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Sokehs Council Resolves to Impeach Chief Magistrate Richard Susaia

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

On Friday, June 9, 2006, ten of the twelve members of the Sokehs Municipal Government Council were present at the Sokehs Council Meeting. Those present unanimously voted to adopt a resolution for impeachment of Chief Magistrate Richard Susaia. The resolution - initially presented to the council in December of last year - had been tabled due in part to the holiday season.

According to the Constitution of the Municipality of Sokehs a Chief Magistrate, Member of the Council, or a Chief Justice of the Gov-

ernment of Sokehs can be removed from office for neglecting duties of the office, for inappropriate deeds in office, inability to perform the required duties of the office, or for conviction of a crime.

The resolution, authored by Council members Ferny Perman and Francis Sohl cited numerous examples of mismanagement and noncompliance with Sokehs, Pohnpei State, and National law. It stated that in public audits conducted over the years since Susaia's election auditors consistently found that not all cash transactions were properly receipted and that not all disbursements of funds were made in accordance

with the law or to generally accepted accounting procedures.

The document made mention of 14 audit exceptions on the last audit conducted by the Public Auditor including a total \$13,075.27 for which there was no accounting. The Chief Magistrate's response to the audit made mention of corrective action that would be undertaken to resolve the audit exceptions for future audits. As of the date of the resolution there had been no indication of any corrective action undertaken.

The resolution went on to state that four separate ordinances were passed by the Council to regulate

the method by which money was to be spent during the last three fiscal years and that reporting was to have been an important part of that process. The Chief Magistrate was to have reported to the Council on how the municipality spent money collected from local revenue sharing from the Pohnpei State Government as well as revenue collected from locally imposed taxes and licenses. According to the Council, Mr. Susaia did not do so and also did not comply with the disbursement ordinances.

Last year Susaia wrote a letter to the Speaker of the Council admitting that there had been mishan-

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Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick: Statesman, Surgeon, Surrogate is Laid to Rest

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**
The Kaselehlie Press

Renowned and respected FSM leader Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick passed away May 30 in Pohnpei after a struggle with cancer. Pretrick will be remembered not only for his enduring commitment to public service but also for his significant contributions to the health and welfare of FSM citizens. He was 75.



photo provided by Jim Tobin

"In short, he was an exceptional man - a fine man, a capable man, intelligent, patient and dependable," said FSM Postmaster General Bethwel Henry, a friend, family member and colleague of Pretrick, in a prepared eulogy at one of the memorial services held for Pretrick.

"Micronesia has lost a really great man," Henry later remarked.

Among his leadership roles, Pretrick served as senator to the first Congress of Micronesia in 1965, when the region was still part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. He served the legislative body - then composed of both a house and a senate - until 1969.

FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice

Andon Amaraich served as senator alongside Pretrick in the first Congress. He remembers Pretrick as a man of deep professional integrity with a humble nature and great personal generosity.

"The man was probably the most gentle person ever, though he was in a position to talk more about his experience and status," said Amaraich. "He was the kind of person that all Micronesians and others should emulate."

"I considered him to be one person able to unite factions into one," said Henry, who was speaker of the House

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Photo by Jim Tobin

Dr. Pretrick, FSM National Olympic Committee President greeting Hon. Juan Antonia Samaranch, then International Olympic Committee President in Nadi, Fiji in March 2002 during the Oceania National Olympic Committees annual general assembly.

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NEWS

Bungling Editor Makes Mistakes In His Very First Issue

The article in the last issue entitled "Urusemal Vetoes Still in Question" by Jessica Chapman had several paragraphs crucial to the meaning of the article inadvertently deleted. Page 8 column 3 should have read as follows:

The president has 30 days from his receipt of a bill to sign or veto it. However, according to congressional staff the vetoes came as a shock.

Legislative Counsel T. Lam Dang said members of Congress were in general, frustrated by the president's actions and that many shared the sentiment that their efforts during the special session were for naught.

The congressional filing, submitted April 20 with the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir, seeks to demonstrate that the vetoes were "based on erroneous grounds" or that the president "acted prematurely before each of the measures had been subjected to a valid sec-

ond reading by Congress."

"Either way they are unlawful," says a filed memo in support of the complaint.

According to the filing, Congress convened on Thursday, March 2, the fourth of its five-day duration, for only an hour before recessing to participate in recreational events organized by Utwe Municipality for the remainder of the day.

The article entitled "MICSEM awarded grant to take on Youth Suicide in the FSM" by the Australian Embassy of Pohnpei failed to mention the important role that HESA played in the grant process and the ongoing role they will play in collaboration with MICSEM.

Finally, in the KP Perspective the editor said in the first paragraph, "In the last few months we have several newspapers." He meant to say "In the last few months we have lost several newspapers."

We apologize for the inconvenience! Keep those phone calls coming!



Retired U.S. State Department official Charles B. Salmon, Jr. delivers remarks June 12 in Pohnpei on West Pacific security issues. Salmon detailed national and transnational threats facing the region. Among transnational threats he cited climate change, pandemic disease, money laundering, drug and people trafficking and terrorism. "Every country has to consider terrorism a very real possibility," he said. Salmon emphasized the need for international cooperation and good government in order to counter security threats. Salmon currently serves as foreign policy advisor to the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies in Hawaii, which offers training to select individuals from the region on security issues. Salmon is on an outreach tour of the region to promote interest in the center's offerings. Since its establishment in 1995, the center has enrolled 29 FSM fellows in its courses.

Dr. Pretrick

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during the first Congress.

Over the years, Pretrick led both the Pohnpei State and FSM health departments. Between 1960-1982 he was Assistant District Director and then District Director of Pohnpei Health Services.

Prominently, he shepherded the FSM department now named Health, Education and Social Affairs through its various incarnations. From 1982-2003, he was chief and then secretary of the agency.

Pretrick was also the first president of the FSM National Olympic Committee, serving in this capacity from 1998-2003. In a tribute to Pretrick on the website www.oceaniasport.com, current FSMNOC Secretary General Jim Tobin recalls the great pride Pretrick had seeing the FSM flag at the country's first Olympic games in 2000.

Pretrick was a member of a number of professional organizations. He was a founding member of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei and active promoter of the organization.

He also held traditional and religious titles. He was chief of

Pwudo village in Kitti - his proper traditional title was "Luwen en Pwudo." He was senior pastor of the Nohnno en Mwomwodiso en Pohnpei (NMP) Church.

Eliuel Pretrick was born July 8, 1930 in Pohnpei. According to family, he received post-secondary education in Guam and Fiji, earning a diploma in medicine and surgery from the Fiji School of Medicine in 1955. He received a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Hawaii in 1969.

He is survived by his wife, Kesia, eight children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sadly, Pretrick's death followed shortly after the death of one of his grandsons. Renwick Alfonso Lawrence, 23, died in a car accident in Nashville, Tenn. on May 22. Lawrence was the son of Pretrick's daughter Ginny, now deceased.

"Eliuel was like a father to all of us. He was a very considerate and fair individual and extremely honest in all of his dealings, regardless," said Pretrick colleague Dr. Rufino Mauricio, assistant secretary for FSM Department of Social Affairs and secretary general for FSM National UNESCO Committee.

"The nation will really miss him."

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Operation Island Chief Marehalau



Jessica Chapman

President Urusemal and others attend a briefing May 31 on Operation Island Chief, the two-week multilateral marine surveillance operation headquartered this year at the FSM National Police Maritime Wing in Pohnpei. Marine Surveillance Advisor Lt. Cmdr. Mark Sorby detailed arrests made by the five participating patrol boats and progress on investigations, including an update on the now discontinued search and rescue operation for a man reported missing from a vessel apprehended in Palau waters. The unlicensed Taiwanese vessel caught fire prior to the missing person report and sank May 29. The search was called off May 31. Also attending the briefing were U.S. Ambassador Suzanne Hale, National Ocean Resource Management Authority (NORMA) Executive Director Bernard Thoulag, Deputy Head of Mission to the Embassy of Australia Meikie Flach, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Compliance Manager Andrew Richards, FSM National Police Chief Pius Chotailug and Secretary of Justice Marstella Jack.



The unlicensed Taiwanese Vessel Narkota Abadi (above) before fire broke out. Law enforcement officials believe that the fire (below) was intentionally set to cover evidence of wrongdoing. The vessel and whatever evidence it carried now lies in 2000 meters (over 6000 feet) of water off Palau.



Recall?

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**
The Kaselehlle Press

President Urusemal appears poised to recall FSM Ambassador to the United States Jesse B. Marehalau in the wake of concerns over an ongoing investigation of a former embassy employee for passport fraud as well as questionable financial management practices at the embassy.

At a recent hearing in Palikir of the Special Committee on FSM Washington Embassy Oversight, government officials revealed the likelihood of such a move by the president pending collection of further information.

A severance date of Sept. 30 was suggested among those in attendance, though no action has yet been taken. Discussion centered on how to facilitate a smooth transition and details of Department of Finance and Department of Justice investigations into the matters.

According to government officials, a former driver for the embassy – located in Washington, D.C. – was

arrested and charged in early January with conspiracy to import illegal aliens.

The defendant allegedly procured sample copies of FSM passports and distributed them. On Jan. 5, four Filipino citizens were apprehended at the Newark International Airport in New Jersey with the altered passports.

According to officials, the individuals subsequently indicated they had obtained the documents from the defendant.

A U.S. Department of Homeland Security investigation – with the cooperation and involvement of FSM officials - remains underway. The FSM Department of Justice is conducting its own investigation into the matters as well.

Secretary of Justice Marstella Jack was in Washington recently to meet with Homeland Security officials regarding the investigation.

Congress passed a resolution proposing the recall – authored by Sen. Resio Moses - during its recently completed session. In it, it cites, in addition to the fraudulent use of passports, “irregularities with renovation contracts, and unauthorized loans . . .”

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Airport Safety Concerns Cause Cancellations

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**
The Kaselehlle Press

Continental Micronesia flights servicing the FSM had to be cancelled or diverted recently due to undisclosed safety problems as well as malfunctioning runway lights at the Pohnpei airport.

The May 28 late evening flight from Chuuk was unable to complete its flight to Pohnpei due to the malfunctioning runway end identifier and approach lights.

The runway lights may only be maintained by the Federal Aviation Administration. Therefore, Pohnpei Port Authority, which oversees the airport’s operations, was unable to respond to the issue.

The following day’s afternoon flight to Pohnpei from Chuuk with continuing service to

Honolulu also encountered problems that prevented its arrival.

In this case, however, while the runway lights remained inoperable, it is not clear whether the problem with the runway lights was responsible. Continental Micronesia said only that the flight was routed to Guam “for safety reasons.”

To accommodate delayed passengers, the airline ran an extra flight from Guam to Honolulu on Tuesday, May 30.

According to Continental Micronesia, an FAA technician arrived May 31 to repair the malfunctioning runway lights.

This is not the first time runway lights have affected flights. According to PPA, similar situations have arisen on a number of occasions.

Matson to Increase Service to the FSM

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**
The Kaselehlie Press

Matson Navigation Company recently announced it will begin dispatching a container ship with consistent service to Pohnpei, Chuuk and Kosrae every two weeks.

The change will provide for groceries and other essential goods to arrive approximately twice a month in the region, up from about once every three weeks in Chuuk and Pohnpei, every 42 days in Kosrae.

"It will be the best connection between the U.S., Guam and FSM," said Tom Ahillen Matson's general manager in Guam. "I think it's going to dramatically change and potentially improve the quality of life for all of the FSM," he said.

Ahillen, who visited Pohnpei recently to present and discuss the changes with government officials, is enthusiastic about the investment opportunities and prod-

uct diversification that the increased service could potentially provide to the region.

Not only could the change encourage trade among the region's islands, he notes, but it could allow for shipment of a better quality and variety of food items to island residents, such as fresh meat and more diverse produce.

The new, Guam-based service is scheduled to commence Aug. 4, with an estimated vessel arrival date of Aug. 12 in Kosrae, Aug. 13 in Pohnpei and Aug. 14 in Chuuk.


Every 14 days, the vessel is anticipated to complete a regular route from Guam to RMI, then on to Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk before returning to Guam.

Service to Yap will remain the same. Through a partnership with another company, Matson currently provides service to the western FSM state as well as Palau.

The company currently transports approximately 3,700 containers to the region encompassing RMI to Palau – primarily consisting of food and drink items. This num-

ber will likely go up after the changes are implemented says Ahillen.

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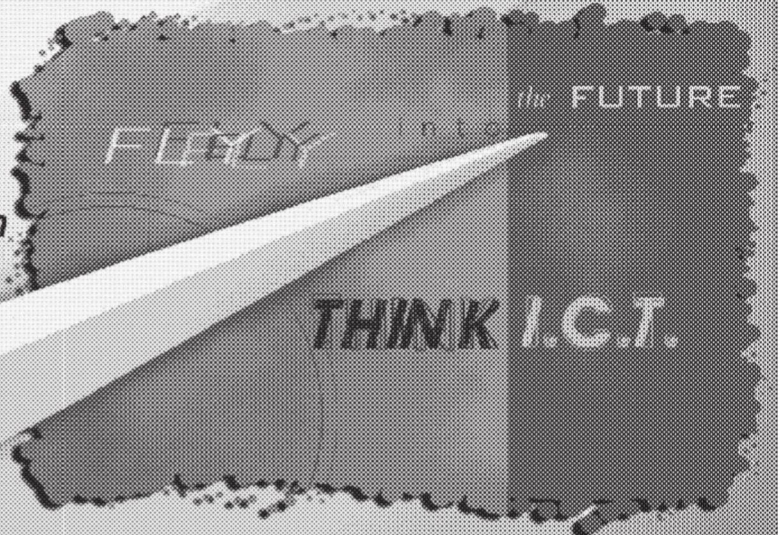
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HEALTH NOTES



Mand Students Teach Youth about Pohnpei Bananas

By Amy Levendusky
Island Food Community

On May 26, 2006, the 4th grade class of Mand Elementary school presented on Pohnpei bananas at the Youth-to-Youth 6th Annual Environmental Fair sponsored by the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP). The purpose of the fair is to have youth teaching youth. Mand Elementary was one of six schools which participated in the fair, including Saladak, Lewetik, Awak, Parem, and NMS.

The Island Food Community of

Pohnpei (IFCP) partnered with Class 4 of Mand Elementary School, as taught by Sohse Jose, and made 6 visits to the class from February through May to discuss the topic of Pohnpei bananas. The objectives of the classroom lessons were to help the students increase their knowledge of the nutritional content of Pohnpei bananas, to increase the number of varieties of bananas that children know about, to increase the number of varieties of bananas that children's families grow, and to increase the number of rare bananas that children's families grow.

Each of the 18 students from Mand Elementary spoke in English and described one Pohnpei banana at the fair. Mayleen Ohry introduced the 4th grade class and spoke on the importance of yellow-fleshed Pohnpei bananas due to their health benefits.

Yellow-fleshed varieties are high in beta-carotene and therefore help protect against Vitamin A deficiency, diabetes, heart disease, certain cancers, and anemia.

Jake Joel presented on *Karat* and said, "I am *Karat*. I grow straight up toward the sky. My stem is dark green. My fruits are round and fat. My fruits are orange on the inside. I have been growing here on Pohnpei for over 100 years. Many mothers use me to feed their babies because I am smooth and creamy." Percy Diwi presented on *Daiwang* and said, "I am *Daiwang*. My fruits are yellow on the inside. I grow really well and produce many suckers. I have a very sweet fruit and am used to make pihlohlo. I am high in beta-carotene so please don't feed me to the pigs. Now-a-days you can find me being sold in the local markets."

Mand students also passed out

Karat sandwiches, Three Banana Fruit Salad, and slices of ripe *Iemwahn* bananas to the audience for tasting. Ripe *Karat* banana can be spread onto bread like jam and eaten as a delicious yet healthy snack as there is no sugar added. Patterson Shed, Director of CSP, was enthusiastic about the *Karat* sandwiches and had this to say, "I really like the banana snacks." The *Karat* sandwich is a new recipe which is now being promoted by the IFCP.

Appreciation is extended to CSP for inviting IFCP to be a partner in their Youth-to-Youth Program. Special thanks go to the 4th grade class of Mand Elementary School. Funding for this project was provided by the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, with additional support by the New Zealand Government, Sight and Life, and the Pacific German Regional Forestry Project.



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The British Embassy encourages eligible candidates to submit applications in good time for the 2007/8 selection process.

NEWS



Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
Suva, Fiji



TRADE POLICY OFFICER

The overall objective of the Pacific Regional Economic Integration Programme (PACREIP) is the sustainable development of the Pacific ACP economies as an economically integrated region. Specifically, the Programme supports and facilitates the Pacific ACP States (PACFS) preparations and conduct of their Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations with the European Commission (EC) in the most coherent and effective manner with the aim of achieving a favourable outcome that fully reflects their interests and aspirations. The Programme contributes to the overall process of enhancing regional economic and trade integration not only within the Pacific region but also globally. It has six components and these are i) Support to Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement (PICTA) Implementation ii) Capacity Building for EPA Negotiations with the EU; iii) Support for participation in the World Trade Organisation (WTO); iv) Capacity Building for Regional Economic Integration Private Sector Development, Trade Facilitation - Customs, Standards and Conformance and Biosecurity, Financial sector and Fiscal Reforms and Environmental Impact Assessment; v) Capacity building for regional tourism development; and vi) Programme Management and Coordination.

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It continues, "[O]ur special relationship with the United States and the image of our embassy in Washington may be compromised by these management problems . . . and . . . Congress no longer feels confident that the embassy as currently staffed and managed can adequately represent the national interest . . ."

It is not clear how the financial mismanagement concerns came to light, whether through the course of investigating the passport-related issues or discoveries independent of that matter.

The FSM Department of Finance recently composed a report of its own findings, including the absence of an embassy check registry spanning four fiscal years as well as the embassy's failure to submit timely reports to the department.

Questions were also raised about possible improper procedure regarding the renovation of part of the embassy facility.

Congress convened the special committee - co-chaired by Sen. Dohsis Halbert and Sen. Alik Alik - to look into the issues.

Marehalau has served as ambassador since 1990. To date, he is the first and only FSM ambassador to the United States.

Lawmaker asks University of Hawaii not to hike tuition for Pacific Islanders

MARIANAS VARIETY
PACNEWS

13 JUNE 2006 SAIPAN (Pacnews)

A Commonwealth of Northern Marianas (CNMI) lawmaker is pleading with University of Hawaii's board of regents not to increase the tuition of non-resident students by 50 percent.

This proposal is set to be discussed and finalised when the board meets on June 15-16.

Edwin Aldan, in a letter to Kitty Lagareta, chairwoman of the university's board, said the people of the CNMI and other Pacific islanders have relied on the educational opportunities provided by the university for years.

"Unfortunately, the 50 percent increase in tuition for non-resident Pacific islanders as proposed within a revised student assistance program may rob thousands of students of an opportunity to attain

their educational goals," Aldan said.

The university's administration said students who are not residents of the state should not be eligible to pay the same tuition rate as those who are Northern Marianas College also charges nonresident students higher tuition, *Marianas Variety reports*

Jim Mellon, the director of student development at the University of Hawaii in Hilo, said the proposed changes are "problematic" and should not be adopted by the board.

He said it decreases access to higher education and instead of providing opportunities for Pacific islanders, "UH is closing the door on them."

Mr Mellon believed that even if a student is awarded a maximum Pell Grant, it would not cover the cost of tuition, books, housing,

food and other educational expenses.

He added, "Charging a tuition rate that most students from the Pacific cannot afford is hardly doing a service to the region, it is more like closing down a bridge that has existed for many years."

Mr Mellon said while Pacific islanders are not residents of Hawaii, they are different from other non-residents from other U.S. states or from other countries who have options to enroll in baccalau-

reate granting universities in their home states or nation.

"The Pacific islanders affected by this proposal do not have that option," he said.

For decades, he added, the university system has included Pacific island students from jurisdictions that do not have public higher educational institutions granting baccalaureate degrees as eligible for statutory exemption, meaning they are charged the resident tuition rate.

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PACIFIC WORLD NEWS

Pacific Law Makers to Develop Regional Fuel Plan

MARIANAS VARIETY

07 JUNE 2006 SAIPAN (Pacnews) Pacific lawmakers yesterday agreed to work together in developing a regional fuel plan to address the steadily rising oil prices that are crippling their economies and making life harder for islanders.

The Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) adopted a resolution calling for the establishment of a task force that would "develop a regional fuel plan to reduce the price of fuel in the Pacific Island Region." *Marianas Variety* reports

The APIL members are the CNMI, Guam, Hawaii, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Yap, Palau, American Samoa, the Marshall Islands, Nauru and Kiribati.

APIL's general assembly on Saipan has the theme, "Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources for the Pacific Islands."

"A gasoline task force should be established, which would be comprised of one member from each state or territory, to discuss, gather and exchange information and develop a plan to reduce the price of fuel for the islands and territories in the region," the APIL resolution stated. Governor Benigno Fitial said the APIL proposal would enable the islands to get a more competitive fuel price despite their remote locations.

Marshall Islands takes tough stand on visa violations

Radio Australia

09 JUNE 2006 MAJURO (Pacnews) - The Marshall Islands has charged 14 people with violations of immigration laws as part of a crack down on people overstaying their visas, *Radio Australia* reports.

The 10 women and four men, who were arrested in a weekend raid in the capital Majuro, are all Chinese nationals said to be without permits or visas.

Nine of the women and two of the men had agreed to leave the

Marshalls delegation to visit China

02 JUNE 2006 MAJURO (Pacnews) - A high-level delegation of Marshall Islands parliamentarians is heading for Beijing next week, in a visit that is stirring the China-Taiwan rivalry for political recognition in the Pacific region.

The trip has reportedly upset Taiwanese officials and the Marshall Islands President, Kessai Note, who was in Taiwan in April

for a state visit, *Radio New Zealand International* reports

The Marshall Islands has had diplomatic ties with Taiwan since 1998.

The parliamentary speaker, Litokwa Tomeing, was to head the delegation but has now handed it to the vice-speaker, Ruben Zackhras, who would lead the seven parliamentary committee.

Mr Tomeing has acknowl-

edged that the President and Taiwanese officials had expressed concerns but he said there is nothing wrong with it.

He said the trip, paid for by China's National People's Congress, is a legislature-to-legislature exchange and an expression of friendship but Taiwanese officials fear it could be a move to engineer a return of recognition from Taipei to Beijing.

Pacific Islands reel from rising fuel costs

MARIANAS VARIETY

06 JUNE 2006 SAIPAN (Pacnews) - Pacific lawmakers say the continuing rise in fuel cost is affecting their islands' transportation, power supply and ability to pay for basic food supplies such as rice, *Marianas Variety* reports

Over 30 Pacific Island lawmakers are on Saipan to get more information and share ideas about sustainable energy.

The theme of this year's conference was "Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources for the Pacific Islands."

Four jurisdictions from Marshall Islands, Nauru, Kiribati, and American Samoa failed to attend the meet.

Legislators from Guam, Chuuk, Yap, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Palau and Hawaii are in SAIPAN with their CNMI counterparts for the 25th General assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL).

country while the remainder will contest their cases in court.

Attorney General Posesi Bloomfield said the move is part of the Island's more stringent commitment to tighter immigration control.

"We have new immigration and labor laws that we've presented to the parliament in January," he said.

Other laws would be introduced in the next parliamentary session in August.

"I'm hopeful that both pieces of legislation will pass through the house, and in the mean time we are, I guess just tightening and strengthening our immigration checks".....

They said the value of the U.S. dollar continues to shrink as the price of fuel rises.

With the exception of Hawaii and Guam, which have strong tourism and military-based economies, the other islands now find it difficult to provide the basic needs for their residents.

All of the islands get annual financial aid from the U.S. but the lawmakers said it was not enough to cushion the impact of skyrocketing fuel prices.

APIL delegates agreed something must be done before the situation gets worse.

Experts said there are alternative sources of energy that the islands can tap to reduce their dependence on fossil fuel

However, the islands' remote geographic location, limited land area and typhoons may make it challenging to tap into those alternative energy sources.

Dr. Terry Surles, director of the non-profit group Pacific International Center for High Technology

Research, said biomass energy and solar energy may be good for the islands because of the abundant supply of sunlight.

"The technology is there," he said. He said the solar energy system is very useful in Fiji.

The stored energy from the solar panels enable Fijians to power up their basic household appliances such as refrigerators, and TVs at no extra cost, he said.

Mr Surles said the popularity of solar energy systems in Fiji has also created an industry for solar panel repairmen.

He said in the case of the CNMI, the solar energy concept is also good. However, the powerful typhoons frequenting the islands during the latter half of the year must be considered.

The CNMI government has been subsidizing the cost of electricity in the amount of up to US\$2 million every month.

The subsidy goes to pay for the fuel supply of the government-owned power plants.

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NEWS

FSM expresses support for US's stand on Iran's nuclear program

Palikir, POHNPEI
FSM Information Services

President Joseph J. Urusemal said today that the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia joins the international community in urging Iran to fully and verifiably suspend uranium enrichment activities.

A recent report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has made it known that the Director General, Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, is unable to certify the peaceful nature of Iran's enrichment program.

The FSM Government views this with grave concern and encourages Iran to give full cooperation to the United Nation's Security Council and to return to the negotiating table.

President Urusemal encourages Iran to make efforts to cooperate with the United States and the three European Union nations of Britain, France and Germany - also known as the "EU-3". Efforts by Iran to adhere to the calls of the international community may lead to a diplomatic solution.

Mindful of the fact that many of FSM's sons and daughters are serving in the US Armed Forces, President Urusemal expresses his earnest hope for a peaceful outcome. The President calls on the international community to join in the efforts to find a diplomatic solution to benefit not only the Iranian people but also lead towards regional stability and a non-proliferation regime.

Micronesians say boat captains left them on Oahu without passports

By *Alexandre Da Silva*
Star Bulletin

About a dozen Micronesian fishermen alleged yesterday that they have been exploited by at least three Honolulu fishing companies. The fishermen, natives of Pohnpei and other islands of the Federated States of Micronesia, claim that tuna boat captains from three different boats left them on Oahu without passports since docking here weeks ago. The group also claims to have received less than \$100 per month of work for the first five months of their contracts. Ronald Fujiyoshi, who is helping the fishermen through the Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries of the United Church of Christ, said no complaints have been filed because it is unclear if any violations occurred.

"We couldn't find exactly what ... is illegal about what's going on, so we hesitated about what to do," he said at a news conference in

Kakaako. "But we just feel that this is immoral."

The state Department of Labor and U.S. Coast Guard said they have no jurisdiction over the complaints. James Hardway, special assistant to the director of the state Department of Labor, said he contacted the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which he believes is looking into the issue. A call made to OSHA after business hours yesterday was not returned.

State Rep. Anne Stevens, whose district includes Ala Moana, Kakaako and Waikiki, said she received copies of the contracts and would be checking for any violation.

The three companies that the fishermen are accusing of taking their passports include Kwang Myong Co. Inc., Princess K. Fishing Corp. and Long Thanh Nguyen. All are based in Honolulu.

Disability Policy Discussed For FSM

HESA Press Release

The Department of Health, Education, and Social Affairs (HESA) convened a workshop this week to develop a draft National Policy on Disability.

"The Department of HESA intends engaging in extensive consultations with the States on the draft policy. We hope and expect that people with disabilities will have a say in the draft policy as well as NGO, community and family representatives of people with disabilities," said the Assistant Secretary Dr. Rufino Mauricio of the Department of HESA.

"A conservative estimate of 10-15% of the national population having a disability means that the total population in FSM can be estimated to be more than 16,000 people with some form of disability. This large number of people means that we must have a policy to guide our response to the needs of people with disabilities in health, education, welfare, employment, transport as well as physical planning including access to buildings etc" said the Assistant Secretary.

The consultation and drafting process is being assisted by the United Nations' Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Pacific Operations Centre (UN-EPOC) based in Suva, Fiji.

"FSM became a signatory to the *Biwako Millennium Framework For Action Towards An Inclusive, Barrier-Free And Rights-Based Society For Persons*

With Disabilities in Asia And The Pacific (BMF), in 2003. The BMF, which was endorsed by the United Nations' Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in 2002, explicitly incorporates the millennium development goals and their relevant targets to ensure that concerns relating to persons with disabilities become an integral part of efforts to achieve the goals. The BMF is being used as a framework for action and guidelines for developing policy and addressing the needs and rights of people with disabilities throughout the Pacific," said Mr. Alastair Wilkinson of UN-EPOC.

"The BMF was endorsed by Pacific Island Forum Leaders at their meeting in Auckland in 2004, and included in the Pacific Forum's 2005 'Pacific Plan' and was recognized as an important issue for the region at a recent Pacific Islands

Forum Secretariat, ILO, UN-EPOC and Pacific Disability Forum regional workshop on disability held in Fiji last year," said Mr. Wilkinson.

FSM was represented at this regional workshop by Mr Osaia Santos, Youth Coordinator in the Department of HESA.

"People with disabilities in Pacific island countries are among the poorest and most marginalized members of their communities. Negative attitudes, prejudice, ignorance and apathy of policy makers and the community are significant barriers faced by people with disabilities and their families. The Department for HESA, in partnership with people with disabilities, NGOs and church-based agencies, hopes to address this through the proposed policy," said Mr Santos.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Another Day in Paradise?

In the midst of soaring gas prices, our State law makers are pondering whether to pass second reading on a legislative Bill that will require all moving vehicles on island to have accidental insurance coverage. A splendid idea in ensuring that both parties in a car collision are equally compensated for repairs and damages. However, in most cases where, such idea should come in the form of a public law, it is often a good idea to perform a complete analysis of the impacts this will have on the business community and the private citizens as well. For starters, should this idea become law, it is definite to have some immediate and long term effects on the net incomes of your average minimum wage earner in the community workforce. With minimum wages currently frozen at \$1.35 per hour for the last 8 to 10 years versus the insurmountable inflated costs of goods and services (gasoline and kerosene among others), the introduction of added expenditures like insurance premiums to an already thin pay-check is certain to make blood pressures leap to record high proportions. For taxi services with ten units, that's ten more added expenditure costs to your budget. Also worth noting is the fact that most insurance firms have what they call "risk factors" that are often the major determining factors for approval or disapproval of an insurance application. For instance, it is commonly the practice that insurance firms will not accept an application for insurance for a vehicle that is said to be over five years old or more. This is premised from the presumptions that at 5 years or more, the vehicle may have reached its useful life span. A vehicle exceeding its useful life span would normally be viewed as a "risk" for the insuring firm and

may not be favorable for insurance coverage. Banks equally may not consider insurance on the same as the depreciated value of the second hand vehicle may be insufficient to provide as collateral for the car loan. So, with this scenario, what will happen to all those used/second hand vehicles currently crowding our streets if the law requires all vehicles to be insured and the insurance firms will not accept them? Obviously, it would mean you will have to buy a new car and a newer expensive model than the usual affordable second hand Japanese imported ones we see quite popular on island. Having vehicle insurance would be the most ideal thing to do as we follow suit with modern transportation standards and ensuring economic safety of our motor vehicles. However, it may be valid to say that perhaps, this proposed Bill before our lawmakers is a bit late, considering the current situation whereby, older and second hand/used motor vehicles seem to comprise a larger segment of the total vehicles registered annually. Perhaps, this legislation could become law but to be enforced five years from now giving ample time for used car import businesses to make the necessary shift from the used car industry to favorable brand new car dealers and for current used car owners to finally see the need to purchase a new car. Perhaps, in that same instance, our lawmakers will see the need to finally increase the going minimum wage to commensurate with not only the increased costs for transportation but the already exaggerated standard of living that comes with the rapid progression from the once simple Micronesian way of living to the more elegant ways of the western world we chose to adapt.

Albert J. Johnny

Ode to JEMCO

Dear Editor,
I was one of a handful of spectators present when Mr. Cohen visited the Pohnpei Legislature on Wednesday, May 24. For those who missed out on this event, the poem below (if it passes for one) sums up my sense of the whole affair:

*"Enlightened" we were
"discovered"
With a sword and the Bible in hand
We were delivered this, supposedly,
Out of darkness into the light*

*But that will not do
Some thought
Salvation was indeed good
But not nearly enough
To save our wretched selves
From our mischievous ways.*

*Ignorant and blind as we were
We needed to be taught
how to think
And how to behave
What to eat
And even what to believe
So we were spoon-fed
So to speak.*

*Is it genetics or character flaws?
Either way we were damned
Unable to lead (so they believed)
We have since then always been led*

*Well, nothing much has changed
If you ask me
JEMCO and PMU I tell you
Are simply metaphors
A camouflage
For that age-old
"white man's burden" attitude
That our kind has long suffered
since discovery*

*But prostrate, we must
It is US DOLLARS after all.*

*Unless, of course,
Our leaders should choose
to wake up
And pay a visit
To our island Constitution
Long hidden away on]
forgotten shelves
Gathering dust as we speak*

**Gus Kohler
Sokehs, Pohnpei, FM**

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KP-Perspective

ADOPT AN FSM SOLDIER

I noticed a trend while catching up on emails at the K-Press. We get a fair number of emails from Micronesian soldiers serving all over the world who would like to get a copy of the Kaselehlle Press so that they can keep up with home. I started thinking, "Why don't we do an 'ADOPT AN FSM SOLDIER' campaign?" So that's what we're going to do.

Here's the thing. It costs real money to get the K-Press to these soldiers, money that we frankly just don't have. Most soldiers have a type of mailing address called an FPO which is like a little slice of the US Postal Service wherever in the world they are serving. That means that we can offer a US Subscription rate to them, but what we'd really like to do is to find someone in the FSM who would like to pay the subscription rate for them. When we can get them we would be running letters from those soldiers in the paper along with a picture of them in uniform reading Pohnpei's paper. We could if you wish, forward your name along to them so that they can write to you if they choose to do so.

No one really seems to know how many FSM soldiers there are. If you are in contact with one of the men or women serving in the Armed Forces somewhere in the world you could help by getting us contact information. We don't want anyone left out that wants to be involved.

No question about it. Soldiers are being paid and could probably handle the \$50 rate but wouldn't it be nicer if someone from home showed they still care about them and are thinking about them. It would be your way of saying "Thank you and don't forget about us at home while you're out in the wild world."

Here's what you would need to do. Make a donation to Rohng en Pohnpei of \$50. That's it! If you need more information please call me, 320-6547, write to me at P.O. Box 2222, or email me for more details at kpress@mail.fm. Our service men are still part of our family. Let's get together and show them that we care.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Namiki 2nd Floor Restaurant at 6:30pm. Public Welcome.



The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei State meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantor Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.



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



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



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



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



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



St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.

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MILESTONES

PICS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

“Success is the good fortune that comes from aspiration, perspiration, desperation, and inspiration” Evan Esar



PICS High School Seniors, before they could formally be called High School Graduates at the FSM China Friendship Sports Center. According to the graduation theme the seniors are poised for success. The students provided the aspiration, the gym and the crowd provided the perspiration, the ceremony sought to provide the inspiration, perhaps life will provide a level of desperation. If the theme is correct graduates are on the road to success.



For 2006 the Valedictorians were Ms. Ida P. David of Ohmine and Mr. Roderick Bardelas also of Ohmine who addressed the standing room only crowd. Salutatorians, Mr. Santiago Mauricio of Ohmine and Mr. Jaymee Amor of Saladak also spoke. Dr. Rufino Mauricio the keynote speaker said of the graduation experience, “this is not the end of an important schooling responsibility but a transition...to other responsibilities.” Speaking on the matter of persistence he quoted, “If you can’t bear to have your face stepped on don’t climb the ladder of success.” The graduates performed a song set to the tune of “Can

You Feel the Love Tonight” with Pohnpeian words written by an as yet, unidentified Pohnpeian lyricist as well as the “Graduation Song” recently recorded by the ‘United Boys’, with melody written in part by PICS graduate Clayton Elieisar and lyrics and arrangement by Bill Jaynes. The ‘United Boys’ are all PICS graduates.

Longest Running FSM Employee Enters New Phase of Life

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press



(From Left to Right) Eden Skilling, Hamlin Saimon, and Ed Young at the retirement ceremony

On May 3, 2006, Mr. Hamlin Saimon retired from active duty from the FSM Weather Service where he had served for 52 years. A small ceremony at PCR Nahntehtlik was held to honor Mr. Saimon who was the longest serving FSM Employee. Mr. Saimon was recruited into the Weather Service in 1954 from Chuuk High School during the Trust Territory days when the “best and brightest were being selected for technical positions.

In his address to the small crowd gathered at PCR Nahntehtlik, Mr. Saimon said that the thing he wanted to be remembered for most was the training and establishment of most of the weather service personnel in places like Pohnpei, Kosrae, Nukuoro, Mwokil and others. His accomplishments as a trainer and as director of the Weather Service were lauded by many present at the ceremony.

Mr. Ed Young the Chief of Technical Service division of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) flew in from Honolulu to present Mr. Saimon with a check and to be present at the retirement ceremony. Mr. Eden Skilling succeeds Mr. Saimon in his position.

NEWS

Chuuk DPS Gets a Boost



CHUUK DPS

Chuuk Department of Public Safety Director Bill Stinnett (center) receives a \$75,000 check June 1 in Guam from United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development for the purchase of boats, jet skis and scuba gear to assist officers with marine investigations. Stinnett is shown with Bernadette Balajadia, Rural Development area specialist and Joseph M. Diego, Rural Development area director. Chuuk DPS will contribute an additional, required \$25,000 toward the equipment.

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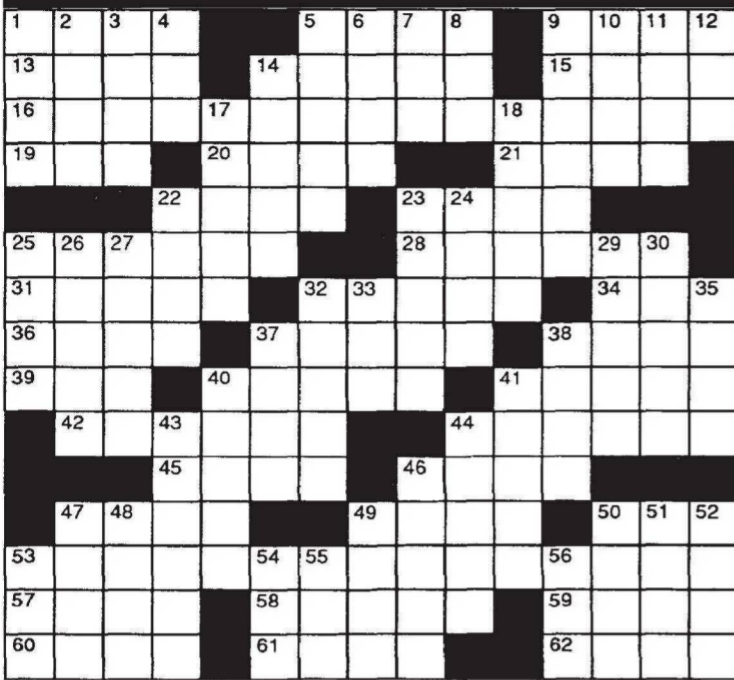
The great Pohnpei cleanup will begin at 10:00 in the morning starting on July 1 with Kolonia Town. If you're one of the lucky ones that is volunteering to help with the project please be at the Pohnpei Visitor's Bureau (Pwunsoh) at 9:30 so that we can provide you with transportation to the place that you will personally make beautiful! Trash bags, gloves, and **refreshments** will be provided for you valiant volunteers.

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August 5	Sokehs Municipality	November 4	U Municipality
September 2	Kitti Municipality	December 2	Net Municipality

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE

ACROSS

- 1. Cuts off
- 5. Stride
- 9. Sluggish
- 13. Region
- 14. Theater Perform
- 15. Evergreen Tree
- 16. Evergreen Tree (comp. wd.)
- 19. Inquire
- 20. Burrowing animal
- 21. Writing fluids
- 22. Sheet of Glass
- 23. Capital of Peru
- 25. Countenance
- 28. American wildcat
- 31. Harangue
- 32. Trimmed Grass
- 34. Writing Implement
- 36. Tardy
- 37. Cried Like a Kitten
- 38. Used to be
- 39. Summer (Fr.)
- 40. More pallid
- 41. Clergyman's house
- 42. Get away
- 44. Washed lightly
- 45. Ascend
- 46. Fetter
- 47. Scrutinize
- 49. Six-sided solid
- 50. Definite article
- 53. Wiry haired dog (2 wds)
- 57. Healthy
- 58. Protective ditches
- 59. Notion
- 60. Concludes
- 61. Chaste
- 62. Congeals

DOWN

- 1. Molten Rock
- 2. Native Minerals
- 3. Brew Coffee
- 4. Perched

- 5. No longer fresh
- 6. Story
- 7. Poultry product
- 8. For each
- 9. Of the backbone
- 10. Chain segment
- 11. Individuals
- 12. Marry
- 14. Quick Bread
- 17. Likeness
- 18. Pointed a weapon
- 22. Noggin
- 23. Move downward
- 24. Frosted mouse
- 26. Angry
- 27. Cloys
- 29. Unfolds
- 30. Succinct
- 32. Confused struggle
- 33. Be indebted to
- 35. Have want of
- 37. Atlas drawings
- 38. Magician's rod
- 40. Enamel
- 41. Ore digger
- 43. Packing Boxes
- 44. Lounging garments
- 46. Steep Sided Hill
- 47. Scrutinize
- 48. Chilly
- 49. Scorch
- 50. Ocean movement
- 51. Back of the foot
- 52. Historic periods
- 53. That girl
- 54. Small demon
- 55. Old French coin
- 56. Outfit with gear

Sokehs

Continued from page 1

dling of Government funds in the Treasury Department that would cause a cash flow crisis by the end of fiscal year 2005. The Council was forced to appropriate funds from the 2006 fiscal year budget to cover the shortage. Additionally, a meeting was arranged and held on August 19, 2005 with the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations. That committee recommended eight action steps in order to correct various problems in the Sokehs Government. One of the recommendations was to have the Magistrate give a complete report on delinquent Social Security taxes. The national finance department found that Sokehs had paid the tax for the first quarter 2006. In checking previous quarters for several years they found no record of pay-

ment. According to section 605 of the public law (14-37) that deals with the Social Security Administration as amended in November of last year Mr. Susaia could face misdemeanor criminal charges in association with the non-payment of those taxes for which he was responsible if the Social Security Administration chooses pursue the matter. No charges have currently been filed.

In October of last year, Chief Magistrate Susaia was sent, through the office of the Speaker, a mandate to resign his position, which Susaia was not inclined to do. He maintained the position of Chief Magistrate until June 9, 2005 at which time Mr. Michael Liemen was appointed as the Acting Chief Magistrate of Sokehs. At press time a hearing date on the resolution of impeachment had not been set.

LAST ISSUE'S SOLUTION



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Conservation Society's Elimoang Campaign in Full Swing

CSP teamed up with True Value hardware store to create 3 Elimoang billboards for public display part of the on-going Elimoang campaign. All materials were donated and purchased at True Value. The artwork and design was completed by the high school Environmental Club students representing Pohnpei Island Central School (PICS), Seventh Day Adventist, and Calvary Christian Academy (CCA). The primary goal of the Elimoang billboards is to increase awareness of marine environmental issues in Pohnpei by visually expressing this on a billboard in prominent public areas to the greater community. The billboards are located at the Dekehtik causeway, Nett road near the state hospital and the old Panuelo gas station.



The *Pohnpei Elimoang Campaign* hopes to educate people about the species, its habitat, life cycle, food, sexual maturity, and its role in the ecosystem. The campaign will *not* stop fishers from harvesting mangrove crabs, businesses from selling crabs, nor people eating them. The Campaign's goal is to connect the importance of quality marine areas, most nota-

bly the mangroves and coral reefs to the health of Pohnpei's community.

CSP would like to thank True Value hardware store for their generous donation, the Environmental Club, and the communities of Pohnpei for your time and for helping to preserve the beauty of Pohnpei for today and tomorrow.

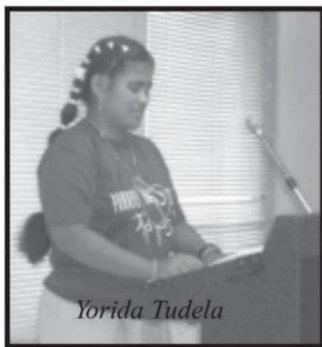
The Pohnpei Elimoang Campaign is one of approximately 40 RARE campaigns that are being implemented worldwide in 2005-2006. The campaigns are designed to raise awareness and increase local engagement in the conservation of biologically diverse species and areas. RARE protects globally significant wild lands by inspiring

people to embrace conservation. Pohnpei is a biologically diverse hotspot because of its range of ecosystems, their interconnections and its geographic location. This has also allowed a number of unique endemic species to develop. The Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) and its partners hope to promote these ideas to Pohnpei's citizens.

Japanese Speech Contest

By Keiko Fuketa
College of Micronesia

The fifth annual Pohnpei Japanese language speech contest was held at COM-FSM, Pohnpei campus on May 27th. The contest was organized by COM-FSM and PICS and sponsored by South Pacific Asia Friendship Association (SAFA). The eight local students presented speeches in Japanese to a panel of 13 judges. A 1st place prize was awarded to one winner from COM-FSM and one from PICS high school. The winners for this year are Yorida Tudela from PICS and Sushilla Clark from COM-FSM. In July, the winners will fly to Japan for a one week stay in Kyoto, which is the home of SAFA, and will also travel on to other regions. More than sixty people came to see their speeches. The topic of Yorida's speech was "About Nahnmadol" and the topic of Sushilla's was "Culture and us." When asked to comment about the speech contest, 1st place winner, Yorida commented, "Today is a very good day for us. I'd like to thank to my teacher Nozomi Suzuki." The COM-FSM winner, Sushilla Clark added, "It was very challenging, but fun."



Yorida Tudela



Sushilla Clark

TIDE TABLE June 21 - July 4, 2006

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MICRO GAMES OPEN IN SAIPAN ON JUNE 23

By Gina Tobin

The 6th Micronesian Games will be held in Saipan, CNMI from the June 22 to July 2, 2006. Seven countries will be participating in the games – the host country - CNMI, Guam, Marshalls, Palau, Kiribati, Nauru, and the FSM. During the last five games, the four FSM States of Pohnpei, Yap, Chuuk and Kosrae participated separately. This is the third time the island of Saipan will host the games - the other two times were the 1st Micronesian Games in 1969 and the 2nd Micronesian Games in 1990. At the 1969 Micronesian Games, Isiro Hairens from Pohnpei State lit the Opening Ceremony torch to give birth to the games, and then went on to win a gold medal in the Marathon. Sweeter Daniel, also representing Pohnpei State, won gold medals in both the 25 meter and 50 meter Breaststroke and a team bronze in volleyball. Both will be representing Pohnpei State thirty seven years later as coaches of the Outrigger Canoe and Swim teams.

Pohnpei State is sending 187 ath-

letes, the fourth largest delegation participating in the games. Pohnpei State will be competing in Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Outrigger Canoe (Va'a), Micronesia All-Around, Fast-Pitch Softball, Spear Fishing, Tennis, and Volleyball. Pohnpei State Delegation Chef de Mission Mikail Loyola, Men's Softball and Men's Volleyball teams, and some officials will be the first to depart Pohnpei on June 19. The rest of the delegation will follow on a chartered flight on July 22. The Opening Ceremony will be at 5:00 p.m. June 23, with the sports competition starting the following morning. Most of the Pohnpei State delegation will return on July 4 on a chartered flight, and the rest will follow on July 9. Accompanying the athletes, coaches and officials will be Head of Delegation, Pohnpei State Lieutenant Governor Jack Yakana.

Bender Enicar, Administrator for the Pohnpei State Office of Social Affairs, stated that the Pohnpei State delegation is well prepared

to compete in games and will perform better than they did in the 2002 Micronesian Games held on Pohnpei. In the 2002 Micronesian Games, Pohnpei finished fourth overall with 16 gold medals and 64 total medals behind CNMI, Palau, and Guam. Enicar also stated that there are a lot of new athletes, and when mixed with the older more experienced athletes, they will help to produce stronger teams. When asked who the major Pohnpei State medal contenders were, he said that all the athletes look very good, but the wrestlers, Outrigger Canoe teams, Fast-Pitch Softball men and women are very hopeful. He also said, "The Volleyball girls and Basketball girls will surprise people with their performances, along with the Baseball team that is made up of a lot of new players." The Pohnpei State Office of the Governor and Pohnpei State Legislature provided \$230,000 for the delegation's airfare, accommodation, equipment and uniforms. Enicar encouraged all of the athletes and coaches to try hard

knowing that Governor David and the Pohnpei State Senators are really behind them and wish all of them the best of luck in the upcoming games.

Kosrae State is sending over 80 athletes and competing in Men's and Women's Outrigger Canoe, Men's Basketball, Men's Wrestling, Men's Fast-Pitch Softball, and Men's Baseball. Their major medal contenders are the Outrigger Canoe teams, Men's Basketball team, and the wrestlers. Chuuk State is sending over 70 athletes and competing in Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's Volleyball, Men's and Women's Athletics, and Men's Wrestling. The Men's Volleyball team and Wrestling squad are very strong medal contenders. Yap State will be sending over 100 athletes and competing in Men's and Women's Outrigger Canoe, Men's and Women's Volleyball, Men's Basketball, Men's and Women's Athletics, and Men's Wrestling. Yap State is favored to win medals in Women's Volleyball and Wrestling.

Reinhardt Weilbacher wins Jackpot Tournament with 28.5 pound Giant Travelle

By Bob Spegal
Pohnpei Fishing Club

The fifth tournament of 2006 was held on 17 June and saw eight boats compete for the jackpot categories: Big Fish, Lady Angler Big Fish, Junior Angler Big Fish, and Total Boat Weight.

Reinhardt Weilbacher, fishing on board his boat, *Rosie II*, won the \$70.00 First Place prize in the Big Fish category with a fine looking 28.5 pound Giant Travelle. On the same boat, a 10.5 pound Yellowfin Tuna, caught by Nihda Weilbacher, was good enough to win the Top Lady Angler prize of \$35.00.

The Total Boat Weight category (\$70) was won by the Australian Navy boat *Tru Blu*, which landed 194.5 pounds. *Tru Blu's* Captain, Johnny O'Keefe, caught an 18 pound Skipjack Tuna, which was enough to win the \$30.00 Second Place prize in the Big Fish category.

Pohnpei Ocean Cruise, captained by Kazuhiro Fujita, weighed-in 97 pounds to capture the Second Place prize (\$30) in the Total Boat

Weight category.

The only junior to fish in Saturday's contest was Zak Jackson-Calway, and he didn't miss the opportunity to win the \$35 Junior First Place Prize by landing an 18 pound Skipjack Tuna. Zak is now tied with Joel Sorby for second place in the race for the 2006 Junior Angler award.

A total of 615 pound of fish was caught during the day. Other boats competing in the competition included *Tygris* (captained by Kumer Panuelo), *Boomerang II* (Andrew Jackson-Calway), *Try Ton* (Noel Boylan), *Bavaria* (Konrad Englberger), and *Miss Pakin* (Andy Musrasrik) fishing in her first tournament.

The next Pohnpei Fishing Club tournament is scheduled for Saturday, 15 July 2006 with registration on Friday evening, 5:30 – 7:00pm, at the PCR Restaurant. The schedule for the rest of 2006 includes tournaments on 12 August, 23 September, 21 October, and 18 November, so there is a lot of fishing excitement yet to come. All anglers welcome.



Employment Opportunity
Australian Embassy

The Australian Embassy is looking for a **gardener** to work at the Australian Embassy Residential Compound. Applicants should have previous gardening experience, be able to get on well with others and work productively as a member of a small team. Applicants should be able to communicate (oral and written) in English and Pohnpeian. There are no forms to complete, applicants should write a brief resume that details their experience and lists contact details of their references.

Terms and conditions are as follows:

- 75 hour fortnight, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm – with one hour lunch
- Salary paid on a fortnightly basis
- Starting salary – to be advised
- 3 weeks annual holidays
- medical insurance

Applications should be addressed to:

Gardener position
Australian Embassy
PO Box S
Kolonias, Pohnpei

Contact for further information is: Meikie Flach, tel 320-5448.

Closing date for applications is 30 June 2006.