

FSM Insurance Group Vanishes

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**
The Kaselehlie Press

The sudden and quiet departure of a local insurance company has left policyholders in Pohnpei and likely across the FSM confused and angry.

FSM Insurance Group, operated by William and Lilly Jean Iriarte, closed its Pohnpei office May 15



The abandoned FSM Insurance Group Office at the Black Sand Complex

according to a letter received by at least some customers of the company.

“The owners of FSM Insurance Group have moved to the U.S.,” it says, “and have moved the head office of the company to the U.S.”

Employees of several local businesses – including Ace Commercial, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei and Pohnpei Waste Management Services – have been affected by the unexpected turn of events.

In addition to the inconvenience of an abrupt lapse of coverage, some policy holders have outstanding balances owed them by the company – into the hundreds and possibly thousands of dollars – which they say they would like to receive.

“The policies all say ‘when you die,’ said Leinson Neth, an educator with CSP. “But they never say anything about when the insurance company dies.”

Six CSP employees – including Neth – purchased life insurance policies through FSMIG in late 2002.

According to the policy, those insured with the company were entitled to an annual “cash value” reimbursement. Policy holders could collect their cash values each year or elect to let it accumulate.

For example, according to the policy, someone who had been contributing \$390 each year would be entitled to an accumulated \$2,361.97 cash value after 10 years.

CSP may be the hardest hit by FSMIG’s demise, as the organization not only supplemented employee contributions but also paid the company in full at the beginning of each year. As a result, employees report they continue to have deductions taken from their paychecks, with nothing to show for those deductions.

“We are working with our legal counsel for the best way to recover our loss . . .,” said CSP Executive Director Patterson Shed in an email.

Leilei David, identified in the letter as an independent agent to serve FSMIG policyholders, did not respond to phone messages and email requests for comment.

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Employee fired over \$10,000 theft

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

The theft of over \$10,000 in salaries has resulted in the termination of a Pohnpei State employee’s position at the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I).

During the past 6 to 8 months the employee appears to have processed fraudulent time cards for other employees no longer working at the Pohnpei State Government. One of the employees for whom paychecks were fraudulently processed retired in September of last year.

According to the State Director of Treasury and Administration, Mr.

Finley S. Perman, the employee in question had been given an increasing amount of authority and eventually was in a position of complete control over the payroll processes for the department. Generally accepted accounting practices usually require that there be some division of payment processes so that no one person is in a position to create vouchers and to also collect them. He said that the beneficiaries of the allegedly fraudulent payments had not yet been established but that the matter was under investigation. Regardless of who received and cashed the checks there appears to have been a crime committed, he said.

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Two Fires in Kolonia



photo courtesy of CSP

Fully engulfed in flames the home of Dexter Weital near the Pohnpei Public Market was nearly more catastrophic than it ultimately was when the nearby fire hydrant was found to have a bad foot valve. The cause of the blaze is under investigation.

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Marriage and Social Security

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**
The Kaselehlie Press

FSM Social Security Administration regulations that permit investigation of the nature of an individual's romantic entwinements have aroused concerns recently – amounting to both amusement and discomfort – among some members of the community.

Raising particular scrutiny is how the office defines remarriage.

Unconfirmed reports indicate instances of the severance of benefits of individuals reported to be merely dating another person.

According to sources, those purportedly affected – reported to be primarily elderly members of the community – thus far wish to re-

main anonymous due to the sensitive and intimate nature of their concerns.

FSM law allows surviving spouses of deceased workers (who were eligible for benefits based on their spouse's work history) to receive monthly benefits equal to 60 percent of the deceased spouse's benefit.

However, the law also requires cessation of benefit payments to the spouse of a deceased individual in the event of the spouse's remarriage.

In fact, the office acknowledges it assigns employees specifically to the task of interviewing community and family members about the

status of relationships.

Regulations specify arrangements that qualify as marriage. These arrangements include "statutory (ceremonial) marriage," "customary marriage," and "common-law marriage."

Where the law appears potentially difficult to enforce is with cases of common-law marriage, defined as "two persons . . . cohabited in the same household for a period of no less than a year, with the intention of being husband and wife."

Though regulations specify a preference for hard evidence of remarriage, they also permit "convinc-

ing evidence from any credible source" and "sufficient oral declarations" as justification to pull benefits.

The FSMSSA reports that since 1999, it has ceased issuing benefits to 102 individuals due to information indicating remarriage of the beneficiaries

U.S. law, upon which FSMSSA reports its regulations were modeled, also terminates a surviving spouse's benefits on remarriage, but only when those who remarry are under age 60, 50 if disabled according to the U.S. Social Security Administration website.

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Chuukese Wins Democracy Essay Contest

US Embassy Press Release

Ms. Maylani Phillip, a soon-to-be senior at Xavier High School in Chuuk, submitted the winning essay in an essay contest co-sponsored by the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia and the US Embassy. The contest, which was part of the Court's Silver Anniversary celebration this year, was open to high school students throughout the FSM. This year's topic was "What Democracy Means to Me." On Wednesday, July 12, 2006, the winning essay was announced and read live on public radio throughout the FSM by Mr. John William, FSM Supreme Court National Justice Ombudsman.

The Pohnpei State Winner (Second Place National Finalist) was Ms. Kozue Akinaga, a 2006 graduate of Calvary Christian Academy. The Yap State Winner (Third Place National Finalist) was Ms. Mona Yagatnag, a 2006 graduate of Yap High School. A National Assessment Committee consisting of Regent Professor John Haglelgam of the College of

Micronesia, Ms. Loretha Barnett, Staff Attorney for the FSM Supreme Court and Mr. Stephen A. Druzak, Deputy Chief of Mission for the U.S. Embassy, selected Ms. Phillip's essay from among the state winners. Each of the three State Winners received a \$100.00 cash award and the National Winner received an additional \$200.00 cash prize. Each of the three National Finalists also received a commemorative plaque honoring their achievement.



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FSM INSURANCE GROUP Disappears

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FSM Insurance Group is listed as having business in Chuuk and Kosrae in addition to Pohnpei. All three numbers are disconnected.

Some FSMIG policyholders did not receive the letter. Danny Sonden, a supervisor at Ace Commercial, said both he and another store employee approached FSMIG about a year ago after hearing rumors about the company's possible financial problems.

Though they were able to cancel their policies, Sonden said he did not receive the recent letter acknowledging the office's closure. He has yet to receive his cash value reimbursement that he said had been accumulating for more than four years.

"I want something to happen to this company," he said. "We trusted them."

PWMS owner Maria Spegal said she realized something was amiss only when she went to the FSMIG office to pay her premium at the beginning of June. The office, she reported, had been vacated.

Spegal said she received the letter several weeks later.

Former FSMIG office space in the Black Sand building near Pohnpei State Hospital currently remains empty.

The exact whereabouts of William and Lilly Jean Iriarte are unknown. An internet search on FSMIG and the Iriartes reveals little more than their legal entanglements.

The state attorney general's office acknowledges a significant pending case against the Iriartes dat-

ing back to their affiliation with another insurance group in Pohnpei, Individual Assurance Company.

Mary Berman, identified in court documents as counsel for the Iriartes both when they were employed with IAC as well as FSMIG, was not available for comment.

The Insurance law recently signed by Pres. Urusemal will have little bearing on the matter. Public Law 14-66, which establishes the country's first insurance regulations – including licensing and supervision of insurers as well as protection of the interests of policy owners – will not go into effect for several more months.

Appointment of an insurance commissioner by Pres. Urusemal remains pending.

Meanwhile, former policyholders

are left not knowing where to turn for advocacy or assistance. "Citizens of Pohnpei are getting hurt by this," said Neth.

Actouka Executive Insurance Underwriters and Moylan's Insurance Company representatives say former FSMIG policyholders have approached them with matter.

CSP employees have begun pursuit of new policies.

A campaign website established by Iriarte during his 2003 run for governor of Pohnpei professes his commitment to, among other things, improvement of accountability and enforcement of the rule of law.

On the site, Iriarte promotes a policy of "aggressively prosecuting all who break the law, regardless of political and/or traditional considerations."

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LEAP gets a boost from local donors

The 7th annual Health and Awareness Week encampment on Peniou and Ros Islets was a recipient of local donations. Mr. Sei Uemoto donated a bag of rice. Jesse Sidney of HESA donated boxes of notebooks and pens to the program. Pohnpei True Value donated a tarp and a gas stove. The Pohnpei Branch of the Bank of the FSM donated 3 cases of soda. The Bank of Guam - Pohnpei donated \$100. White Sand/VCS Construction donated \$250, and Pohnpei Waste Management Services donated \$150. The Talent Search Program made an unspecified donation. The Health and Awareness Week is a project of the Laboratory and Experimental/Experiential Activity Project (LEAP) headed by Hedweag T. Muigel of the Wone School. Their excursion took place beginning July 31.

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Maria Spegal of Pohnpei Waste Management Services presents a check to LEAP Project "Head Coach" Hedweag T. Muigel



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Archaeological Survey Completed at

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During the week of July 17, 2006 a team of historic preservation specialists from Australia's Charles Sturt University carried out an archaeological survey of the former Japanese agricultural research station at Pwunsoh.

The aim of the survey that was conducted by Professor Dirk Spennemann and Gaye Sutherland was to identify remains of Japanese and Trust Territory buildings and structures. The project, which was funded by the FSM National Government under the direction of Dr. Rufino Mauricio, and coordinated by the Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Office, provides information critical to the development of a comprehensive management plan for the botanic gardens.

"The former agricultural research station at Pwunsoh is of historic and cultural significance to Pohnpei

and indeed to all of Micronesia," Professor Spennemann said. "The collection of trees and plants is unique and provides an excellent basis for the development of educational and interpretive facilities for the benefit of all Pohnpeians."

The center point of the historic area is the three-story Japanese concrete building erected in 1926 as a weather station and as agricultural research offices. The Art Deco building was the tallest civilian structure ever built by the Japanese Mandate Administration. With its setting in the botanical collections, the building forms a prime attraction for visitors. Plans are under way to arrest the decay of the concrete and to rehabilitate the building for use. The formal report is expected to be completed by the end of the financial year and its detailed findings will then be made available to the public.

According to Youser Anson, Director of Land and Natural Resources, "this survey is a direct continuation of Pohnpei State's historic preservation efforts and

follows on from the Cultural landscape and concrete preservation training carried out in January this year by the US National Park Service and the National Centre for Preservation Technology."



Professor Dirk Spennemann in front of the former Agricultural Research Station

Theft

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When confronted with the issue the employee offered to resign her position. Mr. Peter Aron, director of T & I was not satisfied with that arrangement and instead terminated her employment.

According to sources locks were changed in the department after someone entered the building after business hours and began deleting files from the computer that were related to the questioned payments.

Since there is also a paper trail the deletions should not present a problem in establishing a case.

Under Pohnpei State employment practices there is a period of time in which an employee has a right to appeal the decision in a formal hearing. According to the Pohnpei State Attorney General's office that time has not yet lapsed but no appeal had been filed at press time. The case has been assigned to a prosecutor for investigation and it appears that criminal charges will be filed in the near future.

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At 6:20 on the morning of July 16, a dispatcher at the Pohnpei State Police Department, Officer Jeff Mathias received a call from Mr. Ben Santos who said that a building at PICS was burning. According to Mathias, officers were immediately dispatched to the scene. The dispatched officers found that the main gate to the PICS complex was open. They also reported a fire burning in the counselor's office building (picture top left). One of the building's windows was broken as well. Firefighters were dispatched by 6:30 a.m. A call was made to the Pohnpei Utilities Company (PUC) emergency phone number so that personnel could disconnect power to the building before water was applied to the blaze. PUC staff arrived over 30 minutes later by which time the blaze had escalated to what is termed "fully engulfed" according to Officer Matthias who was part of the response team.

The Director of the Department of Education, Mr. Casiano Shoniber said that 80% of High School transcripts dating back to 1958 were lost in the fire. The Education Department is trying to determine whether or not any backups of the lost records exist.

The picture at lower left above shows some of the damage done to the interior of the counselor's office building.

Two days after the PICS fire, a call was received at 8:08 a.m. from Mr. Coonio Alpert who said that smoke was rising from the residence of Dexter Wietal (upper right photo). Sources say that a domestic disturbance had occurred at that residence earlier in the day.

When firefighters arrived on the scene they found that the fire hydrant nearest the premises was not operational. The nearest alternate hydrant was located near Seabreeze Hotel; too far away for the length of hose available to fire fighters. The fire truck was refilled with water once during the time that the fire was being fought when water ran out.

Mr. Leerenson Airens of PUC said that Pohnpei fire hydrants are inspected twice yearly. The malfunctioning hydrant had been hit by a car earlier in the year but had not been inspected since that time. He reported that a damaged "foot valve" was the cause of the malfunction.

Both fires are being investigated as arson. No suspects had yet been named or charged at press time

FEEDBACK

The following are excerpts of email responses to *The Kaselehlle Press* from Lance Higgs in reaction to the July 5 article "Visitors to Pohnpei Held Up." Higgs is the captain of the Chuuk-based liveboard dive vessel *SS Thorfinn*, which was detained in Pohnpei by immigration authorities in mid-June. The incident generated a flurry of responses, namely via Bermin Weilbacher's BNN news site (Weilbacher is a KP board member). The excerpts are taken from two emails sent in mid-July.

"It's only occasional adventurers and divers coming to these sectors of the FSM until better understandings and procedures are enacted to entice general vacationers away from visiting much less complex Pacific paradises. The states of Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae are presently handicapped away from many world visitors requiring awkward and costly U.S. transit visas to enable passage through our only gateways of Guam or HNL. Palau and Yap have easily outdistanced us with their direct and easy access from Manila, bypassing this burden for many Asian and European tourists.

"Micronesia's name implying thousands of tiny islands is best illustrated at little outer island jewels upon a great ocean, still retaining most traditions and seagoing skills lost at the few capital islands spread amongst them. Those tiny sites can and do attract worldly vacationers who've been everywhere, but never the chance to experience the true isolation and

beauty of these so fine sites. Now, some authorities are closing that door to this local ship by enforcing cumbersome rules of little or no value in protecting a basically open location and society.

"Yachts frequently visit outer isles without difficulty prior to entering a capital site, but on approaching a capital island's front door, regulations snap into place, and all rules then apply. Perhaps our communicating ahead and posting intended stops en route can be worked in a form of compliance before final arrival at port of entry. It is out of all question to run across ocean expanses to clear in and then double back, taking up to 4 or 5 days to do so, both due extreme fuel costs and passenger impatience with long delays.

"The route chosen to satisfy paying guests included stops of interest at Minto, Oroluk, Ant, and Nan Madol, and finally into Dekehtic. This route was employed in previous years without question. Our course was direct from Ant to Temwen without any concept of circumnavigating Pohnpei.

"Our ship's fuel costs average \$6,000/day at current diesel prices, plus lubes, salaries, foods and other services. The route suggested would have required at least 1.5 to 2 extra days after diverting in and out of Dekehtic, down to Temwen and back to Dekehtic...with frustrated guests due too much running and lost time.

"I trust that some hopeful positives will be generated from this affair."

Susaia Impeachment resolution set aside

By **BILL JAYNES**
 The Kaselehlie Press

Due to a procedural error the resolution of impeachment adopted by the Sokehs Municipal council has been set aside. Mr. Joe Phillip, legal counsel for Chief Magistrate Richard Susaia filed a motion to dismiss the resolution. He stated in his motion that according to Article 6 Section 6b of the Sokehs Constitution the council may not consider in special session any other matter than those for which the special session was called.

The special session on June 9, called by the Sokehs Speaker was called to consider five matters. The resolution for impeachment was not on the agenda for the meeting and therefore was found by the Chief Justice invalid.

The Attorney for the Sokehs Counsel, Mr. Edgar Edward countered the motion arguing that ar-

ticle 3 section 2 of the constitution allows the Speaker of the Council to call a special session and to set the agenda for that session. Sokehs Chief Justice Filomeno G. Ifamilik did not argue the validity of the counter motion. The problem, according to Ifamilik was not the calling of the special session and whether the Speaker had the right to set the agenda. The problem was in the introduction of the impeachment resolution in a meeting that was not called to deal with that particular issue. If the Speaker had included the consideration of the resolution in question on his published agenda the resolution would have carried the force of law.

Council members have argued that the important points raised in the resolution should not be disregarded because of a technicality. Chief Justice Ifamilik said that he had no choice but to set aside the

resolution. If he had not done so the legal procedural issue might possibly have come up much later in the process and might then result in the resolution being overturned on appeal.

Mr. Edward said that according to article 12 of the Constitution, whenever a resolution of impeachment is adopted a three member review panel must be established to hear the case. He said this safeguard was put into place in order to insure that the Chief Justice who is an appointee of the Chief Magistrate would not be the sole decision maker in an impeachment process. He said that the Chief Justice acted alone in his decision to set aside the resolution and that the set aside order was therefore unconstitutional.

Ifimalik said that the panel was established as constitutionally required but that the panel's func-

tion was to determine the validity of the impeachment resolution itself not the procedural law regarding its adoption. Therefore he was not required to take Mr. Phillip's motion to the panel.

He emphasized that the validity of the items within the resolution had not been considered and with the set aside they will not be, at least not the particular resolution adopted on June 9, 2006. He said that the question of whether or not a new resolution can be introduced and passed with force of law in a future meeting has yet to be argued and no decision has yet been made on that issue.

Chief Magistrate Richard Susaia has returned to his office.

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Nett Point closed - Again

Popular Pohnpei swimming and recreational destination Nett Point has been temporarily closed due to conclusions of a recent inspection by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Nett municipal government.

An inspection conducted June 4 by the two offices cited the widespread presence of garbage and lack of trash bins and toilet facilities at the site as official reasons for the closure.

Each offense poses a violation of state regulations governing public recreational areas.

However, EPA officials also report water contamination at the location that may make it unfit for human activity. The water tested positive for fecal bacteria.

In fact, it was complaints from the community about visible fecal waste at Nett Point that compelled the recent inspection they said.

According to the EPA, it is not clear whether levels exceed regulatory limits since the current testing method only shows the presence or absence of pollution.

EPA Environmental Specialist Clayton Santos said the waters straddling Nett Point have shown evidence of contamination since 2002, but never at levels exceeding legal limits.

The limit is 200 counts per 100 ml.

On a recent morning at low tide, litter could be seen strewn about Nett Point and a foul odor perme-

ated the area. On the narrow causeway's eastern edge, garbage was piled high, including a children's swimming pool along with numerous plastic soda bottles and food wrappers.

This is not the first time Nett Point has been closed said EPA. A previous attempt to restrict access to the area was disregarded by visitors and unenforced by authorities.

According to EPA the Nett municipal government will enforce the Nett Point closure. Nett District Administrator Adelino Edmund was unavailable for com-

ment.

The Pohnpei Tourism Office intends to begin work on toilet facilities at Nett Point next month.

Those working in the dock area at the end of the Nett Point causeway will continue to be permitted to pass through and operate in the area.

Santos said EPA conducts a monthly inspection of the water at Nett Point.



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U.S. FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR VISITS FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

US Embassy Press Release

Dr. Thomas W. Simon, an American Professor of Law and Philosophy and Fulbright Scholar visited Pohnpei from July 10-13, and Chuuk from July 13-15 at the invitation of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States Embassy. He met with national

and state government officials, and gave interviews on public and private radio in Pohnpei and Chuuk.

As a featured presenter in the Silver Anniversary Celebrations of the Court this year, he gave Forum Lectures in both states and participated in a Law Day panel

discussion on the Rule of Law in the FSM.

While in Pohnpei, Dr. Simon also observed the annual FSM Law Day Debates and witnessed the reading of the winning 2006 Democracy Essay. In Chuuk, he conducted a workshop for senior officers in the Chuuk State De-

partment of Public Safety.

Dr. Simon currently serves as a Visiting Professor at the University of Malaya's Centre for Civilisation Dialogue in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He is a tenured faculty member of Illinois State University in the United States.

Photo courtesy of the US Embassy

Two Residents of Pohnpei Receive PREL Scholarships

PREL News Release

Two residents of Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), have been awarded Pacific Teacher Scholarships from Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL). Peter Panuelo and Quincy Lawrence are both enrolled in San Diego State University's online master's in Educational Leadership program. Mr. Panuelo, a veteran of the U.S. Army who has also worked in the medical and banking fields, has consistently shown an orientation toward helping the community and an interest in developing his own professional skills. Mr. Lawrence is a teacher at Pohnpei Island Central School (PICS) and a graduate of Xavier High School and the University of Guam who "yearns to increase [his] skills and competencies in becoming a better educator."

Recipients of the scholarships must be students in teacher preparation or library science programs and will each receive \$500 to help

pay for tuition and expenses in the 2006-2007 academic year. After graduation, they intend to work in schools in their home entities. This annual scholarship was established by PREL to increase the number of qualified teachers in the U.S.-affiliated Pacific.

Other 2006 recipients of the Pacific Teacher Scholarship include Jodina Lynn Attao and Martha Mendiola of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Moritha Aaron of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and Pioria Faungy of the Republic of Palau.

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Dr. Simon being interviewed at V6AH radio by Mr. Dennis Yamase and Mr. Joseph Allanzo



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CKI: PACNEWS

25 JULY 2006 RAROTONGA (Pacnews) — Cook Islands Queens Representative, Sir Frederick Goodwin has dissolved parliament, amidst strong protests from members of parliament.

Sir Frederick was forced to take the action after an advice from Prime Minister Jim Marurai.

“I am satisfied with the advice from PM Marurai. I have taken not taken this decision lightly but taken into consideration various issues especially the changing and uncertain political situation in the country, Sir Frederick said in an address to the nation this morning.

He has now called for a snap election to be held in 90 days.

“In the meantime, the present cabinet will remain until the snap elections.”

The prime minister in a similar national address said he recommended the dissolution of parliament because of planned moves by opposition to take over government.

“It was brought to my attention that the opposition members were gathered in parliament this morning and the gathering had the ap-

pearances of taking over power.”

Mr Marurai said the dissolution means that this morning’s proceedings were “meaningless and of no effect.”

Speaker of the House, Norman George continued proceedings of parliament despite the dissolution order by the Queens Representative.

“This is the most momentous and shocking example of an office holder, Mr George said of the decision of Sir Frederick.

He said “it was an intervention by the Queen’s Representative (QR) into the parliament process by stopping the sitting of parliament.”

“This is a premature dissolution of parliament.”

Mr George has vowed to challenge the dissolution of government in the High Court.

“This is unheard of in this country and throughout the Commonwealth. This matter does not rest here, we will take the matter to the High Court to stay the execution of the dissolution order.”

“We will also seek a review of the legitimacy of the powers of the Queen’s Representative.” Mr George said.

Opposition expected to announce legal action over dissolution shortly

RNZI: PACNEWS

28 JULY 2006 RAROTONGA (Pacnews) — The Speaker of the Cook Islands Parliament Norman George, says he is confident that the courts will overturn the decision by the Queen’s Representative to dissolve Parliament.

Sir Frederick Goodwin’s announcement on Monday followed a by-election last week which appeared to give the balance of power to the Opposition. New elections are due to be held before the end of September but

Mr George said he and the opposition Cook Islands Party had already agreed to take legal action over what he called the “hijacking of Parliament.”

He believed they would be able to reverse Sir Frederick’s decision. “It is so wrong that it has to be corrected by our High Court, our Court of Appeal, and of course whatever decision they make will be looked at by the Pacific region, the Commonwealth and the whole world, as a precedent,” the speakers said.

Outrage over fake US bills in PNG

P/COURIER
PACNEWS

25 JULY 2006 PORT MORESBY (Pacnews) — The East New Britain Chamber of Commerce in Papua New Guinea is angered over reports in the province that foreign tourists are using fake US dollar bills to purchase goods while in the country.

Claims surfaced in the chamber’s annual general meeting last week that tourists traveling into the country — and in particular to East New Britain — had used fake US\$50 notes to buy souvenirs and arts and crafts from the locals.

Some banks in the province also confirmed that those US\$50 ended up at the banks from locals with the bank refusing to accept the notes.

The banks then notified the chamber and tour operators to inform tourists to change currencies to PNG kina before buying goods from locals.

Post-Courier was not able to obtain a copy of the fake US\$50 bill but some witnesses said instead of “in God we trust”, the fake notes read, “in women we trust”.

The commercial banks in Rabaul reported collecting a number of these fake bills but have yet to make out the total in terms of kina lost to the fake notes.

A chamber member, Nick Lyons, said the foreign tourists were taking advantage of the local’s lack of knowledge of their currencies and this must be stopped. He said we can’t allow tourists to come in and con our people.

Men recover after 70 days adrift

THE AUSTRALIAN
PACNEWS

21 JULY 2006 POHNPEI (Pacnews) — Three men, who survived 70 days floating on the Pacific Ocean in an open dinghy, have recovered and are ready to return to their island home.

The trio were rescued at the end of June by a Taiwanese fishing boat, two and a half months after they left Tarawa in Kiribati.

Their boat ran out of fuel and they drifted nearly 1600km west into the Federated States of Micronesia.

Micronesia Red Cross Society executive director Sizue Yoma said although one man was very weak and had to spend nearly three weeks in hospital recovering, “they are now ready to be repatriated.”

The three men — Teiwaki Kaikai, George Hugil and Jenimoa Iciato

— are expected to fly home next week.

Kaikai told a police official in the FSM capital Pohnpei that the three men discovered at sea that two of their three fuel tanks were filled mostly with water, according to a report provided by Yoma.

He said they saw more than 10 vessels during their ordeal but none came to their assistance until the Taiwanese fishing boat picked them up.

On their arrival in Pohnpei, “all three showed signs and symptoms of moderate to severe dehydration, starvation, stress ulcers and disorientation,” Yoma said.

The men were believed to have survived on raw fish and rainwater while adrift.

GUEST VIEWPOINT

Power to Resist the Current of History

By Daisaku Ikeda
By permission

Daisaku Ikeda is president of Soka Gakkai International, and founder of Soka University and the Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research.

One cold morning in December 1941, I was running through the frozen streets of Tokyo in the pre-dawn hours, delivering newspapers. I saw this as my way to contribute to the family finances: I was thirteen at the time, my father was bedridden with rheumatism, and my four elder brothers had been sent off to war.

Four years had passed since the start of Japan's invasion of China. Many people with family members on the front anxiously awaited the arrival of the morning newspaper and information it might bring about the war.

Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor was that day's top story, reported in banner headlines designed to convey the "glory" of the event. I will never forget the mood of eerie agitation that enveloped the city as I distributed the news-

papers that morning.

It may seem that historical events like this that swallow everything—people, whole societies—in their path are propelled by forces that are immense and unstoppable. Today, with new tensions mounting around the world and old ones resurfacing, this sense of powerlessness may be intensifying. But human life has within it the potential, I am convinced, to resist even the raging currents of history.

We are not merely passive pawns of historical forces; nor are we victims of the past. We can shape and direct history. Renewing faith in the capacity of people—individually and collectively—to create the future is the most pressing task facing us today.

Members of my generation saw our families, friends, homes, our opportunities to study and learn, disrupted and destroyed by war. We share a deep revulsion for the cruelty and stupidity of war as well as an intense urge to break its cycles of violence.

In our youth we had pounded into us the twisted injunctions of

militarism—the notion that the highest virtue is found in offering one's entire being selflessly to the state. I watched many of my young friends and classmates volunteer for the Army or become members of the "pioneer brigades" in China. At one point I also attempted to volunteer for the Air Force, until I was stopped short by my father, who was fiercely determined never to let me go to war.

Leadership that exploits and sacrifices young people on the altar of its goals is nothing more than raw, demonic power. Genuine leadership is found in ceaseless efforts to foster young people, to pave the way forward for them.

Likewise, education can direct people toward good or evil ends. When education is based on a fundamentally distorted worldview, the results are horrific. It is precisely because my generation was driven toward violence and war by erroneous education that I feel a deep commitment to education that guides the new generation toward peace and co-existence.

The words of my brother, back from China after having been temporarily discharged from the army, will always remain with me: "What Japan is doing is horrible. Such arrogance and high-handedness! The Chinese are people just like us. What is going on over there is absolutely a mistake."

He was later killed in battle, but the bitter disgust he expressed was one inspiration for the public call I made, in 1968, for normalization of Sino-Japanese relations and my subsequent initiatives to engage with the people of Korea and the rest of Asia.

If Japan is to move forward, we must confront the realities of history, learning and applying those dearly paid for lessons to the future, working earnestly to build peace. Yet, even today, more than sixty years after the end of World War II, there are political figures who continue to inflict unimaginable hurt on our Asian neighbors with arrogant words and insulting attitudes. Japan will be a genuine nation of peace only when we are fully trusted by the people of China, Korea, and the rest of Asia.

"War is the price paid for failed diplomacy." These are the words of Arnold Toynbee, the British historian with whom I once conducted and published a dialogue, in a rebuttal to Clausewitz's famous assertion that war is simply diplomacy conducted by other

means.

History is filled with tragic examples of wars that result from diplomatic impasse. Whether in our local communities or in international relations, the skillful use of our communicative capacities to negotiate and resolve differences is the first evidence of human wisdom. We cannot allow Japan to repeat the destructive folly of its diplomatic missteps leading up to World War II.

International relations should therefore not be limited to the political or economic places. It is absolutely vital that there be educational and cultural exchanges that enhance mutual understanding between the ordinary citizens of different countries. This is why I have worked to open a path for young people through dialogue that brings people together in the dimension of their shared humanity.

In 1980, on my fifth visit to China, I had the opportunity to visit Guilin, a region of magnificent natural beauty. While we were waiting for our boat, two young girls selling medicine approached us. I asked them, jokingly, "Do you have any medicine to make me smarter?" They shot back, "Sorry, we just sold out!" sparking a burst of laughter.

In any country, nothing is more rewarding than such encounters with young people. Few things offer a better window on the culture of a land and its future. When people of different cultures respectfully learn from each other, experiencing the rich diversity of humanity's spiritual heritage, this lays the foundations for a far-reaching solidarity of friendship and mutual appreciation. Eventually, the warm light of humanity shining in the hearts of those who persist in such "people's diplomacy" can start to melt even the icy walls of national prestige and competing interests.

As a member of the generation that endured on a global scale the absolute evil of war, I feel a personal sense of responsibility to do all I can, working with my contemporaries and with the members of the rising generations to eliminate the scourge of violence and war.

Making ever-greater efforts to promote dialogue and exchange, we must continuously work to inspire in each young person solid faith in the power of the individual to transform history and create the future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Maintain the Cleanliness
of our Island**

Dear Editor,

Our small island of Pohnpei is gifted from above. This is our place. It will be ours forever. We must protect the island including all the creatures, from our lives now, to the next generation. Just as we took from the past generations. We are responsible for our actions. By maintaining the cleanliness of our island, we will be proud to welcome new comers to our clean island of Pohnpei.

People here really have to take care or maintain the cleanliness of our island, Pohnpei. It is true that no one wants to live in a trash world. So let's work together to make Pohnpei a better or a popular place to visit. True, that we have waterfalls, beaches, forests, and local birds. We should do our part. We must believe in our hearts

to uphold the beauty of our island.

We should not burn up the forest of Pohnpei. We have some birds that don't even exist anywhere else in the world. We should not throw trash in recreational sites for these places are Pohnpei's top attraction. Show respect and clean for outsiders to follow. We should not pollute our water and seas. The reason behind this is that it might cause disease. For more reasons, it's the seas that links Pohnpei to other states. Instead of separating us it brings us together to form one strong, proud nation. So we should respect traditional rules and most importantly, maintain the cleanliness of our land areas as well as our water and seas.

Sincerely,
Benskin Bergen
Talent Search Program

School is important

Dear Editor,

School is the most important thing to me. I'm going to talk about it. School is the ability to learn. It is the most popular thing in the world. You can be what you want to be by entering school. It can give you a lot of money, even anything you want.

As you may know, school is the most important thing in life. It leads you to a way of happiness. The way which your life went easier for anything. You can become something so special which can make you famous. You can also become a very rich man if you have more money after completing education. Then you can help your family. They will be so proud of you, and you'll be feeling so good.

First and foremost, school is not so easy. You have to do what school tells you to do. You have to study hard on all subjects or courses. You need to pass all Tests, Quizzes, and do all assignment. You're also required to pass all examinations. There are many things to do school. It takes many years for you to be in school. And the only way to be successful in

school is if you study hard.

In conclusion, school is the most important thing to me, not just for me but as for all of us. Without it, we're going to be having a hard time. We might end up not having a really better life one day. So I ask you, be in school for it shall give you a lot of joy. For it shall give you a lot of money, food, cara big house, and can also be a store. And for it shall give you anything so special that you didn't expect to have. Don't you feel interested in it? Take the chance before it's too late. Join school so you can help serve your own country, a better better country. Or build your country, a good country with your two hands and that. No one will ever take that from you. Therefore, if you listen, and do all these, you can be guaranteed a very good life.

Dickson Theodere
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KP-Perspective**Rich and Powerful**

I have always been just a bit naïve when it comes to business practices. I admit it. I can count the beans and make sure that they're all there and that those that aren't there are accounted for—no problem. I never have understood how the rich and powerful get to be rich and powerful. It seems to me to be something more than just good ideas and hard work. I have both of those in spades and I'm not rich or powerful. There's something that seems to be built in to these people's minds that is just different from those of us who often wonder where our next can of mackerel is coming from.

The rich and the powerful know how to make deals that are in their favor. They know how to influence the influencers for their own financial well being and they have no qualms about doing it. I, on the other hand, often feel like Charles Dickens's Oliver begging, "please sir, can I have some more?" No question, I will likely never be rich unless someone runs me out into the street and hands me a stack of money.

Don't get me wrong. I'm certainly not saying that it's a problem to be rich and powerful. If you've done it fairly and ethically, good on ya. The world is full of rich, powerful, *and* ethical people. The terms are not oxymorons. The world is also full on the other end of the spectrum of low to middle income people that have the ethics of snakes. It's probably because, as a certain all time best selling book says, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of

evil." If you have it you want more. If you don't have it you want it. It's one of those things.

It's amazing to me though, the number of rich and powerful people who have gotten where they are by leaving stacks of dead and injured behind them. Some of the rich and powerful, not all, seem to have as part of their equipment, a built in anesthesia against the pain of their conscience. The "un-empowered mackerel seekers" of us under the scrutiny of our consciences might possibly in similar situations self destruct because we lack the anesthesia of the especially talented rich. In FSM we know who the special people are and we bend our backs deeply, probably in hopes that some of their money and power will rub off on us. Sometimes we do this even though we know that what we should do is bend them over our knee and spank them like a bratty child that will not share toys.

Hey, I'm not the world's ethical giant and I'm not trying to say that I am. I'm not trying to say that if you're poor you're virtuous because I know better. What I am trying to say, and I should just go ahead and say it, is that public figures who use power to advance personal interests should be held accountable.

You gave them the power. Don't forget that you also have the right to take it away."

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

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U.S. NAVY SEABEES DRILLING WATER WELLS

U.S. Embassy Release

Twenty-four US Navy Seabees arrived in Pohnpei in early July to help to drill water wells together with personnel from Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC). The new wells, which will be located in Sokehs, Kitti and Madole-nihmw Municipalities, are designed to provide a dependable source of safe drinking water for the southern part of Pohnpei.

The well drilling project is the FSM's first Humanitarian Assistance project under the Amended Compact of Free Association. In accordance with the Compact, the Navy is covering the cost of the Seabee's salaries and providing the drilling equipment. Other expenses for the project will be covered from the Compact's Infrastructure Sector Grant.

The wells will be developed in close cooperation with staff from PUC. Some of the new wells will be put to immediate use. Others will be capped until follow-on PUC distribution lines are put in place. According to PUC General Manager Marcelino Actouka, "the goal of this project is to develop underground water sources to be used for expanding PUC's existing water supply system. This will drastically reduce the cost of treating surface water sources. PUC is moving toward using wells as the main source of water supply for Pohnpei State. This project will enable PUC to meet U.S. Safe Water Drinking Act standards."

The Seabees, who will be in Pohnpei until November, are from Gulfport, Mississippi, an area that was hit hard by Hurricane Katrina one year ago. They assisted with disaster recovery efforts in Southern Mississippi, working primarily to repair and restore storm-damaged school facilities in their local area. Officers in Charge of the Well Drilling Project are Senior Chief Roger Wiley for the Seabees and Mr. Nixon Anson, Special Projects Assistant for PUC.

EOCS Wiley offered the following remarks regarding the project, "This will be a great opportunity for us to train our local counterparts and to leave behind a water supply resource that is in great need here in Pohnpei."

Photos courtesy of the US Embassy



President Joseph Urusemal and US Ambassador Suzanne Hale at the ground breaking ceremony in Palikir



Bround is broken for the first of several wells being drilled by the Seabees



Seabees moving equipment into place in Palikir

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NEWS

Karat Featured in "Friends" Magazine of England

By Dr. Lois Englberger
Island Food Community

A colorful article on *Karat*, the Pohnpei State Banana, has just been released on pages 6 and 7 in the Summer 2006 No. 23 issue of the *Friends* magazine of the Eden Project, a famous "green theme park" project set in Cornwall, England. The article was written by Dr. Andrew Ormerod, Economic Botany Researcher, who has taken a keen interest in *Karat*.

Of great interest is the fact that the *Karat* article is given prominence and is at the front of the magazine, closely following Queen Elizabeth of England and her visit to the Eden project! What prestige this presents to *Karat*!

Wincener David, Director of the Pohnpei State Department of Health Services, enthusiastically expressed his interest for the article on *Karat* in this magazine, saying, "This was not only good for *Karat* but advertisement of Pohnpei as a whole and lots of benefits could be achieved just from the article you mentioned."



This 4 cent stamp is one of the four FSM postal stamps of the *Karat* commemorative series issued in 2005. It features Mihne Pretrick feeding *Karat* to her daughter Tammy, and an informational message about *Karat*, the Pohnpei State Banana.

The article vividly presents photos of the four FSM *Karat* postal stamps, provided by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, and

discusses *Karat*'s unique characteristics and rich nutrient content and health benefits, as well as about the Island Food Community

of Pohnpei and its aims and projects. The Pohnpei Bananas poster and booklet and the "Going Yellow" video are all mentioned.

The article also presents a map of Pohnpei along with a world map, to help international readers learn about Pohnpei's location.

The Eden Project, with its living Biomes, has been named by the 2004 Guinness Book of Records as having the biggest conservatories in the world. See their website at <http://www.edenproject.com>. Their goals include helping connect plants, people and places, protecting the environment and biodiversity, and educational, environmental and scientific aims.

So, let us take care of *Karat*, planting and caring for it, if we have that option, and also taking the opportunity of purchasing it. There are now several beautiful *Karat* bunches available for sale at the local produce market. Let's Go Local!! Grow and eat *Karat*!

Thank you again to Dr. Andrew Ormerod and the Eden Project for featuring *Karat* in their recent *Friends* issue.

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Female..... Any part under a car's hood.

Male..... The strap fastener on a woman's bra.

2. **VULNERABLE** (*vul-ne-ra-bel*) adj.

Female.... Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.

Male.... Playing football without a cup.

3. **COMMUNICATION** (*ko-myoo-ni-kay-shon*) n.

Female... The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.

Male... Leaving a note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys.

4. **COMMITMENT** (*ko-mit-ment*) n.

Female.... A desire to get married and raise a family.

Male..... Trying not to flirt with other women while out with this one.

5. **ENTERTAINMENT** (*en-ter-tayn-ment*) n.

Female.... A good movie, concert, play or book.

Male..... Anything that can be done while drinking beer.

6. **FLATULENCE** (*flach-u-lens*) n.

Female.... An embarrassing by-product of indigestion.

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



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



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



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



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NEWS

Free Surfing and Bodyboarding Seminar at Nahlap

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Since Pohnpei is fast becoming a new surfing destination, Nahlap Island Resort and Allois Malfitani from the Pohnpei Surf club have teamed up to offer a free surfing and body boarding seminar this month for 25 local children. They promise a fun day of playing in the sun and learning about the basics of riding waves. The free seminar will be held at Nahlap Island resort on August 19, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Surfboards and body boards will be provided by Nahlap Island Resort and Allois Malfitani.

Allois says that since there are no sandy beaches in Pohnpei with breaking waves the seminar will be taking place where surf breaks over shallow reef. He says that even small contact with the reef

or even with a surfboard can be hazardous and that participants need to be aware of those hazards. Despite the hazards he says that surfing and body boarding is an experience not to be missed.

Participants, who must be between the ages of 12 to 18 and must bring at least one adult supervisor, must provide their own transportation to Nahlap Island Resort. They must also be physically fit, be excellent swimmers, and have familiarity with reefs. Students will be tested on their water skills before they will be allowed to participate. All participants will need to have their parent or guardian sign a liability release form in order to participate. The class may be canceled if the surf or ocean conditions are less than ideal.

Though the class is free, Nahlap Island Resort fees will apply. Call

Allois Malfitani at 320-7845 for sign up. To book transportation and to reserve space for Nahlap Island Resort call them at 320-5009 or 320-2776.



Expert sized waves breaking on the shore of Nahlap Island Resort where the free surf seminar will be held for children aged 12-18

DEPARTMENT of HESA OFFICE SPACE NEEDED

The Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs, FSM National Government, is accepting bids for office space rentals for consolidation of its four (4) program units, namely Bio-Terrorism & Environment, Special Education Program, Workforce Investment Acts (WIA) & Substance Abuse Mental & Health (SAMH). Location of such premises shall be in the vicinity of Kolonia Town or nearby and it shall possess the following:

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Bidders may submit their bids in sealed envelopes and submit them on or before **14th August, 2006**, to the address stated below.

All sealed bids will be opened on the **14th of August, 2006**, and the winner will be announced publicly. All bids shall contain the name of the individual (owner/manager) or firm, the date, the total rental/lease amount for a month and/or year, and general description of the premises, including its location and the year of the premises. All submitted bids will be opened **August 14, 2006** at 5 p.m. in the Office of the Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs (DHESA) in Palikir.

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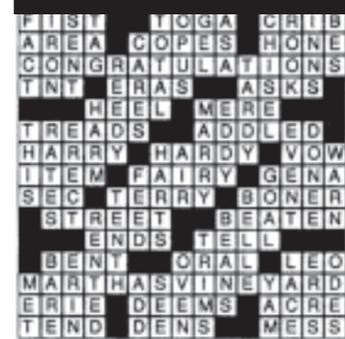
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Instead of talking to your plants, if you yelled at them would they still grow, only to be troubled and insecure?
Is there another word for synonym?
Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors [and lawyers] call what they do "practice"?
When sign makers go on strike, is anything written on their signs?
Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all"?
Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
What do you do when you see an endangered animal that is eating an endangered plant?
Is it possible to be totally partial?
What's another word for thesaurus?
If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
Why do people who know the least know it the loudest?
If a stealth bomber crashes in a forest, will it make a sound?
If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he considered to be homeless or naked?
Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
Should vegetarians eat animal crackers?
If the cops arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
Why is the word abbreviation so long?

LAST Issue's Solution



Submitted by Mary Berman



PEACE CORPS MICRONESIA

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
REPUBLIC OF PALAU



PEACE CORPS VACANCY

Peace Corps/Micronesia is seeking to fill the following fulltime, contracted position, based in Kolonia, Pohnpei. The position requires strong ability to speak, read, and write English and work with computers in Microsoft Word and Excel. Familiarity with Microsoft Outlook desired.

To apply, qualified persons must send a cover letter describing their qualifications for the position. They must also send a resume in English with work history, salary history, and work-related references as well as a police clearance certificate.

These application materials should be dropped off at the Peace Corps office in Kolonia, or faxed to 320-2658, or sent by email to drichard@fm.peacecorps.gov. The deadline for receiving applications is **Friday, August 18, 2006**.

SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR

The Safety and Security Coordinator works under the supervision of the Country Director and provides safety and security support (training and administrative) to Peace Corps Volunteers and staff.

Duties include:

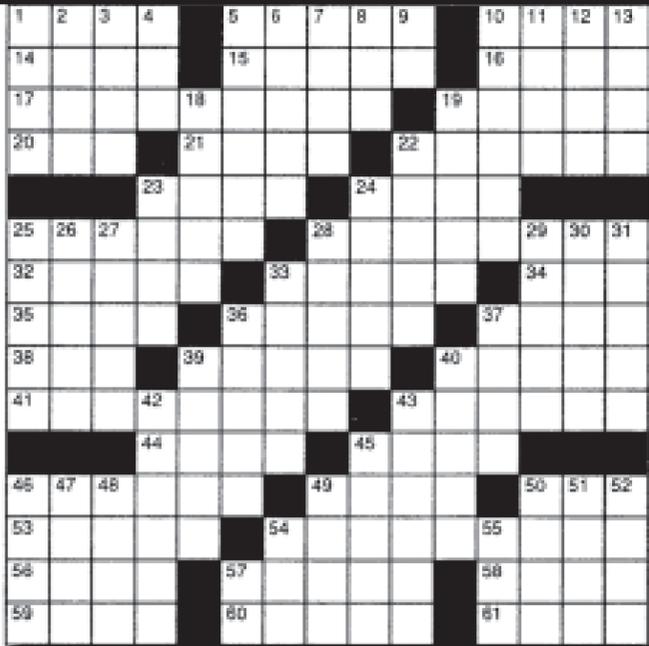
- Ensures operational compliance with agency safety and security regulations and procedures.
- Tests and revises emergency response systems and assists Director during situations such as natural disasters.
- Supports PCVs who are victims of crime. Follows up with law enforcement officials as necessary.
- Organizes and maintains all reports, site documentation, and contact information.
- Provides training to Volunteers and staff on how to reduce personal risks.
- Collaborates on the development of housing, host family, and site criteria.
- Periodically visits and assesses Volunteer sites throughout FSM and Palau.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Excellent organizational and administrative skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written English.
- Experience in training design and presentations helpful.
- Ability to work effectively as part of an intercultural team.
- Hardworking and reliable with excellent inter-personal skills.
- Impeccable personal and professional integrity that respects confidentiality.
- Law enforcement or security background desirable.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook desirable.
- Travel to sites in the FSM and Palau up to 25% of time.
- Valid driver's license, clean driving record, able to drive manual transmission vehicles desired.

Beginning Salary: \$15,126 plus benefits.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE

ACROSS

- 1. Loud Sound
- 5. Frolic
- 10. Cries Loudly
- 14. Sea Bird
- 15. Nimble
- 16. Great Lake
- 17. Bridge to a Ship
- 19. Stopping Device
- 20. Direction (abbr.)
- 21. Landed
- 22. Hammered
- 23. Unlock
- 24. Beside (pref.)
- 25. Worked Hard
- 28. Poker Players
- 32. Crowbar
- 33. Locations
- 34. Regulation
- 35. Declare

- 36. Enticed
- 37. The Moon
- 38. For each
- 39. Drags
- 40. Chubby
- 41. Reversals
- 43. Narrow passage between buildings
- 44. Well-ventilated
- 45. Ellipse
- 46. Gully
- 49. Persia
- 50. Constrictor Snake
- 53. Elevate
- 54. Increments
- 56. Other
- 57. Strong alloy
- 58. Stone
- 59. Land title
- 60. Rips
- 61. Pieces out
- DOWN**
- 1. Small pinlike pieces
- 2. Epochs

- 3. English Queen
- 4. Lower Limb
- 5. Telephoned
- 6. Another time
- 7. Half-Quart
- 8. Large dear kin
- 9. Regarding
- 10. Installment show
- 11. Spoken
- 12. Two-wheeled vehicle (sl.)
- 13. Plant "egg"
- 18. Writing surface
- 19. Spikes
- 22. Titled
- 23. Above
- 24. Heads
- 25. Strikes openhanded
- 26. Embankment
- 27. Ward off
- 28. Lasses
- 29. Evade

- 30. Long-Limbed
- 31. Move to and fro
- 33. Moody
- 36. Ill-gotten gain
- 37. Soothe
- 39. Coloring liquid
- 40. Sow
- 42. Scooped out water
- 43. Benefits
- 45. Command
- 46. Hollow grass
- 47. Wheel Rod
- 48. Flower holder
- 49. Notion
- 50. Tome
- 51. A single time
- 52. Inquiries
- 54. Consumed
- 55. Anger
- 57. Avenue (abbr.)

Word Search - Simon...

Paul Simon and his friend Art Garfunkel began their musical career as a duo in 1957 as Tom and Jerry, named after the cartoon cat-and mouse team.

Simon has since enjoyed fame both as a member of the duo Simon and Garfunkel and as a solo artist

ALBUMS

- "AMERICAN Tune"
- "ANNIE Hall" (movie)
- "BOXER, The"
- "BRIDGE over Troubled Water"
- "CAPEMAN, The" (musical)
- "CECILIA"
- COMPOSER
- CONCERT
- GARFUNKEL, Art
- "GONE at Last"
- "GRACELAND"
- GRAMMY Awards

GUITAR

- "HEARTS and Bones"
- "KODACHROME"



- "LATE in the Evening
- "LOVES ME Like a Rock"

LYRICS

- "ME AND JULIO Down by the Schoolyard"

VOICE

- "MOTHER and Child Reunion"
- NEWARK (N.J.) (birth-place)
- "OBVIOUS Child, The"
- "ONE-TRICK Pony"
- QUEENS College
- ROCK and roll
- "SCARBOROUGH Fair"
- "SLIP Slidin' Away"
- SONG
- "SOUNDS of Silence, The"
- "STILL CRAZY After All These Years"
- "YOU CAN CALL ME AL"

CONSERVATION CORNER

Ngehi Emen Kolepen Pohnpei

By *The Conservation Society*

Podoapoad en mahs, Pohnpei tepkihda tuhkehn Naniak apwoat. Tuhke wet kolpene pwehl oh deke Pohnpei wiawihda. Rahn pwukat, Naniak kan pil kolokol soangen pwukoah kesempwal ohte. Naniak doare sahpw oh pil koledi peilahn pwehl. Elimong wia kilel en Pohnpei me kasalehda kesempwal en Naniak oh Nansed ohng kolepen Pohnpei oh ieiasmwahu.

Naniak akan karehda luwetalahn momourin wasah kan ohng ekei mahn oh pil aramas. Kitail konehng tehk mwahu peilahn pwehl sang ni deideidahn ahl akan, kiried nansed, samin sang kelen pwihek ni keilen oaroahr, wiahki naniak wasahn kesehla kihd oh tohtohlahn wiawihdahn ihmw pohn keilen oaroahr akan.

Tuhkehn naniak wia ehup kepikipik kesempwal ohng mehn Pohnpei, sang ni ah kin wia mehn wieihmw, perper ohng mehn netila, ahpw mehleh wia wasa me tapiada doaropen mouhr mwahu en nansed, koledi pwehlin sahpw, koledi peilahn pwehl ohng nansed oh wia wasahn kanaitikada songen

mwahmw oh menihke.

Tohn Pohnpei kin saik Elimoang ohng mehn ieias, kamadipw ape, oh mehn netila. Seiseidahn Elimoang rahn pwukat solah kalapw wia mehn mwonge de kamadipw ape ahpw kalapw wia mehn netila oh pekeder, met me pil sang ni ahl ah pidakihdi Pohnpei. Kamangaila aramas en lel wasa koaros, met me eledah seiseidahn Elimoang ohng mehn netila oh pekeder ah laudla. Soun sei Elimoang kan kin kanaiehng arail wasahn sei Elimoang kan oh pil nesel Elimoang kan, pwe ren kin kak sasaik mwurin sompar kei ma e sohte ohla.

Kakehlailiala utuht ohng kosonned en nahk en rahn pwukat, koasonehdi wen sais me kak alahl (inses 4.7 pohn powi ohng Elimoang), oh kosonnediedi seiseidahn Elimoang me kutohr pah sawas pwehn dehr mwomwila.

Utuh me sang mahs oh leledohr met ohng kosonned en Mwanger, Sumwumw, Matopw, oh rahr kahreiongehr nempehn mahn pwukat ah mwamwaute. Kital



konehng uhd tehk mwahu epwelpen:

1. Elimoang
2. Uhrena
3. Merer (Wahrahr, Poros, Panipokon, Padartakai)
4. Kemeik (Mwioakoak, Tamwais, Dekenlawi)
5. Wehi

6. Pahsu

Apwalih oh doadoahngki ni keneinei atail naniak akan pahm mwahueng tohn Pohnpei.

Kupwur kalahngan oh iang sawas utung wasahn nahk kan en Pohnpei – Dehr laidih de ale mehkot sohte lipilipil nan wasahn nahk kan.

TIDE TABLE August 2 - 15, 2006

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Did you know...
that you can text for weather forecasts?

HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

1. Create a new text message.
2. Key in either the state name, zip code or first letter of the state.
3. Send message to 697 (NWS). *4¢ per message successfully sent.*
4. You will receive a text message shortly with the forecast*.

*Forecast provided by the National Weather Service (NWS).



SPORTS

Micro Games Results by State

Compiled By GINA TOBIN

POHNPEI STATE				
ATHLETICS				
100 m	Women	Militer Wendolin	13.38	Bronze
400 m	Men	Elterson Rodriguez	52.05	Gold
400m	Women	Militer Wendolin	1:06.26	Bronze
800m	Men	Keith Sapety		Silver
1500m	Men	Keith Sapety	4:26.22	Silver
4x100m Relay	Women	Marsolina Wendolin Militer Wendolin Vangie Mercado Amanda Wendolin	54.13	Silver
4x400m Relay	Women		4:38.31	Bronze
4x100m Relay	Men	Jenson Wendolin Jesse Hairens Murphy Hairens Elterson Rodriguez	44.77	Silver
4x400m Relay	Men		3:35.62	Bronze
BASEBALL				
MEN				
Gold	CNMI	CNMI 8	Vs.	PNI 7
Silver	Guam	KOS 10	Vs.	PNI 9
Bronze	Palau	PAL 10	Vs.	PNI 2
4	Kosrae	PNI 2	Vs.	GUM 5
5	Pohnpei			
BASKETBALL				
MEN				
Gold	Guam	PNI 94	Vs.	YAP 82
Silver	Palau	PNI 79	Vs.	CHK 87
Bronze	Marshall	PNI 53	Vs.	GUM 103
4	Kosrae	YAP 77	Vs.	PNI 83
5	CNMI	RMI 77	Vs.	PNI 63
6	Chuuk			
7	Pohnpei			
8	Yap			
WOMEN				
Gold	CNMI	PNI 56	Vs.	CNMI 62
Silver	Palau	PNI 93	Vs.	YAP 17
Bronze	Pohnpei	PAL 52	Vs.	PNI 58
4	Chuuk	CHUUK 40	Vs.	PNI 75
5	Yap	PNI 40	Vs.	PAL 43
		PNI 81	Vs.	CHK 39
MICROALLAROUND				
Men		Eugene Affon		Gold
OUTRIGGER				
500m	Men		2:21.64	Silver
500m	Women		2:45.71	Bronze
1500m	Men		7:38.34	Silver
1500m	Women		8:52.66	Silver
Long Dis	Men		1:36.32	Silver
Long Dis	Women		1:51.39	Silver
SOFTBALL				
MEN				
Gold	Guam	GUM 8	Vs.	PNI 3
Silver	Marshall	PNI 2	Vs.	PNI 6
Bronze	Pohnpei	KOS 7	Vs.	PNI 9
4	CNMI	PNI 8	Vs.	CNMI 4
5	Kosrae	PAL 3	Vs.	PNI 5
6	Palau	PNI 7	Vs.	CNMI 5
		RMI 13	Vs.	PNI 8
WOMEN				
Gold	Palau	PNI 20	Vs.	CNMI 12
2	Pohnpei	PNI 11	Vs.	PAL 17
3	CNMI	CNMI 1	Vs.	PNI 1
		PAL 7	Vs.	PNI 6
SPEARFISHING				
Individual		Iony Hadley	53.98lbs	Bronze
Team		Iony Hadley Nikolas Lenson	96.24lbs	Bronze
SWIMMING				
100m	Butterfly	Kenson Hadley	1:05.32	Bronze
50m	Backstroke	Kenson Hadley	31.02	Silver
50m	Breastroke	Tory Augustine	34.07	Silver
200m	Backstroke	Kenson Hadley	2:26.49	Bronze
50m	Butterfly	Tory Augustine	28.8	Silver
100m	Backstroke	Kenson Hadley	1:08.00	Bronze
50m	Freestyle	Kenson Hadley	27.09	Bronze
200m	Butterfly	Debra Daniel	2:51.24	Silver
TENNIS				
Team Event	Women			Silver
Double		Patulpa Neth Pehrna Palik		Bronze
VOLLEYBALL				
MEN				
Gold	Guam	GUM 3	Vs.	PNI 2
Silver	Pohnpei	PNI 3	Vs.	CNMI 1
Bronze	Palau	PAL 0	Vs.	PNI 3
4	CNMI	PNI 3	Vs.	YAP 0
5	Yap	PNI 3	Vs.	PAL 1
		GUM 3	Vs.	PNI 0
WOMEN				
Gold	Guam	CNMI 2	Vs.	PNI 3
Silver	Yap	PNI 0	Vs.	PAL 3
Bronze	Palau	GUM 3	Vs.	PNI 1
4	Pohnpei	PNI 0	Vs.	YAP 3
5	CNMI	GUM 3	Vs.	PNI 0
		PNI 2	Vs.	PAL 3
WRESTLING				
Roman/Greco	55kg	Dundy Dosaña		Gold
	60kg	Junior Nason		Bronze
Freestyle	55kg	Dundy Dosaña		Gold
	60kg	Junior Nason		Bronze
	84kg	Lorenzo John		Bronze
	96kg	David Lizer		Bronze

CHUUK STATE				
ATHLETICS				
100m	Men	Jack Howard	11.12	Gold
200m	Men	Jack Howard	22.73	Silver
500m	Men	Kostantino Kosi	1:7.99.8	Bronze
800m	Women	Vanity Reynolds	2:56.75	Bronze
200m	Women	Maria Ikalap	28.12	Bronze
4x100m Relay	Women	Twissanna Sam Aisina Finas Maria Ikalap Klanny Kapler	54.27	Bronze
4x400m Relay	Women		4:30.89	Silver
4x100m Relay	Men	RS Sufon Evanston Norman Fredder Proddy Jack Howard	43.76	Gold
4x400m Relay	Men		3:31.59	Gold
Triple Jump	Men	Bernor Hartman	12.2	Silver
	Women	Kimenta Dobrich	9.1	Bronze
1/2 marathon	Men	Kostantino Kosi	1:26.0	Silver
		Jada Ikalap	1:28.55	Bronze
3K Run	Women	Vanity Reynolds	11:14.0	Silver
		Stuylen Hinen	11:18.1	Bronze
5k Run	Men	Jada Ikalap	19:04.5	Gold
		Michael Henry	19:13.9	Silver
		Ignose Sakate	19:24.9	Bronze
400m	Men	Steve Mathias	1:02.74	Bronze
C/Country	Team	Men		Gold
C/Country	Team	Women		Gold
BASKETBALL				
MEN				
Gold	Guam	CHUUK 72	Vs.	CNMI 106
Silver	Palau	PNI 79	Vs.	CHK 87
Bronze	Marshall	CHK 55	Vs.	PAL 79
4	Kosrae	KOS 84	Vs.	CHK 59
5	CNMI	CNMI 86	Vs.	CHK 75
6	Chuuk			
WOMEN				
Gold	CNMI	CHUUK 39	Vs.	YAP 30
Silver	Palau	PAL 62	Vs.	CHK 33
Bronze	Pohnpei	CHK 40	Vs.	PNI 75
4	Chuuk	CNMI 71	Vs.	CHK 33
5	Yap	CNMI 59	Vs.	CHK 34
		PNI 81	Vs.	CHK 39
WRESTLING				
Roman/Greco	66kg	Marcel Yaitman		Silver
	84kg	Keitani Graham		Silver
	96kg	Andrew Salator		Bronze
Freestyle	60kg	Serina Mathias		Silver
	66kg	Marcel Yaitman		Bronze
	96kg	Andrew Salator		Silver
KOSRAE STATE				
BASEBALL				
Gold	CNMI	KOS 1	Vs.	GUM 10
Silver	Guam	KOS 6	Vs.	CNMI 9
Bronze	Palau	KOS 10	Vs.	PNI 9
4	Kosrae	KOS 2	Vs.	PAL 3
5	Pohnpei	CNMI 13	Vs.	KOS 3
BASKETBALL				
MEN				
Gold	Guam	PAL 72	Vs.	KOS 62
Silver	Palau	GUM 98	Vs.	KOS 75
Bronze	Marshall	CNMI 54	Vs.	KOS 62
4	Kosrae	KOS 84	Vs.	CHK 59
5	CNMI	RMI 85	Vs.	KOS 75
6	Chuuk			
7	Pohnpei			
8	Yap			
OUTRIGGER				
500m	Women			Silver
1500m	Women			Bronze
SOFTBALL				
MEN				
Gold	Guam	RMI 10	Vs.	KOS 11
Silver	Marshall	CNMI 11	Vs.	KOS 10
Bronze	Pohnpei	KOS 7	Vs.	PNI 9
4	CNMI	KOS 3	Vs.	PNI 2
5	Kosrae	GUM 9	Vs.	KOS 1
6	Palau			
TENNIS				
Double	Men			Silver
WRESTLING				
Roman/Greco	66kg	Patrick Mike		Bronze
	74kg	Kenneth Mike		Gold
	120kg	Kun Killin		Gold
Freestyle	74kg	Kenneth Mike		Gold
	120kg	Kun Killin		Silver

YAP STATE				
ATHLETICS				
Discus	Women	Javendra Lukreb	28.26	Gold
High Jump	Men	Nathan Nabachon	1.71	Bronze
Shotput	Women	Lucinda Kamloy		Silver
BASKETBALL				
MEN				
Gold	Guam	PNI 94	Vs.	YAP 82
Silver	Palau	YAP 77	Vs.	CNMI 95
Bronze	Marshall	YAP 73	Vs.	RMI 74
4	Kosrae	YAP 77	Vs.	PNI 83
5	CNMI	GUAM 114	Vs.	YAP 76
6	Chuuk			
7	Pohnpei			
8	Yap			
WOMEN				
Gold	CNMI	CHUUK 39	Vs.	YAP 30
Silver	Palau	PNI 93	Vs.	YAP 17
Bronze	Pohnpei	CNMI 52	Vs.	YAP 29
4	Chuuk	YAP 30	Vs.	PAL 56
5	Yap			
VOLLEYBALL				
MEN				
Gold	Guam	CNMI 3	Vs.	YAP 0
Silver	Pohnpei	PAL 3	Vs.	YAP 0
Bronze	Palau	YAP 0	Vs.	GUM 3
4	CNMI	PNI 3	Vs.	YAP 0
5	Yap			
WOMEN				
Gold	Guam	GUM 3	Vs.	YAP 0
Silver	Yap	YAP 3	Vs.	CNMI 2
Bronze	Palau	PAL 0	Vs.	YAP 3
4	Pohnpei	PNI 0	Vs.	YAP 3
5	CNMI	3 GUM	Vs.	YAP 0
WRESTLING				
Greco Roman	55kg	Christopher Yug		Silver
	60kg	Moses Gifalan		Silver
	74kg	Larry Uwelur		Bronze
	84kg	Steven Ochay		Gold
	96kg	Pasquel Yanelur		Silver
Freestyle	55kg	Christopher Yug		Silver
	84kg	David Saladwa		Silver

2006 MICRONESIAN GAMES OFFICIAL MEDAL TALLY

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