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FSM Mourns the Loss of its First President Former President Tosiwo Nakayama, Architect of a Nation Completes His Final Task

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Federated States of Micronesia, March 29 – The FSM is in mourning after the loss of their first President, the honorable Tosiwo Nakayama who died at 4:30 p.m. Hawaii time at Kaizer Hospital in Ewa on March 29. He was 75 years old.

When people of the FSM talk about President Nakayama, who many have called the “George Washington of the FSM”, they tend to use the hushed reverent tones reserved for people of the utmost importance. President Nakayama made an impact on people’s lives in the FSM. Because of his life and work, the FSM is an independent self gov-



Photo from Micronesian Seminar

The Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama in his younger days

erning nation.

Ieske Iehsi said, “He was a statesman like I’ve never seen...so

humble and yet a great leader.” Iehsi said that just after the session of Congress in which Nakayama was elected as the first President of the FSM he came to Iehsi immediately afterward and said, “Come with me. We’re going to build the executive branch of the government.”

Iehsi said, “I’m at a loss to express how deeply I felt about the man,” and then fell into a period of speechlessness. When he came back to himself he said, “The man was an institution in itself.”

We asked everyone that could be reached, “What do you think was President Nakayama’s greatest accomplishment?” The general response was similar to Iehsi’s who said after he sifted through

the former President’s myriad accomplishments, “It was his steadfast determination to bring FSM to self government in spite of the odds.”

One anonymous post on Micronesia Seminar’s Forum on the internet said that President Nakayama claimed that his “number one job was being a dad,” and he did that job well for all eleven of his children, for his twenty nine grandchildren and for his three great-grandchildren. They refer to him as “Papa”. Indeed, the entire nation could rightly do so.

Former President Tosiwo Nakiyama was born November 23, 1931 on Piserach Island, part of Nomwunweito Atoll in what is

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Crimefighters Have a New Weapon Against Crime Fingerprint Analysis is Already Being Put to Work Solving Crimes in Pohnpei

By **BILL JAYNES**
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Pohnpei, FSM – A select group of Pohnpei State Police Officers gathered for a seminar on forensics, the sixth in a series, during the week of March 12. The seminar and trainings are centered on two similar purposes, to give Police Officers better tools to solve crimes, and to give would be criminals something to think about before they commit a crime.

Sometimes police departments don’t need a lot of forensic experience to solve a crime. For instance, during the week of the 26th of March would be thieves made it easy for police. They allegedly broke into the Senny’s warehouse and stole approximately 1/5 of the contents. They allegedly made several trips by boat to Parem with their ill gotten gain. When they had stolen all that they wanted from the warehouse, they poured gasoline around the warehouse and set the fuel blazing before making their escape. Perhaps they thought that the gas tank that bore the family name of the al-

leged thieves would burn up in the conflagration but it didn’t and police officers were soon in Parem recovering the stolen goods.

Not all crime scenes are that easy and that is the purpose of the series of ongoing seminars on Forensics. Even in the simple case of the Senny’s burglary and attempted arson the case could be blown if the evidence was not handled properly. The seminar centered on the techniques of gathering fingerprint evidence from crime scenes, but it also dealt with preservation of evidence at crime scenes, chain of evidence management, investigation techniques, reading a crime scene and other forensic techniques.

The seminar was under the supervision of Mr. Bryn Jones of the Pacific Regional Policing Initiative. Mr. Jones was with the Australian Police force for 26 years. During 24 of those years he was involved in forensic police work. He is an accredited fingerprint, and blood stain pat-



photos by Bill Jaynes

Trainer Eleisa Bulla of Fiji trains police officers in fingerprint techniques. Bulla is said to be the Pacific’s foremost fingerprint evidence expert.

tern expert. He served as a team leader on the Bali bombing and was international site commander after the Thailand Tsunami.

Accompanying Mr. Jones was Eleisa Bulla from Fiji who actually conducted most of the seminar and training. According to Mr. Jones, Bulla has been involved in fingerprinting work for 23 years in Fiji and is considered to be the most experi-

enced fingerprint expert in the South Pacific. Filipa Limi, a general police trainer from the Vanuatu Police force also conducted a good deal of the training.

Jones said that Bulla and Limi are going on to Nauru and Kiribas to conduct similar seminars in those places and that he won’t be accompanying them.

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NEWS

Peace Corps Deputy Director Visits Micronesia

Jody K. Olsen travels to Micronesia to meet Peace Corps Volunteers and partners

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 30, 2007 — Peace Corps Deputy Director Jody K. Olsen traveled through the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) from March 26–30 to meet with Volunteers, staff, and government officials.

Olsen said, "I came to thank our Volunteers, staff and local partners for their dedication to serving others. I am proud of our 40-year partnership in the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau. Since we began in 1966, over 3,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have been dedicated to serving in many fields to improve the lives of Micronesians."

Deputy Director Olsen visited the Peace Corps Headquarters in Pohnpei and met with staff from the Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau. Olsen met with the FSM President, His Excellency Joseph Urusemal, who has been a strong supporter of Peace Corps. During the meeting President

Urusemal fondly recalled when a Peace Corps Volunteer came to teach at his school island in 1966. Olsen said after her meeting, "Our organization is very grateful for the close cooperation with the Micronesian government. It's wonderful to see the support our Peace Corps Volunteers receive from the people and officials here in Micronesia." Earlier in the visit Olsen met with Pohnpeian Governor Johnny P. David.

Olsen toured local areas where Peace Corps Volunteers and counterparts in Pohnpei work on health education, culture preservation, environmental research, agriculture training, youth education and English seminars. Deputy Director Olsen visited Volunteers at their sites, among which were an elementary school, an island nutrition organization, and a marine research laboratory. She also traveled to the outer island of Mokil, 95 miles from Pohnpei, to visit Volunteer Zack Stepan (Denver,



"Forty more years...and forty more!" President Urusemal accepts a U.S. flag flown over the Congress of The United States on the same day as the Peace Corps anniversary in the FSM. U.S. Peace Corps Deputy Director, Jody K. Olsen holds a proclamation from the President. FSM Country Director, David Reside holds a Peace Corps medallion presented to the President by Olsen.

CO) who is leading a very successful English program on the only island school.

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Peace Corps entered the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in 1966 when it was still part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. There are presently 47 Peace Corps Volunteers working with partner agencies in Micronesia. The first group of Volunteers taught English at all education levels. In the 1970s, Peace Corps moved into agriculture, health, and community development. In the 1980s, Volunteers worked mainly in sanitation, forestry, and fisheries. From 2000 to 2005, Volunteers worked on natural resources conservation, community building, and youth development. From 2006 to the present, Volunteers focus primarily on teaching English.

Peace Corps Volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Since 1961, more than 187,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 countries. At the invitation of host governments, the Peace Corps sends American Volunteers for 27-month assignments, to help countless individuals worldwide who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities. Today, more than 7,749 Volunteers are serving in 73 countries, including the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau.

BLUNDERS AND CORRECTIONS

It has been pointed out to us that in the last issue I incorrectly typed the dateline for the shooting story as Nett, Kolonia. I intended to type Nett, Pohnpei.

Additionally, though the people I interviewed said they were part of a baseball program apparently they are part of a softball program.

Words - so innocent and powerless as they are, a standing in a dictionary, how potent for good and evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them. -Nathaniel Hawthorne, writer (1804-1864)

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NEWS

New Arrival at the Australian Embassy

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Julian Parker and Ena Evers are new to the FSM having arrived on the 16th of March. Parker is the new Second Secretary at the Australian Embassy. Ena is his partner of five years and has accompanied Parker to his posting for the first time. They have signed on for a three year posting.

Parker fills a similar position to Andrew Jackson-Calway who left Pohnpei, having completed his posting, on the 3rd of March.

Mr. Parker, who was born in England, moved, along with his family to Melbourne, Australia in 1973. The family moved from Melbourne to Canberra in 1978. In 1988, he joined the public service where he worked for six years. He transferred across to DFAT in 1994 and in 1998 took a posting in Lagos, Nigeria as the vice-consul there for the next two years.

After he returned to Canberra he

worked at the Australia Indonesia Institute as project officer administering grants for the relationship between Australia and Indonesia.

Parker made a move from Canberra to Darwin in the Northern Territory where he served as the Office Manager. During his time there he was involved in the repatriation of Australians involved in the tsunami, the Bali bombings and the Dili evacuation. He was "the face of DFAT" for repatriating Australians and East Timorese as they arrived at the Darwin Airport. He also, during his time in Canberra, dealt with family communications during the 9/11 crisis.

He said that in May of last year a list of postings within DFAT was posted. He applied only for the Pohnpei posting because, as he said, "I thought it would be the ideal position for me and I would have, not that much trouble acclimatizing, Darwin being a very warm and wet climate as well...I'd heard so many positive things from other DFAT officers who'd been to this post. They talked about the friendships that happened

Ena Evers and Julian Parker are welcomed by H.E. Corrine Tompkinson



with local people and I thought it'd be a good opportunity to get a bit wider experience."

In his new posting he will be involved with the running of the Australian Embassy's compound as well as the Embassy itself which would include the physical plant as well as security arrangements. He will handle the details of the Direct Aid Program, visa processing, and computer requirements.

Ena Evers, also a British citizen spent many years in Germany teaching the

English language to German students. Her father served in the British Army and she spent some time in Malaya when she was growing up. Parker and Evers transited between Germany and Australia and now are united in Pohnpei.

Julian said, Ena and I would "very much like to be a part of the community. We enjoy going for long walks and we just love the clear beautiful waters...I must say that I've been struck by how fast things grow here. Amazing!"

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NEWS

Martha Victor, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

By **BILL JAYNES**
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When Wayne Harden left instructions for his employees at Dollar Up Enterprises in Kolonia, Pohnpei to "spruce up the place", he was thinking they'd repaint the walls and that would be it. He had no idea that his loyal employees and especially Martha Victor would take the task so thoroughly to heart.

Adrian, Martha's brother suggested that they should do something special for the store but he didn't know how to do it. Of course, he knew about Martha's artistic bent and probably figured that she would come up with an idea. She did.

Stencils are not a new concept and have been around for centuries but Martha had never heard of them. Even after I asked her if the decorations were done using stencils she didn't know that what she had done had been done before. She called them "cutouts". She has had no access to artistic training of any kind. She only knew that she wanted the painted decorations to be similar throughout the store. If she had drawn each pattern freehand she not only wouldn't have completed them in a reasonable time but each painting would be different no matter how hard she tried to make them consistent.

She drew one of each pattern on a piece of poster board and cut out the inside of each space that required a new color. She carefully positioned the "cutouts" one by one on the walls of the store and taped them in place where it was

a simple matter to apply the proper color of paint without excessive bleed.

The process would not have been interesting or new in countries where craft stores abound and stencils can be purchased by the hundreds. Martha's idea is perhaps most interesting because she has never perused a catalogue of stencils and has never seen the technique implemented anywhere. She simply had a job to do and used her creative and innovative mind along with her love of art to get the job done.

Two of her pen and ink sketches, drawn on ripped out notebook paper hung on the wall and caught my attention as we talked about her artistic past. "Did you draw those?" She smiled an engaging and somewhat timid smile. "I was just playing around."

I'm not an art critic but the drawings of local women she had drawn, though they were a little out of proportion in places looked very good to me. They were good enough that I stopped the interview for a moment and offered her a paid opportunity to draw for The Kaselehlie Press. She said with an embarrassed, head down grin, that she'd have to think about it.

Martha said that her "Auntie" used to draw faces with pencil and paper. When she was 6 years old she used to watch her older relative draw faces and knew, "that's what I wanted to do." She said that she used to take bits of burned sticks from the family fire and use the charcoaled ends to draw on the walls of her home to the simultaneous delight and dismay of her



family. She drew every day, teaching herself as she went.

Since she used the household walls and once, brand new ones, as her canvas, her parents, in order to preserve their home eventually banned her from drawing but lifted the ban after she was old enough to attend school later that year, when she had access to pencil and paper.

When Martha was twelve, a friend of the family asked her to artistically decorate some pillow cases with colored permanent markers. She loved the idea and decorated many of them. When I asked her if she sold the pillow cases she said that the friend sold her work but she didn't care. "I was just a

little girl. I was only happy that people asked me to draw."

Since then she has decorated sheets in the same way as she did when she was young. She has also added to her artistic repertoire, fabric patterns, cut out and sewn into local skirts.

She was in Guam for a short period of time in 1998. A piece of religious art she created was published in a publication put out by a Catholic church in Yigo.

Martha Victor is not polished as an artist but she has shown a propensity toward artistic innovation. It begs the question, "What would she do with real training?"

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"They'll do them without me," he said. These two successful and qualified trainers from the islands are an example of the kind of regional success the PRPI are experiencing in the Pacific.

There is much to do before a full-fledged manual fingerprinting system will be at full operational force. Jones mentioned that legislation needs to be drafted and passed into law ensuring that the use of fingerprint evidence will be a legally acceptable means of prosecution

in the FSM. It will also take some very specialized training and accreditation for dedicated officers at the State Police before the system will be 100% effective.

A previous PRPI training session resulted in the revision of arrest procedures. All who have been arrested since the implementation of those procedures will have had their photos taken for police files. They additionally are fingerprinted. When the fingerprint file has grown to a sufficient size and officers know how to classify and file them in an orderly manner, the system

will be fully operational and will become an effective law enforcement tool.

Apparently the seminar was effective for officers. On the same night as burglars were transporting Senny's property to Parem others were carrying the safe belonging to IP Enterprises out their door without the owner's knowledge. The safe was found hidden behind a wall outside the store. It had not been opened and police thought that the thieves were probably going to come back and get it after it got dark again.

The thing that was different in the investigation of that particu-

lar crime scene is that police took fingerprints from the scene and have at least one very good latent print. It's currently not much to go on but is still a better lead than they might have had in the past. If the criminal is arrested for any other offence in the future, for instance a drunk and disorderly charge which is common, they will be able to compare the print from the crime scene with the prints that will be taken from him at his arrest.

Perhaps a few arrests and convictions of criminals from fingerprint evidence will finally give criminals something to fear - prosecution, maybe jail time.

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now known as Chuuk which was then called Truk.

In 1955 he was awarded a Trust Territory Scholarship that allowed him to study for two years at University High School and for two years at the University of Hawaii.

Upon his return in 1958 from his formal education experience he was appointed as the Supervisor of Adult Education. He was later appointed as the Political and Economic Advisor to the District Administration. Later he served his people in the Truk District Legislature and was President of that assembly from 1960 to 1961.

After his term in Truk he was appointed as the Micronesian Advisor to the United States Delegation to the United Nations Trusteeship Council after which he returned to Micronesia by way of Europe and Asia.

In 1962 he was elected by the people to the Council of Micronesia and served there until 1963. In the following year he was appointed as the Assistant District Administrator for Public Affairs – Truk.

On September 10, 1963 he was married to Miter Haruo in Chuuk.

In 1965 he was elected to the House of Delegates of the Congress of Micronesia. During the organizational meeting of that body he was again elected President, this time over the Congress.

He was a member of the Truk District Scholarship Committee, the Truk Review Advisory Board, the Truk District Recreational Committee, the Truk Board of Education, as well as many other boards and committees.

On July 12 1978, history was made in what has become the Federated States of Micronesia. A constitutional convention was held and United Nations determined it was a legitimate act of self-determination. One commentator said that “the people reasserted their inherent sovereignty which had remained dormant, but intact, throughout the years of stewardship by the League of Nations and the United Nations.”

In May of 1979, statehood was declared for Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae and an elected Congress was seated.

From their number, His Excellency Tosiwo Nakayama was once again elected as President, this time he was at the helm of a new nation.

He oversaw the orderly transfer of governmental functions from the United States of America from 1979 to 1986 and served on until 1987, his maximum constitutionally allowable term.

In October of 1987 he took a position with the Bank of Guam, Chuuk Branch as the Vice President for Governmental Affairs, a position he held until December of 2003.

His health began to fail in 1992 when he had his first stroke from which he recovered well. In 1998 he had quintuple bypass surgery. Some time later he had laser surgery on one of his eyes which left him partially blind. In the summer of 2005 he underwent surgery for a pacemaker in order to stimulate his weak heart. Three days after that surgery he had an additional stroke that left him paralyzed and unable to speak though he was completely cognizant.

The 14th Congress of the FSM passed a bill that was signed into law by current President Joseph Urusemal in July of 2006 that al-

located money to help the family with mounting medical bills for the nation's first President.

In February of this year former President Nakayama entered the hospital. He succumbed to his body's final demands on the 29th of March.

Letters and cards of condolence can be sent to:

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At press time there was talk of a state funeral in Palikir before President Nakayama's remains are flown to Chuuk, his final resting place. The date for the state funeral there is not currently certain

His family would like to give their special thanks to their own family members and their friends for helping them to take care of President Nakayama in his latter days. They especially want to thank Sydnina, his daughter, who was the primary caretaker for her father in his latter days.

The nation proudly remembers the contributions of President Tosiwo Nakayama, architect of a nation.

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First Pohnpei SDA 5K Run a Success

By **JIM TOBIN**

The 2007 Pohnpei Seventh Day Adventist School 5K Run was held the afternoon of March 29. Over 175 people mostly made up of SDA students and staff, walked and ran the 3.1 mile course starting from the SDA campus to the Spanish Wall field and returning to the finish at SDA. The overall male and female winners were Eric Wilkinson, with a time of 20 minutes and 30 seconds, and Jaceleen Pluhs with a time of 29.37. The other division winners were: high school division – Troy Yaingeluo (24.12) and Eria Reyes (29.40), elementary school division – Maverick Salvador ((24.35) and Kay Muholland (31.00) and SDA staff division – Eric Wilkinson (20.30) and Ashley Coetzee (35.00).

were: Eric Wilkenson (20.30), Mark Flaiz (20.37), Pat McQuire (21.32), Alex Vercio (21.50), Raymond Betz (22.08), Rusty Oft (22.11) Cabel Bumanglag (22.32), Troy Yaingeluo (24.12), Mikey Benjamin (24.30) and Kelly Tobin (24.34).

Before the race started Lois Englberger, Island Food Community of Pohnpei, addressed the SDA students and run participants and strongly recommended that they drink coconuts and eat bananas after the conclusion of the run. She also stressed the importance of a good diet, including locally grown foods, and regular fitness towards a healthy lifestyle. The Island Food Community of Pohnpei donated 150 coconuts and 50 lbs of bananas to the run.

following the run, SDA School Principal Miller Benjamin thanked the major sponsor of the run the Bank of the FSM, and other sponsors FSM SAMH (Substance Abuse and Mental Health), FSM National Olympic Committee, Island Food Community of Pohnpei, Western Union CTSI, The Water Company, Drops of Life and the US Embassy. The event was organized by the SDA School and FSMNOC staff as a fundraiser for the Lucas Lualua Memorial Scholarship and needed school sports equipment.

The walk/run was the second of six scheduled walk/runs, with the Women and Sport 5K on Saturday, April 21, COM-FSM 5K on May 5, STAP/Western Union 5K Walk/Run on May 19 and the Olympic Day Run on June 16. All of the walk/runs are open to the general public. Again, our goal is to improve the health and fitness of our community. For more information contact the FSM National Olympic Committee office.

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45 Minutes With Congress

Shame on me. It took until the 28th of March to attend my first session of Congress since I have been the Managing Editor of The Kaselehlie Press. I have to tell you that I had no idea what to expect. They hadn't started when I arrived and so I tiptoed into the semi-circular chamber and sat on what must have been the east side since the sun was directly in my eyes. I didn't last in that position for very long and made the trek to the west side where I could get a better view. I also thought that the light behind me would give better lighting for any picture I might take though I didn't know protocol on that. I never took the camera from my bag. My note pad, however, was at the ready.

Speaker Peter Christian took his place in the Speaker's position and took control of the session with a moment of silent prayer and then they were off. One of the resolutions adopted on that day was one to congratulate Manuel Minginfel of Yap for his accomplishment in sport. A few other resolutions and bills including one requesting President Urusemal to accelerate proceedings toward the World Park idea were tabled until Thursday's session which, though I wanted to, I knew I couldn't attend due to other newspaper related commitments.

Another bill was introduced for discussion but due to the sound system I couldn't hear at all what was being discussed, not when Senator Dohsis Halbert of Pohnpei spoke, nor when the Clerk of the Congress spoke. I only knew that when Senator Halbert completed his oration, Senator Christian began speaking about the state of Pell grants for students from the FSM.

I knew that many conversations around sakau stones and in other places at least in Pohnpei have eventually gone to whether Senator Christian did or did not negotiate out of Compact II a provision for Pell Grants from the United States Government. He said, on the record that the state of Pell Grants since Compact II have never been better. He cited 2004 statistics of \$7.9 million in Pell grants for FSM students. He said that in 2005 there was more with the figure at \$8.2 million in grants. Figures were not complete for 2006 but at last count stood at \$7.2 million. He also said that

over 1000 students studying in the U.S. are recipients of the Pell grant. He apologized to the Congress for taking their time to put those things in the record but said he felt they needed to be said.

Senator Christian, much to my delight, chagrin, and not a little trepidation, asked me to stand for an introduction to the chamber. Not long after, Senator Figir put into the record that the cell phone network had been down all morning. Perhaps he didn't know that FSM Telecom had obtained a new cell system that had undergone a test from 1:30 to 3:00 that morning and that turning off his cell phone and turning it back on would solve the problem. I didn't know it either until I called Telecom to find out.

The Speaker asked about the results of a public hearing that occurred the day before with the J&GO committee on the progress on the Washington D.C. Embassy situation. One of the allegations among others that were registered in the U.S. many months ago was that FSM passports which allow access to the U.S. had allegedly been sold for high dollar amounts to Filipinos and perhaps others. The fraudulent passports are alleged to have come from the Embassy. No FSM charges have yet been filed by the Department of Justice though they have in the U.S.

Chairman Dohsis Halbert said, as best I can tell after I cupped my ear to hear, that no new information was available from the Department of Justice or the President's office. He said that some of the documents the DOJ was waiting for had arrived but they were waiting on the rest.

Senator Resio Moses of Pohnpei was part of the committee meeting and apologized to the Speaker for walking out of the previous day's meeting. He said he just couldn't stand what was going on any more. Senator Manny Mori of Chuuk said for the Congressional record that he was disappointed in the President's office for not putting out any new information after all of this time.

In other proceedings, a good deal of discussion was spent on a resolution asking President Urusemal to do something about the sea rise problem. Senator Isaac Figir of

Yap wanted to know if a resolution was necessary since the President's office was already charged with doing something about rising sea levels. Satawal and other islands in Yap, and across the Pacific are already losing land mass to the sea. Figir argued that if the resolution was passed it should carry with it an implicit charge that employees in the Department of Economic Affairs who have been inefficient in tackling the problem should be fired and others who can actually do something should be brought in.

Vice-Speaker Claude Phillip of Kosrae argued that the FSM is the victim of global warming problems created by developed countries. "What can we do?" he asked.

There was a short recess after the discussions. As best I know, this part isn't even on the record at Congress but it is probably etched in the minds of all in attendance. Senator Christian got up from his chair and walked across to Senator Figir's seat. As he walked across the room he asked, "Have the US and Australia signed on to the Kyoto protocol?" The Kyoto Protocol is the treaty setting standards for reducing greenhouse gases, the industrial gases scientists now know are causing ozone problems that result in the melt of the polar ice caps which is currently resulting in rising seas.

I knew the answer to that question as did everyone else in the room. Neither the U.S. nor Australia has signed the treaty.

Speaker Christian sprinkled lime on his betel nut, "Perhaps we should sever diplomatic relations with them." It appeared that he was joking, or was he? Regardless of how long I have called this place home the statement initially appalled me.

I'd like to say that I sat there and instantaneously figured everything out but that wasn't the case. His was the one statement that stayed with me of all the others during my 45 minutes with Congress. I had to let it cook for a couple of days before sitting down to write this perspective; time I, as the only person left at this newspaper don't have, but it was important for me to work it out. I still haven't but this is as close as I will get.

The oceans of the world are rising and the islands of the world are disappearing. It's not academic. It's happening right now. Regardless of one developed

nation's recent claim that there is no such thing as an environmental refugee there are already people who have not yet developed gills that need a place to live. Developed nations that have not signed off on the protocol all sing variations on the same tune: too much money. It will be too costly to their economy. I don't actually think anyone has actually said that but what they have said seems to boil down to that.

Perhaps the problem will become a priority long after the Pacific Islands have disappeared and billions of people are clamoring for space on Pike's Peak, Mt. Arapiles, Mt. Fuji, Mt. Everest or any of the other high places of the world.

Realistically, what kind of strong demands can be made by nations that are victims of sea level rise when they must, in a globalized economy, accept money from other nations who may or may not be the cause of the disaster? Has anyone sat down and said, "Look, we appreciate your money and actually can't do without it but you may be just pouring your money into the ocean which is all that will be left of us if we don't deal with this problem of greenhouse gases as they relate to sea level rise. It's great that you now admit that greenhouse gases are the cause of the problem but why won't you commit to doing something about it? Why do we have to pass a resolution in our victimized land to have our victimized leader do something about it? What should he do? Honestly, what do you suggest? Maybe he should use some of your money to build walls around each of our islands."

Maybe people in power have been asking but just in case no one is, let me be the first.

Oh, wait a minute. I'm not a person in power.

Congress ultimately voted for the resolution with Senator Phillip issuing the only "nay" I heard in the room.

The session adjourned. Afterwards, Speaker Christian headed toward me and told me that the cancellation of US Postal Service was not negotiated by him but was a USPS mandate not up for negotiation. I was interested in what he had to say but I couldn't get it out of my head, "Perhaps we should sever diplomatic relations with them."

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

**FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS**
Sub-regional Office for the Pacific Islands

**Italy provides additional \$2.5
million grant for food
security in 14 Pacific countries**

(Apia, Samoa—March 16, 2007) With generous financing of a US\$2.5 million grant provided by Italy, FAO's flagship regional approach to food security in Pacific Island countries will be continued until the end of 2008, a statement said today.

A three-year \$4.5 million regional project funded by Italy started in 2004 in 14 Pacific Island Countries (PICs) to enhance food production and security focusing on supply-related activities as well as strengthening agricultural trade and policy.

Coordinated and implemented through FAO3 sub-regional office in Apia, the project now has been boosted with an additional \$2.5 million grant provided by the government of Italy. This further financing brings Italy's contribution to Pacific food security to \$7 million and allows FAO to extend the project life with another 18 months until the end of 2008.

A review meeting of the ongoing project - held in Tonga last June emphasized the importance of training in food safety for international trade by Pacific countries as well as activities geared towards supporting vulnerable communities and insecure households.

"More technical support and investments are needed in the areas of capacity building in [food and agricultural] trade and agriculture policy development," noted Vill Fuavao, FAO's Sub-regional Representative for the Pacific.

Pacific countries thus asked FAO to further strengthen both national as well as regional activities of the project and ensure closer involvement of the private sector, Dr. Fuavao added.

The current phase of the project commenced in May 2004. It supports 26 national projects in 14 PICs.

In agriculture and crop production, support ranges from fruit tree development: (Cook Islands and Papua New Guinea), home gardening (Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Tuvalu), food processing and value addition (Balau, Solomon Islands and Samoa), rice production (Fiji and Papua New Guinea), disease free banana in the Federated States of Micronesia to post-quarantine activities for the Solomon Islands.

Also livestock development is an important sector for income generation by small farmers. Poultry farming in Fiji, Niue and Samoa; butchery development in Vanuatu; piggery development and production in Niue, Marshall Islands and Tuvalu; and sheep farming in Tonga and Samoa are areas in which the project has assisted numerous Pacific Farmer families.

FAO has increasingly recognized the importance of a regional perspective for the particular problems faced by small island countries, underpinning the Organization's rationale for adopting a regional approach to food security in PICs.

At the regional level, the project thus provides training on trade facilitation and food safety as well as commodity chain studies for selected commodities in interested countries.

"To maximize impact, project activities complement: those of other development partners and donors in the Pacific," emphasized Dr Fuavao.

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A Message of Peace

We long for peace, yet our world remains plagued by war and conflict. Daily headlines are filled with reports of violence from every corner of the globe – between nations, within communities, and even in families. While some despair that genuine peace is possible, still the yearning for peace burns within the human heart.

Efforts to end conflict and build peace have always been frustrated and fallen short. It is time for a fresh approach that addresses the most fundamental issues and root causes.

A compelling and unique “message of peace” is now being shared around the world in venues big and small – from large arenas to small neighborhood meetings. Authored by the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, this message reminds us that there is an internal dynamic at work in our lives and in history, and clarifies our personal role and responsibility in the unfolding of God’s plan for the human family.

The following excerpts provide an overview of some of the central themes addressed by this profound “Message of Peace”:

- **Peace cannot be achieved through human effort alone.**

“Throughout history, peace movements inevitably reached their limit and ended in failure because they were carried out by imperfect human beings. This is why the United Nations, although launched with the splendid dream of realizing world peace, today has to admit its innate limitations and confess that it can no longer give hope to humanity. This is simply because the UN was launched during the era prior to the time when God could directly govern the unfolding of His providence in history.”

- **The model for genuine peace is found in the ideal family.**

“When God first created human beings, He made Adam representing all men and Eve representing all women, with the intention that they become owners of true love. Then what was the quickest way for them to cultivate a character of true love? Simply put, it was to secure a parent–child relationship with God, whereby they could live in attendance to God as their Father and form a model family embodying God’s ideal of peace.”

“The family sets the pattern for living together in harmony. It is the model for living together as one. There we have love and respect between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings. This means that you need to establish a true family wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love.”

- **Families of true love begin from individuals of Godly character. Purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage are essential to such families.**

“For people to perfect themselves in resemblance of God and obtain the stature of people of character who can be called sons and daughters of the Absolute Being, they must follow the path based on the absolute standard determined by Heaven. The essence of this path is the standard of absolute sexual morality.”

“Husband and wife are eternal partners given to each other by Heaven. Through having children, they become the co-creators of true love, true life, and true lineage, and the original source of that which is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. This is because it is a heavenly principle that people cannot give birth to children by themselves, even if they live for a thousand years.”

“Only within the boundaries of a family upholding absolute sexual morality is it possible to create relationships based on an ideal model of sexual ethics for life as it originally should have been.”

- **All people can genuinely be part of the “human family” when God is at the center – when connected to God’s lineage.**

“Do you know what has pained God’s heart most, causing Him the greatest grief over the long history since the Fall of Adam and Eve? God lost His lineage. With it, God lost the basis of human brotherhood and even His ownership over the creation.”

“The parent–child relationship is the highest and most important of all relationships, and the model, lineal relationship between parent and child

is the only way through which God’s lineage can be bequeathed and made to last forever.”

- **All people should live with an awareness of spiritual reality – that the choices we make and the way we live have lasting consequences.**

“Though it cannot be perceived by the eyes in our physical bodies, the spirit world is the automatic and inevitable extension of our lives on earth, humankind’s eternal, original homeland, created by God.”

“The spirit world does actually exist. It is not a world that has been fantasized or imagined into existence. We do not have the right of choice concerning it. It is not a world we can go to if we please or refuse to go to if we would rather not. Just as God is eternal and unchanging, the spirit world He created is also eternal and unchanging.”

“Whether you are bound for heaven or for hell is determined by your thoughts, speech and behavior in each moment.”

- **The peaceful world of God’s ideal is a world of true love, beyond the boundaries of nation, race or religion.**

“Then what is true love? Its essence is to give, to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing.”

“Heaven is a world filled with the air of true love, where all breathe true love. Its life throbs with love, everywhere and all the time. The citizens of heaven are all linked together through their common membership in God’s lineage. There, the whole world and all its people are linked together in an inseparable relationship, like the cells in our bodies. True love, the love that is God’s essence, is Heaven’s only governing power. Accordingly, God also exists for true love.”

“In God’s sight, skin color makes no difference. God does not recognize national borders. God does not stand behind the barriers of religion and culture.”

“We need a movement to realize a society of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. We need to make humanity one great family, by breaking down the walls in our hearts and eliminating even the boundaries between nations. This movement begins from one family. Therefore, each of us should bear in mind that it is our providential calling to form and establish a true family. It is the way we can advance the establishment of the cosmic peace kingdom on earth.”

- **Now is the time when our human effort can be joined with God’s power to realize a world of true and lasting peace.**

“You are now advancing into the era of liberation and complete inner freedom... The present time... corresponds to the era, prior to Adam’s Fall, of building the original ideal world. It refers to the era of true love that is all-encompassing, all-powerful and has overall authority... It is the era of the kingdom of peace and unity in heaven and on earth.”

These excerpts are from the speech entitled “God’s Model for Absoluteness, Peace and the Ideal Is the Family and Global Kingdom Upholding Absolute Sexual Morality” by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. To access the entire speech, please go to the following web address:

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JOB OPENING

TITLE: Grants Officer
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SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the Grants Program Manager, the Grants Officer is responsible for conducting project monitoring and evaluation and providing capacity-building services to MCT grantees (technical and financial). The work will involve direct contact with grantee organizations and project implementers in all four states of the Federated States of Micronesia and in the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Specific responsibilities will include but will not be limited to:

- maintenance and management of MCT project records and files;
- serving as the primary contact for all regular MCT program grants and monitoring the implementation of approved projects, including email and telephone communications and site visits;
- assisting with the development of capacity-building workshop materials and delivery of workshops in project development and implementation;
- assisting with networking, including identifying learning exchange opportunities, potential donors and technical assistance resources;
- maintaining and updating MCT's website periodically.

SALARY & QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree preferred but AS with relevant knowledge and work experience acceptable;
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CALL FOR PROJECT CONCEPT PAPERS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

March 2007

The Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme/New Zealand Aid Pacific Environment Fund Partnership is accepting *Project Concept Papers* requesting grant funding for community projects that meet the relevant Country Program Strategy and addresses at least one of the GEF Environment Focal Areas:

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How to Apply:

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2. Fill out 3-page Concept Paper and submit to the National Focal Person anytime.

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Deadline for Submission:

Project Proponents can submit Project Concept Papers **AT ANY TIME**. If a proponent wishes for a project to be included in this year's funding allocation, it is encouraged the concept paper be submitted as early as possible after March 1, 2007. Project Concept Papers can be submitted to the appropriate country contact below.

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RELIGION

The True Meaning of Easter

At the ninth hour, Jesus said, "I thirst." So the soldiers held up to his lips a sponge that was filled with vinegar; and when he had received it, Jesus said, "It is finished." Then in a loud voice he cried, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" and having said this, he breathed his last. From the foot of the cross a Roman centurion gazed up at him in wonder and exclaimed, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

The earth shook violently at the moment of his death, and the veil of the Temple was torn asunder. The people of Jerusalem were stricken with awe and fear. A secret follower of Jesus', named Joseph of Arimathea, got up his courage that evening and went before Pilate, asking to have the body of Jesus for burial. "What, is he dead already?" asked Pilate in surprise. His soldiers said yes:

They had stabbed the body of Jesus with a spear, to make sure.

Mary the mother of Jesus was still standing there when Joseph came to take the nails from her son's body and to take him down from the cross. Carefully they wrapped the broken form in a shroud of linen and wrapped a napkin around its head. Then, with Mary Magdalene and a few other women from Galilee, they went sorrowing with their precious burden to a garden place nearby, where Joseph had a tomb. It was nighttime now, and the holy hours of the sabbath had begun. The day after next, the body could be properly anointed. For the time being, they could only place it in the tomb, with a great stone rolled against the entrance so that it could not be moved. And after they had left, the high priests sent guards there to stand watch.

They did not want any more trouble from the followers of Jesus of Nazareth.

Early on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went with two other women into the garden, bringing spices for the rites of burial. When she came to the tomb, she saw the great stone set aside; and she ran back to Peter and John, crying out in her terror, "They have taken our Lord away!" So Peter and John came running in the early light of the dawn all the way up from the city; and John ran faster, so that he was the first to reach the tomb. He looked in and saw only the empty shroud. Then he stopped, overcome with emotion, and could not bring himself to go inside. But Simon Peter raced up after him and plunged in, so that he was the first to see not only the shroud lying there but also the napkin,

that they went away without saying a word.

Mary Magdalene stood by the empty tomb, weeping and lamenting. "Lady, why do you weep?" she heard a voice say. She turned, and seeing a man she thought was the gardener, she cried out, "If you have taken him, sir, please tell me where he is!" But it was Jesus. And he spoke to her again, saying, Mary. Then she knew him, and she sank to her knees, kissing his feet. In Hebrew she said, Rabboni! which means Master. Then he spoke to her again; yet, when she told all of this later to the disciples, they did not dare to believe it.

For by now, hidden away in the city, the remaining disciples had sunk into despair. Their Master had suffered the cruellest of deaths; he was gone from them, and his enemies would surely try to murder them, too. All the long day they grieved and mourned and trembled, barricading themselves behind locked doors, unable to think what the future might bring. Then, in the evening they suddenly looked up and found Jesus in the room with them, standing there in their midst. "Peace be with you," he said. For a moment, they were too stunned and terrified to answer him.

"Give me something to eat,"

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5T	Odessa Satelle	4	2	2	0	0.500
9	Cameron Narruhn	3	1	2	0	0.333
10	Mikey Benjamin	5	1	3	1	0.200

TOP 9 - OHWA Christian HS

	Name of Player	GP	W	L	D	PCT
1	Nickson Primo	1	1	0	0	1.000
2T	Suptract	3	2	1	0	0.667
2T	Simson	3	2	1	0	0.667
4T	Person R	2	1	1	0	0.500
4T	Michealson S	2	1	1	0	0.500
4T	Arvizu N	2	1	1	0	0.500
7	Sulux U	5	2	2	1	0.400
8	Arty W	5	1	3	1	0.200
9	Wayne Weital	1	0	1	0	0.000

GP=Games Played W=#Won L=#Lost
D=Draws/Stalemates PCT=Winning Percentage (W~GP)

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he told them. "Look, I am not a ghost. It is I, myself. Come touch me! See, I am made of flesh." Eyes wide with wonder, the disciples gathered around him and touched him. Then the disciple named Thomas, who was filled with doubt, put his hand upon the wounds. "My Lord and my God!" he said, and fell to his knees. The disciples had nothing to offer Jesus but a little broiled fish, but they gave that to him, and he gave thanks, and ate it.

"O men of little faith!" he chided them. "I told you when I was with you that it had all been written, in the Law and the Prophets and the Psalms. My suffering was necessary for the world's salvation. It was prophesied that I would rise on the third day; and I have risen. You are my

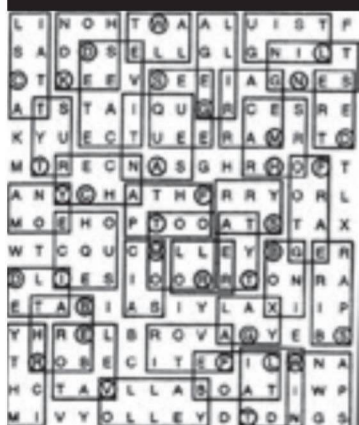
witnesses. Now, for a time, you must stay here in the city. But I am going to our Father, and then you will be clothed with power from on high.

"Beginning in Jerusalem, then," he told them, "you must go forth and preach my word to every nation. You must baptize the people and heal them; you must teach them repentance, and the forgiveness of sins. I have risen now and truly I tell you, I will be with you always, to the end of time."

The deadline for ads and news items for the next issue is April 13, 2007

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office at 7:00pm. Public welcome. For details, call 320-2123.

Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Cliff Rainbow Restaurant at 6:30pm. 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 meeting every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.

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

FANGO holds its monthly Issue Base Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. The public is welcome.

FANGO is convening its "2nd FSM NGO EXECUTIVE HEADS FORUM" on 16th-18th April 2007 in Pohnpei. The Forum theme is "Harmonizing Efforts: Maximizing Impacts". The Public is welcome.

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How to Build Your Own Charcoal Oven

By **AMYLEVENDUSKY**

Pohnpei Island Food Community

On March 30, 2007, during this year's Cultural Day held near the PICS Nahs, Ms. Welsiher Hagilmai and Ms. Meriam Prens of the College of Micronesia-FSM Land Grant Program demonstrated how to use the smokeless charcoal oven built as part of the project entitled, "Pohnpei Traditional Food for Health", coordinated by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP).

A total of 34 energy-efficient charcoal ovens were built as part of this project in order to help members of Mand Community and other communities develop the appropriate cooking technology to make cooking local foods easier, cheaper, and more convenient. Baking local foods in this oven also provides a healthy cooking option compared to the cooking method of frying, as long as extra sugar, salt and fat are not added.

These ovens are good for the environment, decreasing emissions of open fires to the air. The charcoal may be made from dried coconut shells, substituting the need for firewood altogether. However, other types of hard wood will work in these ovens and will burn efficiently, thus it is likely that in the long run less trees will be needed for firewood.

These ovens are now in high demand and an additional three have been built by Swingley Johnson, as funded privately. To get started and to build an oven about 3 feet tall, you need the following: one 4' x 8' (1/2 inch thick) plywood, one sheet of 26 gauge 4' x 8' flat tin, three 2" x 2" x 16' lumber, one

piece of 3/8" rebar (20 feet long), one pound of 3-inch common nails, and one pound of 1/2 inch common nails, two 2-inch door hinges, one door hasp and one piece of 2' x 4' security wire without coating. The cost of these materials is about \$75, depending on suppliers.

To build the oven you may contact either of the following vendors:

Mr. Bing Bardelas of Capitol Fabricator & Trading Co., in Kolonia (tel #320-2623) or,

Mr. Swingley Johnson of Mand, Madolenihmw, who can be reached at #320-2308.

The cost for the labor to build the oven is from \$35 to \$50.

For further information on how to build your own charcoal oven, call Pohnpei Agriculture at 320-2400 or IFCP at # 320-3259.

IFCP extends its appreciation to the Global Environment Fund Small Grants Program for funding this project and to Swingley Johnson, Seis Solomon, and Deruwo Samson for providing designs. IFCP also thanks the Mand community and our collaborating partners and support agencies, including Pohnpei Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs, Department of Health, Department of Education, Department of Land and Natural Resources, College of Micronesia-FSM Land Grant Program, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Centre of Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment (CINE), SPC Pacific German Regional Forestry Project (PGRFP) and Sight and Life.



Swingley Johnson, showing the energy-efficient charcoal oven, which he built for Marihse Ohry of Mand, Madolenihmw



Meriam Prens demonstrates the use of the energy-efficient charcoal oven at Pohnpei Cultural Day, PICS Nahs, 30 March 2007

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SPORTS

“Youth Team Sports” set to conduct Basketball Clinics in the FSM Former NBA Professional David Wood will be one of the clinicians

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Nett, Pohnpei – Saying that there are many “bad models of character in professional sports”, Dr. Dick Dankworth who alternately resides in Reno, Nevada and Kona, Hawaii is serious about character development for young people. Perhaps one might think that he would be most passionate about basketball since that is the reason “Youth Team Sports” is coming first to Chuuk and then to Pohnpei in mid June.

The organization which is closely associated with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) and the University of the Nations will conduct a coaching clinic for national players June 11-13 in Chuuk and again in Pohnpei June 18-20. Each of the coaching clinics will be followed by a youth basketball camp. Chuuk is scheduled for June 14-16 and Pohnpei, June 21-23. The Basketball camp will be open to boys and girls from 8-17 years of age. The sessions will be divided for those participants 8 to 12 years of age and those who are 13-17 years old.

This will be the organization’s third trip to the Pacific region for basketball clinics. They conducted basketball clinics in Palau two years ago and Saipan last year. Each youth camp was attended by approximately 200 young people. This year is FSM’s turn at the invitation of Benjamin Peterson, President of the Pohnpei Basketball Association at the recommendation of Clark Graham in Chuuk who is the secretary for the FSM Basketball Association.

Perhaps the direction of a clinic by a Christian organization might suggest the idea that the clinic might be light on basketball and heavy on devotions and sermons, perhaps a bit of “Kumba Yah”, but that’s not what is being planned and has not been the experience of participants in the past.

Participants in the clinic will definitely be taught tactics and technique. The people involved in directing the clinics have professional experience in sports and coaching. Dr. Dankworth said that the clinic will teach the “fundamental strategies” of basketball. A news article from Saipan a year ago released after the group did a



Dr. Dick Dankworth speaks to Rotarians at PCR Nahnteulik

clinic there mentioned basketball fundamentals at the forefront and subjugated character building to an “also ran” position in the article.

Dr. Dankworth said that “Youth Team Sports” began three years ago. His then apparently healthy 14 year old grandson, Graham suffered a cardiac arrest with no warning. He lingered for several days before he died. Dankworth said that his grandson was very popular and his friends crowded the hospital not just for one day but every day Graham was in the hospital.

The interaction with the young people made him think of the days that he was the Athletic Director at the University of Nevada at Reno. As he reflected on the experience of the loss of his grandchild he remembered the connections he made with the student athletes at UNR, and more particularly, the connections the athletes, some of whom still phone him, made with him.

Dankwood, who attained a PhD at Stanford University, is now in university administration.

He and three other men started talking and formed “Youth Team Sports” partly as a result of Dankwood’s experience with his grandson’s friends. The organizers believe that young people “want to be as good as they can be” at whatever they do whether

it be basketball or character development. “Youth Team Sports” would like to see young people pursue both sports and character.

Dankwood said at a Rotary Club of Pohnpei presentation on March 22, that “the future of any nation depends upon the character of the youth...we feel we can bring some influence in this way.” He said that participation in sports is a good way to teach character since the true test of character comes when the pressure is on.

Local organizers jokingly asked if Dankworth might be able to bring one particular NBA media darling to the clinic. He said that even if that player would agree to come he would never consider it. He said, “Wealth and attention forces people sometimes to say, ‘I can do whatever I want.’” That’s not the image that “Youth Team Sports” wants to convey.

David Wood who played professional basketball for many years was one of the founding organizers and will be one of the coaches at the clinics. Wood played for Skagit Valley College (NCJAA), the University of Nevada at Reno (NCAA). He was a second round draft pick in his senior year to the Continental Basketball Association (see inset) in 1987. He played for the Rockford Lightning and the Yakima Sun Kings in that league. Andrew Golding said that in the NBA, “Wood was known for his scrappy, physical style of play, and

frequent altercations with opposing players, most often Charles Barkley.”

Wood played for the Chicago Bulls, the Houston Rockets, the San Antonio Spurs, the Detroit Pistons, the Golden State Warriors, the Phoenix Suns, the Dallas Mavericks, and the Milwaukee Bucks. He also played for professional teams in Spain, Italy, and France. He will be accompanied by his three daughters.

Veteran Baseballer, Dan Dix and former University of Nevada coach Mike Brown, who are co-founders of the program will also be a part of the clinics. The organization consists of unpaid volunteers and only asks of the organizers that they provide them a place to stay and food to eat while they are here.

The organization will be bringing basketballs, t-shirts, and playbooks along with their wealth of experience.

The CBA (Continental Basketball Association) is a professional minor league basketball association that claims to be the oldest professional basketball league in the world, established in Pennsylvania in April 1946. The NBA (National Basketball Association) which was formerly the Basketball Association of America also began in 1946 but three months later in the month of June.