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## Pohnpei State Hospital Has Pointed Problem Medical Waste Disposal Practices Could Put Pohnpeians at Risk

By **BILL JAYNES**  
The Kaselehlie Press



Photo by Bill Jaynes

Intravenous tubes, many full of what appears to be blood, and hypodermic needles lay beside the road in a photo taken at the dump site in Dekehtik, Pohnpei on November 13

Neither Ben Franklin or his crew at the Pohnpei State Hospital were aware that they have been risking their health and possibly their lives as well as the health and lives of Pohnpeians in the way that they have been disposing of what are called "sharps". Franklin, and the ten people he employs, holds the \$53,000 contract for janitorial and landscaping services at the hospital. At least one of his employees has been stuck by a hypodermic needle while dumping trash. None of Franklin's employees have health insurance.

A large pile of used intravenous tubes and hypodermic needles, many of them filled with what ap-

peared to be blood was found laying next to the road at the Pohnpei Waste Management dump site on Monday, November 13. This is not the first time a large cache of used "sharps" has been found outside of the burn bin at the dump. Pius Yaropiy of Pohnpei Waste Management said that he has warned Franklin several times about inappropriate dumping of medical waste. The Kaselehlie Press notified Director of Health Services Wincener David several months ago about the problem. He said at that time that he would talk to Franklin and get the problem fixed.

Lisa Barrow of Community and Environmental Health has been charged, among other things, with training hospital staff throughout the FSM in the proper disposal of medical waste. She said that the problem is not just in Pohnpei and spoke of her first visit to the lab at the Chuuk State Hospital. There she found that hypodermic needles were being used as thumbtacks. "It's just going to take a lot of training," she said.

Training has been happening throughout the hospital and throughout the FSM as evidenced by the "sharps" disposal units in the wards, the emergency room and the lab in Pohnpei. Sharps disposal units can be any container that seals and has rigid walls.

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## Legislature Passes Law Limiting Foreign Investment

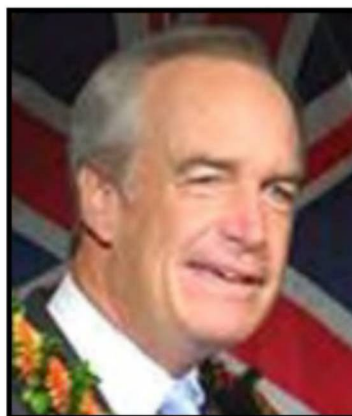
Governor David vetoes bill calling it "hostile" and a "hindrance" to development.

By **Olivier Wortel**  
The Kaselehlie Press

Several amendments to the existing foreign investment law on the island would curtail the ability of foreigners to do business here. The amendments are part of Legislative Bill 254-05, the foreign investment bill.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Pohnpei State Legislature passed the bill on a 13 to 5 vote, with 4 members of the quorum abstaining. Governor Johnny David quickly vetoed the bill, stating, "The clearest message from this bill is that Pohnpei has become hostile toward foreign investment as one would have to think very hard to find an area that is not restricted to foreign investors."

Senators Stevick Edwin of Sapwufik, Ausen Lambert and Peter Lohn of Sokehs, Thomas Pablo of Kittu, and Nixon Soram of Madolenihmw voted to strike the bill down. Senators Nihlis Ernest of Pingelap, Bellarmine Helgenberger and Naiten Phillip of Madolenihmw, Sailas Henry of Mwoakilloa, Francisco Ioanis and Berney Martin of Kittu, Feliciano Perman and Magdalena Walter of



U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne

Sokehs, Benjamin Ludwig of Nukuoro, Quirino Mendiola of Nett, Fredrico Primo of U, and Fernando Scaliem and Marvin Yamaguchi of Kolonia voted in favor of the bill. Senators Ioseph Edgar of U, Edgar Lickaneth of Kapingamarangi, Robert Nakasone of Nett, and Epert Mikel of Kittu abstained.

Representatives of the local business community and municipal chief executives "testified in strong favor of the bill", according to a PSL Resources & Development committee report. Many of the more promi-



Senator Sailas Henry

nent entrepreneurs in the local business community are members of the Pohnpei Business Association, a committed, but unincorporated organization with about 60 members.

The bill, if it becomes law through a legislative override of Governor Johnny David's veto, would require a non-refundable filing fee of \$250 for any hopeful investor, up from \$25 under existing law. The bill also sets the minimum number of dollars for any foreign investor to start a business at \$50,000.

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### Anefal in Yap and Weilbacher in Kosrae Ahead in Elections

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# NEWS

## Anefal of Yap and Weilbacher of Kosrae Leading in Elections Voters serve up a menu of change in elections in the two states

By **OLIVIER WORTEL**  
The Kaselehlle Press

KOLONIA, Pohnpei – The delayed results of the election-day voting in Yap and Kosrae show that Sebastian Anefal and Robert Weilbacher are leading by comfortable margins in the two states.

Unofficial results from the respective election commissions shows that the team of Anefal and running mate, Tony Tareg are leading incumbents Governor and Lt. Governor Robert Ruecho and Lois Itimai by more than double the number of votes. Anefal and Tareg have 70% of the vote, with a counted total up to press time of 1881, while Ruecho and Itimai have 844 votes.

The results remain unofficial be-

cause not all absentee and special polling places outside of Yap have been included in the voting numbers.

In Kosrae, change also appears afoot, though the final outcome is far from certain.

As of press time, Robert Weilbacher leads all candidates for Governor with 43% of the votes cast, the number being 1,422 cast in his favor. Yosiwo George has 1,025 votes, or 31%, and current Lt. Governor Gerson Jackson trails with 979 votes, which equals 26% of the total votes counted to date.

Like Yap, not all of Kosrae's absentee and special polling place votes have been tabulated, so the results remain unofficial, with no winners being able to be de-



Sebastian Anefal of Yap



Robert Weilbacher of Kosrae

clared. Further, Kosrae state law requires that a candidate must obtain at least 51% of the total votes cast in order to be declared the winner. Otherwise, which appears to be the case for this election, the top two vote-getters would need to have a run-off. As it stands, Yosiwo George and Robert Weilbacher, both strong candidates, could potentially commence a run-off election shortly after all votes have been accounted for.

Unlike Yap, in Kosrae there are no running mates in the executive races. Candidates run separate and individual campaigns for the posts of Governor and Lt. Governor.

For the Lt. Governor race, Weston Luckymis leads all candidates with 1,446 votes, or 42% of the total officially tabulated to date. Tulensa Sigrah has obtained 1,024 votes, accounting for 30%, and William Tosie has 28%, with 951 votes.

Like the Gubernatorial race, the top two vote-getters in the Lt. Governor race will hold a run-off if one candidate does not gain more than 50% of the total ballots cast in the initial election. Again, preliminary results indicate a run-off between

Luckymis and Sigrah, although the absentee and outside polls could potentially swing things.

According to the National Election Commission, all votes were to be tabulated and finalized by last week, Friday. However, delays appeared to have stalled the counting. Asked if there were any irregularities in the voting process in either state, officials claimed there were none. Leading up to press time, other individual and media sources reported problems for Kosrae in particular with ballot tampering in the outside polling place of Guam. However, this could neither be officially confirmed nor denied.

Anefal is currently the FSM Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Tareg is currently a state senator representing the district of Ulithi. Weilbacher is the manager of SEMO, the nation's only major drydock and ship repair facility. George is currently the Administrator of the FSM health insurance plan, MiCare. Luckymis is the current manager of the Micronesia Petroleum Corporation in Kosrae. Sigrah is the former Principal of Kosrae High School. Tosie is a businessman and real estate developer.

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## NEWS

### Kosrae Begins Recycling Again, Passes Legislation to Widen Program

Aluminum cans are in, and regulations and law expanded to include potential for plastic and glass

By **OLIVIER WORTEL**  
The Kaselehlie Press

*TOFOL, Kosrae* – One of the most beautiful islands of the FSM has taken the initiative to keep its beaches, roadsides and rivers clean through an updated recycling law that is relatively ambitious in scope. It has been nearly three years since the state has collected tin cans and issued refunds, but the people have been patient, waiting, collecting cans in the hopes of a revival.

The Kosrae Island Resource Management Authority (KIRMA), in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme, has done just that, beginning once again to accept aluminum cans for a five cent refund in each of the island's four municipalities.

It has been part of a concerted effort overall on the island to proactively handle the ever-

present and growing solid waste problem. A large swath of mangrove forest was recently cleared in the island's central government location to construct a larger, more permanent trash dump site.

KIRMA, in its Kosrae Trash Talk newsletter, made this statement regarding the issue: "In order to protect the environment of the State of Kosrae it is vital that a program be established that will ensure the recycling and removal from Kosrae of much of the material that is currently treated as waste and deposited in land-fills or otherwise disposed of as trash. It is necessary to establish by law a state recycling program that will allow for the collection and removal from Kosrae of waste products in a self-sustaining manner."

The Kosrae State Legislature passed legislation that allows deposits to be placed on a variety of



different items so that they can be recovered for recycling and export. It is a container deposit law known as Title 9, Chapter 22 of the Kosrae State Code and sets out regulations for the recycling program. These regulations were recently amended by KIRMA and the state in order to cover a wider range of imported and industrial products that ultimately end up in the mangroves and reefs of the island.

Although no schedule of collection or fees have been set for all the items, the new regulations hold

significant promise in that they clearly include these other items usually discarded on beaches, reefs, mangrove forests, and along river banks as potential recyclables. These include any glass beverage containers, any beverage, cooking oil, or other food containers made from PET, or polyethylene terephthalate, and any type of lead acid battery.

For now, the regulations attempt to make the recycling program self-sustaining, charging all importers and local manufacturers of canned beverages a six cent "recycling deposit fee", which is to be "immediately deposited in the (state's) Recycling Fund." Further, "money in the Recycling Fund may not be used for any purpose other than funding of the Kosrae Recycling Program," the updated regulations state.

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The revised website also provides timely information on U.S. policies, access to key U.S. State Department reports, links to related web pages, and information on Embassy services for American citizens.

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# ...Recycling

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The program then pays individuals five cents for each can brought to a designated recycling point.

Earlier in the month, 114,000 cans were recycled, and the following week another 54,000. Roughly 100,000 more are expected to be recycled this week. According to

Alice Leney, Technical Advisor to the project, "The normal rate will be about 15-20,000 a week, but at the moment we are clearing a stockpile of cans that has built up over 3-4 years... We will have got about a third of the islands cans collected in the first month."

Adds Leney, "The next materials likely to be included are PET plastic (water & soda) and glass bottles, and lead acid batteries. The legislation could be used to



recover cars, air conditioners, fridges, etc... This is a very progressive piece of legislation for

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## NEWS

# New Chinese Ambassador Pledges Stronger China-FSM Relations

By **WANG Zeliang, Attache**  
*Chinese Embassy*

On November 8, 2006, one day after presenting the Letter of Credence to H.E. Joseph Urusemal, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Mme. LIU Fei, the new Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the FSM, hosted a reception at Cliff Rainbow Hotel in Pohnpei, FSM. President Joseph Urusemal, Speaker Peter Christian, Chief Justice Andon Amaraich, Mr. Lorin Robert, Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and some members of Congress, were among the many dignitaries present at the reception.

"The FSM is no stranger to me... I feel a real affinity with this country", said Ambassador LIU, who visited the FSM as a member of the Chinese delegation to attend the South Pacific Forum in 1998, when the FSM left a wonderful and deep impression on her.

In her speech to over eighty guests, Ambassador LIU said "thanks to the joint efforts of the two sides, the bilateral relations have flourished" in the past years, "featuring regular exchanges of visits among leaders, parliamentarians of both countries, enhancing economic cooperation, pursuing common development and coordinating on major international and regional issues."

Ambassador LIU referenced the fruitful trade and economic cooperation between China and the FSM as the shining points in the China-FSM relations. To illustrate her points, Ambassador LIU fur-



*FSM President Joseph Urusemal and Mme. LIU Fei, new Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the FSM share a toast at Cliff Rainbow*

ther noted that "the FSM-China Friendship Gymnasium in the College of Micronesia-FSM, the Giant Clam Center in Kosrae State, the Chinese Pilot Farm in Pohnpei State, the passenger-cargo vessels to Chuuk State and Yap State, the Project of Renovation of the Terminal of Chuuk State International Airport, the Pohnpei State Administration Building project, the Four Official Residences for the national leaders of the FSM and the Headquarters Building for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission have greatly improved agriculture, education, and transportation in the FSM".

Ambassador Liu continued that "the pilot farm now can produce more than 20 kinds of vegetables and the output has reached 4,500 pounds per month", benefiting the local people.

According to Ambassador LIU, "China will train 50 government officials and technical staff for the FSM within this year and will also set up a special fund to encourage Chinese companies to invest in the Pacific Island countries". In addition, all the guests were told that FSM Telecommunications Corporation has just signed a US\$6.2 million contract with a Chinese

Tele company, named "Huawei" to upgrade the GSM (The Global Mobile System Communication) in the FSM. After the project completes, people can use their mobile phones while traveling overseas.

At the end of her speech, Ambassador LIU spoke highly of President Urusemal's visit to China last April and stressed her firm belief in a brighter future and further advance of the China-FSM mutual beneficial relations.

Mr. Lorin Robert, echoed the sentiments expressed by the President the day before in welcoming H.E. Ambassador LIU Fei. In his welcoming speech, Mr. Robert said that he appreciated the speedy arrangements made for the arrival of Ambassador LIU and spoke highly of the friendly relations between the FSM and China. "The commitments we made to each other when we established diplomatic relations 17 years ago are further cemented and ever stronger, well and alive." He continued by reiterating that "the FSM Government takes its commitments seriously and we look forward to working with you in this regard."

On behalf of the FSM Government, the Acting Secretary also extended gratitude for the economic cooperation and the technical assistance from the Chinese Government, "which have not only contributed to our economic and social development, but strengthened the good relations that our two peoples have come to enjoy."

## Local Schools Receive Educational Supplies from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints



*Education Department Officials, PICS Student Body President, and Bill Davis of the LDS stand in front of the donations made to PICS*

November 16, Pohnpei - Bill Davis, Service Center Manager of the Micronesia-Guam Service Center in Guam in his speech at PICS High School said that the Latter Days Saints are committed to "helping people to help themselves". In order to do that the Mormons have donated a substantial amount of educational supplies including computers. PICS High School alone has received 14

computers for the library, sergers and sewing machines for the Home Economics class, a set of Encyclopedias, and two washing machines for the dorms.

Nett, Enipein, and Sokehs Powe Elementary schools also each received two computers, a set of reference books, and assorted sporting goods from rubber balls to Baseball gloves and bats.

## NEWS

# French Marine Nationale Frigate Vendemiaire in the FSM

By **BILL JAYNES**  
The Kaselehlle Press

November 13 - Pohnpei, FSM- The light monitoring frigate ("frigate de surveillance") of the French Marine Nationale based in New Caledonia paid a visit to Pohnpei during the week of November 13. Capitaine de frégate (Commander) Xavier Royer de Vericourt and his crew spent the first evening in Pohnpei hosting a cocktail party for invited dignitaries.

Vendemiaire carried 11 officers, 58 Petty Officers, and a crew of 22 on this journey, two of whom are women.

Before coming to Pohnpei the vessel was in China, building relationships there under the direction of French President Jacques Chirac according to Commander de Vericourt. They spent one day in Guam enroute to the FSM.

The French Military intends to offer whatever services it can to interested countries to assist in the "fight against illegal fisher" as well as to offer whatever military expertise



The Vendemiaire at sea. The vessel displaces 2950 tons at full load.



Photo by Eric Adams

The local soccer team battled it out with a team of French naval officers at the PICS field. After a rough start and being down 3-0 in the first half, they battled back to within one with a final score of 3-2. The French players handed out t-shirts to the Pohnpei players.

they can assist with in the area and particularly in Asian countries.

They had hoped to have a joint maritime exercise with the FSM National Police but the National Police were not able to participate since there had been no notice given of the intention.

The ship is 13 years old and is the fifth frigate of Floreal class. Each ship of the Floreal class is named after one of the revolutionary cal-

endar months. This calendar was established by the French in 1792 after the French Revolution. Vendemiaire comes from the word Vendage which means "of the grape. The revolutionary calendar month, Vendemiaire corresponds roughly to the month September and October and is the month of the grape harvest.

The frigate is charged with military assistance, evacuation, support operations and surveillance. It carries

a 100 mm gun on its bow as well as two 20 mm guns. It also carries surface to surface missiles like those used in the Falklands conflict.

"The Vendemiaire is certainly not as big as a battleship but we do have some firepower," said Commander de Vericourt.

The frigate will make stops in Kiribati, Majuro, Tarawa, and Fiji before returning to New Caledonia in time for Christmas.

# U.S. Peace Corps Celebrates 40 Years in Micronesia

By **BILL JAYNES**  
The Kaselehlle Press

November 6, Pohnpei - Forty years to the day after the first U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers first stepped foot in Micronesia seven new volunteers were sworn into service in Pohnpei in a standing room only conference room at the Cliff Rainbow Hotel. They are just a part of the 25 member "class" of volunteers. The eighteen other members have been assigned to islands throughout the FSM and Palau.

U.S. Peace Corps Country Director David Reside said in an earlier radio interview on FM 88.1 The Mixx, "after all of these years the Peace Corps is receiving remarkable support for its activities in Micronesia." He said that was not always the case in other countries. Reside is in charge of the activities of the Peace Corps in the FSM and Palau.

Peace Corps Volunteers have served in many capacities in the FSM. This year they are returning to the schools where they will "team teach" students all over the islands.

The seven volunteers in Pohnpei have all been assigned to teaching assignments in Pohnpei including volunteer Emerson Odango who has been assigned to teach at Pakin Elementary School on the tiny atoll of Pakin.

The volunteers each completed an intensive training period at PATS.

Pohnpei assignments were as follows:

Ahjane Billingsley, Youth Development, Pohnlangas Elementary School; Sarah Dixon, Youth Development, Salapwuk Elementary School; Patrick Macquoid, Natural Resources, Pohnlangas Elementary School; Emerson Odango, Youth Development, Pakin Elementary School; Jeremy Phillips-Lockhart, Youth Development, Nanpei Memorial High School; Myra Phillips-Lockhart, Youth Development, Nanpei Memorial Elementary School; Zachary Stepan, Natural Resources, Mokil Elementary School.



Photo by Bill Jaynes

Volunteers pose for the camera after performing a Mortlokese stick dance in the courtyard of the Cliff Rainbow Hotel in view of Sokehs Rock. Pictured from left to right are (front row) Max Lebehn, Mwokillese Language Instructor; Bismark Sebastian, Pohnpeian Language Instructor; Largo Edwin, Program Assistant for Pohnpei State; (second row) Volunteer Jeremy Phillips-Lockhart; Mortlokese Dance Instructor, Anthony Billy; volunteers Sarah Dixon, Ahjane Billingsley, Myra Phillips-Lockhart, Zachary Estepan, Patrick Macquoid, and Emerson Odango.

**NEWS****Madolenihmw Honor  
Students**

*Madolenihmw High School 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 4.0 GPA students.*

*Front row, left to right: Christdaisy Elias, Marcia Johnson, Yolanda Silbanuz, Anorleen Helgenberger, Mandylae Santos, Dermmy Joseph, Darwin Shelten.*

*Back row, left to right: Melesa-Rose Mudong, Robertson Albert, Sylvia Elias, Herjay Makaya, Corazon Victor, Josephine Patricio, Lucy-Ann Sidney, Rhonda Johnny, Sincerleen Silbanuz.*

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## PACIFIC WORLD NEWS

# Police Confirm Six Dead in Nuku'alofa Riots

TBC: PACNEWS

17 NOVEMBER 2006 NUKUA'LOFA (Pacnews) - Police in Tonga have confirmed at least six people were killed during the riots in the capital Nuku'alofa yesterday.

Radio and TV Tonga reports that police discovered six bodies this afternoon amongst the pile of burnt debris of the headquarters of Shoreline and Tonfon companies along Taufa'ahau road in Nuku'alofa.

They're believed to be the first known casualty of last night's violence and inferno in the national capital.

According to the police commander, Sinilau Kolokihakaufisi, police found the bodies while they were cleaning up the area at about 12:30 this afternoon after the destruction of the capital last evening.

Dr. 'Akanesi Makakaufaki of Vaiola Hospital said the six bodies, yet to be identified are at the morgue.

According to Dr. Makakaufaki, the bodies are presumed to be of those who were involved in destroying and torching the premises as none of Tonfon staff has so far reported to police any missing colleague

Meanwhile Tonga's Prime minister Dr. Feleti Sevele has appealed for calm and peace in the island kingdom.

"It is with great sadness that I made this statement regarding the state to which our country has descended today.

"The country has seen the destruction of homes and businesses and government offices in the central business district, and thus creating fear, anguish and insecurity amongst people as well as losses amounting to millions of dollars, Dr Sevele said.

Dr Sevele said the government was doing its best to ensure stability was maintain and restored

"The government is doing its very best with the assistance of the fire and police department and the Tonga Defence Services to restore peace and order.

"We're optimistic that we can achieve this reasonably quickly but we need first to restore the insecurity to Nuku'alofa and its residents.

"To all of the people in Tonga, let us all pray for our beloved country in this hour of difficulty."

Radio and TV Tonga said police



Nuku'alofa up in smoke

and defence personnel patrol the major road intersections this morning diverting people and motorists to surrounding roads.

Authorities have been operating checkpoints in these areas since last evening when government declared certain parts of Nuku'alofa as a Proclaimed area.

The move was in response to widespread rampage and looting before attackers torched major business houses and damaged some government premises.

Among the worse victims are Asian business operators in Nuku'alofa and various villages

on Tongatapu, including Fung Shing Company at Fasimoeafi, ANZ Bank, Molisi Tonga store, Pacific Royale Hotel and Star Cinemas, Tungi Arcade, TCF supermarket, Tonfon Headoffice, and several government premises were also damaged.

Owners of some of these businesses and their families are reported to have left the country last night and this morning.

Several dozens youth fanned by pro-democracy supporters took to the streets yesterday afternoon while a large crowd was gathering at Pangaisi'i

## Home Affairs minister blames stand-off on bad advice

PACNEWS/RNZI

16 November 2006

(Pacnews)- Fiji's minister for Home Affairs has blamed bad advice being provided to military commander Commodore Frank Bainimarama for the continuing stand off between the government and the islands military.

Josefa Vosanibola said s the assertion by Commodore Bainimarama that the military has a role to play in the political life of the country is threatening to undermine the rule of law in Fiji.

"Government sees the impasse and the standoff as arising directly

from the continuing assertion of the Commander, founded as government believes on erroneous advice, that the Army has an extensive role to play in the political life of the nation," Mr Vosanibola said

"The assertion of such role by the Commander threatens to undermine the Rule of Law, as do the continuing threats by the Commander against the democratically elected government.

"Government will always seek to resolve an impasse of the kind described by lawful and Constitutional means. For that reason, government has instituted the process provided by the Constitution for clarification of vital issues affect-

ing the wellbeing of the nation, namely the process for the Supreme Court to make declarations upon issues arising under the Constitution. The prime question raised concerns the asserted political role of the military".

Mr Vosanibola has called on Commodore Bainimarama to await the Supreme Court ruling on the military's proper role under the constitution

"It is hoped that the above matter will be heard by the Supreme Court at the earliest possible time. In the interim, those concerned are respectfully invited to hold their peace, desist from confrontation, and await for the ruling of the highest Court in the land. Govern-

ment also calls upon the Commander fully to respect the decision of the Court once it is given." Among other things Commodore Bainimarama wants the Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase to order police to suspend all investigations into his recent public statements, remove the Australian police commissioner, Andrew Hughes and disband the Police Tactical Response Unit.

He has accused Mr Hughes of being involved in the government's failed attempt to remove him as commander two weeks ago. But Mr Vosanibola told parliament today that he would ensure that police investigations continue

**CONSERVATION****Elimoang Campaign receives E.O. Wilson grant**

Bradley Phillip from the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), the Elimoang campaign coordinator, received an E.O. Wilson Grant in the amount of \$10,000 in New York City on behalf of CSP and partner agencies for successfully completing the RARE Pride campaign. The E.O. Wilson Grant will support CSP's continued work to change environmental awareness and behaviour in Pohnpei's communities. Upon receiving the grant he was joined by other RARE campaign coordinators from the Philippines, Gabon, Laos, and Grenada to do a joint presentation of their campaign results in England at the University of Kent in Canterbury.

CSP began the *Elimoang* campaign in June 2005 of last year; one of approximately 40 RARE campaigns that are being implemented worldwide in 2005-2006. The RARE campaigns are designed to raise awareness and increase local engagement in the conservation of biologically diverse species and areas.

In June of last year, the campaign was at its beginning phase in choosing a flag ship species. The *Elimoang*, the Pohnpei Mangrove Crab, was chosen as Pohnpei's campaign species. The Pohnpei *Elimoang* Campaign aimed to educate people about the species, its habitat, life cycle, food, sexual maturity, and its role in the ecosystem. The campaign did *not* intend

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

It has been a tremendous accomplishment by the campaign team from various organizations both locally and international. It shows how much the Elimoang campaign has inspired the communities of Pohnpei to embrace conservation for our marine environment. CSP and its partners want to thank everyone who has supported and donated their precious time for these monumental achievements.

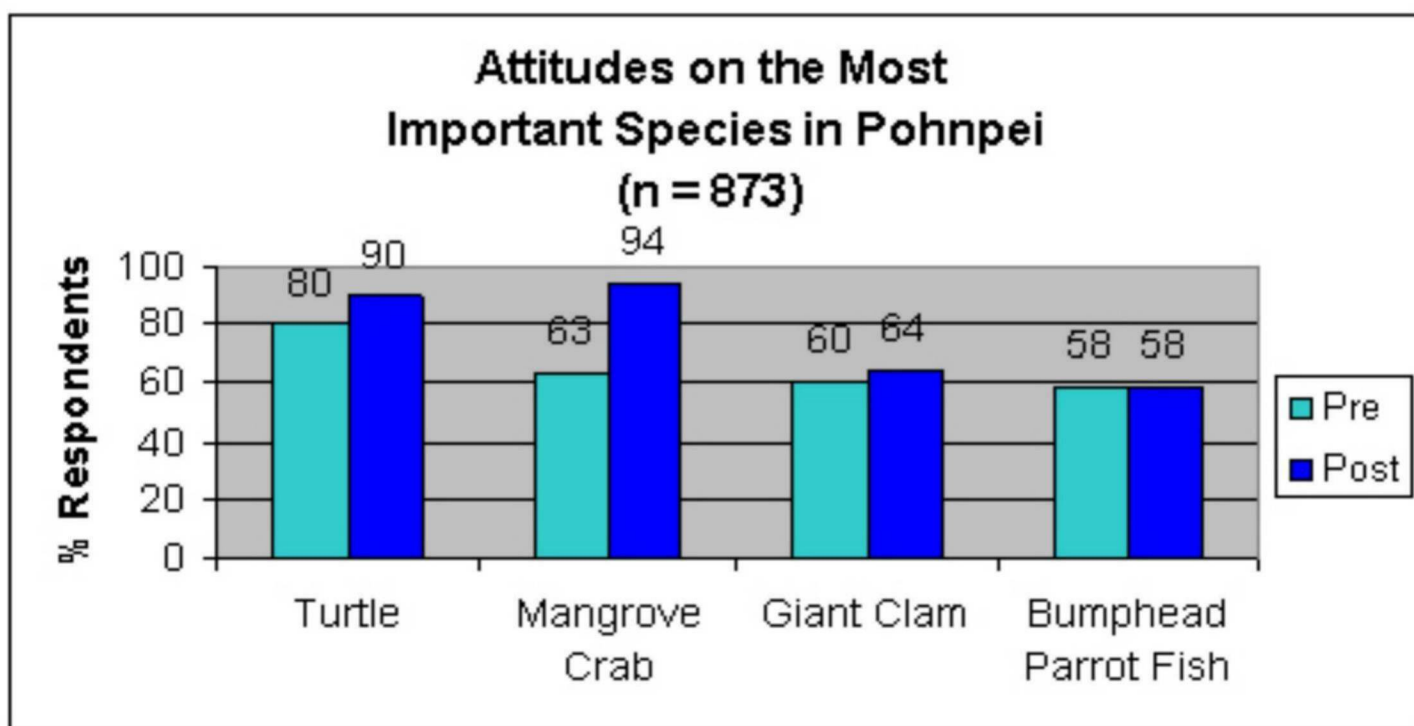
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**Results of the Elimoang Campaign**

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The goal of the campaign was to connect the importance of quality marine areas, most notably the mangroves and coral reefs to the health of Pohnpei's community. The target groups were youth groups, women groups, fishermen and the general public. It was a very successful campaign for it showed results of changing attitude and behaviour. There were also lessons learned from the *Elimoang* campaign especially from women and youth groups.

The graphs are results of the general public's attitude and behavior before and after a year of campaigning. The question was which marine species is most important for Pohnpei to protect. The top 4 species from the pre and post n=873 surveys showed that the general public's attitude towards protecting the mangrove crab increased to 94% from 63%. It illustrated the success of the campaign in changing people's attitudes towards mangrove crabs, their mature size, and how crabs use the mangrove forests, sea grass beds, and coral reefs during their life cycle.



## OPINION

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Constitutional Convention

Dear Editor:

Did you know that the Pohnpei Constitution has been in existence for 22 years and five days today, November 13, 2006, and not a single amendment has ever been made? I salute the framers for putting together this extremely important document signifying the adoption of a democratically constitutional government, which is an offspring of our own choice and containing within itself two provisions for its own amendment. Article XV translates that only two approaches may pave way to amending the Constitution:

- (1) Proposal by legislature
- (2) Proposal by petition.

So, what does this mean?

The first provision particularly denotes that the framers, mindful of this sacred document being exploited, gave its first protection by making our lawmakers the first guardians. Any amendment must be proposed by them and go through the process in the same manner of a bill before being given to the public for ratification where a requirement of not less than two thirds of the voting population completes the process.

The pros and cons are countless. Let me just share one concern I have about this one. If we have two proposals by each senator, that will total 46 total amendments going through this time consuming process. Just imagine if each senator proposes 10 amendments. You might vote on 230 proposals on the ballot and that will almost certainly lead to confusion and chaos during election.

The second method for amendment is by a petition of not less than one third of the voting population. Can you imagine trying to get thousands of signatures from the people of Pohnpei and hoping that another one third shares your concern to vote on it? This is a difficult process requiring painstaking commitment and I have yet to see anyone even attempting to undertake this approach.

These two provisions share an identical corollary in that each proposed amendment must go through a process of its own until it is put on the ballot. It is my personal opinion that the two provisions are expensive, time consuming, and very dangerous for us. I would rather not elaborate because you are entitled to your own personal opinion and quite capable of analyzing the process on your own.

The third approach, which is lacking in our Constitution, is by Constitutional Convention. Some may argue that this is more expensive. I will disagree because we can make it otherwise and at the same time it will give the majority the right to select who will represent their views. Furthermore, our choices on the ballots will be carefully selected, adopted upon full investigation and mature deliberations, and completely free in its principles.

The current administration, sharing a similar view, has opted to add this approach to the Constitution and I thank them for it. To give you an idea on what is happening in the Government, the Pohnpei Legislature's Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operation chaired by Senator Peter M. Lohn and Vice-Chairman Robert P. Nakasone has just completed a meticulous assessment by visiting all the Local Governments to obtain their views and opinions on the idea, and it seems that most people would like to have it as a third option. If the issue comes up in the March election, it is our duty to vote on it because we must have it in our Constitution.

As the effects of the new [U.S.] compact bare down upon us, we must react accordingly to prevent it from consuming us. Our first objective is to create a Constitutional Convention provision [with] in the Constitution to pave way for the delayed reform [that is] needed in our system. Let us worry about amendments after this new provision is ratified.

Sincerely,

Mason Albert

## Who Bilked Who?

Dear Editor:

As a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, I feel compelled to write this short letter regarding an article in the Kaselehlie Press entitled: "International Man of Mischief" Bilks the Best". I just didn't believe we could have encountered such a rip-off in the first place. It could have been avoidable if the bank has a single policy on commercial loan to non-citizens. What we need is outside money to be invested in the FSM not ours to be spent on abroad projects. It is as simple as that and the reason is that we need to invest our meager financial resources in the right place and that is within the FSM to help spur our economy by creating jobs for our citizens which will eventually expand our tax base. We cannot continue to rely on foreign financial assistance which will run out in 2023. We must be mindful of fact that the private sector is the backbone and engine of our economy. Therefore, the bank's role in this process is crucial.

Why did the FSM Bank authorize commercial loan to non-citizens when the proceeds were intended to be invested abroad?

I wonder how many FSM citizens there are whose commercial loans have either been disapproved or are pending with the proper authorities. Yet, a loan of this magnitude (our standard) was approved to a troubled double dealer. With the many numbers of banks there are in Fiji and Australia, why did he choose to loan from the only domestic bank in the FSM if he had such perfect financial credibility? Obtaining a commercial loan in the same amount from the many banks in Fiji and Australia would have been a piece of cake for him if he truly possessed such a financial background. He had one thing in mind and that was to cheat us, knowing his previous background. How did our bank handle his credit check, allowing him to sidestep us? This is a wake up call so let's do something about it!

Sincerely,  
Ausen T. Lambert

*Editor's note: Loans given to foreign recipients are not grants but are given to bring money back from the recipients in the form of interest, otherwise known as off island income*

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## KP-Perspective

# Happy Birthday K-Press!

The 30th of this month marks the sixth birthday of The Kaselehlle Press. I'm excited to be a part of it and we are looking forward to great things in the future. We hope that you will stay with us.

The Kaselehlle Press started as Rohng En Pohnpei in the same way that a diamond is created, with the heat of pressure and time. Mae Adams, the founding board member said that she was cornered at her wedding reception by her father, along with the former US Ambassador to the FSM, Diane Watson. They convinced her that a newspaper was needed in the FSM. Several notable people stepped up to help with the fledgling paper including Jeff Howard, the first managing editor; Dan Perrin who helped shape the form of the paper, Gary Bloom who wrote the articles of incorporation and the bylaws for the new non-profit organization, and Ron Moroni who donated the first two computers, a printer and a digital camera along with guidance on how to get started. Bob Spegal, Largo Edwin, and Bermin Weilbacher came on as board members at the very start of this paper and are still on the board today. Emy Musrasrik, John Sohl, and Jeff Arnold came on after the paper started.

Rohng en Pohnpei rolled off the presses with its first issue on November 30, 2000. From the start the paper needed a new name and printed a contest coupon on the cover of the first three issues to say so. Liksta Oliver won the contest to name the paper and we became "The Kaselehlle Press".

Since that time we have been the most consistent newspaper in the FSM. Our papers are on newsstands in Yap, Chuuk, Kosrae, and Guam and we have subscribers as far away as London, England with new requests coming in constantly, the most recent ones being from Washington D.C. and Germany. We even have an electronic PDF version in color that has been going out since June. We're constantly looking for new places to put the paper where it will be received by those who need or want to know. I'd like to see the paper in Kansas City, Honolulu, Portland, Oregon, and Majuro to name a few. Perhaps because of our wide distribution we may need a new FSM friendly name yet again.

The very first headline of The Kaselehlle Press was "Hamel Convicted of Murder". We took you through that frightful saga. We told

you about the plane crash on the runway in Dekehtik and how it happened. We've told you over and over about the Legislature suing the Governor and vice-versa. Tropical storms, typhoons, nuclear submarine problems, and bombs. There have been inaugurations, impeachments, and reinstatements on our front pages. We've talked about amnesty, wars, and games. You know more about karat bananas than anyone in the world. Conservation, renovations, celebrations, and innovations...deals, meals, and steals...Presidents, residents, and immigration...Speakers, leakers, patchers and thatchers, ...compacts, impacts, and retracts. We told you about a headless body in Nukuoro and about an eleven year old blind girl who learned Braille so that she could read.

We tell your life, good or bad, and that is our job. Don't be afraid of us. We're not the boogey man. If *you* are the boogey man however, be afraid. Be very afraid. That's our job.

Many have called the press the fourth branch of the government. Our job is not to tell you what to think or what we think unless it's on the opinion page. We're here to help focus your sakau conversations on factual information and to clean up that faulty old coconut wireless. Our job is to give you the facts and to educate citizens and residents but not in a professorial or preachy manner if we can help it.

I don't like to think of the K-Press as a textbook, though to my immense pleasure the paper is now being used as a teaching resource in the English Department at the Palikir Campus of the College of Micronesia. The Kaselehlle Press is more like a history book in rough draft form. It thrills me to have historical researchers come to the Kaselehlle Press to find articles we did at some point in the past that will help them with their research.

We make mistakes on occasion and when we do, we do our best to correct them and own up to them. We're committed to quality and unbiased reporting. I told the K-Press board when I started that I felt that every newspaper needed at least one "ah-hah" moment and maybe a legitimate chuckle or two. We've tried to give that to you.

There are some harsh realities, no question. The Kaselehlle Press nearly had to close its doors in April facing bills that we didn't know how to pay.

We missed issues for the first time in our history. I knew what I was getting into so no sympathy is needed but I've been working for almost no salary since May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Printing cost has escalated astronomically from when the paper first started, partly due to the increased cost of shipping printing supplies.

We currently pay 91 cents for every newspaper we print. Your cover cost is \$1 and we consign the papers to businesses to whom we are extremely grateful, for 75 cents. Without advertising dollars we would lose 16 cents per copy sold, if printing costs were the only costs but they of course, are not. We currently print 1050 issues so you do the math.

Like all businesses, even non-profits, we have tax, social security, rent, postage, utilities, salaries, internet, telephone, gasoline and on it goes. We cut costs wherever we can but we will need the help of FSM citizens all over the world and others who care about the country, how it is run, and how it develops.

I thank God for all of those volunteers who come every fortnight (that's every two weeks for those of you who don't speak Aussie) to collate and fold papers to save us that substantial cost. Jessica Chapman who did such a magnificent job for the paper and for you has left the FSM to continue her life. Olivier Wortel, the former owner of the Micronesia Alliance has again agreed to report on a freelance basis but I am the only staff member at The Kaselehlle Press. I am committed but I am also tired and I need your help. We are operating at a skeletal level. If you want muscle in your news you're going to have to help.

Tell your friends about The Kaselehlle Press. Let them know that we are the nation's newspaper. Maybe your friend doesn't have the money to pay for a subscription. The Kaselehlle

Press makes a great gift for people who care about the FSM.

If you're a business owner or governmental leader, advertise in The Kaselehlle Press. It may seem like the price per advertisement is high but consider what you're supporting and how we're supporting your business or department.

Once you commit to an advertisement please consider paying the bill promptly. We currently have enough accounts receivable that if everyone lined up at our door with a check in hand I not only would freak out completely but would be able to pay at least half of what we owe including some of that amount that lets me eat.

If you're a K-Press reader please support our advertisers. I personally don't shop anywhere that doesn't support The Kaselehlle Press by either advertising or selling the paper for us. Perhaps that's a bit extreme but it leaves me a good number of options.

In terms of content, your tips are very important to the paper. You can email us or call us. Both the email address and the phone number are at the top left corner of the front page of the Kaselehlle Press in every issue. We want news and lifestyle tips of all kinds. Please don't be upset if we can't cover your important event. We do our very best.

We've been through a great deal together, you and The Kaselehlle Press. Your faces and your opinions have graced our pages. Your stories have been told there; sometimes well and sometimes not. I yield my position at the Center of the Universe to you who constantly support us and I treasure your continued support.

**Bill Jaynes**  
*Managing Editor*

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## GUEST PERSPECTIVE

### My K Press Story - Jeff Howard Founding Managing Editor

Six and a half years ago I received a phone call from a long-time expat attorney Steve Finnen. He told me about a presentation he had attended at the local Kiwanis club monthly meeting, which featured the American Ambassador Diane Watson as guest speaker. She talked of the need for a newspaper, a newspaper with no government funding or influence from the FSM or the United States. Simply an honest, truthful media outlet.

It had been a year and a half since the well-respected newspaper, The Island Tribune, had closed its doors. And the opinion-wracked news rag that Sheri O'Sullivan had operated was also permanently closed with her being banned from ever entering the FSM again. Ambassador Watson spoke of a number of local financial backers that wanted to see a free speech press begin servicing Pohnpei and the FSM again.

I had been on island living in Awak Pah with my wife Patty Grandos, who taught at COM-Pohnpei campus and my young son Ben for the previous two years. Steve knew that I was a sometimes writer and businessman, and figured I might want to inquire about an opening at this rumoured paper. My wife's three-year contract was coming up for renewal with COM and even though we loved our island community we felt we could not financially sign up for another term without a little more income.

My wife and I figured this might just be the tool to keep us in U and Pohnpei, so I contacted the other person interested in working for the new start-up paper, Mae Adams. We had also contacted Ron Moroni, the previous owner of The Island Tribune, who generously offered his expertise and our first computers to begin the layout. After a month or two of ground work we were still waiting for our seed money (i.e.: pay) so we could set a date for our paper's premier publication. All we heard was: It's coming. It's on the way. Soon. — Nope. Nothing. Soh. We finally realized that there was no money coming now or ever. Because of family and business commitments, Mae was forced to drop out of the foray. Mae and I figured since we had no pre-production money we might as well be not paying one person instead of two. So the true reason I became Managing Editor wasn't because of my outstanding journalistic skills or highly prized intellect, I was simply



Jeff Howard, Alynna Grandos, Patty Grandos, and Ben Howard

the last person standing.

While these revenue-free months had been passing, a non-profit entity was created within the FSM to start this fledgling paper. A fine team of volunteers was recruited to form the Board of Directors, which initially included Largo Edwin, Bob Spegal, and Bermin Weilbacher, who were instrumental in overseeing this endeavour. Papers were drawn and all of the proper steps were taken to set up a proper and legal media outlet. Many people stepped forward to help our course. Reed Oliver offered us reduced and delayed rates for office space in the Namiki building, the Good News press said they would let us slide for the first few issues until the money from advertising came trickling in, and a few brave businesses paid for ads in advance for what was at the time a purely fictional publication.

I was fortunate to inherit a portion of the previous staff from The Island Tribune, Pamela Joseph, Tulpe Skilling, and the ever-tempestuous but talented reporter Janet David. Payroll was going to be due in less than two weeks; I knew this first paper had to be out on schedule. With the expertise of our brilliant staff, on November 30, 2000, Rohng en Pohnpei was launched with the headline, Hamel Convicted of Murder. I was able (barely) to meet our financial commitments after the first paper. Then we finished a second, then a third, and then a fourth always squeaking by to meet our bills. I would sometimes ask our minimal crew to hold their checks for just another day until I could collect another \$100 from an ad.

To supplement our income we had a successful casino night fundraiser. Twice a year we had three monthly publications instead of two, which added dollars. When the

Micronesian Games were held in Pohnpei, we worked non-stop for two weeks to produce a daily update supplement. We added a special advertising Christmas section. Essentially we did whatever it took to keep our doors open. We even talked of raising the price of the paper but we knew we weren't in this endeavour to make money, just to break even and provide an outlet for un-biased news.

We reported about government corruption and misappropriations of FSM citizens hard earned funds. We reported on an emerging nations fight to find its voice in the world, while always trying to report the truth while making as few as blunders as possible on the way.

Some of my favourite stories helped to eventually remove corrupt politicians, expose unscrupulous business people, and stop misappropriations before they happened. We also tried to bring good and kind stories that exemplified the beauty of the islands and her people. For two and a half

years I was honoured with the privilege to help put The Kaselehlie Press out every other Thursday morning.

I am still amazed when I look back after six years of publications that I was a part of the paper's process. I have had a truly gifted life with a beautiful family, wonderful travel opportunities, and rewarding career choices, but no job in the past or possibly the future will ever be as rewarding as being manager for The Kaselehlie Press.

I truly believe that free speech and free press makes a monumental difference in people's lives around the world. Without transparency there can be no democracy and without the media there will be no transparency. I will always thank the people of Pohnpei and the FSM to allow me, a guest to their country and home, to attempt to make the islands a little better place. Thank you for the opportunity and hopefully in six more years the Managing editor of the Kaselehlie Press will ask me to thank the FSM all over again.

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# NEWS

## ...Biohazard in Pohnpei

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They come at varying costs from the inexpensive cardboard type that the hospital uses to the plastic ones with lids that will not open once the container is full like the ones found at Genesis Family Clinic.

Pohnpei State Hospital head nurse Cathy Benjamin says that everyone in the hospital that handles injections and blood withdrawals uses the sharps disposal units that are generously placed around the hospital.

Lisa Barrow said that HESA is very concerned about the problem of poor waste disposal practices at the Pohnpei State Hospital but that they need to verify that the sharps found at the dump were in fact placed there by hospital staff.

We checked on the waste disposal practices at three of the clinics in Pohnpei. Each one of the clinics

had qualified medical personnel in charge of taking used sharps and medical waste to the dump. Dr. Berysin Salomon of Berysin's Community Health Center in Kapinle, speaking of how dangerous medical waste can be, said that he didn't trust anyone else to take the waste to the burning bin at the dump and so he takes it himself. Hermie Alfonso, General Manager of Genesis Family Clinic has charged one of his lab technicians to personally handle medical waste disposal. Marlene Faustino, the lab technician at Medpharm is in charge of handling medical waste from that clinic. Dr. Isaac was unavailable for comment but according to staff there are sharps disposal units at his clinic as well.

Each one of the clinics was asked where at the dump they disposed of their medical waste and each one described the metal bin that Pohnpei Waste Management has designated for burning medical waste. Each one of the clinics in-



*Disposable sharps containers in an emergency room examining area at Pohnpei State Hospital*

### Micronesians Abroad

A New Video from Micronesian Seminar

**Running Time**  
71 minutes

**Price : \$10**



Micronesians Abroad offers a look at islanders in their new homes - not just in Guam and Saipan, but in Honolulu, Pasadena, Corsicana, Orlando, southern Missouri and Portland. This documentary takes us into the homes and workplaces of these transplanted Micronesians to reveal the struggles they face and the rewards they reap. Islanders everywhere have created new forms of communities to replace those they have left behind.

This hour-long video presents, in islanders' own words, the problems island emigrants face and the strategies they devise for coping with them. Micronesians are trying to retain their cultural and family ties with home, sometimes despite resistance from their own children. Micronesians Abroad suggests what it could mean for their country and for the emigrants themselves if they are able to do so.

Look for the video on your local TV channel. Copies on DVD are available for purchase from Micronesian Seminar at \$10.

terviewed said that their clinics did not generate the kind of volume of sharps that were found at the dump on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The weak link appears to be the janitorial personnel who are a opening the sealed disposal units and combining them all in a large open rubber trash can on the back dock of the Hospital. While taking a tour of the hospital we found that the rubber trash can was full to the brim with used hypodermics and IV's and had no lid. The rubber trash can full of sharps was sitting next to another can for food and other waste. That one apparently gets emptied into the dumpster at the Hospital.

Bob Spegal of Pohnpei Waste Management said that he had spoken with Franklin many times about sharps and medical waste being found in the refuse inside the dumpster. He said that despite their best efforts to completely seal the truck things do sometimes fall out of them and that he has told Franklin about the danger of dumping sharps in the dumpster.

The Bioterrorism unit of Community and Environmental Health (CEH) contracted Peter Shirkey owner of Mangrove Marine to fit out the hospital with an incinera-

tor which, when it is put to use will eliminate the problem of the hospital taking their medical waste to the dump. Dwight Edwards, Chief of the Division of Administration said that they have not "accepted delivery" of the incinerator because they are not certain that it works.

The incinerator, an ominous looking piece of machinery which burns waste oil is in place at the back of the hospital. Shirkey said that he has been to the hospital at least 5 times to show staff how to use it. According to Fisher Lorrin of CEH, the hospital staff is afraid to use it because on at least one of the visits Shirkey burned his beard while demonstrating its use.

Until the hospital staff is convinced that the incinerator works and that it is not dangerous they will continue their practice of dumping their waste at the dump. Dwight Edwards said that he didn't want anyone to think that the hospital was doing anything illegal and that the problem would be fixed in the future.

Dr. Salomon said, speaking of the Hospital's janitorial staff, "those people just are not trained to handle this kind of waste."



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



**SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE**

### ACROSS

- 1. Rounded root
- 5. Greens with dressing
- 10. Twirl
- 14. Having wings
- 15. Select group
- 16. Ending musical passage
- 17. Pianist's clockwork device
- 19. Boy Scout unit
- 20. Edgar Allan —
- 21. Narrow country road
- 22. Bores a hole
- 23. Tiny creature
- 24. Metric weight unit
- 25. Conduct oneself properly
- 28. Small sunfish (pl.)
- 32. Make amends
- 33. Tribal divisions
- 34. Floor covering
- 35. Melody
- 36. Practical joke
- 37. Leaf in book
- 38. Lyric poem
- 39. Identifying mark
- 40. Bet
- 41. Young bird
- 43. Up-to-date
- 44. Speed contest
- 45. Automobiles
- 46. Render harmless
- 49. Travel by water
- 50. Weep aloud
- 53. Rub out
- 54. Innocent, trusting
- 56. Give off
- 57. Lying flat
- 58. Cry of pity
- 59. Red planet
- 60. Wrote with typewriter
- 61. Youths

### DOWN

- 1. Slightly wet
- 2. Bread spread
- 3. Companion
- 4. Make mistake
- 5. Part of Congress
- 6. Solitary
- 7. Greenish citrus fruit
- 8. Devoured
- 9. Yvonne — Carlo
- 10. Economize
- 11. Pond
- 12. Object of worship
- 13. Dozes briefly
- 18. oil
- 19. Catches in snare
- 22. Swallowed liquid
- 23. Horse's hair
- 24. Magnificent
- 25. Conductor's stick
- 26. Musical composition
- 27. Sharpens on stone
- 28. Loud ringing noise
- 29. Statue
- 30. Anxious to do
- 31. Severe
- 33. Wading bird
- 36. Cost
- 37. Cushions
- 39. Bored and satiated
- 40. Planet earth
- 42. Has confidence in
- 43. Posted
- 45. "The — Mutiny"
- 46. Think
- 47. Columnist
- Bombeck
- 48. Bazaar
- 49. Boutique
- 50. Farm tower
- 51. All right (colloq.)
- 52. Pres. Truman's wife
- 54. Shout
- 55. Scientific research room (colloq.)
- 57. 1/2 quart (abbr.)

## Word Search - Wizard Words

Loop in the diagram all the words listed below; then read the leftover letters from left to right, top to bottom, to discover the Wizard's Words.

- ARTS
- BONDS
- BUSINESS
- CASE
- CELEBRITY
- CONCERN
- CONGRESS
- COVERAGE
- DEBATE
- DISPUTE
- FASHION
- GOVERNMENT
- GOVERNOR
- HEALTH
- ISSUE
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# RELIGION

## Why So Many Rules?

If you think that Ten Commandments are more than enough, you should read more of the Old Testament. There are whole books of the bible, like Leviticus and Deuteronomy, that add a few hundred more detailed instructions on what to do and when to do it. The Torah, which observant Jews in Christ's time followed, contained 613 rules, and the commentary of Rabbis over the years added thousands more.

Like most other Catholics, I was introduced to the Ten Commandments as a young boy. But each Commandment, I soon learned, generated dozens of other more detailed rules explaining all the things that were forbidden by that particular Commandment. We also had our own Commandments of the Church, we also were told. Then



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there were all the other laws we were expected to observe. There seemed to be no end of the rules to be followed if you wanted to be a good Catholic.

So, it's not too surprising that some people react to a religion like mine,

with its multiplicity of rules, with a mix of bewilderment and anger. If God is as loving and compelling as you priests and preachers say he is, why can't I find him without having to observe all these rules? Or is the church simply trying to flex its authoritative muscles and force us to obey? Must the church spell out every obligation for its followers? Aren't we capable of making some choices on our own?

Good question. I wondered about that myself from time to time. But I also noticed that the church wasn't alone in its rule-making. The first Rotary Club meeting I attended, on Saipan, was an eye-opener for me. Members were getting fined for not knowing the pledge, not wearing their pins, not being on time for the meeting. Here is one organization, I thought to myself, that makes the church seem almost libertarian. Or how about a visit to any government

office (and Palikir can't hold a candle to Washington when it comes to rule-making)? Applying for Social Security benefits is a good case in point, I discovered two years ago.

Organizations need rules, it seems. Societies need to spell out, sometime in painful detail, what is acceptable and what is not, what furthers its ends and what does not, what will keep the peace and promote a sense of community among its members. The church is certainly an organization, not just a number of solitary pilgrims who have happened to meet along the road and who may go their separate ways at the next turn.

Rules are also good teaching devices for the young and inexperienced. You might be able to say farewell to

a mature son with the advice to keep his family's honor intact. He might know what that means. But try that on a ten-year old kid and see how well it works. Young people need things spelled out for them. I don't know too many parents who would be willing to let their teenage child go out at night with only the vague admonition not to break their girl friend's heart. Most kids need more detailed instructions than that.

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Tide Table November 22-December 5, 2006				
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FSM Veterans Association meets the first Friday of every month at 6pm at The Rusty Anchor.



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## HEALTH & NUTRITION

### Pohnpei Farmers' Graduate from Agriculture Training

By **AMY LEVENDUSKY**  
*Island Food Community*

Forty-seven farmers (41 men and 5 women) graduated from the Pohnpei Farmer's Training, hosted by Pohnpei State Agriculture, from October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The objectives of the training included, to teach farmers new and improved techniques of production and marketing of vegetables and other crops, to update farmers on the types of services that are available to them on island, to find out from the farmers what kinds of services they feel they still need, and finally to enable farmers to learn from one another.

Mr. Kadalino Lorens of Pohnpei Agriculture coordinated the training. Five days of the training were devoted to classroom style lectures at the Office of Agriculture located in Kolonia given by facilitators from the following agencies: Pohnpei State Agriculture, COM-FSM Land Grant Extension, Public Health, Development for Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific (DSAP), Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP), FSM Development Bank, Ellen's Market, Caroline Island Enterprises, Pohnpei Business Development Center, Small Business Guarantee, Natural Resource Conservation Service-USDA, Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) -Plant Protection and the Pacific German Regional Forestry Project.

One day of the training was devoted to a field trip to the FSM Pilot Farm located in Pohnlangas. The farmers were able to observe first hand the different techniques



Photo By Dr. Lois Englberger

Participants of the Pohnpei Farmers Training gather at the Pohnpei Agriculture station in Kolonia in the Botanical Garden during the graduation ceremonies on November 8, 2006, holding the Pohnpei Bananas poster. Participants are wearing the t-shirt provided by the Development for Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific program.

used to grow vegetables. The Chinese Technical Team and Agriculture staff briefly explained/demonstrated the following techniques: application of compost and fertilizer, pest management, weed control, pruning, pollination, water management, drainage, genebank collection, harvesting, washing, packaging, and marketing.

One outcome of the training was

the development of a list of priority needs of the farmers. Another outcome of the training was the formation of the Pohnpei Farmers Association and election of a steering committee according to municipality, with chairman as Claudio Panuelo. A graduation ceremony was held during the last day of the training where each participant received a certificate of completion from the course and a DSAP t-shirt. A lunch was then

served of only local foods. (Throughout the training all local food lunches were also provided.)

Pohnpei State Agriculture extends its appreciation to all of the farmers who participated in the workshop. The office also thanks all the facilitators from the agencies listed above for their valuable contributions to the training. The Pohnpei State Government is thanked for funding this training.

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## US Fast Pitch Softball Champ in the FSM to “Pump Up” Pitchers

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlle Press

Those who see U.S. Softball Champ, Marty L. Pump pitch a softball might be tempted to think that she does it by magic. With a windup and a flick of the wrist the ball sails toward the strike zone and at the last moment veers sharply away from the batter as if the ball were on a magic string that suddenly went haywire.

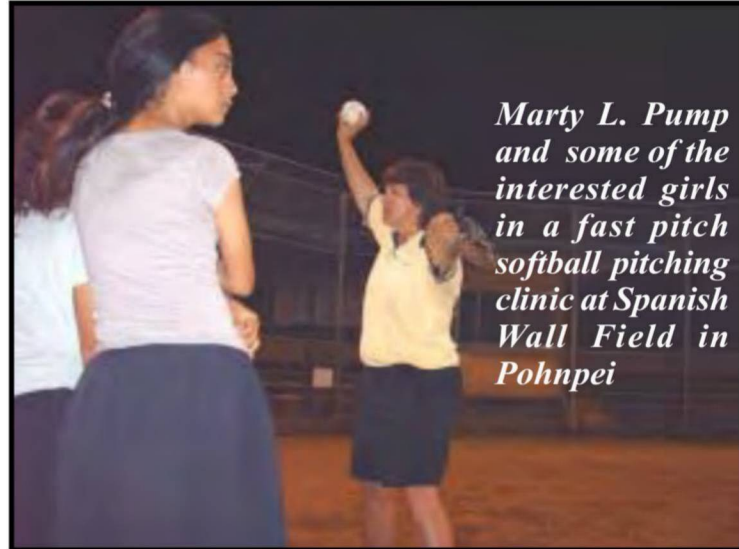
Pump said that she was throwing her fastball at nearly 70 miles an hour when she was in her prime. She'd burn a few through the strike zone and then go for the changeup which often had batters completing their swing before the ball was over halfway to the plate. “Everybody would laugh, even the batters. They had to”, she said with an engaging chuckle.

Marty L. Pump was recruited to teach the FSM National Fast Pitch softball players to do what she does-softball magic. Willy

Hawley, President of the FSM Softball Association put in a request with the FSM National Olympic Committee for a pitching coach to come and help the women of the team to perform her kind of legerdemain. Bob Leveloff who is in charge of the Oceania Region of the International Softball Association recruited Pump who until September had never heard of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Pump was to have spent one week in Yap, two weeks in Pohnpei and one week in Kosrae. The Kosrae leg of the trip fell through, so she will be in Pohnpei for three weeks before she returns to Iowa. Ms. Pump says that she had 20 participants when she started her seminars in Yap but that she was able to start transferring her techniques to an average of 10 people of all ages each day starting at 6 years old.

While she is in Pohnpei, Pump



*Marty L. Pump and some of the interested girls in a fast pitch softball pitching clinic at Spanish Wall Field in Pohnpei*

will be giving pitching seminars, and visiting schools to try to further interest in the sport. She will be giving coaching seminars and will also be participating in the FSM Women in Sports Workshop as both a presenter and a delegate. The workshop will be taking place at Yvonne's Apartment Confer-

ence room for three days beginning on the 21st of November.

Ms. Pump said that she wants to leave something that will last after she leaves. Who knows, maybe it'll be all FSM softballers at the next Micro Games. We'll just have to wait and see.

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