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International Women's Day!



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On March 8, 2008 approximately a thousand people gathered to cel-

brate International Women's day joining millions of other celebrants around the world for a celebration of women's role in fami-

lies, communities, governments, and wherever women are allowed to function throughout the world. Leaders called for a greater role

for women around the world saying that great strides had been

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FAA Donates Thousands of Dollars of Firefighting and Rescue Tools to FSM States

By **BILL JAYNES**
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Sitting in the restaurant of the Kosrae Nautilus Resort Andrew Withington listed for us the items recently donated to the FSM by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) under their Airport Improvement Program. When the

list was complete it spanned three handwritten pages. The items on the list filled 40 foot containers, one for each state in the FSM.

Brian Livingston and Andrew Withington visited each of the islands to demonstrate the use of the tools their company had been contracted to provide. L.N. Curtis and Sons is a family owned busi-



Airport firefighters salute trainers as they depart Pohnpei International Airport on a Continental Micronesia airplane



Pohnpei Airport firefighter tries out Hursh cuttes under the instruction of expert Brian Livingston

ness that supplies emergency equipment and service all over the world. Withington said, "I suppose we could have just said, 'here's your stuff, have fun' but that's not the way our company works. It's important to us that our customers are proficient in the use and care of the tools we provide." He said that improper use of the emergency tools could harm or even kill people.

Recently, a fire fighter from each of the States attended a one week training in Saipan. Those delegates were trained to train other fire fighters in the safe and effective use of the tools that have been donated. Felix Cippeda, a long time trainer and fire fighter from the Saipan international airport traveling with Livingston and Withington said that firefighters from FAA airports across the Pacific are periodically required to come to the Saipan training facility. There firefighters participate in live fire training in a large frame mockup of an aircraft.

regulated airports received two "Strikers". The strikers, manufactured by Osk Kosh are highly technical firefighting vehicles. They don't look like they could travel at high speeds but they can and over and through rough terrain. The fire trucks' front bumpers stand seven feet off the ground and angle back under the vehicle so that it can clear obstacles in its path and still reach its destination, an important trait for a vehicle that may be called to service to reach a burning aircraft quickly whether on or off road. They are capable of arriving safely at their destination even through deep water if necessary. Their nozzles fire streams of water at high pressure and can drain the high volume self contained water tanks in a minute and a half if necessary. The vessel is also equipped with infrared in order to maneuver through dense clouds of smoke. These are the vehicles that stand at the ready every time a plane arrives and departs any of

Recently each of the FSM's FAA

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PPA Sues Governor Ehsa and the Acting AG Over Executive Directive

Ehsa Tells PPA Board to Submit Their Resignations If They Don't Fire Iehse and Sipos

By **BILL JAYNES**
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Pohnpei, FSM – On February 22, 2008, Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa issued Executive Directive Number 01-2008 which essentially said that in order to conserve the financial resources of Pohnpei State all legal matters, effective on that date would be handled by the office of the Attorney General. The directive was sent out under a cover letter written by acting Attorney General Lorrie Johnson-Asher, to all agencies and public corporations including the Pohnpei Port authority.

On March 11, 2008, the Pohnpei Port Authority, PPA's Board of Directors, Ieske Iehsi in his official capacity as PPA's General Manager, and Mike Sipos, individually, and as PPA's General Counsel filed a lawsuit against the Governor in his official capacity and Lorrie Johnson-Asher in her official capacity as Acting Attorney General of the State. The lawsuit filed on that day sought a Tempo-

rary Restraining Order (TRO) and Preliminary Injunctive Relief to set aside the Governor's directive in the short term until a further hearing can be held that, if the plaintiff's prevail would have the directive set aside for good.

That was the complaint filed before Governor Ehsa called a meeting of the PPA board which was held on March 19, 2008. The next day PPA amended its complaint against the Governor and the Acting Attorney General. The Plaintiffs are the same in the amended complaint as in the original one but now all of the parties are named individually. The defendants are still Governor Ehsa and Lorrie Johnson-Asher but now the Governor is named individually as well. The amended complaint is for violation of civil rights, civil conspiracy and tortious interference with contract and for declaratory and injunctive relief.

According to the lawsuits and supplements, the PPA Board be-

gan in January to become suspicious that Governor Ehsa might try to interfere on behalf of his brother Timakio Ehsa who owns Pohnpei Marine Services (PMS) and who has been sued by PPA in order to collect a debt in excess of \$800,000. The Board passed a resolution directing Mike Sipos to continue to represent them in their efforts to collect the money they said that PMS owes to them.

The Governor signed Executive Directive 01-2008 over a month later. On the 18th of March Timakio Ehsa was to show cause for why he should not be held in contempt for failing to pay part of the debt under a stipulated agreement between PPA and PMS. The parties on that day were ordered to try to come up with an out of court agreement in the case. PPA is still trying to get an agreement for settlement in that case. They say that the Governor's Directive would interfere with that process.

called a meeting of the PPA board. The members thought that the meeting was to discuss the budget which, by law requires the Governor's approval or the approval of a board of arbiters in the case that the Governor and the Board of Directors cannot come to an agreement on the budget. According to the court documents, attending the meeting were the five members of the PPA board, Governor Ehsa, Lt. Governor Churchill Edward, Acting AG Lorrie Johnson-Asher, Assistant AG June Baccalando, and the Governor's Public Information Officer McGarry Miguel.

The reason the Governor called the Board Meeting was all together different than what the Board members had expected according to court documents. The Governor used the meeting to deliver an ultimatum to the Board after which he left the meeting. He said that if the Board fires

On March 19, Governor Ehsa

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General Manager Ieske Iehsi and General Counsel Mike Sipos he will maintain communication with the board and things will go back to normal. He told them that if they did not fire the two he would break off communication with the board and would appoint a new board to take their places. He said that if they did not submit to his wishes he would expect each of them to submit their resignations by the following Monday morning.

According to court documents the Governor said that the reason for his ultimatum was because the Board had sued him. PPA's amended complaint says it is PPA's constitutional right and legislatively authorized right and that it is the Board members' responsibility to seek a legal remedy to a directive they say is illegal and that puts them in a position they say would require them to break the law in order to comply with it.

The complaint says that the Governor does have the power to release Board members but that the law states that it must be for cause.

The Board must also have cause to fire their General Manager and/or their General Counsel even though the GM serves at the pleasure of the Board. Further, PPA has a contract with General Counsel Sipos that doesn't expire until the end of 2009. None of the parties can summarily fire anyone. The lawsuit contends that is what Governor Ehsa is trying to do and that his demand that Sipos be fired is tortious interference with his contract with PPA which is a public corporation.

The court document said that Ehsa's ultimatum violated the civil rights of each of the Board members, the General Manager, and their General Counsel. It upgraded PPA's request for damages which originally had only included a request for reasonable attorney's fees to include punitive damages sufficient to serve as a deterrent to this type of alleged violation ever occurring again. In backing up that request, the amended complaint said that if a violation of this type were tried criminally a convicted party could be sentenced to not more than ten years in prison but that the fact

that there are currently no criminal charges does not restrict the rights of injured parties to file civil charges. That is what PPA has now done.

According to a news article written by Janet David that appeared in The Kaselehlie Press in the January 11, 2001 issue entitled "PPA Feud Goes to Court", Governor Johnny David made the same type of move when he fired the board members Seperiano Barnabas, Diaz Joseph, Esmond Moses, and Board Chair Willy Hawley because they agreed to extend the contract and authorized a raise for then General Manager Akillino Susaia. A year and a half later the court ordered that the Board Members be reinstated but the damage had already long been done.

Lawyer Doug Parkinson continued to argue the case despite the fact that the new Board had not given approval for him to do so. He argued all along that the Board was unconstitutionally removed and that he was operating under the instruction of the legal members of the Board. That point was

argued for several years and only recently did PPA agree to pay the bill for his legal services. Since Parkinson died more than a year ago they made the payment to his estate.

PPA's recent complaint said that the rulings in the previous PPA case and a similar one involving Governor David and Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation set a precedent as to the legality of actions like the ones of Governor Ehsa.

The request for a temporary restraining order against Ehsa's Executive Directive was heard on Good Friday, March 21 at the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir. PPA's General Counsel told the court that the matter was urgent saying that even by filing the lawsuit and by appearing before the court on behalf of PPA he was violating the executive directive. The hearing lasted for an hour and a half. A ruling on the TRO was due to be released by that afternoon. As of Saturday afternoon PPA had not received a fax on the ruling and it was uncertain at press time whether the court had yet ruled on the issue of the TRO.

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Kitti Launches "Liemin"

Conservation Society of Pohnpei LIEMIN.

On March 12, 2008 the four villages of Woan Koapin Soamwoai (WKS) launched "LIEMIN," a raft to serve as a surveillance station for Nahtik Marine Sanctuary in Kitti. It has been a long awaited dream for the four villages of Enipein Pah, Enipein Powe, Soamwoai and Mwoakot, which comprise WKS, to build this raft to help minimize poaching activities and to improve community-led Marine Protected Areas (MPA) management. This project is a joint partnership between WKS communities, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei and Micronesia Small Grants Program (MSGP).

Among the dignitaries present at the launch of LIEMIN were Pohnpei State Governor John Ehsa, Speaker Nelson Pelep of the Pohnpei Legislature, Senator Wincener David and Senator Dahker Daniel of Kitti, Iso Nahnken of Kitti, Dauk Kitti, Wasahi Sokehs (also serving as Chairman of Resource and Development, Pohnpei Legislature), village leaders of WKS, Luhk en Moanlap, Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), Mr. Okean Ehmes of MSGP, Ms. Alissa Takesy (FSM Protected Areas Network Coordinator), and countless community members of WKS. Over 300 people all over Kitti came out to witness and celebrate the launch of

The village chiefs of WKS communities established an Action Plan in the late 1980s to protect and conserve their natural resources all the way from the mountain ridges down to the mangrove swamps and off to the coral reefs. As a result, Enipein Marine Park was established under the Marine Sanctuary and Wildlife Refuge Act of 1999 holding the largest mangrove reserve in the region. Later in 2001, Nahtik Marine Sanctuary was amended into the Act of 1999 serving as the first community-led MPA in Pohnpei to help restore and preserve their marine resources for future generations. In 2003, WKS communities joined forces with CSP and initiated the very first Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMA) site in FSM. LMMA is an international network of community-based management areas promoting the practice of marine resource conservation through partnership. After over 20 years of hard work, WKS communities have proven the effectiveness of resource management at the grassroots level.

Like most developing Pacific islands, Pohnpei has been striving through numerous efforts to preserve its natural resources combining both traditional and contemporary techniques of management. Community-based resource man-



agement has long been a tradition in Pohnpeian cultures. Before the introduction of modern government, communities have always been keen and conservative in the use of their natural resources. Unfortunately many communities are neglecting their own conservative values a fact which has led to the loss of traditional practices. In partnership with MSGP and LMMA Network, WKS communities are now working alongside CSP to improve MPA management. WKS communities continue to build their action plans by adding modern practices such as fish and coral monitoring programs, enforcement and surveillance, and education and awareness programs to better safeguard their marine resources. WKS communities are currently leading in community-led resource management in Pohnpei and other communities are starting to replicate their successes.

The launching of LIEMIN is just another step for WKS communities to help decrease poaching activities and to help foster the motivation of community members to take an active role in the preservation of our natural resources. In addition to the existing monitoring program, LIEMIN will be utilized as a training station for Community Conservation Officers (CCO) who will help to improve the management of Pohnpei's MPA Network.

CSP would like to join WKS communities in thanking the leadership of Pohnpei State government, Luhk en Moanlap, MSGP, MCT, LMMA Network, RARE, The David and Lucille Packard Foundation and countless local partner agencies for making this project a reality and we look forward to your continued support for better management of Pohnpei's marine resources.

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Traveler Brings About Mwoakillese Conservation Efforts

By Zachary Stepan
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A recent visitor to the outer island atoll of Mwoakilloa, Pohnpei brought about big changes. Bruce Pardoe, resident of California and a director of the New Hampshire based grant-making Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation (SPPF) organized an island clean-up and waste disposal program in his short one month visit. "I came to Mwoakilloa to observe life on a small atoll, and because I heard that the island had some existing conservation efforts," said the traveler. He then explored some issues negatively affecting the area and decided to help.

He started with disposable batteries, which are a main source of power for the Mwoakillese people. The lack of waste facilities on the island had been resulting in the discarding of the dead units, especially model Ds, on Mwoakilloa's land and into its waters. The poisons within them were leaking into the environment, potentially causing harm to fish, coral, and people.

Pardoe collaborated with the Mwoakilloa Municipal Government, headed by Chief Magistrate Ruly Neth and the newly elected 12th Counsel, and Mwoakilloa School, directed by principal Romeo Joel, to collect the batteries. A contest was organized in which the children of the island would be awarded cash prizes for

rounding up as many used batteries as possible. The units would then be put into government supplied 55 gallon drums and stored safely until they could be disposed of properly. Pardoe delivered a demonstration to educate children to work safely, explaining that either rubber gloves or plastic bags need to be used to handle dead batteries. Those who were observed handling the cells carelessly, he warned, would be disqualified from the contest. Then the work began.

Four day's efforts brought about the tallying of the batteries and the contest's end. The results were staggering. Sidney Peter collected 1,201 batteries and received a first place prize of \$10.00. Raven Luhda collected 1,131 batteries and received a second place prize of \$7.00. Riannon Claire Albert collected 1,073 batteries and received a third place prize of \$5.00. Verina Johnson collected 1,015 batteries and was awarded an honorable mention and \$4.00. All other children who gathered 50 batteries or more were given a consolation prize of \$1.00. The total number of batteries collected was 13,422.

A competition was also created for adults, who gathered and turned in used solar batteries. Mchanster



Mwoakillese children decorate battery storage barrel

Johnson took the prize, receiving \$10.00 for handing over 27 batteries. A total of 119 solar batteries were collected.

Although surprised at the number of amassed batteries, Pardoe

still noticed decaying units on the land and in the water. He decided to organize a second contest to

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make sure that as many batteries as possible could be safely stored away. This competition was open to all Mwoakillese citizens. Pardoe offered to award 5\$ for each clearly old battery turned in, and 1\$ for each newly expired battery. "I was expecting to get about 500-2,000 more batteries," explained Pardoe. He was surprised again. The community worked together to collect an additional 6,225 batteries, making the grand total for both contests an astounding 19,647. "I was delighted that so many toxins were removed from the environment," said Pardoe.

After taking care of batteries, Pardoe also tackled other non-biodegradable wastes. He worked with Chief Magistrate Ruly Neth to establish a container to dispose of used oil, and also set aside a place where plastics can be stored and later shipped off the island. Furthermore, he donated \$50.00 as prize money to be given to the Mwoakillese citizens who can create, develop, and implement the most effective conservation effort of his or her own by October of 2008. "It is great for me to have ideas, but it is much more powerful for the Mwoakillese people to

come up with their own," he explained.

Upon returning to the U.S.A. from his travels, Pardoe plans to continue supporting the island of Mwoakilloa to meet conservation ideals. His next goal is to work with SPPF to supply the island's population with rechargeable batteries. Each household will be eligible to receive twelve Ds and eight AAs with chargers, but they won't be awarded for free. Property owners will be required to clean their lands of all non-biodegradable and harmful wastes before obtaining the safer energy alternative. Pardoe also hopes to help provide waste baskets to the atoll so that locals will always have a place to throw away garbage.

On March 6th, the Mwoakillese people held a farewell dinner in honor of Pardoe's work. "We thank you greatly for coming from so far away and caring enough about our people to do such great work," announced Romeo Joel, "In turn, Pardoe thanked the Mwoakillese people for the opportunity he had to work with them. "This has clearly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I can only suggest to other conservation minded travelers that they explore opportunities to have a positive effect while adventuring," he said.

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made but that there is still a long way to go.

This year Lih Pingelap was chosen by the Pohnpei Women's Advisory Council Association to host the Pohnpei celebration. Lih Pingelap is a women's group that is a part of the Pingelap People's Organization, Inc. Eighteen women's groups from around Pohnpei sang and danced for the gathered crowds and competed in cooking, tailoring and weaving competitions with prizes awarded in every category.

In keeping with the 2008 International Women's Day theme, "Financing for Gender Equality", Key note speaker Dr. Elizabeth Iehsi Keller presented to the Association \$1000 on behalf of Lih Pingelap. The Protestant Church Women's Group raised more than \$300 during their marching on the day and contributed what they earned to add to a fund that is intended to become a scholarship fund designed to financially aid Pohnpeian students of either sex who are studying to become gynecologists.

On the previous day U.S. Ambassador Miriam Hughes hosted a tea for a group of approximately thirty women in leadership positions in Pohnpei from both the Private Sector and the Government. The Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall, United States District Judge of the Central District of California spoke to the gathered women. She is still very active in the International Association of Women Judges. She is the Chair of the Ninth Circuit Pacific Islands Committee and was on island to present at a seminar for judicial representatives from around the Pacific.

She spoke to the gathered women and challenged them to continue striving for women's rights. She spoke of her and other member's efforts and successes to have more women judges in courts around the world saying that there still is a long way to go to establish gender equality in that area. She said that the reason women are not appointed as judges as often as men has nothing to do with the number of qualified female lawyers and that she was working to help turn things around.

Before she opened the floor to the women for questions and answers

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Left to Right: Judge Consuelo B. Marshall, U.S. Ambassador Miriam Hughes and Australian Ambassador Susan Cox

she said that her daughter is an aerospace engineer and a pilot. She said that she felt that it was not strange that her daughter would achieve what she wanted to do because the message in her

home was always, "You're a strong woman and you can do whatever you think you can." She challenged the gathered women to share the same message with their daughters.

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the FSM airports.

L.N. Curtis and Sons provided other high tech tools designed for rescue. Along with a variety of personal protection equipment designed to protect a firefighter from the soles of his feet to the tips of his fingers they provided self contained breathing apparatuses that allow the firefighter to breath even in dense clouds of deadly smoke.

Of interest to the more destructive of us is a complete set of the Hurst Jaws of Life tools. Livingston is an expert in the use of those tools and demonstrated their use on old cars in each of the states. The specialized diamond saw blade they provided for the rescue saw he said, could turn an old sedan into a convertible in a matter of moments. The hydraulic powered Jaws of Life tools which include a spreader, cutters and a ram, can extricate an accident victim from the most twisted of metal wreckage. They also brought an air bag lifting kit that can be slid underneath an object weighing several tons and then can be inflated to lift the object off the ground and out of the way of rescue efforts.

They brought fifteen 55 gallon drums of fire fighting foam. Whittington said that the foam is

very effective but that it is also very expensive. He said that the foam currently costs around \$25 a gallon. At that rate the fire fighting foam alone cost in excess of \$20,000.

Included in the supplies were emergency medical supplies and tools including an automatic defibrillator. Medical training will need to be provided by other experts. It is hoped that the tools will never be needed but thousands of dollars worth of tools are now on hand in case they are needed.

The fire fighter trainers said that their efforts were facilitated by the United States Embassy. They said that the help the Embassy gave them while on their tour of the FSM was invaluable.

In both Chuuk and Pohnpei, the departure of the experienced firefighters was heralded by cascades of water from the strikers that doused the Continental flight on which they left the States—a sign of respect and gratitude. In a matter of coincidence, Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa was on the flight departing from Pohnpei leading many who were unaware to speculate that the Governor had ordered the display in honor of his own departure though he had nothing to do with it. It was a spontaneous gesture by the firefighters of Pohnpei International Airport.

A Legend of Kosrae, Tadao Wakuk Talks Story for Tourists

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Utwe, Kosrae - In the land where the lady sleeps above the Pacific there was talk of monster snakes, vanishing islands, man eating groupers, six foot monitor lizards, pirates, and more!

Tadao Wakuk has been something of a legend in Kosrae for years but since he began 24 years ago to take tourists on tours of the waters off Utwe, Kosrae the legend of Tadao has grown beyond the shores of Kosrae. Hundreds of tourists from all over the world have taken tours with him or members of his family in his six person outrigger canoe equipped with an 8 horsepower kicker motor that fairly flies through the water. Compared to the paddle speed it was designed for when he carved it from a tree that he harvested from the shores of the largest river in Kosrae the outrigger is like lightning on the smooth waters of Kosrae's lagoon.

He's 62 years old now but I couldn't tell it as he climbed a tree to retrieve coconuts for the two of us that were on the tour with him. When we were finished with the milk of the coconuts he split them with a machete and deftly cut each of us a spoon from the husk so that we could enjoy the marvelously sweet meat.

While we ate he told us about the island on which we had taken a break and those we could see across the lagoon. He said that there once was a beautiful community on all of the islands but that one day over eighteen years ago the winds changed and suddenly the entire community was awash in sea water and they were forced to abandon their settlement. The people who lived on the island on which we enjoyed our repast saw the plight of the people across the lagoon and abandoned their island as well, heading back to the mainland of Kosrae.

To get us to our resting place Tadao maneuvered his outrigger canoe through narrow mangrove channels. The outrigger had occasionally bumped against jutting roots on the starboard side of the vessel jarring the passengers and reminding us that we were in a place that was man made and that nature could retrieve at any moment. Tadao told us that the chan-

nels were made by Kosraeans at a time when people of Kosrae needed to get their crops out by boat. Legend has it that the serpentine channels were made by a monster snake that was searching for his princess.

The experience was simultaneously spooky and enchanting as we traveled beneath overhanging mangrove trees on our watery course.

Tadao told us at one point that the UN declared biosphere over which we were traveling was over 500 feet deep and that giant groupers that could swallow a man inhabited the area. I was careful not to lean too far in any direction even though I didn't think I could tip the sturdy outrigger.

On the way from the lagoon to the largest river in Kosrae, Tadao stopped his canoe and told us the story of a pirate ship under the command of Bully Hayes that had sunk in 1874 directly beneath us. He said that one of the three treasures purported to be aboard had been recovered by a Japanese man during World War II who went home quite wealthy. The two other treasures have never been recovered though many have scoured the island for them.

Wakuk said that Hayes and his crew raped and killed many Kosraeans during their stay. The occupants of his ship along with the crew members of numerous whaling vessels that stopped in Kosrae killed off many Kosraeans with the diseases that they brought to the island. He said that Kosraeans nearly ceased to exist as a result.

He had much more to say as we journeyed in his hand built outrigger canoe. For the rest of his stories you will have to take the fascinating tour. Ask him about the failed Japanese plan to eradicate rats that resulted in large numbers of monitor lizards up to



Tadao Wakuk, a legend in Kosrae and a legend in the minds of those from around the world who have taken a tour with him, guides his outrigger canoe through a mangrove channel off Utwe, Kosrae. The canoe has a capacity of six people.

six foot long that currently stalk the Utwe area one of which went scampering off the road as I was driving to meet Tadao.

To take a tour you can contact him at (691) 370-5080. He charges \$20 per person for his outrigger tour which departs from Utwe Marina by arrangement. Tadao's company, KATO Tours also has several overland tours in addition to his outrigger tour. I was there for just a few days. I'm glad I spent a few of my limited hours in Kosrae with Tadao.

Pohnpei Dental Clinic

The Pohnpei Dental Clinic will be opening to the general public soon. The clinic will be providing the following dental services:

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LOCATION - Pohnpei Dental Clinic: Located on the 1st floor of the Namiki commercial building

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U.S. Navy Team Clears Yap Harbor Of Dangerous Mine

US Embassy Press Release

A six-person United States Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team from Guam safely detonated a World War II era naval mine late in Yap on March 4. A marine biologist residing in Yap had discovered the suspicious object while diving. The horned device was moored at a depth of

On the basis of the EOD Team's assessments and public safety and environmental considerations, Governor Anefal gave the order for detonation.

Although a large crowd of spectators gathered near Colonia Harbor in anticipation of an explosion, the depth of the device, com-



The unexploded mine at the mouth of Waneday harbor

110 feet below sea level at the mouth of the Waneday channel leading into Colonia Harbor. After locating and identifying the mine as a threat to divers and marine navigation, the United States Embassy coordinated with Director of the FSM Office of Environment and Emergency Management Andrew Yatilman, Yap State Government officials, and the Commander, United States Naval Forces Marianas to dispatch the EOD Team.

A U.S. military C-40 aircraft landed in Yap on March 3, bringing the six Navy ordnance disposal experts, their diving equipment, and explosives and other materials needed for the job. They met with a Yap State task force convened by Governor Sebastian Anefal to address the emergency, then proceeded to the mine's location for an onsite inspection. Yap State media issued a series of public announcements strictly prohibiting all diving activities in the immediate and surrounding areas.

bined with the specialized expertise and careful operations of the Navy divers, resulted in a detonation marked by nothing more than a little surface turbulence.



Guam Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team working in Yap

Mr. Larry Raigetel, Director of the Yap Department of Youth and Civic Affairs, commented afterward: "Everyone is just happy to have this hazard out of the way." Mr. Raigetel's staff is now working on a public education campaign using Yap radio and television broadcast media to alert the public to the continuing danger posed by unexploded ordnance.

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K-Press Perspective

"Lelu Water" Ready for the Public

Nearly three years ago Kosrae entrepreneurs including Senator Claude Phillip and former Governor Rensley Sigrah received a \$3 million loan from the FSM Development Bank to develop a water bottling company on the island. For nearly all of those three years they developed the plant in a backwoods area near Tofol, the capital of Kosrae.

After three years of effort the plant is finally ready to ship its first product. Senator Phillip said that the company's first forty foot container of bottled water is going to Guam. Some of that product will be for promotional purposes and the rest has been purchased by vendors in the area.

The water comes from Lelu springs near the plant and is attractively packaged in plastic bottles proudly bearing the Lelu name. When the bottles are placed on shelves in grocery stores adjacent to other bottled waters, Lelu Water bottles should attract some attention because of their artfully designed hexagonal bottles. Perhaps bottled water consumers will be moved to switch their brand out of curiosity if for no other reason.

Cash in Cash out

Kosrae, like the other FSM states have very few exports and the State relies heavily on importation to supply many of the needs of the island. Consequently very little "new cash" hits the island other than in the form of money that comes from the U.S. Compact of Free Association. Some new cash comes from a growing tourist base which is growing because of recent good press on Kosrae's tourist activities and because of the successful efforts of the Kosrae Visitor's Bureau.

Private sector development for exportation brings with it the possibility of cash from outside markets rather than the outflow of cash to other nations that occurs when items are imported.

It's a big gamble and many fingers are crossed that it will pay off for the people of the State. The FSM most definitely needs private sector development especially in terms of export businesses.

Poised?

Wanting to know more about the company, I checked the website (www.leluwater.com) that is listed on the beautiful label. I found out that the site has no information other than that it has been "under construction" since September 28, 2006. That seems a bit

odd for a company shipping its first product during the week of the 17th of March, 2008. Perhaps website development is a next step.

Senator Phillip said that the company hopes to market the product on the West Coast of the United States. In anticipation of that the bottle has, pre-printed on its label, the California redemption value stamp required by that State. It even has its own barcode. Anyone that has dealt with setting up a new product in the US knows that is no small accomplishment.

There is, or at least should be some concern that the timing for a new bottled water company might not be ideal. Beginning in the summer of 2007, US cities began to propose bans or heavy taxation on bottled water in their jurisdictions. Santa Barbara, California; New York City, New York; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Salt Lake City, Utah; Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; all proposed bans of bottled water or additional taxes that would apply at the check out stand. Other cities seem poised to do the same.

The mayor of Seattle, Washington signed an executive order as recently as March 19, 2008 banning bottled water purchases for city agencies. The city government alone had been spending approximately \$58,000 for bottled water per year for their own functions. A city press release said that the government hoped to set a good example for the people of the city. The mayor said that Seattle's public water was as good as or better than any bottled water and that drinking water from the tap didn't carry the huge environmental impact of bottling water.

Environment?

What about that? The FSM is certainly familiar with the problem of plastic in the landfills, in the mangroves, the ocean and on the roadsides; plastic that must have come from imported products since the FSM does not currently have a way of producing plastic. The

billions of citizens and other occupants living in US cities have the same problem—plastic everywhere.

Maybe they are not nearly as keenly aware of the problem of global warming as those people who live on atolls and whose agrarian based support systems have been decimated by rising sea levels. Those people in the US who have never received mass shipments of food to replace what was lost to the

sea as some residents of atolls in Chuuk have recently done do not know from first hand knowledge what the crisis is really all about. Apparently many citizens of the US are not waiting for first hand experience. Some are very concerned about the use of the petroleum products used to create plastics and not because it diverts fuel away from the vehicles they use to get around their smog choked cities. It's those millions of concerned people who are calling

for a reduction in the production of plastics even if that means the loss of their cherished bottled water.

Balancing Act?

People of Kosrae, I'm nearly certain, hope that the Lelu Water venture is even half as successful as that of Fiji Water, a wildly successful major export from Fiji. I personally wish that

there was another way to bottle the product that would not harm the environment especially those of our neighbors in the FSM.

I suppose it all comes down to a balance thing as world leaders have been saying all along and particularly leaders of the US who still have not signed the soon to expire Kyoto Protocol.

We must keep the economy flowing. Yes, we must. Our lives depend on it. We also must work to make our environment healthy; at what economic cost? And what is the right way to deal with the problem of global warming? Experts have been hashing out that question for decades. Do you remember not long ago when scientists were concerned about global cooling and considered sprinkling carbon black on the polar ice caps so that the dark carbon would absorb the sun's rays more effectively which would in turn help to melt the ice caps which were advancing at that time?

Everything changes and it's all too complex even for the most advanced Cray super computer. I go into mental meltdown when I consider the complexity of it all.

Best Wishes!

We wish the owners of Lelu Water all of the best as they move forward in their endeavor. I wish the people of Kosrae many happy returns as cash flows out of the plant like water if you'll pardon the pun. I wish the people of Kosrae jobs and a stimulated economy because of this endeavor and I hope that it will lead to other successful ventures as well.

Drink up and prosper (I hope)!

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

Letters to the Editor

"Not Difficult to Deal With"

The recent report about the President and the other persons in the party who traveled to China receiving money from Luen Thai is not difficult to deal with. The Congress has the responsibility of dealing with the report with regard to the president. The Department of Justice has the responsibility of investigating the report with regard to the other persons in the party.

After the Department of Justice has conducted their investigation they should issue a report clear-

ing these persons if no FSM laws were broken. If any FSM laws were broken then the Department of Justice has the obligation to prosecute.

If the Department of Justice does not act in this manner with regard to these allegations then donor nations and more importantly the people of our country will lose faith in our government.

Mat Mix



Seen Any Good Movies Lately?



By **N.N. ISAAC**
The Kaselehie Press

Michael Clayton (2007)

There are so many things I love about springtime: undersea creatures, baby farm animals, woodland fairies, and of course, the DVD releases of movies that were nominated for the annual Academy Awards. The first of these films to make its way onto the shelves of my local renting spot was a movie nominated seven times at this year's Oscars, called "Michael Clayton."

When a brilliant litigator named Arthur Eden has an embarrassing breakdown that threatens to ruin an important client of the prestigious firm of Kenner, Bach, and Ledeen, Michael Clayton is the man called in to clean up the mess. Written and directed by Tony Gilroy, "Michael Clayton," is an intellectual thriller about greed, murder, and corruption in the corporate world.

Having garnered acclaim for his screenplays in the Jason Bourne trilogy ("Bourne Identity," "Bourne Ultimatum," and "Bourne Supremacy"), along with "Armageddon" (1998), "The Devil's Advocate" (1997), and "Dolores Claiborne" (1995), "Michael Clayton" marks the directorial debut for Tony Gilroy. In a departure from his previous screenplays, Gilroy crafts a story that doesn't rely on big bangs and explosions. In lieu of revolvers and karate chops, Gilroy utilizes cleverly sharpened words and chilling dialogue to deliver the blows that bring this uncommonly intelligent movie to its climax.

Apart from its cerebrally demanding pace, the thing I enjoyed most about "Michael Clayton" was the performance by its stellar cast. Tom Wilkinson ("Rush Hour", "The Full Monty") nearly stole the show with his powerful portrayal of the turbulent Arthur Edens. George Clooney deftly assimilates the role of the ethically compromised Michael Clayton. My favorite performance was by Tilda Swinton ("Constantine", "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe") who played Karen Crowder, an overstressed, neurotic, and unscrupulous corporate lawyer. Ms. Swinton nabbed an Oscar, as well as a BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Televi-

sion Arts) Film Award — Britain's equivalent of the Oscar — for this role.

"Michael Clayton" is a smart, entertaining, legal thriller/drama that will engage you until its explosive end. I highly recommend this movie for a stimulating Saturday afternoon.

This film is available on DVD and is rated R for language and some sexual dialogue.

Gone Baby Gone (2007)

Another film nominated at this year's Academy Awards was the dark, compelling mystery, "Gone Baby Gone," directed by Ben Affleck. No synopsis or review will prepare you for the emotional rollercoaster ride packed into the 114 minutes of this awesome movie.

Based on the novel by Dennis Lehane, "Gone Baby Gone" begins when four-year old Amanda McCready disappears from her Dorchester home in Boston. Private investigators, Patrick Kenzie (Casey Affleck) and Angie Gennaro (Michelle Monaghan), are hired by the child's aunt to help police piece together clues about Amanda's abduction before it's too late.

"Gone Baby Gone," is Ben Affleck's first endeavor at directing a major motion picture. Ben's skill behind the camera, combined with the exceptional acting of this movie's first-rate cast, make "Gone Baby Gone" an unforgettable classic. Oscar-nominated Morgan Freeman plays Captain Jack Doyle who heads the police investigation of Amanda's disappearance. Ed Harris is excellent as Detective Remy Bressant. Casey Affleck is outstanding in his role as private investigator, Patrick Kenzie. Broadway actress Amy Ryan was acknowledged for her superb performance as Helen McCready, Amanda's mother. She was nominated for an Oscar at the 2008 Academy Awards in the category of best performance by an actress in a supporting role.

There were times during this movie when I was so disturbed, I felt like I was going to be sick. On top of that, I honestly think I hated this movie's ending. Yet, despite feeling nauseated and be-

ing left staring at the rolling credits in frustration, I think "Gone Baby Gone" is probably one of my favorite movies of 2007. This movie is a definite must-see, and is currently available on DVD.

"Gone Baby Gone" is rated R for violence, drug content, and pervasive language.

The Jane Austen Book Club (2007)

To offset the seriousness of the previous films, the third movie I'd like to suggest is the light and lovely romantic comedy, "The Jane Austen Book Club." After an arduous work week, I'd highly recommend that you check out this delightful DVD at your local video store.

When Sylvia (Amy Brenneman from "Judging Amy") discovers her marriage isn't a case of "happily-ever-after," her closest confidantes start a book club to help her cope with her new life. Her friends, Bernadette (Kathy Baker from "Picket Fences") and Jocelyn (Maria Bello from "Coyote Ugly") recruit members, Prudie (Emily Blunt from "The Devil Wears Prada"), Grigg (Hugh Dancy from "The Sleeping Dictionary"), and Allegra (Maggie Grace from "Lost") to tackle the six novels by famed 18th century British novelist Jane

Austen. As they explore the literary genius of Ms. Austen, they find their own lives reflecting her stories in true Austen form — full of comedy, blunders, and romance.

"The Jane Austen Book Club" is an adaptation of a best-selling novel by Karen Joy Fowler. Robin Swicord, who's written the screenplays for Hollywood hits like "Memoirs of a Geisha" (2005), "Little Women" (1994), and "Matilda" (1996), masterfully weaves a rich story with a winning sense of humor in her sophomore directing effort.

With its impressive ensemble cast and Swicord's impeccable directing, "Book Club" is a solidly entertaining film that transcends the clichéd "chick-flick" genre. You don't have to be female, or a connoisseur of English literature to enjoy this movie. Nevertheless, if you are a fan of Jane Austen, this movie will whet your appetite and have you searching for your old Austen novels.

This movie is rated PG-13 for mature thematic material, sexual content, brief strong language, and some drug use.

Happy springtime, and always remember to be kind, rewind, and watch for it on DVD.



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Do Good Guys Have Enemies?

If you ever watch movies, you know the answer is yes; all the time! But is that true in the real world? Proverbs tells us that “the wicked detest the upright.” (Chapter 29 verse 27) What happens to cause the wicked to hate the upright? The life of David shows us two people who should have been good friends and instead were bitter enemies. David meets Saul when he takes food to his brothers in Saul’s army which is cowering in fear before the Philistine champion, Goliath. Over nine feet tall and undefeated, no one was brave enough to fight him one on one. David shows up and offers to kill Goliath. Saul is so happy he gives David his own armor to fight with. You know how the story ends. The shepherd boy with the awesome aim with a sling fells Goliath and takes his head as a trophy. Saul achieves a great military victory on the coattails of this brave young keeper of sheep. He is grateful and takes David into his house and Jonathan, Saul’s son, becomes David’s best friend. Jonathan sees David’s gifts and God’s blessing on his life and gives him his robe and weapons. He is giving up his position, as son of the king and leader of part of the army, to David. As David’s successes pile up, Saul’s

heart turns against him until the jealous king tries to kill him on sight.

How did David become Saul’s enemy? Chapter 18 of the book of First Samuel logs a fascinating series of events paired with Saul’s reactions. First, David wins military victories over the Philistines that are greater than Saul’s and the women of Israel sing David’s praises: “Saul has killed his thousands and David his ten thousands!” Ouch! That is a bit tough on a king’s ego. Saul gets angry. Verse nine starts the early warning alarm with the words, “Saul looked on David with suspicion from that day on.” The crazy thing about it is, Saul sent David out to fight and promoted him because of his success. Note carefully the character of sin creeping from the core of Saul’s life. If you have ever worked for a jealous boss and been shocked to find that the harder you worked, the more you were disliked, welcome to our fallen world. Recognize the evil lurking in sinful hearts and be wise.

The suspicion of verse nine turns to fear in verse 12 which results in Saul sending David away with another assignment to remove him from Saul’s sight. The climax of the chapter comes in verse 14 with the words, “And David was prospering in all his ways for the Lord was with him.” Surely this would make Saul love David! No, Samuel pens an even stronger word: Saul dreaded David. The more David lived a godly life and was loved by the people, the more Saul hated him. The bottom is reached in verse 29 when we hear that Saul was more afraid of David and was constantly his enemy. The back and forth love/hate relationship is over and it has turned to hate. Every purpose of Saul now is bent on David’s harm. David has a powerful, hateful enemy.

How did David gain such an enemy? By obeying and serving God with integrity. David faced Goliath to show the world that the true God was with Israel while Saul ruled as king to build his own dynasty. If we set our hearts to serve God like David, we will attract enemies along the way. That is life. The life of faith believes that God will prosper the righteous and defeat his enemies. So God’s instruction to us is, always do right. Never give up. God does not forget those who serve Him. Ultimately and finally we need the approval of only one; and He is not a man. Fear God and do right and your enemies will be fighting against God. Everyone who does that eventually loses.

Gary Gardell

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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

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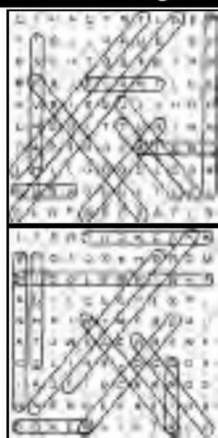
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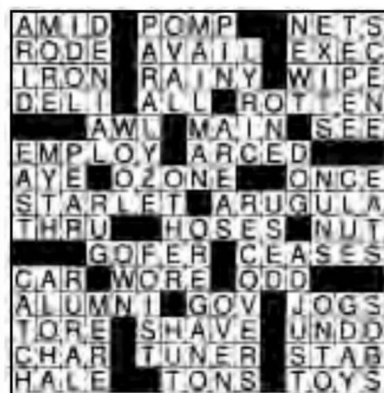
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Global Interest in Pohnpei Island Food Promotion

By **Dr. Lois Englberger**
Island Food Community of
Pohnpei

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei "Let's Go Local" campaign and promotion of island foods attracted interest at two recent global conferences. Adelino Lorens reported that there were over 200 participants from 70 countries participating in the 2nd Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB2), held in Galway, Ireland, 25-28 February, 2008.

Mr. Lorens gave an oral presentation on Pohnpei's case study on Traditional Food and Health, one of the 12 case studies in the global health study led by the Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment (CINE). He showed Pohnpei's Island Food posters and other island food promotional materials and a new video was shown on the Pohnpei Traditional Food for Health project. This was filmed and developed by KP Studios in collaboration with CINE and the Pohnpei project team.

Dr. Lois Englberger attended the International Symposium on Underutilized Plants, held in Arusha, Tanzania, 3-7 March, 2008, along with 250 participants from 55 countries. She gave an oral presentation on the "Let's Go Local" initiative promoting underutilized crops. There was interest in the banana variety *Karat*, with its orange/yellow flesh, rich in provitamin A carotenoids and in the island food promotional materials, including posters, postcards, pens, t-shirts, and FSM postal stamps. Participants were keenly interested in the youth involvement, and the wide involvement of the many agencies. A media team from Tanzania interviewed Dr. Englberger for a radio program and was interested in tasting samples of dried *Karat*.

One of the keynote speakers, Dr. Bibi Giyose, the Food and Nutrition Advisor for The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), stated that the Let's Go Local project in Pohnpei should be considered as a model project for promoting local foods.

Warm thanks are extended to the organizers and funding support, including COHAB2 Secretariat; International Symposium on Underutilized Plants organizers and International Centre for Underutilised Crops, and the Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA).



Photo by Patrick Maundu

Adelino Lorens, Chief of Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs, Pohnpei State, and Chairman of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, stands with other participants at the Conference on Health and Biodiversity in Galway, Ireland, held 25-28 February, 2008.

Recipe of the Week

Kemelis in Mei (Breadfruit Balls)


3-5 breadfruit (smooth-skinned varieties such as *Meiuhpw*, *Meiniwe*, and *Meikalak* are recommended)
3-4 coconuts, grated

Method


1. Wash, peel, core and cut breadfruit into pieces.
2. Boil breadfruit in water.
3. Remove a portion of the breadfruit and mash while still hot. The remaining breadfruit should be left cooking on low heat.
4. Roll in freshly grated coconut to the breadfruit.
5. Shape balls about 2-3 inches in diameter.

Note: Salt or sugar may be added to coconut, but add sparingly as salt and sugar are not good for the health.


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Over 2,500 Pounds of Fish Landed at the 4th Annual Pohnpei Do It Best Tournament

Twelve boats entered the Fourth Annual Pohnpei Do It Best Hardware Fishing Tournament, and bettered last year's total weight by nearly 1,000 pounds. The flotilla brought in a total of 2,505.5 pounds to the weigh-in at Rumors Bar on Saturday afternoon, 8 March. This catch was the third largest in the fifteen year history of the Club. The **Do It Best** Gift Certificate winners were:

The \$100 gift certificate for the most species of fish went to *Miss Pakin* which caught six different species under the captainship of Andy Musrasrik. The prize (\$25 gift certificate) for the prettiest fish (a bright red snapper) went to Niwe Kenge fishing on Kazuhiro Fujita's *Pohnpei Ocean Cruise* boat.

The Pohnpei Fishing Club, on behalf of all of the tournament anglers, wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Pohnpei Do It Best Hardware management and staff for their continued generous support.

The first tournament of 2008, a jackpot contest held on 2 February, was won by Konrad Englberger's 22.5 pound barracuda, with Eddie Whitaker's 18 pound mahi mahi taking second place honors. Nihda Weilbacher and Jade Ford came in tied for Lady Angler, while First Place Total Weight (258 pounds) went to *Tru Blu*, captained by Johnny O'Keefe. Second Place Total Weight (132.5 pounds) went to *Rosie II*, captained by Reinhardt Weilbacher.

The next Pohnpei Fishing Club tournament is scheduled for 5 April

In Memoriam:

Today, February 16, 2008, marks the ninth anniversary of my beloved grandfather's passing, the late President Bailey Olter. And although nine years may seem to many as long "enough" time to get over such a loss the pain and sorrow that my family and I felt nine years ago today are still very fresh and will probably remain so forever. Ours is a heartache that I believe no form of lyrical ballad can express and no Shakesperian sonnet will ever be able to FULLY heal. And although we may still silently languish in our hearts as each day passes by without our beloved Pahpa we are only comforted by the warm memories that we have of him. The great English poet Alfred Lord Tennyson said it best in his poem, one of my favorites, "Ulysses":

"Though much is taken, much abides; and though we are not now that strength which in old days moved earth and heaven; that we are, we are; one equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

And so today, on his Excellency's ninth anniversary, I remember with the fondest of memories one of the greatest men to ever walk the face of the earth...a man who was greater than life and lived it to the fullest...a man who accomplished a lot AND more that was expected of a man whose humble beginnings can be traced back to a tiny, beautiful atoll called Mwoakilloa...a man who

saw hope in what others saw as futile and worthless...a man who had the knowledge, creativity, and know-how to create and build great things out of anything--from a piece of wood, a scrap of metal, to a pile of dirt...a man who had the charisma and amicability to befriend anyone-rich or poor, young and old alike...a man who devoted his life to serving the people of a nation that he believed in, helped give birth to, and contributed international recognition to...a man whose strength and perseverance enable him to conquer all odds and become one of the most prominent and influential Micronesian political figures of his time...a man who loved his family with all his heart and who gave them only the best that life could offer...a man who can ONLY be described in SUPERLATIVE term...a man who was, is, and will forever be an inspiration, a role-model, and a hero...a man whose name will always be uttered with reverence and esteem - my grandfather, Bailey Olter - The Man, The Legend.

The many great things that you have done in the past will forever be remembered today and in the future. May you forever rest in peace, Grandpa.

We miss you so much.

With much love,
-Shalene Rose Olter Susaia (Shallina Mwoatuloak)

* "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint."
Psalm 116:15

1st Place Boat Total Weight (\$100) *Tygris* / Kumer Panuelo, Capt. 613#
 2nd Place Boat Total Weight (\$75) "*Boat*" / Alex Tretnoff, Capt. 448#
 3rd Place Boat Total Weight (\$50) *Miss Pakin* / Andy Musrasrik, Capt. 276#

1st Place Big Fish (\$100) Andy Musrasrik Giant Trevally 38#
 2nd Place Big Fish (\$75) Moses Asher Dogtooth Tuna 36#
 3rd Place Big Fish (\$50) Steve Bowley. Yellow Fin 22#

1st Place Lady Angler (\$100) Mary Tretnoff Wahoo 19#
 TIE - 2nd Place Lady Angler (\$75) Mersihpel Ioanis Mahi Mahi 15.5#
 TIE - 2nd Place Lady Angler (\$75) Nihda Weilbacher Skipjack 15.5#
 TIE - 2nd Place Lady Angler (\$75) Janet Whitaker Mahi Mahi 15.5#

1st Place Junior Angler (\$100) Evan Boylan Mahi Mahi 15#

2008, and the Club's 15th Annual Tournament will follow on May 10 & 11. Upcoming tournaments are tentatively scheduled for 7 June, 12 July, and 16 August. Look for posters around town and check in future issues of the K-Press for more information.



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