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## Governor Ehsa Says No More Private Attorneys

By **BILL JAYNES**  
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa has issued his very first Executive Directive dated February 22, 2008 and numbered 01-2008. Some have raised questions about the legality of the directive.

The directive, written in the language of a legal resolution as Executive Directives are says "**And now wherefore**, to assist with the efforts to conserve the meager funds that Pohnpei Government's departments, offices, agencies, authorities, public corporations and other components of what constitutionally (Section 10 of Article 9 and Section 11 of Article 9 of the Pohnpei Constitution) and statutory comprise the Executive Branch have and to safeguard Pohnpei's funds by sharing legal expenses as currently practiced with other constitutional and statutory entities, all legal representation of the Executive Branch shall henceforth be done by the Office of the Attorney General in the following manner:

"1. All pending and future legal cases and/or legal matters arising in the domains of the departments, offices, agencies, authorities, public corporations, commissions and bureaus shall be immediately handled by the Office of the Attorney General for legal representation;

"2. In the event of that (sic) the Attorney General would not be able to handle by reason of conflict of interest, the Attorney General shall undertake steps necessary to assign the matter to another attorney."

The second, "**Whereas**" clause of the Governor's Directive is worded in a way that is difficult if not impossible to understand. "**Whereas** certain agencies, commissions, authorities and other com-

ponents of the Executive Branch were created by statutes, aside from the Executive Reorganization Act of 2000, and that those office-creating statutes, who in turn were permitted for creation by the Pohnpei Constitution, allow such agencies, commissions, authorities and public corporations to sue and be sued in their own names..."

As best as we could determine from our reading it means that after the Executive Reorganization Act of 2000 there were still several commissions, authorities and public corporations that could "sue and be sued in their own names," which meant that those agencies needed attorneys to represent them for any legal actions that arose.

Some of those entities hired "in-house" legal representation. Pohnpei Utilities Corporation was one of them. They hired Joe Phillip to do the job for them. They were within their legal right to do so and according to the two attorneys we consulted they still are despite the Governor's Direc-

utive.

The Governor's reorganization plan if it had been approved by Congress would have among other things created a new Department of Agriculture. If the placement of PPA on the revised organization chart submitted by the executive branch was not a typographical error the plan also would have changed Pohnpei Port Authorities status from that of a Public Corporation with a Board of Directors to that of an agency directly under the control of the

governor. PUC would have remained a public corporation under the plan.

Pohnpei State Legislature in its session passed a resolution rejecting the plan in its entirety. Among other things they said that the plan carries with it "concerns with respect to requisite amendments and modifications to State laws and budgetary systems as would be needed for proper implementation of the original Plan that was trans-

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### K-Press Editor Unintentionally 'Muddies FSM Waters'

Managing Editor: "*In a perfect world I would write the perfect headline every time...*"

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## Ohmine House Burns to the Ground



Police Officials would give us no information on the house that burned to the ground on the afternoon of Saturday, March 1. Neighbors say that the house was rarely occupied and that it belonged to deceased former Senator Dasuo Johnson. They say that no one was injured in the blaze to the best of their knowledge.

## ...Executive Directive

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mitted to the Legislature by means of Governor Communication No. 24-08.

Governor Ehsa was off island and unavailable for comment on his first directive. Lt. Governor Churchill Edward said that the Attorney General's office was short staffed and that the directive was one possible way of solving the problem and simultaneously cutting costs. They would do that by "folding in" the attorneys that currently work for Executive Branch entities. As an example, the in house attorneys for PUC and the Finance Department would be brought into the Attorney General's office so that they could work on legal work related to the entity for which they were hired and would then also be able to work on other cases for the AG's department.

The Executive Directive says, "Whereas all of these specific

agencies, commissions, authorities and public corporations and other specific parts of the Executive Branch were permitted by the current individual enabling laws to share legal counsel with [the] rest of the Executive Branch (those that were created by the Pohnpei Constitution and the Re-organization act of 2000)..."

The attorneys we consulted said that the directive is illegal under the enabling legislative initiatives that set up, among other entities, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation and the Pohnpei Port Authority. Those laws, they say, specifically allow those entities to hire their own attorneys to handle legal issues.

PPA has a contract with the Law Offices of Sipos and Berman. Eleven days before Ehsa issued his directive, Mike Sipos wrote a letter to Lorrie Johnson Asher who is in an acting capacity as the Attorney General. The letter had as its subject "PPA-3d Request for Privileged Material".

According to the letter, before Ehsa was Governor he asked Johnson Asher to get PPA's record of Sipos' billings for work he had performed for the agency. Those records are guarded by attorney client privilege and PPA did not provide those records. According to Sipos' letter, Ehsa, after he became Governor made the same request through informal channels; once, when he asked "PPA Seaport Manager Nelperson Etse to request PPA's General Manager Ieske Iehsi to produce the documents, and again by repeating the same request to Dais Lorrin, PPA's Board Chairman."

Sipos said in his letter to Johnson-Asher, "this information was first requested prior to the time Governor Ehsa took office at a point when PPA was highly adverse to the Governor's brother, Timakio Ehsa d.b.a. (doing business as) Pohnpei Marine Services. And a few weeks before that request was made, PMS's private lawyer made an informal request of you for at least some of the same information without going through formal discovery channels, even though PPA was at that point litigating two claims against PMS, which the lawyer apparently failed to tell you about."

Sipos has for the last several years been defending PPA in a large number of lawsuits filed by Pohnpei Marine Services (see *The Kaselehlie Press* Vol 6, Issue 16, "PPA Moves to Dismiss 'Harrassing' Case of PMS" by Jessica Chapman).

He goes on to say in his letter that PPA has maintained that most if not all of PMS's filings were made for the improper purpose of burdening PPA and driving up the costs of litigation. "The point to be made is, in part, that PPA has withstood repeated attacks by PMS and others that were by all accounts economically driven and misguided. Now PPA is confronting a request made by the Governor, which began before he even took office, that suggests his first PPA-related priority is to access privileged documents that will

show what its legal counsel has done to prevail against his brother."

He said that there is an apparent conflict of interest problem that dictates that PPA should approach the release of information with caution.

Discovery documents in the lawsuit favoring PPA against PMS includes bank records obtained by a subpoena. The documents were filed with the court documents at the FSM Supreme Court which makes them publicly accessible. The thousands of pages of financial data show that while PPA was trying to collect on a PMS debt that in November of last year stood in excess of \$800,000, thousands of dollars were spent by PMS to help fund Governor Ehsa's campaign for the position of governor.

Sipos concluded his letter by saying that if the AG's office put their request for information in writing explaining "what is sought, why it is sought, who is going to see it, and what safeguards will be put in place to make sure it does not get into the wrong hands, PPA will respond accordingly...If you want summaries of legal fee expenditures that do not show substantive details of attorney opinions or work product PPA should be able to provide that."

There has been no response to the letter to date.

Ehsa's Executive Directive points to the "anticipated slump down of financial assistance" of Compact dollars that will occur in 2009 and the need to conserve Pohnpei's financial resources as one of the motivations for his directive. Neither Pohnpei Port Authority nor Pohnpei Utilities Company receives allocations from the Compact.

The Directive says, "reliable evidence shows that the current practice of retaining private attorneys and/or in house counsel, both also

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## FSM Preparing to Vaccinate Against Cervical Cancer

By Jean-Paul Chaine

I recently had occasion to administer a quick questionnaire to a small group of honor students on Saipan. One question simply asked "What is polio?" Not one student could answer the question; one even responded "Not a clue". They also did not know anyone who had polio.

I was unprepared for this response. I have been working in Public Health for the last 40 years in Africa, Asia and for the last ten in the Pacific Islands. A recent assignment was with the World Health Organization Polio Eradication Program in South Equatorial Sudan. Polio is very real for me, both professionally and personally, two cousins my age were victimized by this virus.

How could a disease that caused so much concern just one generation ago simply disappear from the public conscience? The answer is, of course, vaccines.

In 1956, when I was a sophomore in high school, the nation conducted a mass polio vaccination campaign. Before the vaccine was available, healthy vibrant children were tucked into bed only to wake up with incurable poliomyelitis (also called infantile paralysis). This happened without warning and was a parent's worst nightmare. The disease took several forms. Polio could kill you outright. The death-to-case ratio for paralytic polio was 2% to 5% in young children but from 15% - 30% in adults. Polio could paralyze your diaphragm so you spent the rest of your life in an iron lung, a casket like tube which did your breathing for you. Spinal polio often involved a single leg which could become permanently paralyzed and required wheel chairs, massive iron leg braces and crutches. We now know that nearly everyone was exposed to polio virus but only a few unlucky individuals got sick. The disease reached its peak in the USA in

1952 with 21,000 paralytic cases. Thanks to vaccines, the last case of wild polio acquired in the USA was in 1979 and will be eradicated from our planet in the next few years.

Another vaccine has recently been approved by the FDA called Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine. Like polio, infections with HPV are common and generally go unnoticed. Yet this virus is responsible for 100% of all cervical cancers, which in the RMI, is the second leading cause of all cancer deaths in women. The RMI rate for cervical cancer is many times more than the US Mainland. This means that every few weeks a woman in the RMI learns that she has invasive cervical cancer.

In the FSM, the Department of Health and Social Affairs, the Cancer Coalition, and the Department of Education are planning a mass immunization campaign targeting girls from 12 to 18 years

of age. The vaccine is very expensive: \$130 a shot and three shots are required over a six month period. The Department of Health has obtained enough vaccine for the campaign from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The vaccine will be provided free to the young women. The catch-up campaign is planned to be completed by December 2009, thereafter the vaccine will be provided every year to sixth graders.

We will thus vaccinate our daughters as young girls to protect them as women. The campaign will require considerable effort on the part of the DHS and the coalition but they will depend entirely on women stepping up to be vaccinated. We can make our high school graduating class of 2009 the first class to be free of cervical cancer. Indeed all women under 18 can and should be protected.

Hopefully our grandchildren when asked about cervical cancer will respond: "Not a clue".

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### Bills

CBL 15-58 – To further amend title 30 of the code of the Federated States of Micronesia as amended, by adding a new chapter 4 to establish Federated States of Micronesia venture funds, and for other purposes.

CBL 15-59 – To further amend title 50 of the code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 103 to prevent the revocation or denial of spouse permits from non-citizen spouses of deceased citizens who have resided in the Federated States of Micronesia for at least twenty (20) years.

CBL 15-79 – To amend section 204 of title 7 of the code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, in order to allow for citizenship through naturalization to FSM nationals and children of FSM citizens, and, with the recommendation of congress through bill, citizen-

ship through naturalization for spouses of FSM citizens, and for other purposes.

CBL 15-82 – To further amend title 2 of the code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 207 thereof, to require that the president of the Federated States of Micronesia shall appoint consul generals with the advice and consent of the congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

CBL 15-83 – To appropriate from the general fund of the Federated States of Micronesia, a sum of \$366,255 realized from the 20% restricted funds previously allocated for health and education in Chuuk State for the purpose of funding the Chuuk State government financial reform, and for other purposes.

CBL 15-92 – To appropriate a

sum of \$342,000 from the general fund of the Federated States of Micronesia from the fiscal year 2008 for the purpose of funding public projects in the State of Pohnpei, and for other purposes.

CBL 15-100 – CD3: To appropriate from the general fund of the Federated States of Micronesia, a sum of \$3,780,000 million for the purpose of funding public projects and social programs in the four states, and for other purposes.

CBL 15-? – Final Version: To further amend title 54 of the code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 805 thereof, to provide scholarships for cer-



Speaker Issac V. Figir

tain aviation related post-secondary programs leading to commercial licenses and certifications, and for other purposes.

CBL 15-? – To amend public law no. 15-11, as amended by public law no. 15-18, by amending sections 1, 2, 4, 8 and 9 thereof, in order to appropriate



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## ...Congress

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additional \$7,619,122 from the general fund for fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. (CD2: to amend public law no. 15-11, as amended by public law no. 15-18, by amending sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 thereof, in order to appropriate additional \$2,440,112 from the general fund of the FSM for FY ending September 30, 2008)

### Resolutions

CRL 15-? – Confirming the nomination of Mr. Maketo Robert to be the secretary of the Department of Justice of the Federated States of Micronesia.

CRL 15-77 – Confirming the nomination of Mr. John Fritz to serve as Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia to the government of Japan.

CRL 15-78 – Confirming the nomination of Dr. Rufino Mauricio to be the director of

the Office of National Archives, culture and historic preservation of the Federated States of Micronesia.

CRL 15-79 – Confirming the nomination of Mr. Yosiwo P. George to serve as Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia to the government of the United States of America.

CRL 15-? – Confirming the nomination of Mr. Kimeuo Kimiuo to the National Election Director of the Federated States of Micronesia.

CRL 15-83 – Confirming the nomination of Mr. Midion G. Neth to be the Postmaster General of the Federated States of Micronesia.

CRL 15-84 – Confirming the nomination of Mr. Peter M. Christian to be the Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development of the Federated States of Micronesia.

CRL 15-87 – Ratifying the agreement between the Feder-

ated States of Micronesia and the People's Republic of China for the gratuitous grant of \$4,000,000.00 (RMB) that will be disbursed over HREE Economic and Technical Cooperation Grant aid in the amount of 20,000,000.00 RMB to be used for projects agreed upon by both governments,

CRL 15-? – Acknowledging the gratuitous grant contributed by the People's Republic of China in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (USD) for the Federated States of Micronesia Trust Fund.

CRL 15-? – Ratifying the agreement between the Federated States of Micronesia and the People's Republic of China for the Economic and Technical Cooperation Grant Aid in the amount of 20,000,000.00 RMB to be used for projects agreed upon by both governments.

CRL 15-? – Confirming the nomination of Mr. Francis I. Itimai to be the Secretary of the Department of Transportation Communications and Infra-

structure of the Federated States of Micronesia.

CRL 15-108 – Approving the agreement for foreign fishing vessels between the Nation Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the National Fisheries Corporation.

CRL 15-109 – Expressing the sadness of Congress at the untimely passing of Mr. Wilton Mackwelung and recognizing his years of dedication and service to the government and people of the Federated States of Micronesia.

CRL 15-110 – Setting the ceiling of the total funds estimated to be available for appropriation from the general fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

CRL 15-111 – Inviting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to deliver a State of the Federation address to the nation in the spring of 2008.

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The MOU also outlines the contributions both countries will provide towards the development cooperation program.

For information on the AusAID Development Cooperation program in the FSM, contact AusAID at the Australian Embassy at 691-320-5448 or at [phpi.mail@dfat.gov.au](mailto:phpi.mail@dfat.gov.au)



FSM's Secretary for the Department of Foreign Affairs Lorin S. Robert and Australia's Ambassador Susan Cox sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries in the FSM Foreign Affairs Conference room in Palikir, Pohnpei.



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## ...Lawyers

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permitted by law, is costing too much..."

When we asked Lt. Governor Churchill Edward why a member of the AG's office would categorically tell us that Sipos billed PPA \$100,000 in 2006 when PPA had not yet released any records regarding those billings he said that the staff member probably got that number from PPA's budget. By law, the Governor approves PPA's budget. Edward said that PPA's budget for legal representation is \$140,000. That figure actually covers professional fees and includes many other expense items including the salaries for the port's pilots.

Rumors regarding Sipos' billings of PPA for legal representation vary upwards from \$70,000 to one published report in which the reporter claimed, "I know for a fact that Sipos billed PPA \$100,000 last year." In Sipos' letter to Johnson Asher he said that PMS's attorney, Joseph Phillip argued in an earlier case "that PPA's approach for litigation against PMS was being influenced by my personal desire for financial gain." Phillip's argument was unsuccessful.

On Friday, February 29, Sipos

cleared up the matter. Having received no response to his letter to the AG he delivered what he had said in his letter that he would have been willing to provide by written request. He provided a summary of his billing records for PPA for the last three and a half years. That summary shows that Sipos billed PPA for all legal work just over \$38,000 last year, over \$37,000 the year before, over \$14,000 the year before that and, \$12,000 in the first year. He charges by the hour at the going rate for lawyers on the island of \$100 per hour and does not receive a retainer from PPA.

He said that the fee was higher in the last two years because of the work that he did to defend PPA against multiple lawsuits filed by PMS. During those two years he won all but one claim against PPA and collected or received judgments resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars for PPA.

Lt. Governor Edward said that the Directive was not aimed at anyone in particular but was a cost saving method for the Government. The Executive Directive was issued to all Government Agencies, Public Corporations, and Executive departments and offices. One government official who to remain unnamed said that the Directive was not a means of influencing the outcome of court proceedings between PPA and PMS.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Pohnpei 5K Fun Walk/Run Winners

By **JIM TOBIN**

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Pohnpei 5k Fun Walk/Run was held the morning of Saturday, March 1st at the Palm Terrace Shopping Centre. Over 225 people of all ages walked and ran the 3.1 mile course starting at Palm Terrace around the PICS High School loop, down Main Street and returning to the finish at Palm Terrace.

The overall male and female winners were Tim Smith, with a super fast time of 16 minutes and 41 seconds (10 seconds faster than his winning time last year), and Michaela Curr with a time of 23.27. The other division winners were: youth division – Hideharu Augustine (27.15) and Elly Rodriguez (38.11), 18 years and under division – Springsteen Stampson (22.27) and Debra Daniel and Lilina Mikel (32.45) and master division – Weijun You (22.12) and Debbie Mills (31.02).

Also receiving awards were the top 10 finishers: 1<sup>st</sup> - Tim Smith (16.41), 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ite Yuichiro (19.02), 3<sup>rd</sup> - Salomon Goldman (19.44), 4<sup>th</sup> - Render Nakasone (19.46), 5<sup>th</sup> - Alex Woods (20.30), 6<sup>th</sup> - Felix Yinug (21.14), 7<sup>th</sup> - Koichy Sakamoto (21.25), 8<sup>th</sup> - John Hoveg (21.53), 9<sup>th</sup> - Weijin You (22.12) and 10<sup>th</sup> - Justin Rodriguez (22.16).

The major sponsors of the event were Ambros Inc. (Guam) and Shimbros Inc. Other sponsors were Palm Terrace Shopping Centre, MIC SEM, FSM National Olympic Committee, Island Food Community of Pohnpei, Bank of Guam, Western Union, CTSI, Pohnpei State Police Department, Pohnpei Sports Office, The Kaselehlie Press and the Embassy of the United States. We like to offer special thanks to the Island Food Community of Pohnpei for providing healthy foodstuffs (coconuts and bananas) for the participants to eat and drink after the walk/run.

The event was organized by the Rotary Club of Pohnpei as a fundraiser for its scholarship program and various community service projects.

The walk/run was the first of six scheduled races, with the FSM Fitness 5k Run to be held on Saturday, March 29, followed by the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Women in Sport 5k on April 19, 12 annual COM-FSM 5K on May 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> annual STAP/Western Union 5k Walk/Run on May 24 and the 12 annual Olympic Day Run on June 14. All of the walk/runs are open to the general public. Our goal is to improve the fitness of our community.

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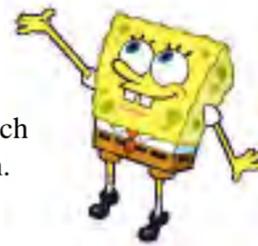
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## Letters to the Editor

### One Bad Headline Deserves Another

Dear Bill Jaynes:

The President has asked me to convey to you in writing his concern about the misleading Headline in your Kaselehlie Press, "Is Congress Set to Impeach President Mori". While a person may have a right to freedom of expression, such right does not protect factually irresponsible expressions. The Headline is devoid of factual basis but it raises serious nuances which even you yourself may not intend.

While the President supports the right of expression, he cannot tolerate any abuse of that right. Any factually baseless report intended merely to inflame the readers one way or another, like the Headline, does not fall within the penumbra of the protection of that right. I, therefore, ask that you retract the Headline, by the use of another Headline in your newspaper for the purpose of reversing whatever nuances your readers may have drawn from reading your headline.

Also, in view of your informal (e-mail) to the President and most especially your February 21, 2008 letter to Speaker Figir, it is only fair that you not only retract the headline but apologize to the President and members of Congress in your next issue for the irreparable damages done as a result of the headline. The damages are not only confined to our national borders but have reached an international audience.

I encourage you to report, what you believe to be newsworthy information, but with objectivity, impersonality and detachment based on concrete facts. While the MicSem Discusses (sic) Forum has served a useful purpose for discussing issues of importance to the Nation, I find it difficult to believe that you had no choice but to write the article because of much information floating on MicSem Forum. Postings on the Forum are by those who chose not to reveal their true identity. They are not accountable to anyone but perhaps to the Forum Moderator, having the tabloid characteristic of a paper.

I am looking forward to your kind remedial action on this important matter.

**Lorin S. Robert**  
Secretary  
Department of Foreign Affairs

[**Editor's Note:** Notice by a phone call from Foreign Affairs that this letter was coming via email to The Kaselehlie Press was received on February 29 (the letter was also dated February 29) one day after I had written and published online (www.kpress.info) my item that you will find on page 10. At the same time that I posted that apology online I changed the headline for the article in question on our website to the one that I should have used in the first place by my own previous admission.

Over an hour before I received the above letter, the two letters I sent to the President (one was a courtesy copy of the one I'd sent to the members of Congress) and to which Secretary Robert refers in the above correspondence were posted in their entirety (including the typo) on the MicSem forum under the headline "MicSem Posters Misled Public on Impeaching the President, Bill Jaynes of KP Apologized for It!!" The exclamation points were especially enticing. The chosen headline reminds me of the famous former President Bill Clinton line, "That depends on what the definition of 'is' is." Rather than a verb, the pronoun "it" is in question in the "headline" posted on MicSem.

The item was submitted under the user name FSMPIO (FSM Public Information Office).

As the Australians say, "Fair dinkum." Some people from France might say "Touche". Americans would say "turnabout is fair play," or maybe, "what goes around comes around."

The problem with their headline was that my apology had nothing whatsoever to do with a "forumer" misleading the public on the issue of whether or not Congress was considering the impeachment of President Mori. I am not the person who posted that "information" on the MicSem Forum a week before my poorly headed article ran. The apology had to do with my own poorly chosen headline for an article that really was intended to cover the tensions between the

Legislative and the Executive Branches of Government.

I had hoped that the letter that was coming, whose nature had not been explained to me in the phone call that came before it arrived would be something that I could use to help clear up Vice Speaker Moses' accusations from the floor of Congress as I had invited the President to help me to do. I was truly disappointed when I found out that it wasn't. I had thought that he or the Sena-

tors I called all week would be able to help do that.

I will allow my apology for my bad headline to stand as sufficient in the way that I wrote it before I was asked to do so by the above letter.

I won't ask for an apology from the President's office for the misleading "headline" his office posted on MicSem which also goes out to an international audience.]

## B N N

By Bermin F. Weilbacher

The opinions expressed in the BNN Column are those of the author.

**The State of the State Message...what's in it?**

I have not seen such a huge gathering to witness a State of the State Message. But that's what I saw on February 22, 2008 at the first State of the State Message by Governor John Ehsa. Why the huge crowd? In my case, I had hoped to get a sense of what to expect from the new administration. But as it turned out, the "Message" was in essence an Exit Report of the previous administration presented by the incoming administration. I suggest the Pohnpei Constitution be amended to require that the Governor, upon completing his/her term, shall present an exit report to the people and give the new Governor a chance to put his platform into practice then report in the next State of the State Message. Another anomaly I see. The new Governor takes the helm in the middle of the budget cycle so

making changes that cost money take time to accomplish—witness the attempt to change the organization of both FSM and Pohnpei State Governments.

The State of the State Message is a 17-page document that was presented in the local vernacular. Following the Governor, the Chief Justice went another 10 pages in his State of the State Message. For the non-Pohnpeian language speakers, it had to be an exercise of an experience—to sit through nearly two hours of speeches that they did not understand.

The information contained in the two Messages should be good enough for a dozen or more BNN Columns.

**Isn't it the other way around???**

What caught my attention in the Governor's Message was this line, in the vernacular,

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## K-Press Perspective

## K-Press Editor Unintentionally 'Muddies FSM Waters'

For those of you in the FSM that are unaware, the Micronesian Seminar has a website (<http://www.micsem.org>). It is a very interesting website with vast stores of archived photos, sound recordings, and items of historical and current interest. The staff of Micronesian Seminar has done a spectacular job. It's possibly one of the finest websites I've ever seen on any subject.

The website includes a forum where anonymous users can post and discuss topics of their own choosing. It has become wildly popular amongst Micronesians and expats with a desire for information on the FSM. I check it several times a day, not as a source of news but as a source of information on what subjects might interest readers of The Kaselehlie Press. Even the President of the FSM sometimes utilizes the MicSem Forum when he wants to get information to the public. He doesn't merely post there through whoever functions as his Public Information Officer, he sometimes scans the forum himself.

Anonymity allows people to be frank and to say what they might not otherwise say. Sometimes that is a very good thing. Some posters on that forum consider their postings thoroughly. Unfortunately many do not.

The MicSem Forum could be a very good way for the public to talk about important issues or even to vent its collective frustration. Sometimes discussions in that place are productive and helpful. From personal conversations with him I know that was the intent Father Frances Hezel had in mind when he created it. He is likely right that the forum wouldn't be so wildly popular if it disallowed anonymity and the mechanism of the forum provides a place for free and open conversations. The Kaselehlie Press has a forum on our website as well. That portion of our site [www.kpress.info](http://www.kpress.info) is seldom utilized. I'm certain that is because we do not allow anonymity.

The week before I published the

article that appeared as the second headline on the last issue's front page, the MicSem Forum was ablaze with the rumor that Congress was set to impeach President Mori. More than one forumer practically screamed for The Kaselehlie Press to look into the situation. Some forumers seemed to intimate that if I didn't follow up on that topic I was not doing my job and their suspicions that I was a man "in the President's pocket" would therefore have been proved for all time.

Sometimes when a reporter finds out that facts don't substantiate a story that the public thinks exists, that finding is a story in itself. That was part of what occurred this time. I had already intended to write a story about the tensions between Congress and the Executive Branch and impeachment wasn't part of it.

In a perfect world I would write the perfect headline every time. I don't always. I had hoped by utilizing the headline "Is Congress Set to Impeach President Mori" you, as a reader would be motivated to read all of the facts that I discovered that led me to know that Congress most definitely was not and is not considering a move to impeach President Mori. I should very clearly have said that in the text of the article. Apparently, many people missed the statements of the three Senators I quoted in the article all of whom said there was no move to impeach the President. Again, for clarity's sake, **THERE IS NO MOVE TO IMPEACH THE PRESIDENT AND THERE NEVER WAS.**

I don't know what led some MicSem forumers to think that Congress was considering an impeachment act in the first place but a good many of them were saying that it was true and they communicated that misinformation as if it was a forgone conclusion.

If I have made a mistake (and I freely admit that I make them) in the pages of The Kaselehlie Press I sometimes post corrections on the forum in between papers since we are only able to publish on a bi-weekly basis.

For instance, I published in the last issue, information I had been given by a highly placed but incorrect source that delegates on the State Visit to China had each been given \$4000 for spending money while in Hong Kong.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of February I had a conversation with President Mori who told me that the amount of money was not in the US Denomination but in Hong Kong dollars. On the following day I had a similar conversation with Senator Primo who confirmed that information. The Hong Kong dollar is not the same as the Chinese Yen (I misprinted the abbreviation as RNB when it is actually RMB). The exchange rate however is equivalent with both standing right now at approximately 7 US dollars per Hong Kong dollar. 4000 Hong Kong dollars would be just over 570 US dollars. I posted that correction on the MicSem Forum as soon as I got it. It was posted under my user name which is "BJaynes".

On the floor of Congress on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, Senator Peter Sitan read a prepared statement regarding my headline and its tendency to mislead the public. It wasn't a lot of fun for me to sit through that statement but ultimately I agreed with what he had to say whether he personally wrote the statement or not. I could see his point that my headline may have caused the public to think

that Congress was considering an impeachment process against the President most especially if they only saw the headline.

In retrospect I should have answered the question in the headline, maybe by just adding an emphatic "No!" It was not my intent to deceive you or to sensationalize the situation.

If you were one of those who was deceived by that headline I apologize to you. It was unintentional and I'll try to do better in the future.

I do endeavor to be fair and balanced and to talk about events and issues from the viewpoint of all of the involved parties. I think that I was able to accomplish that in my very long article but my headline apparently marred the balance when I didn't think it would. I was incorrect.

If I could go back in time with 2020 hindsight I would rename the article, "Tension Between Legislative and Executive Branches Remains High in the FSM". I would utilize the same quote I used before from Senator Nelson as the subhead. I can't go back. In lieu of that I hope that you will accept my apology for something that I can't now undo.

Bill Jaynes  
Managing Editor

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**"PALI LAUD EN BUSINESS NAN POHNPEI MOMOUR PWEHKI BUSINESS EN GOVERNMENT."** Translated it means, "Most businesses in Pohnpei are in business because of government business." I spoke with a member of the Pohnpei Business Community about this statement and he thinks it should be the other way around, after all, isn't it a fact that "The private sector is the engine of growth?"

**FSM President spoke to the Pohnpei people via her leaders...**

For the first time in Pohnpei's political history, a third individual, gave remarks on this occasion. Governor Ehsa invited the FSM President to share his views on key issues. He spoke of wanting to be on a personal level with Pohnpei's Leaders, to be receptive and sensitive to the needs of the

states; of how private sector is the example that the governments need to follow, **THERE YOU GO, INDEED,** "the private sector is the engine of growth." The President publicly praised his newly acquired Secretary of Finance (former Director of Finance of Pohnpei State) for doing a good job in keeping the books straight. Applause.

**The spread of the scrap disease...**

Pohnpei State is inheriting a disease that I read recently in the Guam paper (PDN). Some people there have been stealing other peoples' scrap metal and selling it to the scrap dealer(s). I remember reading about the theft of War Memorial plaques that ended up in Hong Kong and sometimes the theft involved live copper wire. The disease is here in our own back yard. With the recent establishment of the foreign owned scrap business in Pohnpei, scavengers at the public dump and thieves are already

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## Seen Any Good Movies Lately?



By *N.N. Isaac*  
The Kaselehie Press

### *30 Days of Night (2007)*

Over this short weekend, I had the distinct displeasure of watching one of the lamest excuses for a horror movie ever conceived by man. Considering that John Carpenter and Rob Zombie are still making movies, that evaluation might be slightly exaggerated but not by much. I do not jest when I say that this movie was absolutely horrifying, and not in the way it was intended to be.

The movie, ladies and gents, that I found to be so disagreeable was the highly promoted, much anticipated, graphic-novel based, vampire flick, "30 Days of Night," starring Josh Hartnett.

With masterpieces by Bram Stoker, Anne Rice, and even Quentin Tarantino setting the standard, "30 Days" is an ugly betel nut stain on the vampire walk of fame.

The plot of this catastrophe begins when the people of a small Alaskan town bunker down for thirty days of darkness. Once the last ray of sunlight disappears, they are soon besieged by an onslaught of blood-thirsty vampires.

Perhaps it was the sub-zero temperatures or the endless nights without sun that got to him, but Josh Hartnett really flopped in his role as Sherriff Eben Oleson. Hartnett isn't entirely to blame for this disaster of a movie. The whole plot and the execution of "30 Days" was "weird" at best. One of the most confusing parts of the movie was the ambiguously defined relationship between Hartnett's character and someone I assumed to be his wife. That gaffe might've been forgivable if it didn't play such a crucial part in the story's plot.

The vampires in this movie, that for some reason made me think of rabid, lobotomized baby sharks, are never explained. They're only shown stalking around in their black trench coats, baring mouthfuls of bloody teeth, and squealing at everything that moves.

"30 Days of Night" is rated R for strong horror, violence, and lan-

guage. If it isn't obvious by now, I am definitely recommending that you skip this one. However, if you feel you must see it for yourself, by all means, knock yourself out, literally. It just might be less painful than enduring the 113 minutes of this cheesy vampire flick.

### *Across The Universe (2007)*

Thankfully, this weekend's excursion to the video store wasn't completely in vain. I was lucky enough to rent a movie I'd been waiting a long time for, the highly acclaimed musical drama, "Across the Universe" (2007). Directed by Julie Taymor ("Frida," "Titus," and the Broadway production of "The Lion King"), "Across the Universe" is a musical story about a young British shipyard worker named Jude who journeys to America just as anti-Vietnam "Police Action" activism reaches a fevered pitch. Once there, he quickly discovers love, psychedelic drugs, and rock 'n roll.

The cast of "Across the Universe" is made up of virtually unknown actors, making it all the more refreshing, authentic, and unique. There are several clever cameos of famous stars and singers. For instance, U2's Bono makes an appearance as Dr. Robert, Eddie Izzard as Mr. Kite, Joe Cocker as a beggar, pimp, and hippie, and Salma Hayek as five nurses that appear in a hallucination.

The real gem of this movie, however, is its soundtrack. As hinted in its title, all the songs in "Across the Universe," as well as a lot of the lines and characters are taken from about 34 songs penned and performed by that fabulous foursome from Liverpool, The Beatles. If this fact alone hasn't piqued your interest in this movie, it's probably even more imperative you watch it, if only to further develop your musical repertoire.

I enjoyed the music of this movie so much that I paid loathsome late fees because I held on to the movie for so long just so that I could hear all the songs one more time. As of today, I still haven't gotten Joe Cocker's version of "Come Together" out of my head. In case you plan on acquiring the

movie's original soundtrack for yourself, the one I'd recommend is the deluxe edition that's only sold at Best Buy stores in the U.S. Besides the music, there are many other interesting references to the 60's in this movie. For example, the characters Sadie and Jojo, who get their names from The Beatles' tunes "Sexy Sadie," and "Get Back," are references to rockers Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix. Also, the bar "Café Huh" where Sadie performs is an allusion to "Café Wha" originally located in New York's Greenwich Village. Joplin and Hendrix occasionally performed there.

There's no use tip-toeing around the subject. This movie is a musical. I've come to accept that even the most avid music-lovers in this world still roll their eyes

when they hear the "m"-word mentioned. Just so you don't go running for cover the moment the first dance sequence kicks in (pun warmly intended), let me assure you that this movie quickly graduates from Ed Sullivan-ish corniness into something dark and psychedelic — much like the evolution of the Beatles, themselves. I sincerely encourage you to endure the first few minutes of choreographed torture because this movie is entirely worth watching.

"Across the Universe" is weird, artistic, experimental, dark, and beautiful. I highly recommend that you watch this visually and acoustically fascinating movie.

The film is rated PG-13 for some drug content, nudity, sexuality, violence and language.

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at work selling stolen material to the scrap dealer. I might urge authorities to require that scrap dealers document the transaction like, name of seller, type of scrap, etc, etc. This procedure helped to recover some valuable bronze War Memorial plaques mentioned earlier.

### *Their livelihood is planting yam and bananas...*

Is it really that bad in Pohnpei? I did not think so after listening to the "Message" but if you went to the dump, you will see women and children scavenging there. I spoke to one of the employees there and he said, "They come and take things, metal and others at will. We cannot stop them. The Police came and then EPA came and tried to drive them away but the scavengers said, "Why are you doing this to us? This is our livelihood."

"Ridiculous," said an observer. "Their livelihood is planting yam and bananas."

So who pays for cost of injury of these scavengers?

### *Official business funded by private money???*

I read with interest the news article in the last KPress wherein the article began with

the talk of impeaching President Mori and ended up with government officials receiving thousands of dollars from private sources while traveling on official business abroad in China and Japan. I know that one of the travelers returned some money back into the state treasury. What of the others?

Ironically, while the FSM leaders were entertained by the Chinese and Japanese governments, the KPress reported that some Chinese and Japanese fishing boats continue to fish illegally in the FSM's EEZ. The article featured captured illegal catches of tuna and shark fins.

### *Who will end up with the bill?*

Headline: "FSM OWES \$2 MILLION" PDN February 27, 2008. That's money owed by FSM patients. According to the news article, the \$2 million outstanding debt is incurred by patients referred to Guam Memorial Hospital from the FSM States mostly from Chuuk State with a whooping \$1.7 million share. The article said Guam authorities have written letters to the State and FSM Governments for payment to no avail.

MiCare says it does not have patients in GMH under its insurance coverage. So whose wallet are these costs coming out of?

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These 40 days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving in preparation for the feast of Easter which began on Ash Wednesday had its beginnings very early in the Church. It began as a day of fasting on Holy Saturday before the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This day was joined to the usual Friday fast to make a two-day preparation for Easter. Eventually, this time was lengthened to 40 days of fasting for the sake of the catechumens who were in the last stage of preparation for their baptism at the Easter Vigil liturgy, rising to new life in Christ on the feast of His resurrection.

At the same time, a custom developed in Jerusalem commemorating the 40-day fast of Jesus in the desert after his baptism. This devotion would commence yearly right after the Christmas feast of Epiphany (in which the Lord's baptism was also commemorated.)

Meanwhile, in the Church in Alexandria, Egypt, around the year 200, a six-day fast was instituted for the week prior to Easter as a help to those sinners who wanted to rejoin the Christian community. This too eventually became a 40-day fast with the emphasis not on preparation for baptism as in Rome, but as a means to reconcile sinners through the three traditional biblical penitential activities of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

By the year 340, these two developments were combined to become the basis for our Lenten devotions today – a preparation for baptism as well as a means of reconciliation for those previously baptized but who broke their baptismal promises and separated themselves from

the Church community.

In our time, there are usually not many adults who will receive baptism at the Easter Vigil, but all will take this opportunity to recall their own baptism and renew their baptismal promises to turn away from sin and darkness, and to turn toward the light by confessing their faith in the Trinity by means of the Creed. As preparation for this baptismal renewal, we spend 40 days doing spiritual and corporal exercises designed to bring about real conversion of mind and heart, rooting out sinful habits and nurturing necessary virtues for the accomplishment of our labors in and with Christ our Lord for the building up of the kingdom here in our time and place. Discipleship requires a dying to self, and our fasting and sharing during these days help us to die so that Christ's life may be seen in us in all we do, so that we can testify as St. Paul did, "It is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

So when Holy Week arrives and we join in the celebration of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, we will have prepared to die and rise with Christ through our own journey of 40 days of dying to self and rising to life in the Spirit who reconciles us to God and one another in the Christian community. Many will examine their lives carefully, acknowledging both strengths and weaknesses, giving thanks for the positive contributions our lives have made but also asking pardon for the negative impact we have made on the lives of others. Many will confess their sins during Lent in the joyful expectation of renewed life in Christ and with a firm sense of amendment. This determination to grow and mature in our living the Gospel is then expressed in the joyful renewal of our baptismal vows at Easter. Rising can come only after dying. This Paschal Cycle of dying and rising each year is our vocation as Christians, and is facilitated through this penitential season of 40 days – 40 days to become saints in fact as well as in name.

*Dave Andrus, SJ*

### Astronomical Tide Prediction March 5 -18, 2007

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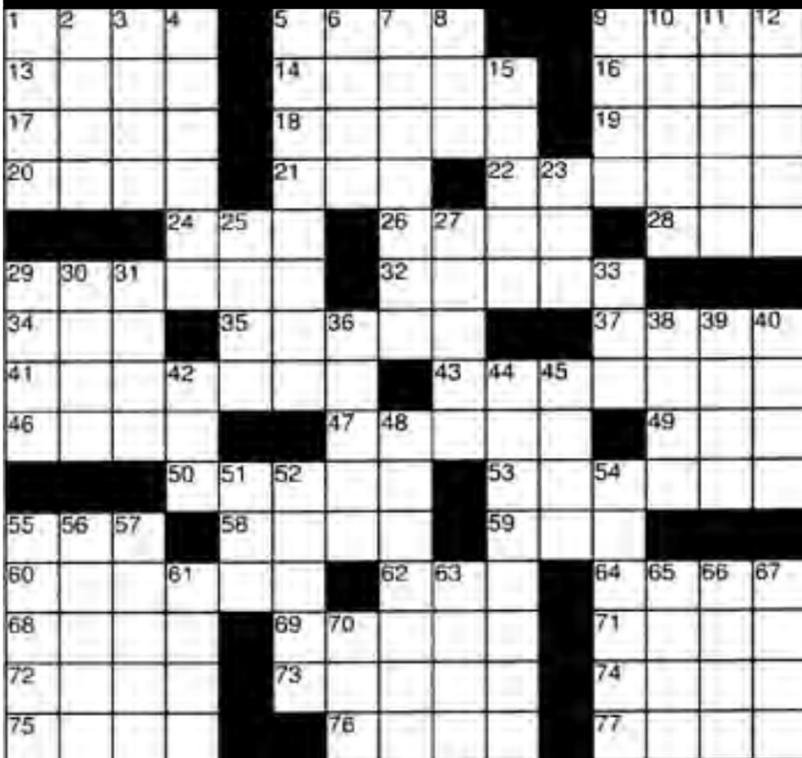
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# Puzzles

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS**
- 1. Between
  - 5. "\_\_\_ and Circumstance"
  - 9. Hair holders
  - 13. Took a trolley
  - 14. To no \_\_\_
  - 16. Suit
  - 17. Golf club
  - 18. With sprinkles
  - 19. Baby bag item
  - 20. Ethnic eatery
  - 21. \_\_\_ or nothing
  - 22. Bad to the core
  - 24. Cobbler's tool
  - 26. Dominant
  - 28. Got it?
  - 29. Take on workershole
  - 32. Like a parabola
  - 34. Gotcha in the galley
  - 35. Layer with a

## WITH SPRINKLES

- 37. Story starter
  - 41. Ingénue
  - 43. Trendy salad green
  - 46. Via, on a sign
  - 47. Fireman's supplies
  - 49. One off their rocker
  - 50. Errand person
  - 53. Brings to a close
  - 55. It has a honker
  - 58. Sported
  - 59. *The \_\_\_ Couple*
  - 60. Endowers, often
  - 62. State veep
  - 64. Exercises outside
  - 68. Raced
  - 69. Use a razor
  - 71. Word processor key
  - 72. Blacken
  - 73. Aerial
  - 74. Wild guess
  - 75. Healthy
  - 76. More than you can imagine
  - 77. Xmas expectation
- DOWN**
- 1. Very dry
  - 2. Request for seconds
  - 3. *American \_\_\_*
  - 4. Prerecovery stage
  - 5. \_\_\_ with fear
  - 6. Racetrack shape
  - 7. Cliff Claven, for one
  - 8. Diaper fastener
  - 9. Eyed ingredient?
  - 10. Uses the egress
  - 11. Home on the range
  - 12. Acted-out event
  - 15. Song segment
  - 23. \_\_\_ day at a time
  - 25. Ram cushion
  - 27. They might be designated
  - 29. \_\_\_ of Eden
  - 30. Ancient tale
  - 31. Fig-figured fruit
  - 33. Preceder and follower for "eat"
  - 36. Questionnaire option
  - 38. They're sisters
  - 39. Piece for a P.I.
  - 40. Chows down
  - 42. Bad toupee
  - 44. Gets better
  - 45. Like a resale item
  - 48. Italian spice
  - 51. Have a deed for
  - 52. Palm off
  - 54. Tweak
  - 55. \_\_\_ -22
  - 56. Oahu welcome
  - 57. In the boonies
  - 61. "A \_\_\_ formality"
  - 63. A bun in the \_\_\_
  - 65. Latch\_\_\_
  - 66. Reception to a roo
  - 67. Sheds tears
  - 70. Gilligan's home

*K-Press Puzzle Pleasure*  
SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE

## Sugarcane

## Sugar Ray

C T H A O T R T L D E P  
T T G J J P R U E I C E  
S S G H T O B T D T R R  
B E A J P L A N T L O E  
H V S I S V J T V H O N  
L R C O I T T U R I N N  
T A P T R R E A I D N I  
L H L L G G G D L C C A  
C U B A S U U U I L E L  
C L O P S B C S A T L R

### Puzzle A

... Is a bamboolike plant whose stalks contain a sugary juice from which refined sugar and syrup are made.

- JUICE
- PERENNIAL PLANT
- SUCROSE
- SUGAR
- TALL grass
- INDIA
- HARVEST

### Puzzle B

... Robinson got his nickname after a sports-writer described him as "the sweetest fighter... sweet as sugar."

- BOXER
- CHAMPION
- DECISION
- FIGHTS
- KNOCKOUT
- MIDDLE-WEIGHT
- NICKNAME

L F R R T U O K C O N K  
E F G T O X K H D O C M  
M I D D L E W E I G H T  
A G I E O E C P E X P L  
N H P I W I M F R D R U  
K T U W S A C H R S W F  
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The Registration and Safety Briefing will be on Friday evening, March 7 at 5:30 until 7:00, at the PCR Restaurant.

See you there!

The Chuuk Chamber of Commerce holds its meetings every third Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at alternate venues. The schedule of meetings for the next three months are as follows:

February 19 - The Balas Restaurant Conference Room

March 18 - Truk Stop Hotel/Restaurant VIP Room

April 15 High Tide Restaurant VIP Room

For more information call Mrs. Helen Aten at telephone number 330-2386

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Cliff Rainbow Restaurant at 6:30p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the Truk Stop Hotel Restaurant VIP Room. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at [rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com](mailto:rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com)

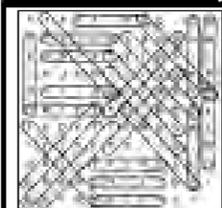
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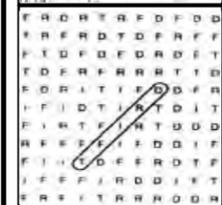
**The deadline for Ads, News Items, or Letters to the Editor for the next issue is March 14, 2008**

**K-Press Puzzle Pleasure**

**LAST Issue's Solution**  
Drift Away



Puzzle A



Puzzle B

**LAST Issue's Solution**  
Overwhelmed



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## Island Food Information is Shared in Kolonia Shops

By Dr. Lois Englberger  
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Local food recipes and updates on island food activities, including *Kaselehie Press* Health & Nutrition articles, are now available at eight Kolonia shops. This project is coordinated by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei with: A-One Fabric & Tailoring Shop, Best Buy, Imelda's Shoe Store, Leo's Store, 4-T-Y Store, Nihco, Senny's Sky Fashion, and Senny's Whole Sale.

The Pohnpei Bananas book, local food posters and post cards are among the materials shared. The recipes include giant swamp taro ground and mixed with ripe pounded banana and coconut cream; *Daiwang* Banana Pancakes; Red Hibiscus Tea with Citrus; Avocado Salad; *Arior*, a recipe of edible coconut husk; and Colorful Three Banana Fruit Salad, which we will share here.



Erine Mcvey, owner of Imelda's Shoe Store, points to the Island Food Community of Pohnpei materials, displayed at her store.

Remember island foods offer many benefits, including food security, health, economics, environmental and cultural preserva-

tion. Plus they offer good taste and make us happy, so let's go local and grow and eat more local island foods!

We extend warm thanks to the participating shops and to our supporting agencies, including the Global Greengrant Fund, Global

Environmental Facility Small Grant Program, and the New Zealand Embassy.

### Colorful Three Banana Fruit Salad (Makes 10 servings, depending on size)

- 2 ripe *Karat* banana (or 10 *Utin Iap*)- this gives the yellow/orange or orange color
- 10 ripe *Daiwang* banana (or 10 *Akadahn*)- this gives the yellow color
- 10 ripe *Utin Menihle* banana (or 10 *Utin Pihsi*)- this gives the white color
- 5-10 ripe Calamansi or Karertik citrus

1. Select three varieties of banana with different colored flesh to make a colorful dish.
2. Peel and cut bananas into bite-size pieces or slices in a bowl.
3. Squeeze the juice from the citrus, strain away the seeds, pour over bananas, and mix.
4. Serve right away or even better, let sit for a few hours or overnight.

Remember that orange- and yellow-fleshed bananas are rich in provitamin A carotenoids, which help protect against cancer, heart disease, diabetes, vitamin A deficiency disorders and vulnerability to infection and night vision problems, and anemia or weak blood.

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# Pohnpei Competitor's Association Standings

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

MADOLENIHMW HS – WOMEN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	L	PCT
1T	Section 6	4	4	0	1.000
1T	Section 3	3	3	0	1.000
1T	Section 2	2	2	0	1.000
1T	All Stars	4	4	0	1.000
5	Section 4	7	4	3	0.571
6	Section 1	5	1	4	0.200
7	Section 7	7	1	6	0.143
8T	Section 5	2	0	2	0.000
8T	Yng Stars	4	0	4	0.000

MADOLENIHMW HS – MEN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	L	PCT
1	Section 7	9	9	0	1.000
2	All Stars	8	7	1	0.875
3	Section 4	2	1	1	0.500
4	Section 6	4	2	2	0.500
5	Section 5	3	1	2	0.333
6	Section 2	4	1	3	0.250
7	Yng Stars	8	1	7	0.125
8T	Section 3	3	0	3	0.000
8T	Section 1	3	0	3	0.000

PICS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	L	PCT
1	Sokehs	5	5	0	1.000
2	Nelt	5	4	1	0.800
3T	PICS Team 4	2	2	0	0.500
3T	PICS INT	4	2	2	0.500
5T	Kapinga	5	2	3	0.400
5T	UH	5	2	3	0.400
5T	Sapwuafik	5	2	3	0.400
8	Mix Group	3	1	2	0.333
9T	Kolonia	2	0	2	0.000
9T	Pingelap	2	0	2	0.000

COM-FSM NAT'L CAMPUS-WOMEN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	L	PCT
1	Yap	13	10	3	0.769
2	PNI Camp	12	8	4	0.667
3	Chuuk	11	7	4	0.636
4	Nat'l Camp	13	8	5	0.615
5	Nukap	10	3	7	0.300
6	Mortlock	8	2	6	0.250
7T	Kosrae	10	0	10	0.000
7T	Pingmok	9	0	9	0.000

COM-FSM NAT'L CAMPUS-MEN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	L	PCT
1	Yap	13	11	2	0.846
2	Chuuk	14	11	3	0.786
3	Mortlock	13	7	6	0.538
4	Kosrae	10	5	5	0.500
5	Nat'l Camp	13	6	7	0.462
6	PNI Camp	12	4	8	0.333
7	Pingmok	7	1	6	0.143
8	Nukap	8	0	8	0.000

## SCRABBLE STANDINGS

SDA-HS – TOP 10

RK	PLAYER	GP	AFP
1	Mrs. V	18	1.47
2	Brenden Yam	14	1.64
3	Latisha John	5	1.80
4	Lynden Weibchr	15	2.07
5	Tiffany Sanchez	7	2.14
6	Lia Panuelo	11	2.18
7T	Amanda	5	2.20
7T	Yuki Nakasone	5	2.20
9	Zach Edward	8	2.38
10	Melanie Edward	10	2.50

MADOLENIHMW HS – TOP 10

RK	PLAYER	GP	AFP
1	Nick Henley	34	1.41
2	Herney Ring	28	1.64
2	Gladwin. T	17	1.71
3	Pauleen Ros	4	1.75
4	Willard A.	5	2.40
5	Starsky P	3	2.67

RK=Rank GP=Games Played W=Win  
L=Lost PCT=Winning % (W/GP)  
AFP=Average Finish Position

## MONOPOLY STANDINGS

### SDA – TOP 10

MADOLENIHMW HS – TOP 10

RK	PLAYER	GP	AFP
1	Charlotte Suz	16	1.75
2	Rubica Reim	13	2.23
3	Roger Paulis	17	2.47
4	Leony Santos	15	2.67
5	Rensner Silbnz	23	2.70
6	Jermaiah Sailas	10	3.20
7	Malinda David	21	3.33
8	Peterson Primo	14	3.43
9	Jeffery Gallen	14	3.50
10	Peter Ringlen	23	3.57

RK=Rank GP=Games Played  
AFP=Average Finish Position

## CHESS CLUB STANDINGS

### MADOLENIHMW HS – Top 10

RK	PLAYER	GP	W	L	D	PCT
1	Arran Hamm	11	10	1	0	0.909
2	Celestine Ada	82	48	32	2	0.585
3	June Celestine	12	7	4	1	0.583
4	Santrickson Lu	7	4	3	0	0.571
5	Harvin Hinga	27	14	13	0	0.519
6	Stravinsky Al	29	15	13	1	0.517
7	Leo Henry	76	38	36	2	0.500
8	Joemar Wasan	44	17	27	0	0.386
9	RJ Robert	9	3	6	0	0.333
10	Amson Iriarte	29	5	24	0	0.172

### SDA SCHOOL – Top 10

RK	PLAYER	GP	W	L	D	PCT
1	MJ Ramone	9	8	1	0	0.889
2	Josie Bassig	23	17	1	5	0.739
3	Yuuki Omura	40	26	8	6	0.650
4	Genelyn Estur	78	47	28	3	0.603
5	Jomar Bassig	20	12	6	0	0.600
6	Lauren Treacy	75	38	28	9	0.507
7T	Pete Jesse	16	8	6	2	0.500
7T	Josie Basig	16	8	6	2	0.500
7T	Zachary Edwd	14	7	6	1	0.500
7T	Leighton Edwd	10	5	5	0	0.500
7T	Travis Halbert	10	5	5	0	0.500



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RK	TEAM	GP	W	L	PCT
1T	PNI Camp	54	41	13	0.760
2	Nukap	35	30	5	0.857
3	Mortlock	23	8	15	0.500
4	Nukap	54	28	26	0.500
5	Mortlock	56	28	28	0.500
6	PNI Camp	53	27	26	0.500
7	Pingmok	41	20	21	0.488
8	Kosrae	12	1	11	0.083

COM-FSM NAT'L CAMPUS-MEN

RK	TEAM	GP	W	L	PCT
1T	Yap	54	40	14	0.741
2	Nukap	34	27	7	0.794
3	Nat'l Camp	36	17	19	0.472
4	PNI Camp	54	27	27	0.500
5T	Mortlock	24	0	24	0.000
7T	Nat'l Camp	49	0	49	0.000
8	Mortlock	12	2	10	0.167