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Chuuk and Kosrae Take Presidencies



President Immanuel Mori

Palikir, POHNPEI – Immanuel (Manny) Mori has been selected on May 11, 2007, as the Seventh President of the Federated States of Micronesia. He is from the State of Chuuk. The FSM's new Vice President is Alik L. Alik from the State of Kosrae.

Selection of the National Government Leadership came during the Opening Session of the new 15th FSM Congress in Palikir. The Leadership of the

Legislative Branch is as follows:

Speaker – Isaac V. Figir (Yap)

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Floor Leaders – Joe N. Suka (Chuuk)

The chairmanship of the Congressional committees are:

1. Judiciary & Governmental Operations – Senator Peter Sitan

2. Ways & Means – Senator Dohsis Halbert

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Vice President Alik L. Alik

Pacific Island and Washington Leaders in a PICL

Pacific Island Council of Leaders (PICL) Meet for the First Time in Washington D.C.

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Washington, D.C. (April 6-9)

– According to Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Christopher R. Hill, the State Department suggested to Pacific Island leaders in a previous meeting of the Pacific Island Council of Leaders (PICL) that they could meet directly with U.S. agency directors if the meeting was held in Washington, D.C. The leaders who meet on a tri-annual basis accepted the proposal and on April 6-9, Pacific Island leaders converged on Washington for high level multi-lateral talks. The talks are normally held in Honolulu. This year marks the first time that the meetings have

been held in Washington, D.C. in the organization's 26 years.

The PICL does not produce a list of resolutions as its purpose is to provide high level leaders in the Pacific the opportunity to talk freely about issues that affect them. It is facilitated by the East West Center, housed at the University of Honolulu in Hawaii and the secretariat of PICL.

The council does produce a communiqué at the end of the talks that covers the issues discussed. According to that communiqué, twenty Pacific Island leaders were in attendance. The communiqué says that the nations of the Pacific Islands encompass one-third of the globe.

The Twenty island leaders in

attendance represented American Samoa, the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Hawai'i, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the independent nation of Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

According to the PICL communiqué, the purpose of the meetings in Washington was to broaden and deepen the Pacific Islands region's engagement with the United States. High level meetings were held with the Executive and Legislative Branches of the U.S. Government. The Council discussed a wide range of

issues including economic development, security, trade, aid, environmental protection, climate change, fisheries, emergency responses to natural disasters, USAID and the desire to expand U.S. public diplomacy programs, especially those of an educational and exchange nature. The PICL agreed on the need to strengthen the Joint Commercial Commission (JCC) by securing additional resources to fund the programs for developing trade and investment, and by revamping the agreement to improve market access for Pacific Island countries' exports, an issue the body has discussed before.

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United States House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and dignitaries from the Pacific Island Conference of Leaders

NEWS**US Secretary of State Addresses Pacific Island Leaders**

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice stands to address the Pacific Island Conference of Leaders in Washington D.C.

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Washington D.C. (May 7, 2007) - Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Christopher R. Hill said that he had visited many of the Pacific island states as he opened the morning meeting held at the Loy Henderson Conference Room at the State Department for the Pacific Island Conference of Leaders. Hill who has been involved in state visits to Korea and other countries that are or may be going nuclear said, "It's great to go to a place that isn't producing nuclear weapons." He went to speak on an invigorated engagement in the Pacific and the connections that all of our countries have.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice took the podium and welcomed the leaders especially Governor Linda Lingle of Hawaii, Governor Camacho from Guam, Lieutenant Governor Sunia from American Samoa, and Representative Tenorio representing the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

She said, "There's another connection and one of great pride for us." Citizens of the Freely Associated States are able to serve in the military and some have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in that service. "The United States is grateful for their service."

"This meeting is a key event in what we are calling the Year of the Pacific. You will hear this phrase many times this week, but it encapsulates our efforts to expand our engagement with your countries and to reaffirm America's historic role in the

Pacific. Maintaining security and stability in the Pacific region is crucial to the interest of every country and every territory represented in this room, including the United States. Many of your countries face growing political, environmental, and economic challenges and these are often compounded by other more long term transnational threats. They pose profound threats to the Pacific Islands.

"In response to these challenges, we are working together to chart a comprehensive approach, promoting opportunity and prosperity, good governance and the rule of law, greater peace and security. You will hear

more about our plans throughout the day. We also plan to highlight the potential economic benefits that will result from the relocation of U.S. forces from Okinawa to Guam.

"I stress this comprehensive approach for an important reason, because we all know and share the conviction that democracy plays a key role in fostering political and economic development. Like many of you, the United States is deeply concerned about the unlawful overthrow of the freely-elected government in Fiji. We are very pleased that Pacific countries have spoken with one voice through the Pacific Islands Forum in calling for the speedy return of democracy to Fiji. The Pacific cannot devolve into where strong men unilaterally decide the fates of their country and destabilize democratic foundations of their neighbors.

"Let me close by thanking each of you for traveling to this

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"The Pacific cannot devolve into a place where strong men unilaterally decide the fates of their country..."

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NEWS

Pacific Island Leaders Gather at the National Geographic Society

The Elite of Pacific and United States Leadership Gather for a Pacific Night

By **BILL JAYNES**

The Kaselehlie Press

Washington D.C. (May 8, 2007)

– The representatives of the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders (PICL) and the elite of the United States Government mingled together on Wednesday night at The National Geographic Society in Washington D.C. for a special celebration called the Pacific Night. U.S. speakers included Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and a late visit by the third most powerful person in the U.S. Government, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. Papua New Guinea Ambassador to the U.S. Leslie Rowe was the master of ceremonies for what was a sometimes humorous evening.

Many of the Pacific Islands leaders missed the opening moments of the evening for a briefing by Ambassador Karen Hughes, the U.S. Undersecretary

of State for Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs. During the briefing of the high leaders of the Pacific the Ambassador stated the U.S. intention of “affirming and expanding” their engagement in the Pacific Islands, a common theme of the U.S. heard throughout the PICL in what has been proclaimed to be the “Year of the Pacific”.

Though that doesn’t necessarily mean more money for the Pacific Ambassador Hughes did say that the U.S. would very soon, open a new Public Affairs office in Suva, Fiji. She also said that they would expand academic programs in the islands and may reinstate programs for education that have either lain dormant or been canceled outright.

Hughes, in speaking of the U.S. commitment to better com-

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Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne said that the U.S. relationship with the Pacific is “something we take very seriously...”

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FSM and MCT Sign Historic Agreement for Conservation

Development funds provided by European Union to help raise capacity of NGOs in the nation.

BY OLIVIER WORTEL
The Kaselehlie Press

PALIKIR, Pohnpei – An agreement was reached on April 27 between the FSM national government and the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) utilizing a portion of environmental funds from the European Union's 9th European Development Fund (EDF9).

The EDF9 provides 9.4 million Euros to the FSM for 2007, 719,000 of which will be utilized for an environmental program known as the Conservation and Environmental Protection Programme (CEPP). The CEPP will be administered and implemented by MCT, a trust char-

tered in 2002 by the FSM, leading local environmental NGOs, and The Nature Conservancy to support environmental sustainability. MCT also provides funding and technical support to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Palau.

In a letter to the EU, Rose Nakanaga, the National Authorizing Officer for the FSM and Assistant Secretary of Investment Management and International Finance, called the agreement with the EU a "landmark accord" that is a big step in helping the FSM "realizing our sustainable development goals, as well as continue to build the capacity and livelihoods of our

non-state actor sector and communities."

Assistant Secretary Nakanaga also noted that the FSM is pleased to be partnering with MCT in the implementation of the community focused project in the coming years because of its experience and technical ability in managing funds, and helping NGOs and community groups develop the skills to write proposals and reports.

The CEPP will focus on communities and community-led management initiatives and roles, a stipulation that the national government has supported in reaching an agreement with MCT to implement the program and disburse the funds to potential proponents, starting in May 2007. The funds will be primarily aimed toward raising the capacity of such groups to "formulate and deliver environment protection and conservation projects," according to the agreement reached by the EU and FSM.

Activities undertaken as part of the CEPP will be in line with several themes of the FSM's *National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan*, developed in 2002, including *Theme 1: Ecosystem Management*, and *Theme 8: Human Resources and Institutional Development*.

In many ways, it is the opening of a new chapter for the national government of the FSM, which has traditionally worked along government to government lines (national to state) in

such matters. It follows the growing trend of internationalization and coordination between both government and non-government organizations (known also as non-state actors or NSAs) to assist communities in the region.

According to Willy Kostka, MCT Executive Director, the Trust will use the funds to serve as a "financing mechanism" for the vaunted and ambitious Micronesia Challenge, the implementation of the Nationwide Protected Areas Network and the NBSAP, all ongoing conservation schemes for the FSM.

"The European funds will allow us to turn these ideas into real initiatives that benefit our local communities," Kostka added.

The EU, in developing the CEPP since 1997, according to its Financing Agreement with the FSM, said it realizes "the need for patient and sustained engagement with all community stakeholders over an extended period of time, and the need for the intervention to result in quick, demonstrable, successes, which serve to reinforce the value of joint community based action."

The Financing Agreement between the EU and the FSM marks the first time that the two federations have signed an accord. It signifies a major step in terms of bilateral relations, trade, and support.

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3. External Affairs – Senator Paliknoa K. Welly
4. Resources & Development – Senator Dion G. Neth
5. Health, Education and Social Affairs – Senator Joseph J. Urusemal

6. Transportation, Communications & Infrastructure – Senator Moses A. Nelson.

Following the selection of the National Government Leadership, the new Congress went into recess until Tuesday – May 15, 2007.



Speaker Isaac Figir
15th Congress of the FSM



Vice Speaker Resio Moses
15th Congress of the FSM

Yap State Leaders briefed on outcome of national Fuel Task Force meeting

Department of Youth and Cultural Affairs (DY&CA)

COLONIA, Yap – Yap State Representatives to the national Fuel Task Force (FTF) held a briefing session with State Leaders. Highlighted in the briefing was extension of Mobil land lease agreements with Yap and Chuuk States for a period of three months

ending September 30, 2007. Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc (MOMI) has agreed to the extensions as renegotiation of future fuel supply arrangements continues.

Options of purchasing MOMI's assets were also discussed during the recently con-

cluded FTF/MOMI meeting in Chuuk. The leaders were also informed of other urgent tasks for FTF in the next few months which include hiring expert/consultant to assess environment and structural remedies of fuel plants throughout the nation.

Also discussed during the briefing was Continental cargo embargo on Yap State which will

kick into effect on 16 June 2007. Leaders were informed that the needed fuel tanks purchased abroad are currently being refitted to meet Mobil's requirement. While it is uncertain when the tanks will arrive, the State is looking into ways to get them on island soon.

For further information contact DY&CA at 350-2168/2169

FSM Opens Embassy in China

Beijing, CHINA - The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia recently dispatched a delegation to open the FSM Embassy in China.

The delegation, headed by Mr. Carlson D. Apis of the Department of Foreign Affairs arrived in Beijing, China on 25 April 2007 and on 27 April 2007, Mr. Apis, presented his credentials to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the Chargé d'Affairs, a.i. for the new resident mission in Beijing.

The Federated States of Micronesia and the People's Re-

public of China established diplomatic relations on 11 September 1989. After seventeen years of close cooperative relations, both governments dubbed the relations a "model relationship", a description that characterizes the prevailing relationship between the FSM and China. Building on this model relationship, H.E. President Joseph J. Urusemal decided to take this relationship to new heights by opening an Embassy in Beijing. The People's Republic of China currently has an embassy located in Palikir, Pohnpei.

The FSM Embassy is located at the Jianguomenwai Diplomatic Compound in Beijing. The exact address for the Embassy is as follows:

Embassy of the FSM
1-1-11 Jianguomenwai
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100010
People's Republic of China
Mr. Apis, formerly the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asian Affairs, now serves as the Chargé d'Affairs, a.i. while His Excellency Kasio E. Mida is the FSM

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to China, cross accredited from his resident post in Tokyo, Japan.. The 15th FSM Congress will be considering during their upcoming sessions the President's 2008 Fiscal Year Budget which includes funding for a resident ambassador and a first secretary for the Embassy.

Mr. Apis was accompanied to Beijing by Mr. Edigar Isaac, Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance and Administration and Ms. Elsiner Yarofaisug, Administrative Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs to assist in the administrative set up of the Embassy.

Regional Workshop on Forest Genetic Resources Conservation and Management in the Pacific

by *Cenon Padolina*

The conservation and management of forest genetic resources has been a major concern in the Pacific region. The significant loss of biodiversity due to destructive human activities associated with mining, agricultural clearing and commercial logging, particularly within the larger Melanesian countries, has featured in many international forums where issues like extreme poverty, climatic changes and environmental degradation are now the main focus of concern. It has become a major economic and environmental issue as to whether these countries can justify the present rate of exploitation of their forest resources. Several commercial timber species have become rare due to indiscriminate logging while many culturally valuable species are threatened by heavy harvesting for traditional uses such as wood carving, firewood and medicine.

The Pacific forests and trees are increasingly threatened in many ways including over-utilization, land-use change and climate change.

In 1999, a workshop was jointly organized and supported by the South Pacific Regional Initiative on Forest Genetic Resources (SPRIG), AusAID, FAO, the Pacific Islands Forests and Trees Support

Programme of SPC, SPREP and the Forestry Division of Samoa which developed the "Pacific Sub-Regional Action Plan for Conservation, Management and Sustainable Use of Forest and Tree Resources." The Action Plan is organized into four themes, as follows: Tree Species Priorities for Genetic Resources Operations and Activities; Conservation, Sustainable Use and Management of Forests and Trees; Germplasm Collection, Exchange and Access; and Institutional Strengthening, Training Needs and Regional Collaboration.

The Workshop to be held on June 25 - 29 in Nadi, Fiji, will aim to update the Action Plan developed in Apia in 1999 after assessing progress in its implementation over eight years. The revised plan will provide an agreed framework which suits the needs and priorities of each PCITs in relation to forest genetic resources conservation and management. FGR priorities for each country will be strongly linked to its wider development priorities. Although there has been a notable increase of interest among PICTs in developing research and action plan on FGR, there have been modest achievements due to management and governance issues, limited national budgets and shortages

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One of the issues discussed at great length was the U.S. military's partial move from Okinawa into Guam. The move will mean an increased population in Guam of approximate 35,000 people, a few more people than currently live in Pohnpei.

The East-West Center, the Secretariat of PICL has been charged with the task of research and analysis on issues surrounding the move for the leaders.

Some U.S. leaders say that the move will mean increased economic development not just in Guam but across the Pacific Island Nations.

In a question and answer session at the Department of Interior officials said that the move to Guam could benefit islanders in several ways. Skilled construction workers could potentially get jobs working on the construction projects in Guam. It would require workers to relocate to Guam. Despite the current diaspora taking place in the islands (people departing from home islands to other places) officials conjecture

that there will be benefits to other islands besides Guam in terms of money sent to hired workers' homes.

Island contractors will be able to bid on jobs that will be required as part of the \$8 billion budget that is earmarked for the move.

The officials at interior said that "all of those people will need to go somewhere on the weekend." Since other island nations are all accessible by air from Guam perhaps the soldiers and their families will travel and by doing so help the economies of the islands they visit.

Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau said in roundtable discussions with Ambassador Karen Hughes, the U.S. Undersecretary of State for Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs, "No matter how big or small, it's the thoughts behind the deeds."

He expressed his concern however, that nuclear missiles from North Korea can reach Guam. That thought seemed to weigh heavy on the minds of the Pacific leaders.

The Kaselehlie Press asked then Vice-President Redley Killion what the best thing about PICL was in his consideration. He

quickly said "The military base in Guam" and referred to the possible economic impact in the Pacific

Killion also said that he was a little disappointed that in the PICL, "the issues were not too organized." He said that he felt that there was a great deal of time spent on issues that didn't concern all of the islands and that part of the group sat in disinterest for a good deal of the time since the issues being discussed didn't apply to their own jurisdictions.

Donor countries such as China scheduled a meeting with some of the leaders of PICL. One PICL representative said that probably due to political instability in the Solomons, Cook Islands, and Fiji, high leaders of other large countries were selected to represent each of the troubled islands at the meeting. The leaders of those islands perhaps understandably took offense at their lack of representation and expressed their concerns to PICL. The Solomons had Australia appointed as their representative which, according to the PICL source, particularly galled the leadership there perhaps due to RAMSI issues there.

The members of PICL were scheduled to have a briefing on the outcome of the meeting but most members boycotted that briefing in protest.

The members of PICL had high level meetings on Capitol Hill, facilitated by Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, representative of American Samoa. Leaders discussed many issues with Congress Representatives including fisheries resources and the possibilities of developing canneries within the Pacific instead of having foreign interests exporting all of the tuna from the Exclusive Economic Zones of the Pacific Island nations.

President Remengesau, of Palau urged Island leaders to commit to the Micronesia Challenge, a plan that has taken island nations across the world by storm. The plan calls for nations to protect 30% of their near coastal waters and 20% of their terrestrial (land) resources.

Issues visited by the PICL are likely to be taken up by the Pacific Island Forum if history is any example. That body does produce resolutions that have built in enforcements.

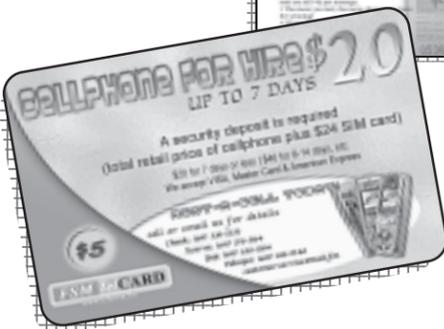
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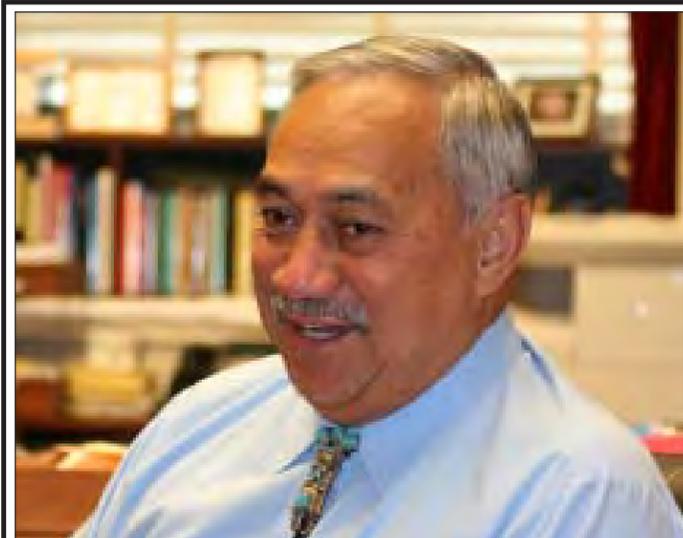
munication in the area said that they would be active in bringing speakers to the islands and called upon the leaders to let her know what subjects they could use help on. She wants also, to establish digital video conferences throughout the area. She also said that more visits by high level leaders of the U.S. would be made to Pacific areas.

Secretary Kempthorne said that the U.S. relationship with the Pacific is "something we take very seriously... We [in the U.S.] can barely comprehend the journeys made by early navigators a thousand years before Erik the Red or Christopher Columbus." He said that the Pacific Islands are situated near

some of the most geopolitical hot spots on earth and thanked the many people of the Freely Associated States for their service and sacrifice in the military.

He came along side Ambassador Hughes' earlier message to the leaders when he told the large gathered crowd that he would conduct a tour of many of the Pacific Islands in June. His trip will include visits to Midway Island, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas, as well as the Freely Associated States, which includes Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

He additionally announced that the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs will host the fourth Conference on Business Oppor-



*Long time representative of American Samoa
Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega*

tunities in the Islands on Guam on October 8 and 9, 2007. According to a press release, the conferences provide an opportunity for U.S. business people to meet with entrepreneurs and business owners and managers from the U.S. affiliated islands and explore ways of working together that will strengthen the economies of the islands.

"This is a magnificent gathering! You represent a significant, magnificent part of the world," he said in closing.

Long time representative of American Samoa Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega who ended up with the microphone as the leaders waited for a visit by Speaker Pelosi said in his inimitable style what he has been saying for years. "The Government of the United States has not been paying enough attention to

the Pacific Islands; Asia, yes, but not the Pacific."

Hawaiian Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka who has been one of Hawaii's Senator's since 1990 paid a visit to the Pacific leaders to give his greetings.

Fijian dancers living in Utah performed for the group.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi showed up after considerable vamping by Congressman Eni as he is popularly known. Congresswoman Pelosi, the first female Speaker is the representative of the 8th District of California. She said that Californian know all about their connection with the Pacific Rim though there were no representative from those countries at the gathering. She said in closing that "we think looking to the Pacific is looking to the future."



Hawaiian Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka

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important meeting. I hope that today's events will give us an opportunity to broaden and deepen our friendships as we work together to build a bright, more democratic, and more prosperous future for all of our citizens."

President Kessai H. Note, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Chairman of the PICL had the onerous task of following Secretary Rice with his opening remarks. He said, "When former President George H.W. Bush in 1990 held his historic Pacific Island Nation Summit at the East-West Center, he emphasized that America views the Pacific not as a great ocean of

small islands and tiny populations, but rather, as an 'Aquatic Continent', the world's largest, covering a full third of the Earth's surface...with each island, like a string of pearls, possessing something unique to contribute to the value of the whole."

President Note said that he hoped the outcome of the PICL meetings would "expand and strengthen mutually beneficial linkages in terms of working together on practical approaches to advancing a number of issues."

He mentioned many of those issues including and invigorated JCC process, security in its broader sense including social, environmental, and economic

challenges. He hopes that one end result would be more US developmental assistance including US AID, MCA and expansion of the Peace Corps program.

He spoke of climate change and the problems associated with it that weighs heavily on the minds of all islanders. He quoted a recent study by the International Protocol on Climate Change that said that "sea level rise is no longer a matter of conjecture, but a reality."

Note in closing addressed Secretary Rice, "Madame Secretary, we trust and pray that through your good efforts, and the continuing attention we have from the East-West Center, the wellspring of goodwill can grow.



*Marshall Islands President
Note and Chairman of PICL
addresses the delegation*

NEWS

Pacific Aquaculture Experts Team Up With Asian Counterparts

SPC Media Release

SPC Headquarters – Aquaculture is a young and promising industry in the Pacific region. To advance its progress, SPC (Secretariat of the Pacific Community) and Pacific aquaculture experts decided to team up with their Asian counterparts, NACA (Network of Aquaculture Centers in Asia-Pacific) for new training and research opportunities.

Seven participants from various fisheries departments in the region and private sector operations – from Papua New Guinea, Fiji Islands, New Caledonia and French Polynesia – will begin a three-week course on operating a marine finfish hatchery (with an emphasis on grouper species) in Thailand next week.

‘Outsourcing our training to Asia is quite a new thing for SPC, but interesting in that it shows the value of links to this region,’ says Ben Ponia, SPC Aquaculture Adviser. ‘The marine fish farming sector is one of the most dynamic in Asia. The training will enable our people to take stock of the successes of Asian operations, which are similar to theirs if you compare the level of technology used or the environmental constraints they have to deal with.’

World aquaculture production of groupers (FAO data) is around 6,000–7,000 tonnes per annum, valued at about USD 60 million. The bulk of this production comes from wild seed stock. Hatchery production of groupers is still low and irregular – they are difficult to rear because of their specific feed and environmental requirements. Developing skills in marine hatchery operation in the Pacific region is a new but promising venture, given the growing interest and demand for fish on local and international markets.

SPC’s aquaculture and fisheries training sections are working in collaboration with NACA (<http://www.enaca.org/>) and Thailand’s Department of Fisheries.

‘We hope that next week’s course will be the first of many. The training is the first step towards consolidating the aquaculture industry in the Pacific and offering new skills to our Pacific Island countries and territories,’ says Ben Ponia.

For more information, please contact Antoine Teitelbaum, SPC Aquaculture Officer, at AntoineT@spc.int, by phone +66 (0)75-695149, or visit our website: <http://www.spc.int/aquaculture/site/home/index.asp>



Pond of broodstock humpback grouper.

(Photo courtesy Roman Fokli)

...Regional Workshop

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of trained personnel to implement approved FGR programs.

The FAO Panel of Experts on FGR on its 14th Session held early this year in Rome, Italy, has recommended a stronger action to support the management of forest genetic resources to achieve sustainable forest development and the current updating of the State of the World’s Forest Genetic Resources should further clarify the contribution of forest genetic resources to the achievement of MDG 1 (to reduce extreme poverty and hunger) and MDG 7 (to ensure environmental sustainability).

Enhance regional cooperation offers an effective solution towards a successful program on forest genetic resource conservation and management in the Pacific. Given the small size and limited resources of many Pacific countries, it is vital that a regional approach is adopted, such that information and genetic resources can be readily exchanged among SPC member countries and territories.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Develop a Pacific Island Regional Research and Development Agenda and an Action Plan for improved governance in the conservation, management and sustainable utilization of forest genetic resources, including a plan of follow-up activities after the Workshop.

- Strengthen and explore opportunities for collaboration amongst PICTs, other international and regional organisations and donor agencies with emphasis on forest genetic resources conservation and management and its application to poverty alleviation, rural development and climate change, within a community forestry framework.

The first two days of the work-

shop will be set aside for presentations of country reports, agency reports, technical presentations and discussions

The third day of the workshop shall be set aside for the preparation of the Action Plan for improved governance in research and development on the conservation and sustainable use of forest genetic resources within a community forestry framework.

The fourth day will be set aside for discussions on relevant issues to Pacific Forestry such as impact of climate change, logging code of practice, forest certification, biofuels and carbon offsets, invasive species and maximizing role of Pacific forests and trees to the well-being of the Pacific Islanders.

The fifth day will be a field visit to Fiji Pine plantation areas and the Fiji Forestry Department Sandalwood seed stand planting near Lololo .

Participants will be from the 22 Pacific Island Countries and Territories, international and regional governmental organizations, non-government organizations, civic, youth and gender-based organizations and academic institutions.

Main target group will be technical officers of the respective forestry agencies who are currently involved in forest genetic resources conservation and management, research and development, and extension works in their countries and territories.

The workshop will be organized by the Forests and Trees Programme, Land Resources Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) in partnership with ENSIS (formerly CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products) and with co-funding support from the Australian Government (AusAID through its Pacific Governance Support Program).

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NEWS

Kosrae Mayor Lost at Sea

The Kaselehlle Press

MALEM, Kosrae – Families, friends and the people of Malem Municipality have mourned since March 30, 2007, when they believed their mayor disappeared at sea.

At about 1:00 p.m. on that stormy afternoon, Mayor Moses Lucias Charley took off from the Utwe boat marina hoping for his usual good catch. His wife, Jocelyn, who was the last person he spoke with, watched him as he headed off from the boat marina by himself. That was the last time anyone saw or heard from him.

The Local Disaster Office on the same evening that Mayor Charley was pronounced missing, was tasked to coordinate search and rescue operation in collaboration with family members, citizens, scuba divers, local and state government for a period of more than 2 weeks. Personal belongings were also recovered during the 2 weeks search and confirmed by family members as items from his boat: 2 fuel tanks, 1 white ice-chest, fishing line rolls, motor engine key, a short pants and a hat he was last seen wearing when he headed off from the Utwe boat marina.

Scuba dive operators went deep into a depth of approximately 160 feet within Utwe reefs where his personal items were located. More than 10 private boat operators also volunteered for the water search within a spread distance of around 26 miles far from the coastal area. *Sinlaku*, a state government boat and Micronesia Petroleum Corporation's boat, were also called in to assist during the operation.

The shocking disappearance of Mayor Charley set off the Utwe boat marina into a major congestion by volunteers from around every corner, from small kids to older folks who were also well provided for with drinks and food provided by the people of Utwe and families, as they sat and watched each boat return from their search rounds providing information update to the families. The search and rescue operation was coordinated through the state government under the direction of Mr. Henry H. Shrew, as the Incident Commander, given his capacity as Local Disaster Officer and supported by the Kosrae Public Safety Chief of Police and State Marine Surveillance and other key players.

Communications regarding the lost were also sent to neighboring fishing companies in Pohnpei. Companies such as the National Fisheries Corporation (NFC), Caroline Fishing Corporation,

Clear Water Incorporation (Long Liner), Micronesia Longline Fishing Company Inc and Luen Thai Fishing Venture, requesting support with an unveiling hope that they would somehow encounter any sightings.

It has been more than forty days from the date of his disappearance but the families are still in great disbelief and desperation to see the man they used to call a husband, father, brother, uncle and mayor.

Mayor Moses Lucias Charley before inaugurated some three (3) months ago as the mayor of the Malem Municipal Government was also in an acting capacity for about six (6) months as a mayor when his predecessor resigned. He was born on February 16, 1956 and is survived by his wife Jocelyn Moses Charley and their 2 sons and 2 daughters.

The Chairman of the Council, Mr. Alokoo L Talley through executive MOU automatically became the Acting Mayor. Mr Talley also indicated that his council members had reconvened through special session and passed resolution relating to his acting term. Acting Mayor Talley also stated that as much as he wants a normal operation on his municipal government there are certain legal procedures that have to be followed if a reelection will prevail.

Acting Mayor Talley and the families were also pleased on the logistic side where all different types of supports were provided by every individuals, including the youngsters in Malem and Utwe who had also donated much of their time to assist on the shoreline search. Special recognition and appreciation goes to the people of Utwe and their local government for the heartfelt thoughts and contribution of necessities and food to support the family as well as the volunteers.

The family and the office of Malem Mayor also extend their utmost appreciation to the following organizations and individuals who had also provided their invaluable support: Kosrae State Government; all participating branches and agencies; Municipal Governments (Utwe, Tafunsak, Lelu & Malem); US Coast Guard; FSM Congress Delegation Office; Kosrae Village Resort; Kosrae Nautilus Resort; Pacific Treelodge; FSM Telecommunication Kosrae; Micronesia Petroleum Corporation; Kosrae Broadcast Authorities; Congregational Churches; Municipal section groups (Otta); Families and Friends; Utwe Boat Marina (Norlin and Mary Livaie); People of Kosrae; All contacted fishing companies.

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NEWS**Urusemal Signs Final Measures From 14th Congress***FSM Information Services*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei – President Joseph J. Urusemal has signed into law the seven final legislations as adopted by the 14th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia reports the FSM Information Service.

PL.14-104: amends the budget laws (PL. 14-95 & 14-99) to appropriate the \$2,418,036 for supplement the FY-2007 budget. While **PL No. 14-105** through **PL No. 14-109**, were amendments to previous laws funding various public projects in the four states. In his transmittal letters, the President had noted his concerns over the disparities between the figures from Congress and those from the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A). He therefore advised Congress that the Department will “certify and pay only the amount available in each project account.”

PL.14-110: amends Title 54 (Taxation and Customs) of the FSM Code as it relates to: expanding the tax payers subject to the corporate income tax regime, re-

defining paid-in-capital or equity of corporations, and insertion of a provision requiring submission of certain audited financial statements.

Along with the newly signed Laws were fifteen Resolutions as adopted by the Sixth Special Session of the 14th FSM Congress and the 1 day Seventh Special Session:

C.R. No. 14-89 Calling on the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to establish a Special Task Force on accelerated Sea-Level Rise.

C.R. No. 14-112 Expressing concern over the torment and cruelty appearing in broadcast images of recent executions carried out in the State of Iraq and calling upon the Nations of the world to eliminate abuse and torment in carrying out executions.

C.R. No. 14-115 The Federated States of Micronesia’s accession to the revised constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

C.R. No. 14-116 Confirming the nomination of Garrison Jovan Irons to be a member of the Fed-

erated States of Micronesia Social Security Board

C.R. No. 14-117 Recognizing the continuing accomplishments of Mr. Manuel Miningfel of the State of Yap for his continued accomplishments and success in the international sport of weightlifting.

C.R. No. 14-118 To approve a technical assistance grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior to provide fund to implement the “FSM Machine Readable Passports” modernization project.

C.R. No. 14-120 Setting the ceiling of the National Funds estimated to be available for appropriation from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

C.R. No. 14-121 Expressing the sadness and condolences of the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of the Honorable Johnny Reklai, President of the Senate of the Republic of Palau.

C.R. No. 14-122 Expressing the sadness and condolences of the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of Chief Andrew B. Ruepong of the State of Yap.

C.R. No. 14-123 To approve a grant from the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for implementation of a comprehensive cancer control program for

the Federated States of Micronesia and each of the FSM States.

C.R. No. 14-124 Calling on the President and the FSM Public Auditor to initiate and audit of the use of compact funds by the State of Kosrae.

C.R. No. 14-125 Expressing the sadness and condolences of the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of the former President of the Federated States of Micronesia, His Excellency, Tosiwo Nakayama.

C.R. No. 14-126 Expressing the gratitude of the People of the Federated States of Micronesia to the Honorable Peter M. Christian for his many years of dedicated service as a member and Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. No. 14-127 Expressing the gratitude of the People of the Federated States of Micronesia to the Honorable Claude H. Phillip for his many years of dedicated service as a member and Vice Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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**FORUM SUPPORTS WORLD
PRESS FREEDOM DAY***Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat*

Freedom of the media will play a pivotal role in the development of the Pacific region.

This was the resolve of the Pacific Islands Forum on World Press Freedom Day, as noted by Secretary General, Greg Urwin.

“Today serves as a reminder to all that we must endeavour to support the development of a free and independent media industry,” said Mr. Urwin.

“Doing so will help our region achieve principles of good governance and promote accountability across the board.”

Mr. Urwin noted that the media plays an important role in supporting the implementation of the region’s development priorities, as identified in the Pacific Plan.

“The dissemination of information to the public pertaining to the progress of regional development is a priority,” said Mr. Urwin.

“In order for our member countries to tangibly gain from regionalism at the country-level, people need to be informed of the possible benefits of doing so.”

Mr. Urwin added that a free and impartial media industry in the Pacific serves to foster well-informed communities and encourages healthy debate on key public-interest issues.

“I encourage the Pacific’s media industry to strive for excellence in their work, and wish the upcoming Pacific Islands News Association (PINA) Conference a successful outcome.”

The PINA 2007 Conference is scheduled to be held in Honiara from 24th-26th May with the theme “The Role of the Media in Building Pacific Economies”. The Conference will be attended by media professionals from throughout the region, and is being hosted by the Media Association of Solomon Islands (MASI).

President's message for FSM Constitution Day

FSM Information Services

Palikir, POHNPEI – President Joseph J. Urusemal has issued this statement on the occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia:

My Fellow Citizens,

On this 28th Anniversary of our Constitution, Vice President Killion joins me in extending our personal greetings and special respect to our traditional leaders, government officials, and other leaders in our communities and churches, and to you fellow citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia.

I extend the same to our development partners and friends of the FSM. Please accept my best

wishes and congratulations on this historic day, the 28th year since Constitutional government. We deserve to celebrate for having reached this far in our history as a self governing nation, a status we affirmed without the slightest hint of bloodshed or human sacrifice.

This Constitution Day is unique in that tomorrow our new FSM Congress, the 15th Congress, will elect the new administration to guide us throughout the challenging times of high fuel cost and the threat of climate change and sea-level rise. Despite these continuing challenges and the shortcomings we have as a nation, I am proud to say that our cultural differences, customs and traditions have inherently dictated a united

stand and respectful regard toward each other. This unique attribute has successfully contributed to the slow but healthy growth of this young nation.

On this day, we can all celebrate this important accomplishment and be proud that we keep faith with our Constitution and that our democracy remains strong. It is an achievement that each of us contributed, in our own respective ways - to it's making no matter who you are and what you do as a citizen in your own communities. I therefore would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you my sincerest appreciation and gratitude for your contributions in whatever way, big or small, that you have made during my administration as the President of the FSM. It has indeed been a great pleasure and honor to have been of service to you, my fellow citizens.

We have been blessed and endowed as a people, and we can be thankful for our constitutional inheritance. Much work lies ahead

as we continue to build a Nation of four States, with tolerance and respect for our unique differences and similarities.

While we are grateful for the assistance given to us by our foreign friends and partners, it is our resources and our resourcefulness as a people that will be even more needed in the days ahead. This, my fellow citizens, will require nothing less than our great sense of unity and purpose as a nation and as a people.

In closing, we witnessed these past two months the passing of two of our beloved Founding Fathers - the Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama and his progressive colleague the Honorable John A. Mangefel. While the loss of these two statesmen left our nation grief stricken, it also reaffirms our Micronesian pride that we who have been the wards of other nations are the proud guardians of our own islands.

May God bless you all, and God bless our great Nation.

USDA Assists Expanding Family by Providing Expanded Housing



Benjamin Mengloi and wife in front of their newly constructed home, thanks to USDA Rural Developments housing program.

PALAU - Benjamin Mengloi had lived in a two bedroom tin home for 40 years. Over that great span of time, the Mengloi family blossomed with children and grandchildren. Those 'flowers' have now all flourished into a grand, happy bouquet of 11 people. The expanding Mengloi family faced a dilemma all too common in big families. The home became overcrowded and unsafe. And, to make the situation even more discouraging, their income was not sufficient to enable the family to build a larger home.

Benjamin Mengloi had desperately sought financing with local banks in hopes of building a new home, but was repeatedly denied a loan as the family's income was not sufficient to qualify for a conventional mortgage loan.

After talking with a friend about Rural Development's 502 home loan program, Mr. Mengloi applied for a home construction loan. Much to the family's relief, Mr. Mengloi qualified for a mortgage loan with Rural Development, due to the program's generous 33-year repayment term and payment assistance program. This

lowered the required monthly payment to one that fit within Mr. Mengloi's budget.

According to Lorraine P. Shin, USDA Rural Development Hawaii State Director, "The delivery of our housing programs in the Western Pacific is consistent with USDA Rural Development's commitment to providing safe, well-built, affordable homes for low-income persons in rural communities."

In Mr. Mengloi's case, Rural Development approved and financed a \$70,500 Direct 502 Home Loan, with no down payment and minimal closing costs. This allowed the Mengloi family to construct a new, concrete home, consisting of four much-needed bedrooms and two incredibly-needed bathrooms. Mr. Mengloi expressed his gratitude by saying, "applying with Rural Development was the best thing I ever did. Now my family has a beautiful home that fits all of our needs." The expansion of Mr. Mengloi's budding family to nearly one dozen people is now equaled by their sizeable new house, where they are delightfully comfortable and safe.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development has invested over \$72 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration. These investments provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Over 1.2 million jobs have been

created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development Office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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OPINION**Guest Perspective****RESPONSE TO ARTICLE ON PROPOSED BILL TO WAIVE PAYMENTS ON COMMERCIAL LEASES****Senator Marvin Yamaguchi's Perspective on L.B. No. 395-06**

On May 2, 2007, the Kaselehlia Press ran a story about L.B. No. 395-06, which waives lease payments on commercial leases. While Kaselehlia Press was unable to talk to me about this bill prior to running the story, the paper was kind enough to allow me to present my perspective on the issue so the people of Pohnpei have a clearer picture of the bill.

Unfortunately, there is an important piece of misinformation in the article. This misinformation is the statement attributed to the Director of the Department of Treasury and Administration that outstanding lease payments due have dropped from over \$4 million to just over \$2 million. I have spoken with the Director about this subject, and he told me that over the past four years collections have been less than \$100,000. For example, in the Governor's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008, the total amount expected to be available for appropriation from the Public Lands Trust Fund is \$138,547. This includes money left over from previous years, as no money was appropriated from this fund in FY '06 and only \$37,040 was appropriated in FY '07. The Governor's current budget estimates that in Fiscal Years '09 and '10 only \$38,864 will be available for appropriation from the Public Lands Trust Fund each year. This figure of less than \$40,000 includes both commercial and residential lease payments. Because people need to pay their residential leases in order to get a leasehold conveyance certificate of title, the real pressure to collect comes on the residential side and not the commercial side. Despite Pohnpei's abundant public lands, public lands leases, and commercial leases in particular, have never generated significant income for Pohnpei State.

A second problem has to do with the unfair rental rates that are being used for commercial leases. Commercial leases are being issued with very different rates per square meter. For example, while some leases are only fifteen cents, other leases cost two dollars. Just recently, five very valuable fifty-five year development leases were made by the Board of Trustees of the Pohnpei Public Lands Trust for properties located on the Dekehtik Causeway. These leases are completely rent free. There is no money at all for the government or the people of Pohnpei, only a requirement that the areas be developed. After those leases were issued, the Legislature passed a law prohibiting further leases on the Causeway until a comprehensive development plan could be enacted and requiring the Attorney General's Office to investigate the legality of these free leases.

While distinguishing between commercial and residential leases once made sense, this

is now an outdated concept. Residential leaseholders who get their certificate of title might eventually convert the land to commercial purposes. This is unfair for commercial leaseholders, who cannot get a certificate of title and who are not supposed to convert their land to residential use. If a residential leaseholder builds a small store on their residential lease before getting a certificate of title,



this lease is automatically converted to a commercial lease. None of this makes any sense. Under a modern land system, land users should be free to use their land however they want. The interest of the public should be protected through zoning and planning, not through public lands leases.

It is clear that the old system for leasing public lands is not working. Public lands are not generating any significant local revenues and the way leases are issued is unfair. L.B. No. 395-06 is not a permanent solution, it is only a temporary stop-gap until our public lands system can be brought into the Twenty-First Century. With the help of the Asian Development Bank, Pohnpei State is reviewing its system of public lands administration and management. Part of that project is to develop a fair land valuation system that will be enacted into law by the Pohnpei Legislature. Such a valuation system will ensure that all land transactions provide fair compensation for everybody, and will provide the foundation for new land policies in Pohnpei.

It is my hope that our future land policies will move towards greater privatization of public lands. Our homesteading program, which has been in operation for many years in Pohnpei, was a program that converted public lands to private ownership. The Public Trust Lands Residential Leasehold Conveyance Act of 1999 continued this process by allowing the holders of residential leases to get a certificate of title for their land. The certificate of title is important because it encourages people to invest in their land. Nobody wants to spend money to improve some-

body else's land. But if you own your own land, you will work hard to make your land better. Banks also want a person to have a certificate of title before lending money for development purposes. I support this process of assisting Pohnpeians in getting a certificate of title, which is why Senator Fernando Scaliem and I introduced L.B. No. 332-06, which would allow holders of residential leases to get their certificate of title without having to make their lease payments.

The same concept that applies to residential leases applies to commercial leases. If Pohnpeians own their own commercial properties, they will work harder to build up their businesses. It will be easier for them to get bank loans or other financing to invest in new building projects. As I pointed out before, the Public Lands Trust does not generate significant revenues for Pohnpei State. On the other hand, our sales tax and revenue sharing from national taxes provide almost all of our local revenues, and these taxes rely on having a strong business community. Pohnpei State expects to receive about \$6.915 million in taxes next year (both state and national). These tax revenues are generated by economic activity in Pohnpei. A stronger economy means greater tax revenues for Pohnpei State. The current strategic plan in the FSM is to replace import and sales taxes with a value added tax. Similar to the sales tax, the value added tax relies on business transactions to generate revenue. Thus, if our land policies assist Pohnpeian businesses to grow and become strong, the additional tax revenues for Pohnpei State will far outweigh the insignificant lease payments we are currently collecting. In the long run, it is a strong private sector economy that will ensure the financial independence of Pohnpei State, not public lands leases. L.B. No. 395-06 will contribute to a stronger business climate in Pohnpei.

I want to stress that my vision for the future of public lands is not to assist big business owners in Pohnpei. Small businesses are the backbone of our private sector, and they provide the talent and innovation needed for Pohnpei to compete in the global economy. Instead of the current leasing system that lacks transparency and accountability, I hope we can put a fair and transparent system into place that will allow all Pohnpeians to get certificates of title for commercial properties. However, to replace the current system will take time and will require us to change the way we think about land. It is also critical that we put the land valuation system into place before we further open up our land policies. But until we can do that, we at least have to put a stop to the current unfair policies.

The truth is, Pohnpei State makes very little money from residential or commercial leases of public lands. L.B. No. 395-06 will cost Pohnpei very little, but will put a stop to the current unfair lease rate system.

OPINION

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THE QUESTION EVERYONE WAS ASKING SINCE MARCH 6, 2007 WAS:

Who will be the next President of the FSM?
Who will be the next Vice President of the FSM?
Who will be the next Speaker of the FSM Congress?
Who will be the Vice Speaker of the FSM Congress?
Who will be the Floor Leader of the FSM Congress?

Note: This Column went to press on May 10, 2007.

By the time you read this column, one of these four senators-elect would have been SELECTED by his peers to serve as the 7th President of the FSM, namely—Alik Alik of Kosrae State, Joseph Urusemal of Yap State, Manny Mori of Chuuk State and, Resio Moses of Pohnpei State.

In hindsight, it is worth nothing that Kosrae State missed serving a full 4-year term because former President Jacob Nena, who served out the remaining two years of President Olter's second term, was not around to receive the presidency. As everyone recalls, former President Bailey Olter of Pohnpei State died during the 6th year of his administration and Vice President Jacob Nena became President Jacob Nena for 2 years only.

Kosrae State's record of the presidency could have been better had President Nena kept his at-large seat in the subsequent election but he lost to Alik Alik, a new comer and the FSM Congress, in its 28-year history, has not broken its tradition of reserving the two top posts for the more senior and seasoned members. But now Senator-elect Alik Alik has built up the seniority and credentials that are attractive for the top executive post, including several years in the diplomatic circle and two full terms as Kosrae's At Large Senator to the FSM Congress. Kosrae State knows something you and I don't know—they are gearing up for a vacant seat in Congress.

Many observers feel that had the Chuuk Delegation been united in the past 8 years, Redley Killion would have been the President instead of Falcam. Four years later, the alleged disunity in the Chuuk Delegation cost them the Presidency again. Killion was the likely Presidential candidate but Congress gave the post, instead, to Joseph Urusemal of Yap. And now Killion lost to Manny Mori whom many observers believe is a strong contender for the top post.

There were observations that Chuuk would argue that it is time Chuuk takes the Presidency again after Tosiwo Nakayama got it first some 26 years earlier. I keep hearing the sentiment that this time the Chuuk delegation is unified and all they have to do is offer two posts to any of the 3 states and put their at large member, Manny Mori, into the president's seat.

It is rare in our history to unseat a sitting President and send him back to the Legislative Chamber to conduct business as just another senator. Congress gave former President Tosiwo Nakayama two terms. But former President John Haglelgam of Yap got only one term because he lost the subsequent election that would have or could have given him a second term.

Former President Bailey Olter was given two full terms only to die in the middle of his second term and, as stated earlier, former President Jacob Nena lost the election that would have/could have catapulted him to a full 4-year term.

And as history would seem to repeat itself, former President Leo Falcam got only one term because he lost the election that would have/could have given him a second term.

Unseating a sitting President is rare and, in my opinion, is a demotion that would make the FSM look bad in the eyes of the international community. The State of Yap recognizes this and is the only State Legislature to pass a resolution asking the 14th Congress to allow Senator-elect Urusemal to continue his second term. But there is the question: What will Yap do if Congress refuses? Remember the murmurs of Yap joining Palau?

In 1987, the Pohnpei Traditional Leaders banded behind freshman senator Leo Falcam in attempting to force the FSM Congress to give Pohnpei the Presidency. Congress did not budge and gave it to Yap's John Haglelgam instead. That action incited continued talk of secession but that's it, just talk.

That leaves Senator-elect Resio Moses, who has served the At Large seat for a couple of terms. Contrary to media reports that "he will not seek the Presidency," Moses never said so, at least publicly. Senator-elect Resio Moses has the most executive experience among the four at-large candidates and so if his colleagues were to base their selection criteria on executive experience, Resio Moses would be the most qualified.

The interesting thing is that, other than the near landslide vote in his favor, there's no official Pohnpei State support for him to become the next President. Do the Leaders know something we don't???

WE SHALL SEE.

To end this column, I have put together some historical events in our country's presidential sittings:

POHNPEI:

President: 10 yrs. (Olter 6, Falcam 4)
Vice President: 8 yrs. (Olter 4, Falcam 4)
Speaker: 12 yrs. (Henry 8, Christian 4)

CHUUK:

President: 8 yrs. (Nakayama)
Vice President: 8 yrs. (Killion)
Speaker: 16 yrs. (Fritz)

YAP:

President: 8 yrs. (Hag. 4 Urus. 4)
Vice President: 4 yrs. (Tun)
Speaker: 0

KOSRAE:

President: 2 yrs. (Nena)
Vice President: 8 yrs. (Ismael 4, Nena 4)
Speaker: 0

First President Tosiwo Nakayama, Chuuk State 2 terms
Vice President, Petrun Tun, Yap State 1 term

Second President, John Haglelgam, Yap State 1 term
Vice President, Hiroshi Ishmael, Kosrae State 1 term

Third President, Bailey Olter, Pohnpei State 1 and ½ terms
Vice President, Jacob Nena, Kosrae State ½ term

Fourth President, Jacob Nena, Kosrae State ½ term
Vice President, Leo Falcam, Pohnpei State ½ term

Fifth President, Leo Falcam, Pohnpei State 1 term
Vice President, Redley Killion, Chuuk State 1 term

Sixth President, Joseph Urusemal, Yap State 1 term
Vice President, Redley Killion, Chuuk State 1 term

7TH PRESIDENT—Recall history to get a clue.

I congratulate them all hope that they work together with the States to keep this nation on a successful development course.

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ENVIRONMENT**Environment: FUTURE LEADERS SPEARHEAD CHANGE***By ASTERIO TAKESY*

For generations, Pacific islanders have carved their traditions, culture and living from the natural resources of land and sea. The Pacific way, our island life, is built on a foundation of respect for the environment and the natural systems that sustain our livelihoods.

Within the current global climate of change, there is an urgent need to work with communities to learn to adapt the onset of changes in order to protect Pacific history, culture and traditions.

Throughout the region, considerable resources are invested in areas that will help communities and governments prepare for change. There is a critical urgency to invest in people—to build the social capital of the Pacific islands; to ensure that the future leaders are equipped with the skills, knowledge, outlook and commitment to use the limited natural resources with the least impact on the fabric of Pacific identity.

To help them make decisions that meet the needs of the present, without compromising the needs of the future, and with respect for the past. That's what this article is about. From April 2-4, SPREP and UNEP brought together more than 30 young people: current and aspiring professionals, working or

studying in the environment field, to attend the Pacific Future Environment Leaders Forum in Apia, Samoa.

Representing 14 Pacific countries and territories, the Forum explored the notions of global and regional leadership, whilst providing sessions in practical skills pivotal to strong environmental management including project management, proposal writing, and negotiation skills. The participants included a large contingent of students from USP in Suva, who came with smiles, a guitar, energy and a desire to learn and share their knowledge and experiences.

While there are many philosophical discussions on what constitutes a 'good' leader, there is common agreement about what comprises leadership. Some key statements at the meeting: "We can say that leadership is courage and spirit. Leadership is about growing people. Leadership is about getting the job done. Leadership is about knowing the issues. Leadership is about looking to the future and having a vision."

The Forum allowed the young people to look forward to the future, to envision the impact of issues such as climate change. In one of the sessions, the participants learnt about the effects of climate change on their commu-

nities, such as drought, sea level rise, effects on agriculture and biodiversity loss. Within these scenarios, the participants then developed possible community-based adaptation measures.

The ideas, vision and creativity that emerged from this session highlighted the incredible talent of this region's future leaders. Not only did the young people identify similar adaptive measures highlighted through extensive national consultations, they approached the task with passion, commitment and teamwork, and an overarching ethos that "where there's a will, there's a way."

This Youth Forum was the first regional capacity building workshop, facilitated by SPREP, which was aimed directly at young people promoting environmental sustainability in the region. The Forum is part of an ongoing programme for future leaders in the environment sector as part of SPREP's commitment to build capacity of Pacific islanders for strengthening environmental management. The Forum complemented the work undertaken by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), to support young people in the region; it was a privilege to have the presence and participation of a key SPC represen-

tatives throughout.

Samoa's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment provided support in an ongoing partnership with SPREP. Amidst the uncertainty of the future, there is a growing recognition of the critical need for strong voices from the region. Voices that will share with the rest of the world the needs, the complexities, and the right solutions for the more than 8 million people living in the Pacific. Voices that will take the messages from the people of the vast Pacific islands region to a global platform.

The forum provided an opportunity to strengthen the Pacific Youth Environmental Network (PYEN), established by UNEP to act as a vehicle to unite the growing numbers of young Pacific Islanders who are concerned about protecting the Pacific environment. The challenge now for young people is to embody the change they wish to see in this region: to have the courage to embrace the principles, spirit and integrity to continue to strive for the change that needs to happen in the Pacific; to become the Pacific's future environment leaders; and to ensure that the beauty, uniqueness and diversity of the Pacific islands are protected for future generations.

International Conservation Organizations Applaud Global Environment Facility's \$100 Million Proposal**\$100 Million Proposed to Protect Island Biodiversity; Six million for Micronesia Challenge***The Nature Conservancy*

Washington, D.C. (May 9, 2007) – Conservation International (CI) and The Nature Conservancy applaud the Global Environment Facility (GEF) proposal to increase funding to help Pacific Island nations cope with climate change and promote sustainable development through conservation and sound natural resource management.

Part of that proposal is \$6 million directed for the Micronesia Challenge, a landmark conservation initiative in the Northern Pacific to effectively conserve 30 percent of marine resources and 20 percent of terrestrial resources by 2020.

In a meeting with three Micronesian leaders, the GEF proposed committing \$6 million in funds, match \$6 million pledged jointly to The Nature Conservancy and Conservation International, to provide long-term funding for the Micronesian Challenge. The leaders and their partners are

working to secure a total of \$18 million for sustainable financing for the first phase of the Challenge.

During this week's meeting with GEF, President Remengesau from Palau, President Note from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and Vice President Killion from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) together highlighted the importance of the Micronesia Challenge in ensuring both sustainable development for their countries and the preservation of traditional cultures. The leaders were in Washington DC for the Pacific Island Conference of Leaders.

"The GEF's proposed \$100 million commitment to island conservations send a clear message to the rest of the world that large-scale conservation is critical and will be supported but the international community," said Steve McCormick, president and CEO of The Nature Conservancy. "The proposed funding for the Micronesia Challenge and the re-

markable leadership demonstrated by these governments will help ensure that these unique islands and their rich reefs and other ecosystems are protected, allowing the people who inhabit this 'continent' of tiny islands and atolls to continue to live in harmony with nature as they have for countless generations."

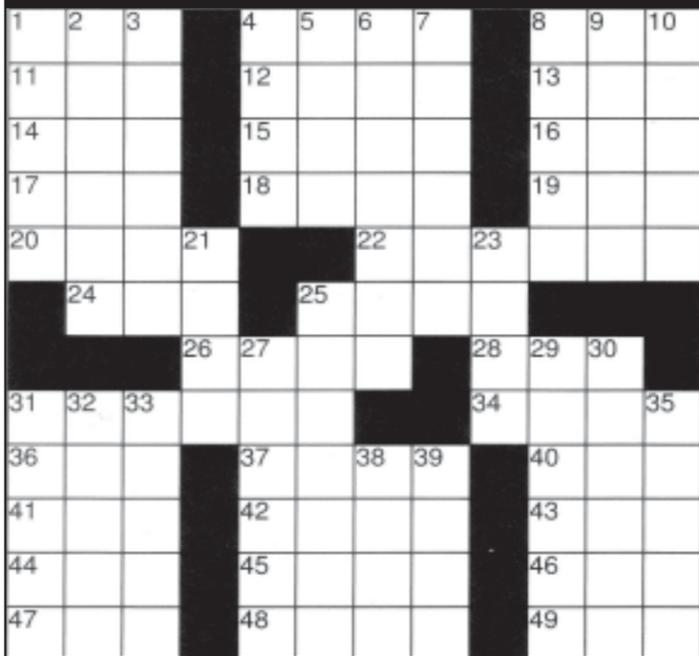
"We commend Monique Barbut, the GEF chief executive officer and chairperson, for this decisive step to protect such unique and crucial biodiversity," said Per Seligmann, the chairman and CEO of Conservation International. "This proposal demonstrates the full engagement of the GEF in supporting the visionary leadership in Micronesia and understanding the connectivity between human well-being, biodiversity and climate change."

The Micronesia Challenge is a collaborative conservation effort of these three island governments with two U.S. jurisdictions—the Territory of Guam and the Com-

monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands—encompassing more than 6.7 million square kilometers (2.6 million square miles) of ocean. The Challenge will help protect at least 66 threatened species, four percent of the global total reef area and 58 percent of all known coral species. Micronesian waters are also home to the world's largest tuna fishery and more than 1300 species of reef fish, which are important island food sources.

Throughout Micronesia, the majority of people living on these small islands depend on natural resources for their food, livelihoods, traditional cultures and hopes for future long-term economic prosperity. According to President Remengesau, "The Micronesia Challenge is our effort to ensure a better life for our children and ensure that our cultural pasts will not be forgotten in light of the development challenges that we face today."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE

ACROSS

1. Producer in a coop
4. Diamond bag
8. Scrooge's comment
11. Hatchet
12. Performs in a play
13. Ram's mate
14. Compete
15. Hone
16. Looker's leg
17. Not quite ancient
18. Old stringed instrument
19. Important period
20. Prison place
22. Tidy up
24. Large body of water
25. Put gas in a car
26. Part of a house
28. Lessen
31. Heist
34. In a little bit
36. Be indebted to
37. Surf and Plaything
40. Plaything
41. Bullfight
"bravo!"
42. Disparaging word
43. Had a bite
44. Part of MPG
45. Lack of difficulty
46. Safety at the circus
47. Pig's place
48. Fruit grower
49. Uh-huh
10. Macho one
21. Animal fat
23. Copies
25. In fashion
27. Start
29. The study of plants
30. Baby's shoe
31. Basketball
32. He barely gives a hoot
33. Suspicious
35. Russian refusals
38. Decoy
39. Without cost

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.

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HARD
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NEWS**10th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women****Human Development Programme Secretariat of the Pacific Community**

How is the Pacific going on the road to greater gender equality? How gender-sensitive are our regional organisations? What are the latest initiatives to combat violence against women?

Pacific media are invited to find out the answers to these questions and much more at the 10th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women (May 27-31, 2007) and the Third Pacific Ministers Meeting on Women (June 1). Both take place at SPC's headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia.

HDP will be issuing regular press releases from an event that promises to be full of news.

The unifying slogan of the two meetings is Pacific Women, Pacific Plan: Stepping up the pace to 2010. The slogan refers to the blueprint for action agreed on by Pacific governments, the Revised

Pacific Platform for Action on Advancement of Women and Gender Equality 2005-2015. The year 2010 is a milestone when the international community will take stock of progress against the anti-poverty Millennium Development Goals, which link with the PPA.

The delegates, who number more than 130, include ministers for women, politicians, and those working in development, gender issues, and policy. From each of SPC's 22 Pacific member states, HDP invites the minister responsible for women, the head of the government department charged with gender issues, and one representative from a non-governmental organisation.

The programme includes practical workshops on subjects such as gender statistics; how to mainstream gender into national policy; and strategies for getting a Pacific representative onto the United Nations' CEDAW committee, the

international body that oversees progress on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Other sessions look at how to engage young women in leadership roles, reveal the results of the "gender stocktake" into 10 major regional organisations, and share results of a study into land tenure in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Vanuatu and the Solomon

Islands.

HDP is unable to offer financial assistance to media to attend the meetings.

For more information on the meetings, see http://www.spc.int/women/women_conf_triennale.html

Contact HDP Advocacy and Communication Officer Julie Middleton on JulieM@spc.int.

Gov. Anefal seeks help on impending Embargo**Department of Youth and Civic Affairs**

Colonia Yap – Continental Airlines has revealed its plans to place an embargo on all cargo as well as excess baggage on all flights out of Yap, starting from June 16, 2007. This decision has forced Yap State Government to seek the urgent assistance from

Anefal says that Continental's decision to impose such an embargo "will further negatively impact the local economy gravely to an unheard low." The embargo will affect all businesses that depend on airfreight services including the lucrative betel nut trade and will lead to loss of income for many citizens.

Governor Anefal fears that the imposition of this embargo will certainly undermine and downgrade Yap's economic development efforts to unthinkable levels, which is contrary to the intent of the Compact treaty with the United States. Anefal believes that by "allowing another U.S. monopoly to single-handedly tear apart the very economic development effort negotiated in good faith under the Compact is a stinging slap in the face of the spirit enshrined therein."

For further information contact DY&CA at 350-2168/2169

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COM-FSM sends representatives to the 89th Annual Phi Theta Kappa International Convention

By **ROGER GILIMETE**
The Kaselehlie Press

As most of the Pohnpeian community was recuperating from the excitement of Easter, a small delegation from COM-FSM's Beta Omicron Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society headed out to Music City, USA (Nashville, Tennessee) to participate in the Society's 2007 International Convention. This year's Phi Theta Kappa International Convention theme was "Be the Power". Members of the delegation included Chapter advisors Delihna Ehmes and Lore Nena, Chapter officers Amanda Liza Nanapei and Roger Gilimete.

At the Conventions' Opening Ceremony, the F.S.M. flag flew among all the other national and (American) state flags in a parade of flags. The Keynote speaker of the Convention was former U.S. Vice President Al Gore. The delegates had the great privilege of listening to Al Gore speak on Global Warming and also other inspirational speakers including renowned political activist and former Egypt First Lady Jehan Sedat, country music star and cancer survivor Kevin Sharp, and National Director of Education for Keep America Beautiful Sue Smith. Other sessions at the Convention included educational forums on Phi Theta Kappa programs, chapter development, transferring to colleges, and several other topics. Attendees also had the privilege to attend a Transfer Fair where representatives from several universities/four-year colleges were providing information on the transfer processes of their institutions and the many scholarships they offer. Through the forums, sessions, an Advisor

Education Pre-Conference, and a Leadership Academy, our chapter now has the information it needs to compete with other chapters for Hallmark Awards. By next year's Convention, our chapter will hopefully have earned enough points (earned through activities and community service) to receive an award (an excellent recognition for COM-FSM).

The Beta Omicron Upsilon Chapter would like to thank Continental Micronesia for its great contribution to our trip. The Chapter would also like to thank the

Office of Support and Student Affairs at its home institution, College of Micronesia-FSM for making our delegation's trip possible. Without the support of these two offices, the Chapter's participation in this year's Convention would not have been possible.

"Established by Missouri two-year college presidents in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and de-

velopment through honors, leadership and service programming. Today, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.3 million members and 1,200 chapters located in 50 United States, U.S. territories, Canada, Germany, and, as of last fall, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia. In 1929, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges."



Roger Gilimete waving the flag of the Federated States of Micronesia at the Opening Session of the 89th Annual Phi Theta Kappa International Convention.

New Salvation Army Building Dedication

The public is invited to the dedication service of the new Salvation Army building on Nan Kumwur Street in Chinatown. The dedication service will be Saturday, 3:00 p.m., May 26. At 1:30 the doors will be opened for those who wish to walk through the building.

Major David E. Hudson, Divisional Commander for the Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division, will be presiding at the dedication service.

The building is owned by the

Nihco Corporation and is built by the Pohnpei Island Architects and Construction, Inc. The building will house the Salvation Army's chapel, administrative offices, and Youth Center. The Rotary Club of Pohnpei is working with a sister club in Japan to equip the Youth Center with new equipment for the benefit of local youth.

Reflecting its Methodist heritage, The Salvation Army stresses personal salvation and "holiness of heart and life." John Wesley, the Father of

Methodism, taught that "without social holiness there is no holiness." In keeping with the theme that personal faith needs to be manifested in a practical concern for others, William and Catherine Booth, the founders of The Salvation Army, sought to share the message of Christ by meeting human needs in concrete and pragmatic ways.

The Salvation Army on the island of Pohnpei seeks to continue on with the tradition of having a heart towards God while serving others in the com-

munity. To this end, The Salvation Army offers a variety of programs and services to local youth, as well as providing music lessons and free counseling services to the community.

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

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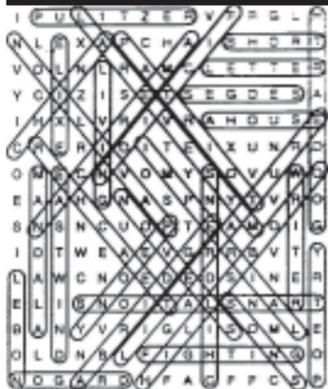
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The deadline for ads and news items for the next issue is May 25, 2007 Earlier is better since the editor will be off island!

LAST Issue's Solution



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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

Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Cliff Rainbow Restaurant at 6:30pm. Public Welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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By **AMY LEVENDUSKY**
Pohnpei Island Food Community

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Pilen dihdi en nohno kan pil kin apwaliala mehn koroson tohto me seri kan kin patowen anahne. Irail kin tungoalenki roson mwahu oh sohte kin nohn dor mehleh ni ansou me re kin iangada dihen soumwahu kan.

Kadehdehpen mehn koroson mwahu me pato nan pilen dihdi en nohno kan pil sansalehr sang nan repoht lahud en palien Medical Association nan America me seri me tungoale pilen dihdi en nohno kan tungoalenki lolokong de marain en madamadau sang seri kan me sohte kin tungoale. Met sang ni docosohexanoic acid (DHA) oh arachidonic acid (AA) me pato nan pilen dihdi en nohno kan. Ih met me eledahr DHA eh pil dolohier nan milik pehs en nan sdowah kan me serih kan pil kin tungoale nan dihdi pwotol akan.

E inenenen kesempwal en kin wia mehn ketemen me pilen dihdi en nohno kan kin wiawihda sang nan mehn koroson mwahu en nohno kan sang ni nohno kan arail pahn kin anahne pwersek oh kalapw kadihdi seri kan nan ansou kan me konehng. **Ni serih kan arail pahn kehlail en tungoale dihdi en nohno kan a ihme wiahda pilen dihdi lauhd en**

nohno kan.

Ma serih kan sohte kalapw tungoale pilen dihdi en nohno kan a met elehiong pilen dihdi en nohno kan e sohte pahn lauhd. Ma nohno men tungoalenki seri imwpwer ehu oh ira koaros tungoale pilen dihdi en nohno, a udahn ara tungoal milik de pilen dihdi en nohno udahn pahn lauhd oh kak apwalih ira. **Mie sawehweh ehu me pato rehn mehn Pohnpei me dene nohno men me neitik pwelel, e kin anahne mwenge lauhd pwe en kak mie pilen eh tungoal dihdi kan. Oh e pil pahn kin anahne tungoal ni pwong de mwengehn pwong pwe en pil mie pilen dihdi kan. Ahpw mehleh, seri kan me konehng tungoale pilen dihdi en nohno kan pwe iei ihme pahn kalauhdehla pilen dihdi en nohno kan, a kaidehn “mwengehn pwong de ienpwong”.**

Kesempwal nohno kan en kin tungoalenki insenamwahu oh sohte tungoalenki pwunod. Pwehki insensuwed oh pwunod kak katokehdi arail tungoal pilen dihdi kan. Lih emen de nohno men anahne en tungoalenki kopworopwor de lamalam kehlail ehu me e kak kadihdi eh tungoal seri de serih kan.

Nohno kan me kin patowen kadihdi arail tungoal seri kan pil kin kak tihtihla mwurin arail pahn kin liseian oh pil sewese perehsang irail soumwahu kanser en dihdi, kanser en poason oh paiking en nan wasahn kainen pihl en lih akan.

World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) me pil iangahki United Nations Children’s Fund oh World Health Organization patowen ehupenehr nan doadoak kesempwal oh



Neksihna Ahda of Mand breastfeeds her daughter Rubyann.

kaweidki me nohno men de nohno kan en patowen kadihdi arail tungoal dihdi kan serih kan ni arail patowen ipwidi oh lel sounpwong weneu. Sohte ehusoang en iang patehng pilen dihdi en nohno kan me pahn wehwehki udahn pihl oh sohte lipilipil songen pihl teikan nan erein sounpwong weneu wet. Serih kan en pil tungoale pilen dihdi en nohno kan lel sounpar riau de daulih.

Kaping doke La Leche League sang ni arail tungoal pwuhk en repoht ehu me oralap ketihtihki “Breastfeeding Makes a Different” ohng ni doadaok en wiawihdahn repoht wet. Ma mie sapwelimomwi kalelapak, a komwi kak ketido de patohdo oh tuhwong Ms. Berno Hedson nan imwen wini en Pohnpei.

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14TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENTBy **ROBERT SPEGAL**
The Kaselehlie Press

Alex Tretnoff, Jr. is continuing a family tradition of winning fishing tournaments. The young man landed 295 pounds of fish over the two-day 14th Annual Tournament, including a 180 pound marlin caught during the first day of fishing last Thursday, 10 May. Alex Jr's point total won him the first prize of two free airline tickets to any Continental Micronesia destination.

Placing second in the tournament, Noel Boylan proved that he can still catch the big ones by weighing in a 114.5 pound yellowfin tuna. This fish is the heaviest yellowfin caught in the fifteen year history of the Pohnpei Sighing Club, and surpasses Noel's own yellowfin record, 93.5 pounds, set in 1993. Noel also caught 52.5 and 48.5 pound yellow-fins during the tournament.

Kumer Panuelo captured third place in the 2007 AT with 154 pounds caught, including a 52 pound yellow fin, five good sized skipjack tunas, and one mahi mahi.

All ten boats registered for the contest brought fish to the weigh-

in at Rumor's Bar. In addition to Alex's and Noel's giants, there were a number of good size yellow fin, including a 55 pounder caught by Aminis David Jr., a 52 pounder caught by Johnny O'Keefe, a 51.5 pounder by Andy Musrasrik, and a 37 pounder landed by Iginio Walter.

The ladies side of the contest was dominated by Mersihpel Ioanis, who caught 86.5 pounds of skipjack and mahi mahi, while fishing in her very first P-F-Club tournament. Nannette Apis took second place Lady Angler honors with 37 pounds caught, and Maria Spegal garnered third place with 35 pounds total. All the lady anglers specialized in landing skipjack during the contest.

No junior anglers caught qualifying point fish during the contest, so prizes were awarded on the largest fish caught. Alex Kalau landed a 15 pound barracuda and Evan Boylan caught an 11 pound mahi mahi.

More than \$5,000 in prizes was given away at the Sunday evening Awards Presentation at PCR Restaurant on May 13th.

The top three boats were able to pull in more than 350 pounds. "Boat", captained by Alex Tretnoff took first place Total Boat Weight with 416.5 pounds. Second place went to *Tygris*, captained by Kumer Panuelo with 409.5 pounds. The third place position, 353.5 pounds, was won by a boat named *Miss Pakin*, captained by Andy Musrasrik.

The Pohnpei Fishing Club wishes to thank all of the 14th Annual Tournament sponsors: Continental Micronesia, Budweiser (Ambros, Inc. Guam), Mobil Oil Micronesia, Ace Hardware, International Yachtpaints, Bank of the FSM, Pohnpei Computer Consulting, Do-It-Best Hardware, Pohnpei Waste Management Services, Steven F. Finnen Law Corp., Imelda's Shoe Store, South Park Hotel, Pacific Survey Company, Napa Auto Parts, Kumer Panuelo, PCR Restaurant, the Village Hotel, Western Union, The Fisherman Store, FSM Telecommunications Corporation, Panuelo's Gas Station, Orchid Restaurant, Pohnpei Ocean Cruise, Movie Land, Joy Hotel & Restaurant, Namiki Restaurant, Computer Island, 4TY Store, Movie Land, Sei Restaurant, Video Center, and Moylan's Insurance.

The next tournament is scheduled for June 16th.



Noel Boylan with Club record 114.5 pound yellowfin tuna.

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