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June Burglaries Break all Records

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

T.S. Eliot may have said that April is the cruelest month but in terms of Pohnpei crime standards that honor belongs to June. According to Pohnpei State Police Chief Joe Roby, June's filings for burglary reports topped all records for as long as he can remember. There is some speculation as to the cause of the rise in the incidence of theft in the month of June and at least one source links that incidence with the graduation of High School students and the expense of hosting parties for graduates.

Regardless of the reasoning some 18 burglary reports were filed at the Pohnpei State Police headquarters in June. Through the efforts of the Police Detectives and with the aid of the commu-

nity 15 of those cases have already resulted in arrests of suspects.

Steven Laurdine was arrested in association with six of the crimes. Mathias Andon, Jr. was allegedly responsible for four of the burglaries. Pasihl Santos was arrested for one count of burglary. Masaky Stenson and Morgan Stervy were arrested for one count of burglary each, and two unnamed juveniles were arrested for two separate incidences.

When asked to comment Chief Joe Roby said that he would like to remind the community that without their help no arrests would have been made. He said, "We can't allow this to happen and we need people from the island to speak up when they know something that will help us to put a stop to this."



Photo By Bill Jaynes

State Police give a demonstration of their effectiveness along with the SWAT team at the annual inspection.

Insurance Bills Spur Minor Controversy

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**
The Kaselehlie Press

Insurance bills passed by the FSM Congress and Pohnpei State in recent weeks have garnered mixed responses from the community ranging from praise to reservation.

Namely, the constitutionality of the state bill, which provides for mandatory car insurance for private residents of the state, has been called into question.

Concerns circulate specifically around an amendment to the bill, issued by Sens. Marvin Yamaguchi and Epert Mikel, which, if signed by the governor, would require insurance providers to offer automobile coverage for less than \$100 per year.

Article 9 of the FSM Constitution

prohibits regulation of the insurance industry by any body other than the FSM Congress.

Yamaguchi said he is looking into the concerns. The amendment, he said, arose from his concerns about the possibly high cost of automobile insurance. "What concerns me most is people getting hurt but not getting compensated," he said.

Yamaguchi said he considered it incumbent to attach a premium limit to the bill in order to prevent possible imposition of excessive premiums by insurance providers.

Sen. Peter Lohn, chairman of the Judiciary and Governmental Operations committee in part responsible for shepherding the bill through legislative channels, was unavailable for comment.

Gov. David has yet to take action on the bill.

Concern has also been raised regarding the national insurance regulation bill recently signed by Pres. Urusemal.

No one questions the need for insurance regulation in the country. The bill, P.L. 14-66, requires, among other things, formal registration of insurance providers and regular documentation of business activity.

However, local insurance providers have expressed concern over the chain of events leading to the bill's passage by Congress.

Sammy Moses, insurance administrator with Actouka Executive Insurance Underwriters, said he and fellow providers were puzzled by what they interpreted as hasty

introduction and passage of the bill.

According to Moses, providers were not informed of a public hearing on the legislation and were therefore unable to provide Congress with their comments and feedback on the measures.

He does not hesitate, however, to acknowledge the need for regulation of the industry and said others share his sentiment, including the Guam-based parent company of his business.

"We greatly support the regulation of the industry here in FSM," he commented. "We really support what they're trying to do."

Fellow insurance providers Melner Isaac and David Panuelo were unavailable for comment at press time.

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NEWS

Pohnpei Victorious at Law Day Debate

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**
The Kaselehlie Press

PICS High School students Mayleen Dungawin and April Elca eked out a victory during the FSM 2006 Law Day debates on July 12. The young women beat Chuuk debaters by only three points, with Team Yap trailing not far behind for a third place finish.

Students debated – at times quite animatedly – the issue of dual citizenship. With an emphasis on the likelihood of dual citizenship to mean FSM/United States citizenship, typical arguments in favor of the proposition included citation of the ability for FSM citizens to advance to higher ranks in the U.S. military.

Lack of U.S. citizenship currently prevents FSM members of the U.S. military from attaining a position higher than sergeant.

Arguments opposed to the proposition addressed the potential loss of culture and language should FSM residents be permitted dual citizenship. Debaters also remarked on the possibility of the “brain drain” of talented residents should they be able to hold dual citizenship.

Debaters remarked on issue of land ownership both in support of and in opposition to the proposition. The FSM Constitution prohibits non-citizen ownership of land.

This year’s event marked the 25th anniversary of the FSM Supreme Court.

In honor of the occasion, the day’s events included remarks from an assortment of high-ranking officials including President

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FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Andon Amaraich, left, looks on as Susan Gooliyan of Yap High School delivers argument points during the FSM 2006 Law Day event held July 12 in the court chamber in Palikir. The event brought together winning debaters from Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap – two from each state – to debate the topic of dual citizenship for FSM citizens. Pohnpei debaters Mayleen Dungawin and April Elca won the debate overall, beating Chuuk debaters by only three points. Dungawin and Elca attend PICS High School.



Photo By Jessica Chapman

Mayleen Dungawin, representing PICS High School, issues remarks during FSM Law Day events. “We must recognize that we are living in a changing society,” she said, arguing for the possibility of dual citizenship. “We can have the best of both worlds.” The day’s events included three debates, requiring for the first time in its 15-year history that debaters argue both sides of the selected topic. This year’s events also marked the 25th anniversary of the FSM Supreme Court.

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Urusemal, Speaker Peter Christian, Pohnpei Lt. Gov. Jack Yakana and FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Andon Amaraich.

The U.S. embassy also co-sponsored an essay contest and forum lecture in support of the event.

For their efforts, debaters were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Additional donations were to be distributed among the six youth proportionately based on their scores. Results were revealed at a reception the evening following the day's events.

Chuuk students Lourdes Mathias and Tracy Narruhn represented Chuuk. Susan Gooliyan and Victor Nabeyan, Jr. represented Yap.

FSM citizens narrowly defeated the topic of dual citizenship by referendum in 2005. Some speculate the possibility of its reintroduction in the future.



Photo By Jessica Chapman

April Elca orates in favor of dual citizenship for FSM citizens during Law Day debates. Elca and teammate Mayleen Dungawin scored 403 points overall, while Chuuk earned 400 and Yap 367. Debaters were scored by a host of government, education and legal officials based on their reasoning, organization, delivery, evidence, analysis and refutation.



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NEWS

Micronesia Challenge catches on worldwide

By *Jessica Chapman*
The Kaselehlie Press

President Urusemal in recent weeks emphasized FSM commitment to the Micronesia Challenge, a multilateral agreement forged in March by five regional Pacific island nations. The challenge unites Palau, CNMI, Guam, RMI and FSM in an effort to conserve 30 percent of the area's nearshore

marine resources and 20 percent of its forest resources by the year 2020.

The topic was just one item on the agenda of the 6th Micronesia Presidents Summit held in Majuro July 4-5. However, it is an item of ongoing keen interest to the region and the international community. In fact, other countries — namely several in the Caribbean

— have expressed an interest in modeling their own conservation commitments based on the Micronesia Challenge.

The Caribbean Workshop on Protected Area Design and Management held in Miami in June invited Willy Kostka of the Micronesia Conservation Trust to be the event's keynote speaker and speak to participants about the

commitment.

Further, U.S. President George Bush's recent establishment of the world's largest marine protected area near Hawaii has perhaps sustained momentum for the effort.

The Micronesia Challenge was introduced by Palau at the 8th Conference of the Parties to the Con-

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SOPAC Sonar Aids Pohnpei



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Technical Officer Salesh Kumar, left, and Senior Adviser Robert Smith of the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) demonstrate the advanced capabilities of their sonar equipment, which can detect and measure the ocean floor at depths of up to 3,000 meters, or more than 9,800 feet. Kumar and Smith were in Pohnpei for two weeks to profile the island's entrance channels and harbor area at the request of the FSM national government. Software converts raw data into a 3-D image able to be rotated and viewed from any angle. The measurements can reveal potential risk of underwater landslides and other hazards as well as water quality and possible economic potential of an island's marine and other underwater mineral resources. The sonar can even detect the presence of marine life. Until now, they said, Pohnpei had been relying on depths measured during the Japanese administration of the island more than 50 years ago. The team also explored the underwater landscapes of Nan Madol and Pohnpei's other harbors aboard their floating laboratory and evaluated the feasibility of the airport runway extension. The FSM is one of 21 member countries of the independent organization, which provides members access to its high-tech equipment and services. SOPAC is headquartered in Fiji.

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Maritime Law Enforcers can be deadly serious if the need arises

By *CPO Brenton Cartwright*
Australian Navy

12 – 23 Jun 06 - National Police Officers who serve within the Maritime Wing often work in hazardous conditions at sea but this is just part of the job for the officers and crew of the Police Maritime Wing Patrol Boats. Boarding and inspecting a foreign fishing vessel at sea in the dark in rough seas in the FSM's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) can be quite dangerous. Other potential threats these sailors face in the line of duty include dangers dealing with a hostile fishing vessel crew who may object to the presence of the National Police and interrupting the activities on their vessel. To assist the officers to deal with situations where they are confronted by non-compliant, uncooperative and violent crewmen, an intensive Maritime Law Enforcement training period was recently conducted for FSM patrol boat boarding teams.

The training which was provided by the Australian Defence Force under its Defence Cooperation Program for Pacific Island nations, provided assistance to the Maritime Wing of the National Police through advice, equipment and training. The Australian Defence Force is keen to improve the skills of the National Police to enable them to carry out their duties and responsibilities at sea in a safe, effective and professional manner which lead to the Maritime Law Enforcement course be-



National Police Officer hones his 9mm skills at the Palikir small arms range

ing held here. With these newly acquired skills, the Patrol Boat Boarding Teams would then be able to deal appropriately with any situation that they may be confronted with.

Chief Petty Officer Dean Watkins of the Royal Australian Navy, who is a "Use of Force" and "Small Arms" specialist, was in Pohnpei to conduct two training sessions which provided skills and knowledge to 17 National Police Officers. During the training, students were instructed on the correct procedures and principals to defuse potentially hostile situations, and

if necessary to apprehend uncooperative individuals. Police Officers who complete the course are taught skills to de-escalate hostile scenarios through vocal commands, body language and how to operate as a team within the narrow restricted confines of a ship at sea. They are also taught how to defend themselves and their companions using kicks, punches, baton, and if the situations demand the proper and correct use of small arms; in this instance, 9mm pistols. The main objective of the course was to train officers to deal with specific situations using the minimum

force necessary to calm the situation and achieve the best outcome.

The training included practical hand to hand combat which was practiced against an assailant dressed in a padded "Redman" suit. This allowed officers to practice striking the assailant without injuring him. The equipment for this component of the course was also provided by the Australian Defence Force. Students were then instructed in live firing techniques with the National Police 9mm pistols on the small arms range at Palikir. The training culminated with a day at sea in the FSS Palikir and Micronesia conducting live firing ahead of the bow of the ship, to simulate stopping an uncooperative vessel. During the sea day, Commanding Officers were taught when and how to safely place warning shots utilising small arms to convince the vessel to stop or heave to. Demonstrations on correct search procedures were practiced along with the correct collection and treatment of evidence and control and detention of crew members.

The 2 weeks of instruction provided the participants with numerous transferable skills that can be utilised in their day to day duties at sea. The training is similar to that provided to other Pacific nation's Patrol Boat crews and stands them in good stead to operate safely no matter what situation they may encounter.



Commanding Officers were taught when and how to safely place warning shots utilising small arms to convince the vessel to stop or heave to.



The imposing FSS Micronesia coming up fast



The padded "Redman" suit allowed officers to practice striking the assailant without injuring him.

NEWS

Related Service Assistants Training Program participants have fair fun

By **KATHY RATLIFFE-UH**
BILL JAYNES-KPress

Food, games, and balloons were the order of the day July 8 at the Related Services Assistants (RSA) fun fair held in the practice Gym at COM Palikir. New participants in the program from each of the four FSM states enjoyed helping special needs children with games and demonstrations. Smiles were absolutely everywhere. An effervescent Kathy Ratliffe of the University of Hawaii who is in Pohnpei as part of the program gave me the following information about the program

Related services (physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology, assistive technology, etc.) are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in

order to meet the educational needs of students with disabilities. A severe shortage of related service personnel in FSM and other Pacific jurisdictions has resulted in inadequate supports for students with disabilities and their families and teachers in related services.

In order to increase local capacity, the Related Services Assistant (RSA) Training Program began in January, 2000, at the College of Micronesia, Federated States of Micronesia. The program expanded to American Samoa in January, 2001, to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands in January, 2002 and January, 2004, to Palau in 2005, and Pohnpei in 2006. It will continue in Pohnpei in 2007 and 2008. This program is funded by the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs,

through the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawaii, and in partnership with local community colleges.

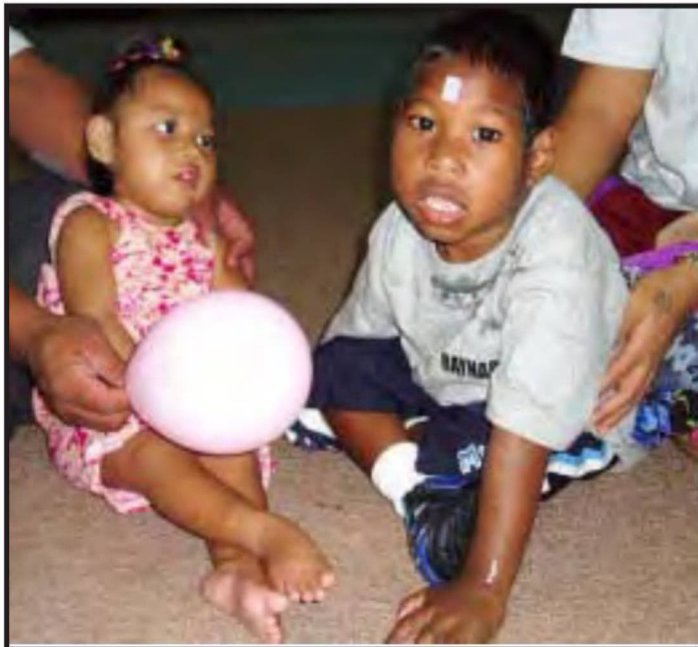
The RSA role is to support students with disabilities to participate in and benefit from educational programs. With knowledge and skills to support students with disabilities, the RSA works as a team member with family members and teachers to develop programs that focus on functional skills that contribute to the students' achievement of educational goals and objectives. RSAs assist to develop adaptations and supports for students in nutrition, motor (sitting, walking), fine motor (writing, using hands), communication (speaking, using pictures and sign language, understanding), social (interacting with others), and adaptive skills such as eating and dressing. They also assist in the development of IEP documents.

Twenty-three students are enrolled in COM's RSA class of 2006, and represent Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Majuro, and

Ebeye. Most participants are special education teachers. Other participants include general education teachers and hospital employees from the physical therapy department. The year-long training program will continue through the fall and students will complete their training in November, 2006. After receiving their certificates, graduates will be able to provide support to children with disabilities and their families to participate more fully in school, home, and community life.

Kathy Ratliffe said that since this is the third time that the US government has funded this program they will not likely get another round. They are hoping that the College of Micronesia can pick up the program as part of its curriculum when the funding comes to an end.

The Children's Fun Fair that the RSA students planned is to thank all of the children and their families who participated in the RSA training this year, and to show how inclusive activities can benefit all children.



All photos by Kathy Ratliffe



Five New Officials Sworn-In

Peilapalap (Pohnpei State Information Services – July 3, 2006)

Pohnpei Governor Johnny P. David swore into office five of his newly confirmed appointees as members of the PUC & Personnel Review Boards in ceremonies held at the Governor's Conference Room on July 3.

Sworn as members of the Personnel Review Board are Karihner Anson, Pehres Pedrus, Person Joseph, and Marcelle Gallen. Lucille Overhoff was inducted into the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) Board of Directors.

During the ceremony, Gov. David presented all the inductees signed certificates of appointments as reference for the positions. Members of the Governor's Cabinet and immediate staff officers, PUC General Manager Marcelino Actouka, State Auditor Annes Lebehn, and the spouses of

the inductees attended the ceremony.

On June 23 Governor Johnny P. David nominated Mathias Lawrence and Albert Johnny for the Board of Directors of the Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corporation and submitted their names for advice and consent of the Pohnpei Legislature.

One of the nominees will fill the vacancy on the board and the other will replace Sohnel Johnson, who was recently confirmed by the Legislature for the Board of Directors of Pohnpei State Housing Authority. According to the Governor, the two nominees are well known for their work in the areas of fiscal matters including processing of loans which will contribute immensely to their responsibilities on the board of SBG&FC said David.

Gov. David requested the Legislature to approve his nominations so they could complete the board's composition. "The full membership of the board is nec-

essary to ensure continuous conduct of business of the board for the program," Gov. David said.

FSM Urged to Move on Pohnpei Projects

Peilapalap (Pohnpei State Information Services – June 26, 2006)

Pohnpei Governor Johnny P. David has written FSM President Joseph J. Urusemal to urge the immediate implementation of long delayed projects for the State and push for the abolition of the central Project Management Unit (PMU) in favor of state-based PMUs.

Gov. David said his June 26 letter was a follow-up to one he wrote the President on April 11 regarding the same concerns. "Since I have not heard from you on my letter, I would like to follow-up on it and reiterate the urgency of moving the infrastructure projects for Pohnpei State," the Governor

said. "Projects for Pohnpei State have not been moving to respond to our needs," he added. "The long delay in the execution of projects and the very high cost of each projects are the main reason we believe a central PMU must not continue," Gov. David said. "Each State should be allowed to have its own PMU with the needed technical staff to coordinate its program with a limited central PMU at the FSM National Government." With this arrangement, he said, "we believe each State will be able to reflect its own needs in the projects and keep them moving. It is for this reason that we firmly believe a central PMU, far removed from the sites of where projects are actually implemented, should not continue to dictate cost and standards for the projects."

The Governor lobbied that "decisions on each project be based on the needs of the implementing government." The Governor also requested "that the next FSM Chief Executives Conference reviews this matter and makes a decision."



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- Previous work experience with a UN agency an asset.
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13th Annual FSM Youth Summit

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**
The Kaselehlie Press

The 13th Annual FSM Youth Summit convened in Yap June 19-24 to report progress on implementation of the FSM National Youth Policy.

The summit brought together 34 participants – primarily representatives of the FSM Youth Council, who hold key responsibility for implementation of the policy – to discuss national advancement in response to topics of relevance for FSM youth such as education, health, economic development and justice.

Also, presenters representing various agencies and organizations offered participants training and guidance on suicide prevention, HIV/AIDS, sensitivity to gender-related issues and the environment.

However, a disappointingly low turnout – less than 25 percent of FSM Youth Council members attended – as well as insufficient overall progress on implementation of the policy prevented complete success of the summit.

FSM Youth Coordinator Osaia Santos attributed low attendance to the coinciding Micro Games. Santos said scheduling changes resulted in the two events taking place at the same time, which interfered with the ability of some to participate in the summit.

The youth policy, recognized by the FSM Congress via a resolution passed in November 2005, was designed to provoke national awareness of and response to critical issues confronting the nation's youth. A policy handbook indicates "... the overall objective of the policy is to develop young people's full potential so they can have a better quality of life."

The summit marked the second meeting of the FSM Youth Council. The Youth Council is composed of youth coordinators from each FSM state and more than 35 partner agencies from around the country.

The event was previously called the National Annual Youth Lead-



Members of the Aff Youth Club perform a traditional dance during the opening of the youth summit in Yap. The summit brought together 34 participants to report on and discuss implementation of the FSM National Youth Policy adopted by the FSM Congress in 2005. Policy strategy calls for concrete outcomes such as reduction in substance abuse among youth, increase in the number of youth-owned businesses and transfer of skills from traditional leaders to youth.



Participants in the 13th annual FSM Youth Summit plant trees at Fagow Youth Park in Yap during a day of community service. Pictured from left to right are Yap Youth Representative Cyril Uluch Rebeuluch, Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) Youth Adviser Tangita Vainerere, FSM Youth Coordinator Osaia Santos and FSM Youth Council President Peter Rebeuluch. This year's theme was "Youth Empowerment for a Sustainable Future."

ership Conference. Santos said the event was converted into a summit to allow inclusion of more interested parties. Last year's summit was held in Chuuk.

Organizers recommended revision of reporting requirements for future summits as well as increased efforts to publicize the policy and its goals to the community.

The policy handbook identifies the FSM has having "one of the youngest populations in the Pacific region, with a median age of 18.9 years." The most recent census figures report youth (identified as anyone between age 15 and 34) to compose more than one third of the FSM population.

Pohnpei will host its own youth leadership conference August 7-11.

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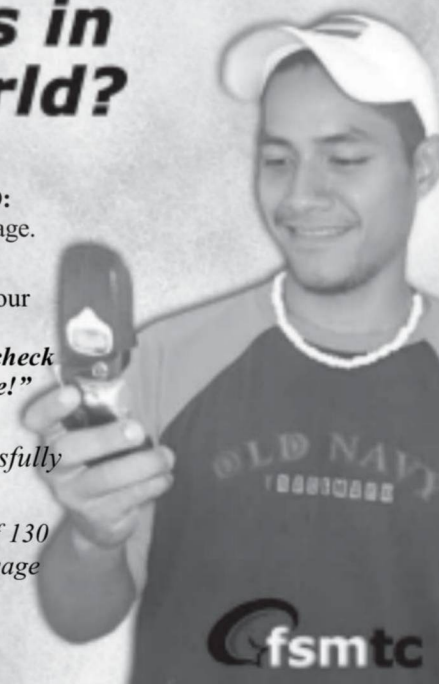
According to World Bank Development Indicators FSM performs relatively poorly in terms of safe water and sanitation: only 28% of FSM population has access to improved sanitation compared with 57% of similar lower-middle income countries

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PACIFIC WORLD NEWS

Tongan Royal Couple Killed - Teen pleads "Not Guilty"

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10 JULY 2006 REDWOOD CITY (Pacnews) - A teenager charged with killing two members of the Tongan royal family and their driver after slamming into their car, pleaded not guilty to last week's vehicular manslaughter, *Mercury news* reports

Edith Delgado, 18, of Redwood City, was held in lieu of US\$3 million bail after her arraignment in San Mateo County Superior Court on manslaughter and speeding charges.

Delgado, who received her driver's license in February, was charged with killing Prince Tu'ipelehake, 56, Princess Kaimana, 46, in the Wednesday night crash that rolled their vehicle on Highway 101 in Menlo Park, about 30 miles south of San Francisco.

Vinisia Hefa, 36, of East Palo Alto, who was driving the red Ford Explorer carrying the prince and princess, also was killed, authorities said.

"This collision is extremely tragic," said Deputy District Attorney Karen Guidotti. "There was a

loss of three innocent lives. They were just driving down the freeway minding their own business."

Defence attorney Randy Moore described Delgado as a hardworking honors student and bank teller who was not necessarily culpable for the accident.

"My client is very sorry she was involved in this. It remains to be determined whether she bears any criminal responsibility for what took place," Moore said. "Nobody has proven anything. There has only been accusations."

If convicted of the three manslaughter counts, Delgado faces up to eight years in prison, a prosecutor said.

She was driving a Ford Mustang as fast as 100 mph while racing another vehicle when she crashed into the driver's side of Hefa's car, causing it to swerve across several lanes before rolling on its roof, said California Highway Patrol Officer Ricky Franklin.

Delgado was not injured in the crash and the other vehicle was not found.

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Government urged to cut spending and reduce public service

RNZI/PACNEWS

10 JULY 2006 MAJURO - A government official in the Marshall Islands has urged the government to tighten its economic belt, *Radio New Zealand International* reports.

The government's chief secretary, Robert Muller says elected leaders must deal with the problems of deficit spending, an increasing government work force and financial losses by government-owned agencies.

In a policy memo to cabinet Mr Muller said the problems facing the Marshall Islands called for a basic change in the government's economic policy.

He said cabinet has asked him to incorporate his policy recommendations into the economic policy statement that would be included with the fiscal year 2007 budget that is now in draft form.

Mr Muller has urged the government to restrain growth in employment and spending on salaries to allow more resources to be directed to the private sector.

He called for reforms of public enterprises many of which are losing money and privatising services such as shipping to the outer islands and public works.

Mr Muller said the government needs to make greater efforts to improve the policy environment for business growth.

AIDS alert for promiscuous Pacific

PAC-AIDS: SMH

11 JULY 2006 SUVA (Pacnews) - The Pacific is ripe for an HIV epidemic like the one Africa is now fighting unless governments face up to the sexual promiscuity of their peoples, international health agencies say, *Sydney Morning Herald* reports

"Papua New Guinea is where many countries in Africa were five to 10 years ago," said Stuart Watson the programme director for UNAIDS Pacific.

"Fiji, Tuvalu, Kiribati and some parts of the Federated States of Micronesia are where PNG was five to 10 years ago and heading in the same direction."

But most governments in the Pacific were "sticking their heads in the sand" and "not allocating adequate resources" to stem the epidemic, he said.

Fiji, the South Pacific's largest nation, had 205 reported HIV cases in February this year and an official infection rate of below 1 per cent, but the Ministry of Health estimated that is about one-third of actual cases.

The number has doubled since 2002 and health officials are expecting more than 10 new cases to be confirmed in coming days.

The rising rates of other sexually transmitted infections and risky sexual behaviour have created "a ripe scenario for the spread of HIV in the Pacific", said a report last month by the World Health Organisation and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

The survey of 4305 people in six countries found chlamydia rates as high as 29 per cent, limited knowledge of how HIV is transmitted, and the "extreme prevalence" of casual and unsafe sex among the young.

New Zealand's Family Planning Association is even blaming Pacific island holidays for an increase in that country's syphilis rates.

"Auckland sexual health clinic statistics show 47.5 per cent of people who were testing positive for syphilis indicated they'd picked it up while travelling, and Fiji was a popular destination," the city's health promotion director, Frances Bird said.

As a new five-year HIV/AIDS strategy was negotiated this week, a women's group sought to have references to prostitution and homosexuality, both of which are illegal in Fiji, struck from the document.

Mr Watson said such attitudes were common and counterproductive.

"The only successful initiatives to turn around the epidemic have been programs that actively and aggressively supported the use of condoms", he said.

"[The latest statistics] should serve as a huge red flag for the governments in the Pacific. They need to get real and stop believing their good Christian values will keep them safe. If that was the case, they wouldn't have high STI rates and high numbers of unwanted teenage pregnancies."

Did You Know?

Funding to the FSM under the Compact will start to decrease in Fiscal Year 2007. In October the FSM is likely to face significant budgetary pressure with the declining assistance

Dangerous Tilapia in Pohnpei

By Roseo Marquez,
Terrestrial Program manager
Conservation Society of
Pohnpei

We have Tilapia! Pohnpei Division of Marine Development (DMD), in collaboration with Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), conducted a survey at Palikir, Sokehs, confirming that we have an alien fish species called "Tilapia". "Alien" means that this fish is not originally from Pohnpei and it was introduced into our waters. Tilapia can tolerate both seawater and freshwater and significant temperature changes. Due to this, it is a hardy fish, which out-competes local fish populations for food and habitat. Additionally, tilapia has high reproductive rates, which overpopulate areas, leaving little food and habitat for other species. DMD and CSP believe that Tilapia was introduced into Pohnpei, because it is considered a delicacy in some indo-pacific countries.

The Pohnpei Invasive Species Taskforce (PIST) is comprised of government and non-government agencies that will address the Tilapia issue on Pohnpei. The Task force held a meeting on July 06, 2006 and the Tilapia issue was the major topic. DMD and CSP have conducted initial surveys and assessment plans that will lead towards designing a plan to control or eradicate Tilapia. According to the data collected so far, the population of Tilapia is growing, and well established in the stream closest to the College of Micronesia on the road from Kolonia Town. The survey also indicated that Tilapia exists from the road bridge all the way down to the estuary and may extend into the lagoon. Preventing the Tilapia population from spreading is the preferred option at this time. The Task force would like to eradicate the fish. However, this may not be possible. The eradication of Tilapia has already been a success by using poisonous substances in places where the fish was present in ponds or contained area. The Task force would not attempt to utilize this approach to our streams and lagoon because many other aquatic species would be affected. Right now, the team wishes to work closely with the

communities around the selected rivers and streams of Palikir. In the upcoming survey, the team will focus on three main areas of the stream. These areas are: 1) from the main road upstream 2) areas where other streams meet this particular stream and 3) the mangrove area. The team aims to educate the surrounding communities about Tilapia, as well as incorporating community members into the upcoming Tilapia monitoring program. The Task force would like to send a message out to the public.

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE TILAPIA.

If you wish to help, please call any of the numbers listed in the block below.

Tilapia miehler Pohnpei! Pali me kin pwukoahki epwelpen keihrdahn paliesed me pato pahn Kempa en Sahpw, ehu ionger Ohpis en CSP nan Pohnpei oh tapiadahr roprop ehu nan Palikir weihn Sokehs, oh kasaledahr me kitail ketin sapwelimankiher mwahmw en liki men me adaniki "Tilapia". Mwahmw en liki wehwehki me mwahmw menet sohte wia pwilidak en Pohnpei ahpw eh wisikdohng nan sapwelimatail pihl oh nansed kan. Tilapai kak keihrda wasa koaros nansed oh nan pihl oh wasahkan me karakar oh pil lomwulomwur. Met me elehda mwahmw menet ah inenen apwal, ni atail pahn kaparekiong udahn sapwelimatail mwahmw kan ohng kanarail mwenge opil arail wasahn kouson kan. Patehng met, Tilapia me inenen kaparapar mehler, kin kak dirala douluhl oh kangala kisin mwenge ohng mwahmw de kepikipik teikan oh pil kihsang wasahn mour oh kouson en kepikipik teikan. Kempa en Sahpw nan Pohnpei oh Ohpis en CSP patohwen kamehlele me Tilapia wisikdohng Pohnpei pwehki eh wia Sali iou oh kesempwal nan ekei wehi laud en likih kan.

Pohnpei Invasive Species Taskforce (PIST) wiawih kihda palih kei sang nan kapworment en weihn Pohnpei oh pil palih kei me sohte pato nan Kopworment me pahn sewese apwalih kahpwal en Tilapia nan Pohnpei. Pwihn wet tuhpenehr ni July 06, 2006 oh nan tuhpenewet kahpwal en Tilapia me wia ire keieu laud. Kempa en

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wiepe wet nan pihl de nansed pwe soangen kepikipik kesempwal tohto pahn mehla de ohkihla. Ansou wet, pwihn wet men patohwen doadoahk ohng irail tohn kouson akan me karanih pihl pwoatet oh pihl teikan nan Palikir.

Nan roprop kan me pahn pil wiawi, pwihn wet pahn doadoahk nan wasa siluh nan pihl wet. Wasa siluh pwukat iei: 1, sang ni ahl lap kohdahla nan sapw 2, kesengen pihl kan me uhsang ni pihl wet oh 3, naniak kan. Pali pwukat songsong ren kaweidki tohn kouson pwukat diwen mwahmw menet Tilapia, oh pil ni ansouhte peki rehn tohn kouson pwukat en kak sawas ohng ni program en petehkpen Tilapia me pahn kin wiewiawi. Invasive Taskforce men patohwen sekerehki weipokon rohng pwoatet.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Voting—A Right or a Privilege?**

Dear Editor:

Voting — Is it a right or a privilege! In Volume II release of the Painkoarong of January 2006 the issue of “The right to vote is not absolute” suggested strongly that voting is not a privilege given to us by “governments”, but is an inalienable right. Mention was also made in the same release on Pohnpei Constitution, specifically Title VI Section 1. “Which of its members has the right to vote.” The terms used: “*towe mehlel*, *towe manaman*, *pwilidak*.” How do we define and differentiate these terms?

Towe Mehlel - Is *towe mehlel* defined as legal residence? My definition of *towe mehlel* is: child born to parents one or both of whom are Pohnpeians and are citizens of the FSM and have physically and continuously resided in Pohnpei most of his/her life. Is physical presence in Pohnpei important to truly define what is *towe mehlel*? I think the answer is yes.. Analysis: A child born on Pohnpei and since childhood has resided outside Pohnpei (ie. resided in Kansas for 25 years) is not a *towe mehlel* or legal resident of Pohnpei, although a citizen, but is a legal resident or *towe mehlel* of the place he/she currently resides, in this case somewhere in Kansas. It must also be clarified that any person that resides in the FSM beyond six months is classified as a legal resident of the place he currently resides. The term “legal resident” in a broader term is inclusive of both citizens and non-citizens having physical and continuous presence in the FSM for six months or more.

Towe Manaman — What is *towe manaman* — my definition of this term is the acquiring of citizenship through naturalization pursuant to legal authority, thus in this case it should mean “a person that chose to be naturalized and became a citizen of the TTPI and subsequently when FSM Government came into being elected to retain FSM citizen[ship]. The FSM Constitution also recognized those that domiciled in a district that ratified the constitution but a domiciliary of a district that did not ratify the constitution the opportunity to retain FSM citizenship. This legal authority is referenced under Article III Section 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the FSM Constitution, which sanctioned a window of opportu-

nity to those that are willing to retain FSM citizen: had petitioned for, reviewed and approved the government to remain a citizen of the FSM.

While it is also true that citizenship is given either through the naturalization process or pursuant to the FSM Constitution, these people can also be categorized as *lowe mehlel* or legal resident because of; (a) them being citizens of the FSM pursuant to law; and (b) their continuous residence in the FSM up to the date of the election.

Pwilidak — The analysis here are basically those that are born to parents one or both of whom are Pohnpeians and are citizens of the FSM. Thus, *towe mehlel* can be categorized as *pwilidak* while *towe manaman* cannot because *towe manaman* are those granted citizenship pursuant to law, whereas *pwilidak* are those born to parents that are Pohnpeians by birth and are defined and categorized as (*owe mehlel*). But once *rowe manaman* establishes continuous residence defined by law then such person can be categorized as *towe mehlel*.

“So is it a Right” or a “Privilege”. An article I came across in *Achieving Balance in an Unbalanced World on the issue on Voting in Political Elections* stated: “If voting is a ‘right’, especially if you call it a ‘civil right’ then by definition it can not be taken away. Rights cannot be lost, for then they would not be ‘rights’, but privilege can be lost.

Well then, is it a privilege? If so, there are [there] rules on earning it and on losing it. How does one ‘earn’ the privilege to vote” Is it by being a landowner Is it by being born male and a citizen, or by being old enough? How old is old enough? Is it 18 or 21 years of age? If it is a privilege the system then is compelled to draw lines on who and who cannot cast a vote. If you want to call voting a privilege. I assure you that any line we draw for people to cross in order to ‘earn’ that privilege will be an imperfect line. I offer you the argument that voting is not a privilege. Voting in political elections is not a right, nor is [it] a privilege. Then what is it? I contend that it is a grave responsibility. They should strive hard to make

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In my second year at college I took a course, the name of which I don’t even remember. I remember some terms from the class, “*Australopithecus Africanus*”, “Lucy”, “Dr. Leakey”, and “vestigial traces”. Vestigial traces are those anomalies that exist on biological beings that seem to have at one time been the base of something that once existed on ancestors but that no longer exist—like the coccyx or tail bone on human beings that many scientists believe is the base of the tail that our ancestors once had. It seems that natural selection stopped when the tails were no longer in the way. Remember that last term. It’ll come up later in this article. Who knows, maybe our ancestors had tails, maybe they didn’t but I was thinking as I reminisced on my college days about the whole idea of “survival of the fittest” (oh, yeah, another name from that class, “Charles Darwin”) and particularly about how that concept applies first, to the FSM and then to the rest of the world.

I wonder if, back in caveman days the whole “survival of the fittest” idea was the same as I see it working today. I use “caveman” because “cavewoman” doesn’t sound quite right, and to those of you to whom the whole idea of a “cave” anything concept offends, I do truly apologize. Example—Ag’s starting to get a small bit of income with his mastodon parting business but Ung sees the business and thinks to himself, “ug, ma Ag ugh ugh, ma ca ug currrrr!”, which translates to, “it’s not fair that Ag has something I don’t have. He always gets everything and I get

nothing. My turn now.” (Cave man speak was apparently more efficient than English.) So Ung, having drunk a good deal of fermented arkarch fruit, steals all of Ag’s bones, flint, and other tools and feels better and, of course, justified. The caveman (person?) police is completely baffled about the crime and goes back to its collective cave, scratching its collective head for a bit of a snooze and though the tribe knows exactly who did the deed (except for Ag), no one says anything to anyone that can do anything.

Ag had worked his whole life to build his mastodon parting business and it was just getting off the ground but someone, unknown to him stole his entire living. Soon Ag is destitute and begging, but the begging doesn’t go so well and he ultimately succumbs to hunger and dies in a cold cave next to a ring of borrowed stones and no fire. He does this all before he has a chance to have a family. Ung, sells all of the tools to a competing mastodon parting business and cruises around with a brand new, state of the art club, just like “Yunt of the Jungle”, everybody’s favorite hero of all the stories being told around rings of stones with fires burning bright throughout the tribe. Survival of the fittest—fair’s fair, right?

A bit melodramatic, I know but it happens everywhere today. No, we don’t have any mastodon parting businesses but we do have theft. Man do we have theft and vandalism! I can tell you stories about theft. Believe me! We have

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crime at every level, whatever that means. We have foul deeds done for no apparent reason. I haven't spoken to anyone that has not had a theft or a bout with vandals in their home or at their business. No kidding. Not a soul.

My son's new bike he's been working to get for over a year was dumped on its side breaking all the lights on that side. My car has a wonderful word (starting with "F" and ending with "you") carved into the hood with a key or something-just lovely to look at. A friend's office door and container was decorated during the night with words that have nothing to do with his business. Perhaps it was the same people who threw a rock through his glass door a few weeks ago. Maybe they just wanted someplace to write. I don't know what it is but it just doesn't get any better.

We have a justice system that is entirely overloaded. The case load of traffic citations, petty (ha!) theft, drunk and disorderly, disturbing the peace, obstruction of justice, DUI (driving under the influence), burglary and other violations of public law have put a burden on the court that they may never see their way through. It's been over four years since the man who (allegedly) attacked my wife was arrested (K-Press, Volume 2 Issue 11) and we still haven't been to court. There are no lower courts to deal with the "lesser" issues. If it's a "Supreme" Court, what's it "supreme" over. It's like being the managing editor of a newspaper that has no bookkeeper, secretary/

receptionist, printing staff, or reporters (except Jessica who is the best Pohnpei has seen in a long time!). I digress...

People as a whole are, according to a good number of people, supposedly evolving to a greater place, a higher awareness but I, frankly am just not seeing it, at least not on the whole. For the most part, the people I know as individuals are wonderful people doing the best they can but I've found that there are vestigial traces of just plain nastiness in just about everyone that for some reason or another have not been selected out in the evolutionary process. If those vestigial traces are not going to be selected out we have to begin to act contrary to our own inner nastiness and start living together in a way that is beneficial to everyone not just our little ol' nasty selves. We'll never get anywhere if we continue to tear down everything good that our neighbors build for themselves. Can't be done!

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

Voting

'informed' decisions, which are best for them in the long-term.

Therefore, 'voting is our God given responsibility in the difficult task to exercise clear sense of right and wrong with clear conscience to reach sound judgment in the decision making process by choice for the future of your children and your children's children. We are answerable to our children for whatever decision we make today

Mohner A. Esiel

Bail stands for teen

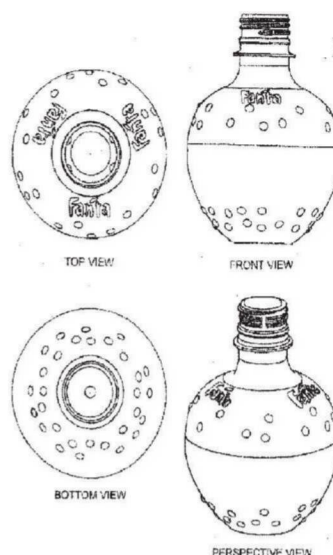
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14 JULY 2006 REDWOOD CITY(Pacnews) - A Californian judge has refused to reduce bail for the East Palo Alto teenager charged with three counts of manslaughter in the killing of two members of the Tongan royal family and their driver. Edith Delgado, 18, is being held on US\$3 million bail in connection [with] the 05 July crash on Highway 101 that killed Tonga's Prince Tu'ipelehake, Princess Kaimana and their driver. Investigators say Delgado was driving her Ford Mustang as fast as 100 miles-per-hour while racing another vehicle when she hit the royal family's SUV.

Delgado was not hurt in the accident. If convicted, she faces up to eight years in prison. A Tongan community spokeswoman told KCBS news Delgado is forgiven for what she did. "Tonga is a land that we forgive. We pray. Everybody goes to church. Everybody is related." Delgado's family broke out in tears when the decision was announced. Ms Delgado's attorney said they would appeal the decision.

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COM-FSM INSTRUCTOR IN YAP TO RECRUIT GOVERNMENT WORKERS ENGAGED IN BUILDING/MAINTENANCE OCCUPATIONS FOR US CERTIFIED TRAINING PROGRAM

By **Martina Reichhardt**

In June, the College of Micronesia-FSM's vocational training coordinator, Grilly Jack was in Yap looking to recruit up to six government employees engaged in building and maintenance occupations to join their US Department of Labor registered Apprenticeship Program.

Mr. Jack says that about three years ago, the COM-FSM decided to be a part of this program, which gives apprentices the opportunity to pursue training in line with US standards and guidelines and upon completion apprentices will be awarded US certified certificates in their respective occupations.

This program currently has two State Government sponsors – Yap and Pohnpei. According to Mr. Jack, on his last visit to Yap back in October 2005, his public promotion of the program received a commitment from Yap State Governor, Robert A. Ruecho which was cemented in early March this year when the government came on board as an official sponsor. The Yap State government focus for now is to further train up to six current government employees engaged in building and maintenance occupations to complete the three-year training and hopefully graduate with US



Photo By Martina Reichhardt

College of Micronesia Yap Campus Instructional Coordinator Gilmoon (left) accompanies COM-FSM Vocational Training Coordinator Grilly Jack of Pohnpei to the radio station during his four day visit to Yap in June 2006

certified Journeyman Certificates.

The Apprenticeship Program is free for eligible participants. The program will be conducted in two parts – the first part is one year of classroom training followed by a second phase of 6000 hours of on the job training with their government employer.

Minimum entry qualifications include – being a current State government employee in building

or maintenance occupations, being 18 years and older, must be a high school graduate, must be physically fit to do building and maintenance work and applicants must submit a resume with their application indicating all prior relevant experience.

Another entity involved in this program is FSM Telecom, which is using this opportunity to train its technicians to become US cer-

tified in their fields.

Mr Jack says another objective of his visit to Yap is to solicit sponsorship for the program and encourage more entities, including the private sector to be a part of this Apprenticeship Program. While in Yap he also held preliminary discussions with the Yap State Public Services Corporation.

Since the program's inception 20 journeymen have graduated in the various fields including linesman, electricians, diesel mechanics and construction equipment mechanics and currently in training is a Police Officer I.

When speaking to Mr. Jack it is obvious he is passionate about his job. "I mean no disrespect to our foreign labor, but our small vocational industry is saturated by off-island workers. I'm a journeyman. It's possible for citizens to become journeymen," he declares openly. "My greatest satisfaction is seeing our young population get training that will enable them to use their skills on island and off island".

"The FSM Congress has asked us to build on our local labor force and by adopting this program it allows us to train our citizens to standards that are internationally recognized."

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Tongan Royals

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The prince and princess had come to the U.S. to discuss political reforms for the South Pacific island nation with Tongan communities in the Bay Area and other parts of the country, according to Uhilamoelangi, a distant relative of the prince who lives in East Palo Alto and helped arrange the visit.

Mr Tui'ipelehake is a nephew of 88-year-old King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, who owns a mansion in Hillsborough, about 15 miles south of San Francisco.

The prince was the leading reformist in the royal family. He was head of a national committee studying democratic reforms for the kingdom.

"People are very much concerned, especially the people who are pushing for change," democracy movement leader 'Akilisi Pohiva said from the Tongan capital Nuku'alofa. "I think it's a great loss to the country."

Meanwhile, Commonwealth Secretary-General Don McKinnon has expressed shock and sadness to hear of the tragic loss of Prince

Tu'ipelehake and his wife Princess Kaimana of the Kingdom of Tonga.

The couple and their driver were killed in a motor vehicle accident in the United States last week.

"Prince Tu'ipelehake was a great leader within Tonga, as a member of the royal family and as a nobles' representative in the Legislative Assembly. He always kept the interest of the Tongan people paramount in his mind and heart. His initiative in setting up a National Committee on Political Reform, which received the blessings of His Majesty's Government and support of the people, is a testimony to this.

"Prince Tu'ipelehake was also a true friend of the Commonwealth and we collectively, in turn, had the greatest admiration and respect for him."

The Secretary-General in a letter to the Prime Minister of Tonga, Fred Sevele, conveyed his condolences to King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV and the royal family, and to the government and people of Tonga.



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FSM Veterans Association meets the first Friday of every month at 6pm at the The Rusty Anchor.



Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Baha'i Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.



Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meeting every Tuesday from 11:30-12:30 at the Sei Restaurant.



Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30p.m. Everyone welcome.



The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15p.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.

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NEWS

National Public Auditor's Office to Receive Additional Training to Investigate Fraud

Australian Embassy

The Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) has received a grant from AusAID of USD\$12,200.00 to enable their two fraud investigators to undertake graduate studies by distance education in the field of fraud investigation with Charles Sturt University in Australia. The entire course of study will be conducted by distance education which will enable both investigators to remain active at their work within FSM whilst pursuing their studies, with the exception of one residential program to be conducted at the University's Bathurst Campus in Australia.

Established under the FSM Constitution, ONPA is empowered to inspect and audit every department and statutory authority of the national government. Within the ONPA, the Compliance Investigation Division (CID), investigates financial mismanagement and abuse involving national funds. The CID also has the extended



Pictured (L-R) Mr. Nigel Savidge, ONPA Adviser-White Collar Crime Investigation and Review; Australian Ambassador, H.E. Corinne Tomkinson, and Ms. Sophia Pretrick & Mr. Fletcher Poll, CID investigators.

authority and capacity to investigate financial crime and financial corruption.

Already skilled investigators in their own right, the additional training Ms. Sophia Pretrick and Mr. Fletcher Poll will undertake with Charles Sturt University only

will enhance their investigative capacity.

Once trained, both investigators will, according to Mr. Haser Hainrick, National Public Auditor, "turn around and train the next generation of financial investigators so that the office will have an

increased capability to respond efficiently and effectively, and, as a result, increase our investigation coverage."

The CID investigators will also be closely involved in the development and execution of fraud prevention training programs for FSM government officials that the OPNA intends to develop and deliver over the next year.

In 1995, AusAID's **Policy and Management Reform Fund** was established based on the widely accepted recognition that sustainable development is best achieved against a background of appropriate economic policy settings that are implemented through an efficient and effective public sector.

For more information on the PMR fund, please contact the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei – (691) 320-2187 or at australia@mail.fm

Australian Maritime Advisor receives medal for his service

in Iraq

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Ask Chief Petty Officer Brenton Cartwright about his service in Iraq and you will get a taciturn reply. CPO Cartwright was, however, on July 7, at a surprise ceremony at the Rusty Anchor, awarded a medal for his service there. Yes, all Australian soldiers stationed in Iraq receive a medal for the time spent there but not all soldiers had the kind of experience that, as his friends call him, "Ben Cartwright" had.

He served aboard the HMAS Stuart which on Anzac day 2005 along with three other Coalition vessels under Stuart's control disrupted a coordinated terrorist attack against the two oil terminals, Kwahr Al Amaya (KAAOT) and Al Basra (ABOT), in the North Arabian Gulf (NAG). This attack saw three American sailors from

the patrol boat USS Firebolt killed and four seriously wounded.

The Firebolt had returned unexpectedly from an escort mission. Had the Firebolt not returned the Stuart had been scheduled to patrol the KAAOT instead of the Firebolt.

At 7:00 in the evening the Stuart was patrolling around the ABOT and the Firebolt around the KAAOT when the Firebolt detected a small fishing boat that had entered the security zone around the oil plant. They sent a small vessel to the fishing boat to inform the master of the craft that they were in a secure zone and that they needed to leave the area. As the U.S. Craft came alongside the fishing boat it exploded resulting in casualties and injuries for the crew of the Firebolt.

The HMAS Stuart came to the USS Firebolt's assistance. While rescue attempts were under way the first of two blasts at the Al Basra Oil Terminal shook the en-

tire area. Iraqi security forces at Al Basra fired on two "cigarette" boats both of which detonated before they reached their target.

The small fishing boat that the USS Firebolt encountered had apparently been part of a coordinated attack of the two Oil Terminals. The attack was foiled by the actions of the Firebolt, the Stuart and three other vessels, as well as land crews serving in the area. Maritime security in the area was stepped up significantly after the event.

Chief Petty Officer Brenton



Chief Petty Officer Brenton Cartwright receives his medal from Lieutenant Commander Mark Sorby

Cartwright serves as one of the Maritime Surveillance Advisors to the FSM stationed in Pohnpei.

NEWS

A DECEPTIVE BEAUTY

By **KONRAD ENGLBERGER**
SPC Plant Protection Advisor

Chain of Love (*Antigonon leptopus*) is a climbing plant with beautiful pink flowers. Unfortunately, it has also been found to be very invasive, choking out native plants and trees. To prevent these problems here, the Pohnpei Invasive Species Taskforce has put together a program to eradicate the plants.

Chain of Love plants have been introduced to other islands in the area before. In Saipan and Guam it is widespread, and has already caused many economic and environmental problems. These problems could easily occur here as well. Right now, Chain of love is not widespread on Pohnpei, so there is a good chance that it can be eliminated. Most of the plants are in Kolonia Town and Sokehs Island.

Chain of Love could cause a good deal of damage to the local economy and environment if all of it is not removed. Anyone who finds it on their land should dig it up by the tubers and roots and destroy it by burning. If there is regrowth, more pulling of the tubers and roots must be done until there is no more new growth of the plant. If you see the plant on other people's land, let them know how dangerous the plant could be for Pohnpei. Please report locations to either the CSP at 320-5409,



Chain of Love (Antigonon leptopus)

Pohnpei Agriculture at 320-2400, or Plant Protection # 320 7523

The program to eliminate Chain of Love from Pohnpei needs full support from everyone in order to work properly. Plants that are not destroyed spread further. This means more work for everyone. People who have not yet removed their Chain of Love will be visited by CSP or agriculture agents again, to ensure the complete eradication of this plant.

The Pohnpei Invasive Species Task force asks for your cooperation in our effort to prevent invasive species from threatening the environment, economy and way of life.

Chain of Love (*Antigonon leptopus*) tuhke ehu me kin dou oh wah kan poh umwpwulapwul oh me lingan mehlel. Ahpw, e pil kedierekdahr me e wia dihpw suwed ehu, me kin kamwopwala tuhke pwilidak kan. Pwe en katikala kahpwal pwukat, Pohnpei Invasive Species Taskforce kawadahr program en doadoahk ehu pwe en kamwomwala tuhke wet.

Chain of Love miehler pohn deke kei nan wasa pwukat mwowe. Nan Saipan oh Guam e inenen parpesengehr, oh e pil karedahr kahpwal tohto ong pai oh kepikipik kan. Kahpwal pwukat inenen mengein pil pwarada rehtail. Ansou wet, Chain of love saikinte parpeseng Pohnpei, eri

mie kesikpe me e kakete en kamwomwomla. Pali laud en tuhke wet mi nan Kolonia Town oh Sokehs.

Chain of Love kakete kahrehda kahpwal tohto ong sapwelimatail pai en wehi oh kepikipik kan ma e sohte kamwomwomla. Ma emen diarada nin lime a e anahne en weirada kalewe oh kanenge oh isikala pwe en mehla. Ma e pwurehng oasada, usuhsad de weiweidahn kalewe oh kanenge pahn wiewiawi lau sohla me oasada kapw. Ma komwi diarada tuhke pwoatet nan en emen a wasa, kehsehki aramas o keperpen tuhke pwoatet ong Pohnpei. Komwi pil kupwur kalahngan oh kehsehki wasa pwukat CSP # 320-5409 de Pohnpei Agriculture ni #320-2400, Plant Protection # 320 7523.

Program de doadoahk en kasohrehsang Chain of Love Pohnpei anahne utuht unsek sang weipokon pwe en kak pweida mwahu. Tuhke suwed kan me sohte kamala mwahu pahn pil doupeseng. Met wehwehki doadoahk pahn laudla ong koaros. Irail akan me Chain of Love saikinte kamwomwomsang nan arail wasahkan, tohn Ohpis en CSP de Agriculture pahn pwarewei, pwe ren kamwomwala tuhke suwed wet.

Pohnpei Invasive Species Taskforce peki ni karakarakh kupwur en utuht ong epwel oh kamwomwomwalahn dihpw wet pwe en dehr wia kahpwal ong kepikipik kan, pai oh tiahk en Pohnpei.

Micronesia Challenge

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vention on Biological Diversity – commonly referred to as COP 8 – in March.

Environmental organizations The Nature Conservancy and Conservation International have already professed a commitment to contribute \$3 million each to the effort if \$12 million can be raised through other sources in the region and international community.

Kostka, along with Alissa Takesy, Protected Areas Network Coordinator with the FSM Department of Economic Affairs, have been instrumental in making progress toward implementation of the

Micronesia Challenge.

They have met with state leaders and resource managers throughout the FSM in recent months to explain and consult with them on the Micronesia Challenge.

The next implementing phase will include consultations with the wider community.

Member countries plan to meet in December to discuss leveraging of funds to contribute to the effort. Other challenges also remain for Micronesia Challenge member countries. They must agree upon a common definition of “conservation,” for example.

Some have professed a concern that conservation could impede tourism or fishing activity. Implementing agencies emphasize that is not necessarily the case.

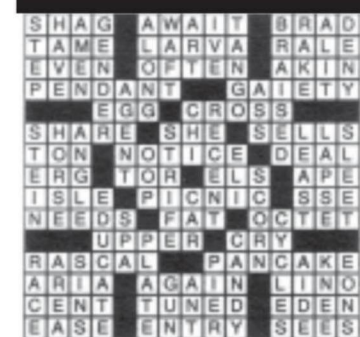
Further, traditional conservation practices will be acknowledged in the implementation process. Threats to Pacific island nations include species extinction, habitat depletion and climate change.

The FSM has already demonstrated its commitment to preservation of its biological diversity. The country boasts a number of protected areas – 11 in Pohnpei – as well as environmental initiatives supportive non-governmental organizations.

Did You Know?

In 2005 - 5% of Government expenditure was spent on travel. Approximately \$7.5 million.

LAST Issue's Solution



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- ACROSS**
- 1. Hand doubled up
 - 5. Ancient Roman Garment
 - 9. Baby's Bed
 - 13. Region
 - 14. Deals with problems
 - 15. Sharpen on stone
 - 16. Expression of good wishes
 - 19. High Explosive
 - 20. Historical periods
 - 21. Inquires
 - 22. Foot part
 - 23. Nothing more than
 - 25. Walks on
 - 28. Confused
 - 31. Pres. S. Truman
 - 32. Robust
 - 34. Solemn promise
 - 36. Article
 - 37. Imaginary being
 - 38. Actress Rowlands
 - 39. Division of minute (abbr.)
 - 40. Looped pile cloth
 - 41. Stupid blunder
 - 42. City road
 - 44. Defeated
 - 45. Concludes
 - 46. Tattle
 - 47. Twisted
 - 49. Spoken
 - 50. Zodiac lion
 - 53. Island of Mass. (2 wds)
 - 57. Great Lake
 - 58. Believes
 - 59. Land Measure
 - 60. Take care of
 - 61. Lairs
 - 62. Army meal site
- DOWN**
- 1. Act or action
 - 2. Press
 - 3. Caused to go
 - 4. Children's game
 - 5. Sum
 - 6. Numbered musical work
 - 7. Jellyfy
 - 8. King of Judah (Bib.)
 - 9. Shaping Tool
 - 10. Chess piece
 - 11. Country hotels
 - 12. Egyptian god of pleasure
 - 14. Concerns
 - 17. Thin and fragile
 - 18. Late
 - 22. Hurt
 - 23. Wed
 - 24. Small whirlpool
 - 25. Think mentioned
 - 26. Appraises
 - 27. Upright
 - 29. Happening
 - 30. Gift receiver
 - 32. Stags
 - 33. Ventilate
 - 35. Caution
 - 37. Give nourishment
 - 38. Aim
 - 40. Preceded by the 9th
 - 41. Pretty woman
 - 43. Leased
 - 44. Hits on head (sl.)
 - 46. Decorates
 - 47. Uncovered of pleasure
 - 48. Ireland (poet.)
 - 49. Baking chamber
 - 50. Openwork fabric
 - 51. Makes mistake
 - 52. Lyric poems
 - 53. Came upon
 - 54. State further
 - 55. Witness
 - 56. Sweet Potato

SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE

By popular demand:

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Samoa sex crimes on the rise

Roving Power outages in Saipan

RNZI/PACNEWS

11 JULY 2006 APIA (Pacnews) - The ministry of police in Samoa has raised concerns over an increase in the number of sexual crimes, *Radio New Zealand International* reports

Assistant police commissioner and spokesman, Papali'i Li'o said most of the victims of alleged sexual offences reported to the police every week are under aged girls from 12 to 16 years old.

He said most of the cases have been reported by individual families.

Mr Papalii said the ministry is undertaking awareness programmes throughout the country to help combat the growing number of crimes especially sexual offences

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

11 JULY 2006 SAIPAN (Pacnews) - The power outages now in effect on Saipan may soon be extended after the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) government advised the Commonwealth Utilities Corp (CUC) that it cannot afford to continue paying for the monthly fuel deliveries, *Saipan Tribune* reports.

This developed as CUC announced yesterday that it would start implementing today six-day rotating power outages on the island to conserve fuel and until funding becomes available.

Meanwhile, CUC spokesperson Pamela Mathis said that overheating in the cooling system at Engine No. 5 caused power outages yesterday afternoon in Lower

Base, Sadog Tasi, Garapan, China Town, Gualo Rai, and Quartermaster Road.

Acting CUC executive director Anthony Guerrero said that, following Friday's increase in fuel prices and low collections, they would not be able to purchase the needed amount of fuel supply, stretching existing reserves and likely buying less fuel until sources of money are identified. "The least efficient generators are being shut down, and this means that the power plants will produce less electricity, causing rotating power outages," said Guerrero in a statement to the media.

Guerrero said their collections are low during certain periods of the month as most customers do not pay on regular due dates but rather wait until the day before disconnection.

"Rather than having a steady cash flow to purchase intermediate fuel supplies, the utility has no money when it's most needed," he said.

"All customers are sharing the burden of power outages, though we aim to keep them at only two-hour intervals so businesses can work around the schedules and homeowners have minimal adjustments," the acting executive director stressed.

CUC determines the time and location of outages by matching energy shortages at a specific time of day to the villages that consume that amount of energy.

The schedule changes every other day so that no one suffers the same each day except for the central government which would remain consistent each day from 10am to noon.

Mr Guerrero said they would advise customers this week whether additional fuel deliveries will be cut in the future, which would result in broader outages

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Thursday	20	27	20	27
	07:07AM 1.5	04:17AM 4.2	10:27AM -0.2	03:08AM 2.3
	11:36AM 1.8	11:05AM 0.4		11:06AM -0.1
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	12:20AM 3.4	04:43AM 4.1	12:20AM 1.8	03:28AM 2.2
	08:19AM 1.1	11:25AM 0.5	10:23AM -0.4	11:13AM 0.0
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Saturday	22	29	22	29
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NEWS**Counseling Conducted in Mand
on Nutrition and Health**

By **AMY LEVENDUSKY**
Island Food Community

From May 9th through July 13th, Pelihna Moses from Mand and Amy Levendusky of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) spent 6 days in Mand visiting a total of 39 families. Mand families received counseling on vitamin A deficiency, diabetes, and dental hygiene. Counseling was initiated in Mand based on findings from the project entitled, "Pohnpeian Traditional Food for Health", sponsored by the IFCP. During April through July 2005, vitamin A status in mothers and their children, fasting blood sugar in adults and dental hygiene in children were evaluated.

Around thirty-one percent of the 57 children (age 2-10 years) tested in Mand were vitamin A deficient. This is over twice the cut-off for a problem of public health significance, which is 15%, showing how serious the problem here is. Lack of vitamin A in the body can cause night blindness, partial or total blindness, it can make respiratory diseases like pneumonia worse, and it can increase the risk of infections especially among children. The mothers of those children found to be Vitamin A de-



Serly James, a member of the Mand Community Working Group, and her family join in a counseling session

ficient, were advised that yellow-fleshed local foods such as the *Karat* and *Daiwang* bananas, giant swamp taro, pandanus, ripe mango, ripe papaya, pumpkin, sweet potato, and dark leafy greens such as *pele*, *kangkong*, and *chaya* are high in pro-vitamin A carotenoids (the substance which turns into Vitamin A in the body) and should be eaten every day. Rice and bread have no Vitamin A or provitamin A car-

otenoids and should be eaten with Vitamin A rich food. Also fish liver is an excellent source of vitamin A.

Out of 84 males and 85 females tested for their fasting blood sugar, a total of 41 new cases of possible diabetes were identified. Those people who were found to have high fasting blood sugar levels were advised to eat three balanced meals a day at regular times.

They were also encouraged to choose foods low in fat and sugar and high in fiber. Alcohol should also be limited. Along with eating healthy, it is important to exercise at least 3 times a week for 30 minutes each time.

At the time of the dental screening, it was found that out of 85 children between the ages of 1 to 14, only 3 had healthy teeth. Most children had several cavities, up to 16 cavities per child. The mothers of those children were advised that it is very important to take care of the baby teeth because if they become damaged, it can affect the health of their children's permanent teeth. They were also encouraged to take their children to the Pohnpei Dental Division to have the damaged teeth treated.

IFCP thanks the Mand community and our collaborating partners and support agencies, including the Pohnpei Office of Economic Affairs, Departments of Health and Education, Department of Land and Natural Resources, COM/FSM Land Grant, Natural Resource Conservation Service, CINE, CDC, Sight and Life, New Zealand and Australian Embassies, the Global Environmental Fund, and Pacific German Regional Forestry Project (PGRFP).



Karl Troost on Nana Laud, Pohnpei, FSM 2001.

**REMEMBERING OUR
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**HE WILL BE REMEMBERED
FOR HIS MANY
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
SPORTING COMMUNITY
AND BY HIS FRIENDS.**

Sixth Graders in for intensive learning on Peniou and Ros Islets, Kitti

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

On July 31, 2006 sixth graders from 6th graders from Kitti will be taking part in the 8th Annual Health and Science Awareness Week on Peniou and Ros Islets in Kitti. Starting at 6:30 in the morning and continuing early each morning throughout the week, students and advisers will be scouring the reef for non-biodegradable trash and removing it.

The students will also be involved in intensive lectures and hands on experiences during their one week stay on the reef islands. Special guest speakers with expertise in many areas have been lined up throughout the week to speak to the young people. Subjects will include: Littering Concerns in Pohnpei, Environmental Concerns, Career Education, FSM Immigration statistics, Dental care, Water safety and CPR, Marine and other law enforcement

issues, Marine life, Local foods, Functions of the Weather Bureau, Seawater de-salinization, Drug and alcohol abuse in Pohnpei State, Astronomy and many other diverse topics. Additionally the students will each day be participating in nurture of tree growth in the area.

To help keep students in contact with their own roots each evening will feature an hour of Pohnpeian stories and legends presented by local groups. The evening will be capped off with a movie hour before the participants collapse in their sleeping quarters.

Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., (MOMI) Pohnpei Bulk Plant Manager Trewayne Esiel presented a \$1000 donation for the program on behalf of MOMI. The Environmental and Community Health section of HESA donated 50 notebooks for the students to



Mayce Donre of the Environmental and Community Health Section of HESA presents notebooks to students from Wone Elementary

use, and Fredy Perman on behalf of FSM Telecommunications, Inc. donated two cell phones, two SIM cards, two solar chargers, and \$200 worth of prepaid phone cards to the program. Wone Elementary school students Rowena

and Rowina Mauricio, and Maynard Martin along with Laboratory and Experimental/Experiential Activity (LEAP) Project Head Coach and Supervisor Hedweg T. Muigel were present to receive the donations from each donor.



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OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTING TRAININGS HELD THROUGHOUT THE FSM

By **JIM TOBIN**
FSMNOC

In January, the FSM National Olympic Committee applied and received a \$20,000 International Olympic Committee Olympic Solidarity grant for the Development of National Sport Structures in Weightlifting. With the assistance of Oceania Weightlifting Federation the FSMNOC recruited Jeffery Robby from Papua New Guinea as the expert weightlifting instructor and coach. Robby arrived on Pohnpei on March 10, and for the past 5 months has held weightlifting trainings for athletes, coaches, referees and administrators on Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap. The grant funded Robby's salary, per diem, airfare and accommodation costs.

Each FSM State now has an organized weightlifting association, development plan and ongoing training program. Robby departs



the FSM for Port Moresby on August 10.

Any person interested in becoming a lifter can contact the following FSM Weightlifting Fed-

eration leaders: Ron Etscheit (Pohnpei), Simpson Abraham (Kosrae), Keitani Graham (Chuuk), and John Waathan (Yap).

The next major weightlifting competition will be held during the 4th FSM Games.

Manuel Minginfel, famous Yap weightlifter, is now training full time at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute in Apia, Samoa. He is ranked fifth in the world in the 62 kilogram men's division. Minginfel was one of 12 Oceania

area athletes to receive the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Athlete Scholarship from the International Olympic Committee. For the next two years, the scholarship will fund his accommodation and training costs in Samoa, and also fund his travel costs to upcoming regional and world weightlifting championships. Minginfel will be competing in the upcoming 2006 IWF Weightlifting World Championships in Santo Domingo in September.

COM-FSM BASKETBALL CAMP A GREAT SUCCESS!

By **GINA TOBIN**

This summer marked the beginning of an annual opportunity for basketball fans of all ages to learn the basic fundamentals of basketball. The College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) hosted the first Pohnpei Summer Basketball Camp at the National Campus from July 10-14. The camp started each day at 9am and lasted until 8pm. Participants were divided according to their age groups: 9am to 12pm – 12 & under, 1pm to 4 pm – 13 to 17yrs, and 5pm to 8pm – 18 & Up. Each day of the camp, participants were picked up at Pohnpei Campus, transported to the National Campus by the COM-FSM Sports & Recreation Staff for training sessions of three hour intervals, and dropped back at Pohnpei Campus for parent pick-up while the next group jumped onto the bus.

The camp was very successful – a total of 135 participants joined the weeklong event. Camp Coordinator Castro Joab said that the main goals of the camp were to promote the sport of basketball to the youth and provide an outlet for the children during the summer. Participants were taught the ba-



Happy Campers!

sic fundamentals of stretching, dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and team work. Instructing the 12 & Under and 13 -17 yrs. divisions were Castro Joab, Heinrich Palik, Laotis Seneres, Kelvin Sam, Troy Yaingeluo, and members of the 2006 Pohnpei Women's Basketball Team. Carrying out the evening sessions with the 18 & Up Division were Francisco Simram and Aurelio Joab.

On the last day of the camp, parents came in to watch as their children were divided into groups to play full court games. The crowd cheered as four and five year olds ran up the court chasing after the ball enmasse and as they tried

their best to throw the ball as high as they could. The MVP, little Marny Jack, "MJ", stole the ball repeatedly, sprinted down the court, "faked" past a defender, and shot, "nothing, but net".

After all the games, the participants sat on the court and waited for the closing ceremony. Heinrich Palik, newly elected FSM Basketball Association President, said that these players are the future of basketball in Pohnpei and stressed the benefits of molding them at a young age. Acting COM-FSM President Ringlen Ringlen, FSM National Olympic Committee Secretary General Jim Tobin, and Western Union General Manager Ray

Musada distributed certificates, ribbons and Western Union bags to all the participants. Trophies for the Best Sportsmanship and Most Improved Player were awarded to each age group. In the 12 & Under division, Marney Jack "MJ" was awarded the Most Improved Player and Macoh Musada received the Best Sportsmanship award. In the 13-17 year old age group, Lydia Midar was awarded Most Improved Player and Kelly Tobin received the Best Sportsmanship award. For the 18 & Up division, Charlene Arthur was awarded the Most Improved Player and Michael Malarme received the Best Sportsmanship award.

Participants paid a registration fee of \$1. The camp's organizing committee expressed deep appreciation to the camp sponsors: Matson Shipping, Palau Shipping Company, The College of Micronesia-FSM, FSM National Olympic Committee, Western Union, CTSI, and all the local sponsors. Camp Coordinator Castro Joab praised all the hard work of the COM-FSM Sports & Recreation Staff, the instructors, and all the volunteers, and said that the camp will become an annual event.

Saipan Micro Games Concluded - Results?

By **GINA TOBIN**

Over the 2 week span of the 2006 Micronesian Games, Team Pohnpei won 37 total medals – 5 Gold, 15 Silver, and 17 Bronze, finishing 5th overall in the Micro Games Medal Tally. Guam won the 2006 Micronesian Games with 51 Gold medals of their 96 total medals – the majority of their medals coming from the Athletics and Swimming competitions. Following Guam were CNMI (34 Gold), Palau (27), Chuuk (6), Pohnpei (5), Kiribati (5), Marshall Islands (3), Kosrae (3), and Yap (2).

Pohnpei Athletics brought back 1 Gold, 4 Silver, and 4 Bronze medals. Sprinter Elterson Rodriquez

won Gold in the 400m Run in a photo finishing tie with Palau sprinter John Stills with an identical time of 52.05 seconds, a first in Micronesian Games history. Keith Daniel Sepety grabbed two Silver medals in the 800m and 1500m runs.

In Women's Basketball, Pohnpei lost in a close semifinal game to Palau 43-40, and played Chuuk for the Bronze medal, winning with a score of 81-39. The overall leading scorer of the Women's Basketball competition was Pohnpei's Stephanie Yamada.

The Pohnpei Swim Team finished notably with 12 medals. Swimmer Kerson Hadley beat out the competition to win Gold in the 200m Backstroke with a time of

2:26.49 secs, Silver in the 50m Backstroke, and Bronze in the 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke, and 50m Freestyle.

In the Fast-Pitch Softball tournament, the Men's team lost to Marshalls 13-8, taking the Bronze medal from 6 teams. Guam, the 2005 Mini-South Pacific Games Champion, creamed the Marshalls 6-0 in the championship game, taking home the Gold. Only three teams played in the Women's tournament: CNMI, Palau, and Pohnpei. Eliminating CNMI, Pohnpei played Palau in the Gold medal game, but Palau took it away, winning by an inch, 7-6.

Pohnpei brought back nine medals in the 3 traditional sports of the Micronesian Games:

Micronesian All Around, Outrigger Canoe (Va'a), and Spearfishing. In the Micronesian All Around competition, Eugene Alfons came out victorious with Gold. Men's and Women's Outrigger Canoe won 5 Silver and 1 Bronze in the 500m, 1500m, and Long Distance races. In Spearfishing, Iony Hadley won Bronze with a catch of 53.98lbs and Bronze in the Team event with partner Lenson Nikolas with a catch of 96.42lbs.

The Women's Tennis team took Silver in the Team event, and Patsihpa Neth took Bronze in the individual competition. Guam dominated in the Men's Volleyball competition – Pohnpei came very close, beating out all other com-

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Miss Pakin Lands Heaviest Catch of 2006

By **Robert Spegal**
The Pohnpei Fishing Club

An "inspired ichthyological performance" was the only way to describe the winning boatload of fish weighed in at Rumor's Bar last Saturday afternoon. Captain Andy Musrasrik, and crew members Aminis David, Jr. and Junior Edwin weighed in 357.5 pound of skipjack tuna, with a couple of barracuda and travelly thrown in for good measure. *Miss Pakin* appeared to have bottomless ice chests as Club Weigh Master Paul Thomas hung fish after fish on the scales. In recent Pohnpei Fishing Club history, only boats captained by Alex Tretnoff and Kumer Panuelo have recorded this kind of total boat weight.

Club President Andrew Jackson-Calway, fishing on the *Boomerang II* caught the big fish of the day, a 22 pound wahoo. With this fish under his belt (so to speak), Andrew joins the elite group of six anglers destined to represent Pohnpei at the All-Micronesia Tournament in Majuro this coming September. The *Boomerang II* also took second place Total Weight honors with 95 pounds. Konrad Englberger, captain of the *Bavaria*, had the second place Big Fish, a 16 pound barracuda. Nihda Weilbacher and Zak Jackson-Calway had an easy time win-

ning the Lady Angler and Junior Angler first place prizes, as they were unchallenged in their categories. Nihda, fishing on the *Rosie II* with Captain Reinhardt, caught a 10 pound skipjack, while Zak's 7 pound skipkie was caught on the *Boomerang II*.

Other boats in the July 15 tournament included *Pohnpei Surf Club* (26.5 pounds), *Elimoang* (14), *Try-ton* (13.5), and *Tru Blu* (0.0) which caught 2 fish so tiny the crew threatened to mutiny if the captain attempted to weigh it. The Pohnpei Fishing Club wishes to welcome the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, which sponsored the boat *Elimoang* and its crew members. CSP also provided gift certificates redeemable at "Pohnpei LP Gas and Ice" for free buckets of ice. As the Society's conservation work is critical to the protection of Pohnpei's land and sea natural resources, the Fishing Club fully supports the CSP program. We also hope to see the *Elimoang* participate in future tournaments. The next Pohnpei Fishing Club contest will be a Catch-8 format Tournament on August 12th followed by a half-day event on the 9th of September. The remainder of the year's schedule also includes sponsored competitions on October 21, and November 18. Look for posters around town or check in future issues of the K-Press for up-to-date information.

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Micro Games Results

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ers but meeting Guam in the Gold medal match they managed the Silver medal.

Pohnpei's Dundy Dosalua threw his weight around in the 55kg weight division and won Gold in both the Greco Roman and Freestyle divisions. The wrestling team took 2 Gold and 4 Bronze from the wrestling competitions.

Chuuk finished fourth in the overall medal tally based on total Gold medals and finished above all FSM States. That delegation came out very strong in Athletic events – winning 22 of their 28 total medals. Sprinter Jack Howard won Gold in the Men's 100m with a time of 11.12 sec. The Men's relay teams grabbed both Gold medals in the 4x100 and 4x400m relays. They won 3 more Gold medals in Men's and Women's Cross Country races.

Kosrae wrestler Kenneth Mike (74kg) was awarded Gold in both Greco Roman and Freestyle wrestling. Kun Killin (120kg) also finished with Gold in Greco Roman and Silver in Freestyle wrestling. The men's basketball team, 2002 Micronesian Games Silver medalists, came the closest of all four FSM states to medal in the Men's Basketball competition, but lost to the Marshall Islands in a tight game 75-85 in the Bronze medal game. The Women's Outrigger Canoe Teams finished impressively with Silver in the 500m race and Gold in the 1500m race.

Yap finished with 12 total medals. Discus thrower Javendra Lyn won Gold with a distance of 28.26m and wrestler Steven Ochay brought the Gold in the Greco Roman 84kg division. The women's volleyball team, 2002 Micronesian Games Gold medalists, took Silver in the Gold medal game against Guam 3-0.



Micronesians on the March at the 2006 Micro Games in Saipan

2006 MICRONESIAN GAMES OFFICIAL MEDAL TALLY

Position		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Guam	51	27	18	96
2	CNMI	34	33	31	98
3	Palau	27	16	21	64
4	Chuuk	6	10	12	28
5	Pohnpei	5	15	17	37
6	Kiribati	5	7	5	17
7	Marshalls	3	5	12	20
8	Kosrae	3	3	2	8
9	Yap	2	7	3	12
Total		136	123	121	380

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