ends yet another journey for Matt and me during our time of living in Asia. We haven't yet repeated a travel destination and, at least as far as I'm concerned, still have barely scratched the surface of interesting places to visit. Soon we will be saying "Seoul long" to Korea and on to more, should I say, domestic adventures. So, enjoy this "last hurrah" island escape with us through our many colorful photos. And if you find that you too hear the calling, schedule a sojourn, or perhaps a job related conference, to come away, come away.

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FSM Insurance Board
GENERAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
No. 12-01
(October 15, 2012)

Section 301 of the FSM Insurance Act as codified under Title 37 FSMC stipulates that *no insurance business shall be carried on in the Federated States of Micronesia unless the person or company engaging in insurance business is either licensed or registered by the FSM Insurance Board.* Any person engaging in insurance business in the FSM contrary to the provisions and requirements of the Act will be subject to the applicable provisions of the Act.

Following are registered insurers and respective licensed agents in the FSM:

Registered Insurers:	Licensed Agents:
1. First Net Insurance Company -----	Moylan's Insurance Underwriters (FSM), Inc.
2. Dongbu Insurance Company -----	Moylan's Insurance Underwriters (FSM), Inc.
3. NetCare Life and Health Insurance Co. -----	Moylan's Insurance Underwriters (FSM), Inc.
4. Pacific Indemnity Insurance Company -----	Actouka Executive Insurance Underwriters

Following are licensed insurance agents and brokers in the FSM:

1. AGENTS:	} Moylan's Insurance Underwriters (FSM), Inc.
	} Actouka Executive Insurance Underwriters
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The General Public should also note the following pending registration applications of foreign insurers:

1. Federal Insurance Company
2. Century Insurance Co., Ltd.

Statutory Mandates of the Board: (1) to regulate insurance business, (2) to undertake the licensing and supervision of insurers, insurance agents, insurance brokers, and insurance solicitors, (3) to protect the interests of policy owners, and (4) to promote the soundness, stability and development of the insurance system in the FSM.

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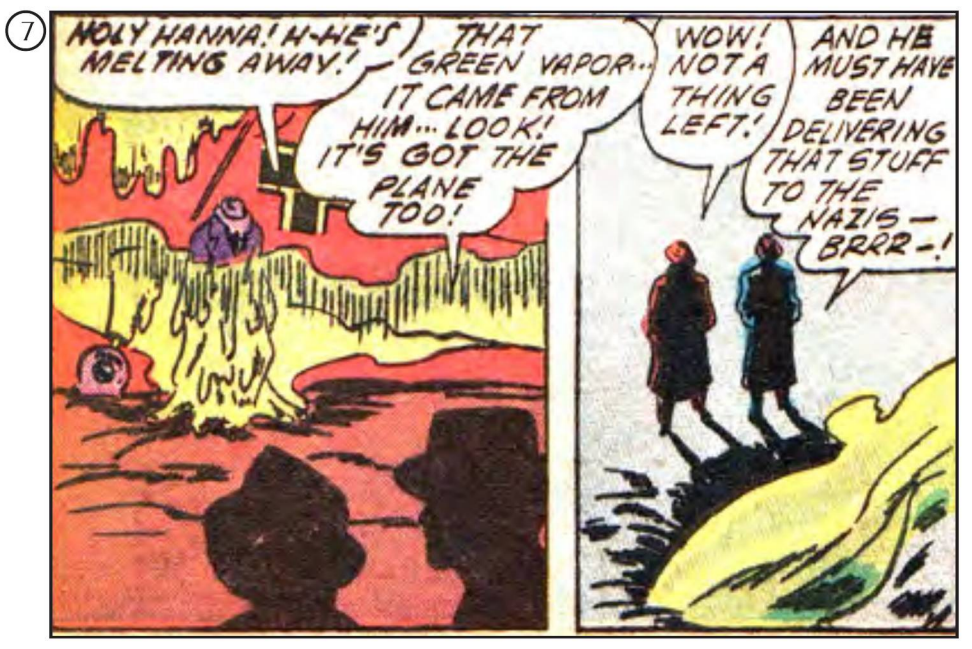
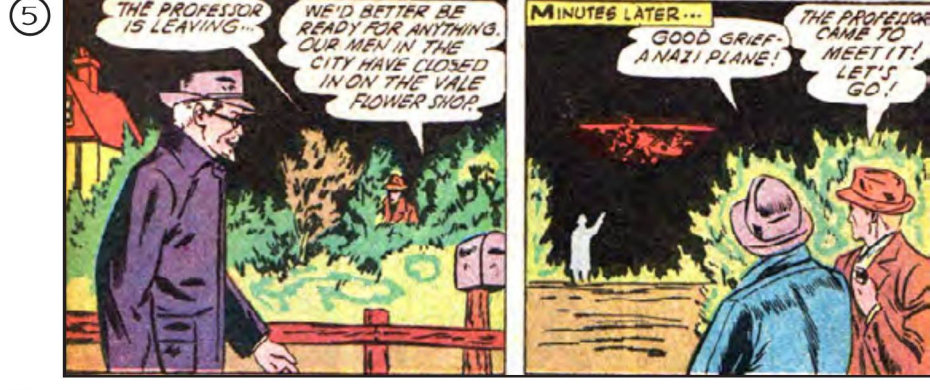
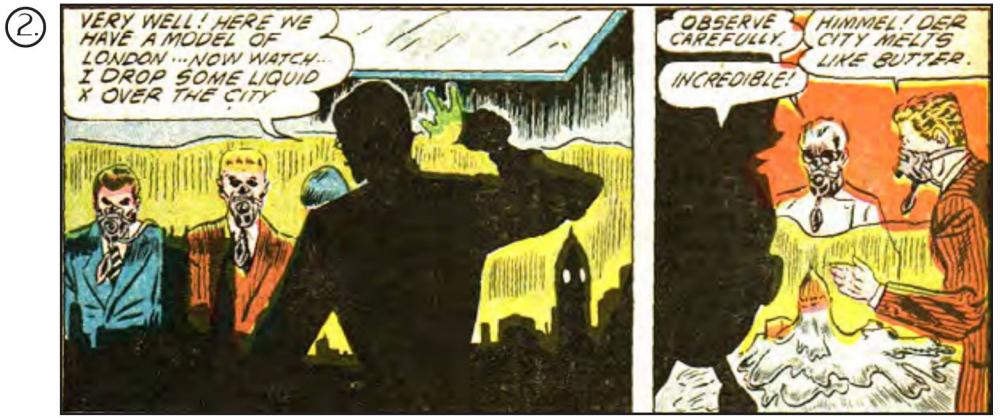
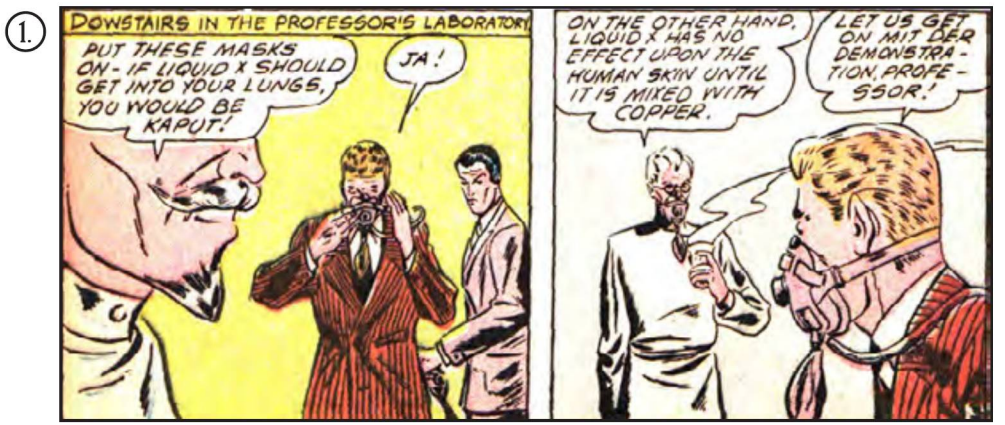
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Professor Grund is gearing up for something catastrophic. Check out the final installment of Liquid X!

This comic was released in January 1944 in a 50 page book and was sold for 10 cents. Let us know what you think of our comic page. Email us at kpress@mail.fm



The END...

Follow a new exciting adventure coming soon!

Fourth Annual "Rusty Anchor Kid's tournament"

Pohnpei Fishing Club

The Pohnpei Fishing Club is proud to support every year a kid's tournament to allow all of our junior anglers to get out on the water and start catching some fish.

The Rusty Anchor sponsored the 4th Annual Rusty Anchor kid's tournament this year on September 29, 2012. There were a lot of kids who participated, and we are sure the screaming meant they were having a good time.

The rules of the tournament were to make it as kid friendly as possible.

Boats went out from about 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with a 1:00 p.m. cutoff.

Fishing inside the lagoon was the only fishing allowed. Additionally, even though the adults wanted to, they were required to keep their hands off the poles. We had ten boats participate, each packed with kids. Other kids fished from the shore.

The kids took the fishing seriously and prizes were awarded. \$100.00 went to Ruznick with a 19.5 pound GT. Next was Nile Panuelo with a 7.0 pound GT.

Palik caught a 4 pound reef fish that looked like some kind of moon fish for third place, and Jack Bricknell came in fourth with a 3 pound dog fish tuna.

There were also prizes for the prettiest fish,

the ugliest fish, and the smallest fish. These prizes were voted on by the kids themselves and unfortunately we didn't keep the names of the winners. All participants even got a special prize.

Afterwards there was a barbecue, swimming and a lot of running around. Many thanks to the Rusty Anchor and Marie Oltor for the prizes and the great event.

The adults like to fish, but it is important to get the kids involved. The Pohnpei Fishing Club also supports the Pohnpei Public Library so everybody read a book.



L - R: Shilo Susaia; Jessy and Noah Adams; Jack Bricknell



Oceania TV selects representative from Yap

Oceania Television Network

October 25, 2012

Koror, Palau—Leo Yinug Pugram from Yap is the first to be accepted into the television producers training program organized by Oceania Television Network (OTV). Leo attended the College of Micronesia and currently works as a Marketing manager for Eco-venture in Yap.

He will be flown to Palau in mid November to attend the 6-day intensive course that will include news research and writing, video and sound production, editing and field work. As part of the program Leo will also receive a Sony video camera package and Apple laptop computer so he can continue to produce stories for OTV in the future.

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"Halloween is for weenies" he said,
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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Kia's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-4015.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service Invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too! Call: 320-2496

2012 World Food Day local food preparation contest

By Chizuru Seki (JICA)
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

On 13 October 2012, Saturday, at Spanish Wall, Kolonia, Pohnpei, World Food Day fair was held in conjunction with International Day for Disaster Reduction organized by International Organization for Migration (IOM) and its partner agencies.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) took a part in this fair as a coordinator of local food preparation contest.

Before the actual fair on Saturday, the public was announced to bring their healthy local food recipes to enter the Local Food Preparation Contest.

On 10 October 2012, a total of sixty six local food dishes with written recipes were brought to IOM office for judging by eighteen contestants.

Sixty six dishes were grouped into seventeen categories: Kehp (yam) (cooking, process), Uht (cooking banana) (cooking, process), Mwhng (swamp taro) (cooking, process), Mahi (breadfruit) (cooking, process), Uht Mat (dessert banana) (cooking, process), Deipw de Kipar (pandanus) (cooking, process), Mwhmw de menikehn nansed-Mas likio (Sea-Pelagic), Mwhmw de menikehn nansed sang ni pahina (Sea-reef) (cooking, process) and other (cooking, process). All dishes were tasted and evaluated in seven criteria: healthiness, localness, preparation method, appetizing/taste, food sanitation/safety, accompanied recipe and recipe standard.

Winning dishes were prepared by contestants and displayed at an IFCP booth on Saturday at the fair. Samples of these dishes were offered and entertained the public, making the IFCP booth very popular.

World Food Day Local Food Preparation Contest encourages people to utilize indigenous local food in their cooking and broadened potential of local food. All recipes submitted for the contest are archived at IFCP for the future use.

IFCP would like to offer a special thanks to the International Organization for Migration and Pohnpei Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs for their partnerships.

Appreciation is given to Moses Pretrick, WHO, for his contribution to WFD and his photos of the contest.


Special thanks are extended to Pohnpei State Government Subsidy, the US Embassy, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, Children's Healthy Living Program (University of Hawaii), Australian Embassy and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for their funding support.



2012 WFD Local Food Preparation Contest




Winners receiving the prize



Rotary Club of Pohnpei
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Saturday, November 3, 2012
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PCR Restaurant

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Fair participants enjoying winning local food dishes

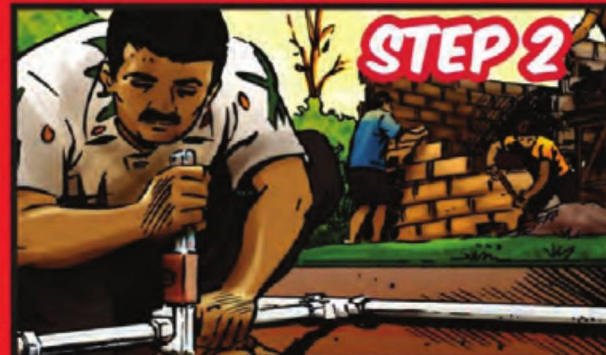


PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY DURING A DROUGHT

Look out for signs of drought such as less rainfall and extreme hot weather. Rivers and soil may become dry and plants can begin to turn brown or yellow.



STEP 1
During a drought you will experience less rainfall so limit your water use.



STEP 2

Use your water wisely and make sure none is wasted. Fix any leaks and don't let children waste water.



STEP 3

Consider your needs! Save your good water for drinking and cooking.



STEP 4

Make sure your animals have enough water to drink.

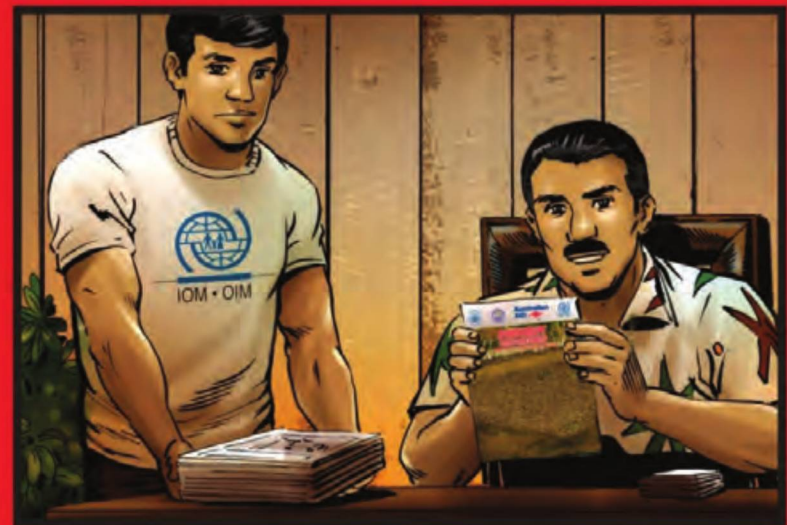
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