

Thorfinn Goes Down on Pohnpei's Reef Liability Issues and Rough Weather Hamper Salvage Operation

By **BILL JAYNES**
 The Kaselehlie Press

Captain Lance Higgs has by his own accounting made a thousand or more journeys into and out of Pohnpei's Sokehs Harbor, the FSM's main port of entry. He may have been speaking figuratively but he still has considerable experience. Higgs is the 26 year veteran skipper of the Thorfinn, a live aboard dive vessel out of Chuuk. On Friday afternoon, June 8 for the first time in the Thorfinn's career something went wrong and she is hard aground on the reef just outside of the main pass.

Trying to explain the situation in a way that we might understand, he said that the situation was similar to being involved in a car wreck on the street you live on. "You know every telephone pole, every tree, every obstacle and then one day a girl in a miniskirt is walking by and you look for just a moment and 'boom', you hit a telephone pole." Of course there are no girls in miniskirts in the harbor but he said the situation was similar to that. There was a distraction and now, he and the Thorfinn sit in full view of those who care to look on—to the Captain's great discomfort.

As he was leaving the harbor he received a radio call. The west side of the channel has an ocean side reef edge that requires west heading boaters to make a northeasterly swing before heading west. Higgs set his autopilot for a westerly course a bit early and went to the radio room to answer the call. He said the engine hesitated for a moment and shortly thereafter he heard a loud bang. The vessel had struck the outside edge of the reef.



Adams Brothers' barge returns in heavy weather (above) Crew member plays guitar aboard the stranded Thorfinn

Thorfinn was designed as an icebreaking whaler for operations in the Arctic. Despite the extremely heavy construction for those duties, the reef tore a hole in the wall of the engine room and the ship began taking on water.

Higgs said that there was very little choice. He had to put the Thorfinn on the reef to avoid sinking in the channel and causing a worse problem than currently exists. Considering its load of over 80,000 gallons

of waste oil that is essentially the consistency of diesel fuel, that it uses to fire its boilers, it's a significant problem indeed. The vessel sat for days on sandy bottom listing 15

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U.S. Secretary of the Department of the Interior Visits Pohnpei



photo by Bill Jaynes

MARSHALLS, FSM SLOW TO WEAN UNDER U.S. COMPACTS

HONOLULU (Pacific Islands Report, June 20) – Three years into renewed 20-year compacts with its former Pacific trust territories, the U.S. government has found little progress in the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia toward their goal of financial independence. According to a report released last week by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), money that was supposed to have been invested and managed in special trust funds by the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) sat idle in low-interest savings accounts for nearly two years.

The money, deposited in larger increments each year, is meant to generate sufficient income to break the two countries' financial reliance on the

United States. But the report says this goal now looks doubtful. "Although the committees are required to report annually on the trust funds, they did not publish reports for 2004 and were late in publishing the reports for 2005 and 2006," the GAO report says. "Moreover, the published reports do not assess the trust funds' potential effectiveness in helping the FSM and RMI achieve the compact goals of economic advancement and budgetary self-reliance." The GAO, an agency that serves as the investigative arm of the U.S. Congress, undertook its study after a previous report by the agency found little accountability for funds provided under the previous compact, which sup-

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Kapingamaringi Expresses Its Appreciation



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ported the economies of the two former U.S. trust territories between 1987 and 2003. Under the current compact – which gives about \$76 million to the FSM and \$35 million to the Marshalls each year until 2023 – strict financial controls are imposed, including required annual audits and spending plans. Also, as a means of cutting the monetary umbilical cord between the U.S. and its former territories, a schedule of reduced annual grant payments is predicated on the establishment of trust funds that would generate future income for the Micronesian countries. “As of the end of March 2007, the RMI committee had not appointed an auditor or a money manager,” the GAO report says. “Investment of the funds began 22 months and 16

months, respectively, after the FSM’s and RMI’s initial contributions, with the funds remaining in low-interest savings accounts until their investment. Contractual delays contributed to the time taken to establish and invest the funds, as did the committees’ processes for reaching consensus and obtaining administrative support; the committees have not yet taken steps to improve these processes.” As a result, the GAO reports, the amount of income the trust funds generate might not be able to sustain the two countries when the compacts end. The GAO recommends that the trust fund committees improve administrative and decision-making processes, ensure timely reporting, and obtain a full and independent evaluation of the trust funds’ potential benefits and risks.

Secretary Dirk Kempthorne Visit

Palikir, POHNPEI (FSM Information Services) – on June 11 2007, President Emanuel Mori welcomed Secretary Dirk Kempthorne of the U.S. Department of the Interior to Palikir and to the Federated States of Micronesia.

President Mori welcomed Secretary Kempthorne and his delegation to Cabinet Room where they exchanged views on issues of environment, economic development and various challenges associated with implementation of the amended Compact of Free Association between the US and the FSM. Alongside the President to welcome Secretary Kempthorne was, Vice President Alik L. Alik and the President’s provisional Cabinet.

The President shared with Secretary Kempthorne the new Administration’s plans to restructure the government, “a re-organization of the government is needed to adapt to our situation today. Our goal and objective is performance efficiency and cost efficiency,” the President noted.

He also touched upon reform measures currently proposed by the States of Chuuk and Kosrae to address the challenges of implementing the amended Compact. The President noted that the latter State has launched the first stages of its reform measures, with the Administration working closely with both States to ensure successful implement of these efforts.

Secretary Kempthorne commended the proposed reform measures by the States and the National Government. He noted that the measures not only identified the problems, but also provided a collaborative approach

to resolving them. The problem/solving approach is also the basis of Secretary Kempthorne’s visit to the islands.

Sworn into office in May 2006, Secretary Kempthorne had in October alluded to his visiting the islands. The Secretary confirmed his intentions during the May 2007 Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders meeting in Washington, DC.

The FSM is an “important part of the portfolio of the department of the interior, and for me to be as effective as possible, I needed to come meet you in your own turf,” Secretary Kempthorne told President Mori. Secretary Kempthorne continued that the visit provided a first hand opportunity for him to see the place and personally meet with the people and their leaders to fully appreciate the concerns of the FSM.

In addition to the discussion on issues of bilateral interest, Secretary Kempthorne updated the President on the imminent relocation of the U.S. Marines to Guam and expanded on the holistic benefits of the move to Guam’s neighboring islands.

Secretary Kempthorne’s visit coincided with the Administration’s 30-days “in Office” anniversary which as President Mori noted “is very timely as a source of confidence for this new administration” as well as the national government’s new leadership.

The national government visit included a meeting with the Speaker Isaac V. Figir of the 15th FSM Congress, during which the Secretary planted a coconut seedling outside the Office of the Speaker.

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President Mori submits Executive Reorganization Bill to Congress

Palikir, POHNPEI (FSM Information Services – June 21, 2007) – President Emanuel Mori today, transmitted to the 15th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, a proposed Bill to Reorganize the Executive Branch of the National Government.

The proposed Bill, as stated in the President's transmittal letter to Speaker Isaac V. Figir, is part of the new Administration's overall efforts to "increase management efficiency within our national government and to better enable those departments and offices to deal with the evolving issues and challenges facing our islands people today."

President Mori's transmittal letter refers to the Reorganization Plan as part of the Administration's efforts to seek

a "reasonable balance between quality public service and cost efficiency," in that regard the plan as structured has minimal impact on the national budget.

The Administration has identified two primary aims in the plan which is expected to help improve the quality of government's services.

First, the plan aims to streamline the multitudes of functions scattered or duplicated in different offices by combining related functions into one office to expedite the performance and delivery of services, to that extend, among the proposed offices is one which would combine Budget, Statistics, Development Coordination and the Office of Compact Management.

The second means of delivering

quality government services is to emphasize the pressing importance of certain government functions which have, overtime, become obscured within the various departments and offices. President Mori noted that given the importance of these certain functions to the islands' survival, cultural identity and long term development interest, the proposed Executive Reorganization Bill will accord such functions their appropriate priority status as separate departments or separate offices.

As such, the Executive Reorganization Bill transmitted to the 15th FSM Congress proposed the following changes to the Departments:

1. **Department of Education:** Education is proposed to separate from Health and Social Affairs as a department by itself

to allow the separated areas to effectively focus on its specific needs and challenges. It would enable the Department of Education to concentrate its attention and effort towards the nation's various educational challenges.

2. The separation likewise, is proposed to enable the **Department of Health and Social Affairs** to concentrate its efforts on the growing number of health and social issues that are no longer confined to the national and state borders. With health and social issues often overlapping, the two components are maintained as the two divisions of the new department.

3. A name change is proposed for the Department of Eco-

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conomic Affairs to become the **Department of Resources and Development**, with a slight change to the existing divisions. The proposals maintained the previous sectoral Divisions of: Tourism; Marine Resources; Agriculture; Trade and Industry; with a new Division of Energy.

4. The **Department of Justice** is proposed to maintain all its existing structure but with the inclusion of the transferred function of Registrar of Corporations from the department of Resources and Development.

5. With the exception of the Division of Budget which has transferred under a new office, the **Department of Finance and Administration** remains the same.

Meanwhile, the **Department of Foreign Affairs** and the De-

partment of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure remain unchanged.

In addition to the Departments, the Executive Reorganization Bill also proposed a streamline of national functions into three new offices.

1. The Office of Statistics, Budget, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management: The new office is intended to centralize all the government's economic planning and macro-management functions with the Compact and other foreign assistance implementation functions. Not only would the merger enable those divisions with related functions to coordinate their efforts, but it would also provide an effective and permanent management tool for the government.

2. The Office of National Archives, Culture and Historical Preservation: With the new of-

fice, President Mori underscored the importance of Micronesian history and cultural identity to the new Administration. He referred to the various provisions throughout the FSM Constitution which calls for the preservation and respect of the Micronesian culture and noted that the proposed office therefore would be charged to fulfill this commitment.

3. The Office of Environment and Emergency Management Agency: In light of the severity and urgency of today's daunting environmental challenges to island nations, the new office is proposed to elevate environmental protection function as a priority of the new Administration. With areas parallel in responsibilities, the proposed office would allow the two entities to better coordinate their efforts as a single unit.

The administrative head of each Department and office is designated as Secretary and Direc-

tor, respectively.

While the Executive Reorganization Bill sets forth the general structure outline of the proposed reorganized Executive Branch, an accompanying amendment to Executive Order No. 1 has also been submitted to detail the functions and responsibilities proposed for the reorganized Executive Branch.

The proposed Executive Reorganization Bill is the new Administration's efforts to seek a reasonable balance between quality public service and cost efficiency.

In his transmittal letter, the President reassured the FSM Congress that based on the costs analysis, the reorganization plan is not anticipated to cause any "significant increase in the government's annual expenditures outlays more than one half percent (.5%) of the proposed Fiscal-Year 2008 Budget."

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Australia Moves To Secure World's Last Great Tuna Fishery

Australian Embassy

Australia has joined with 16 other Pacific island nations and territories in Wellington, New Zealand, this week to develop a plan to secure the future of the world's last great tuna fishery.

Attending the annual Forum Fisheries Committee meeting, Australia's Minister for Fisheries and Conservation, Senator Eric Abetz, said that the Western and Central Pacific Fishery was worth more than \$2 billion annually and supplied more than half of the world's demand for tuna

"Not only is it vitally important for the future supply of the world's seafood, but it's a fundamental cornerstone of Pacific island economies. "In that context it's critical for the future of the region that we get the management right," Senator Abetz said.

He said the scientific evidence suggested that while some fish stocks were travelling well, there are some very worrying signs for yellowfin and bigeye tuna stocks. One of the key outcomes of the meeting was a resolution by regional fisheries ministers to sup-

port the development of a regional fisheries management strategy, including measures to eliminate over-fishing of bigeye and yellowfin tuna

Senator Abetz said that the planned strategy would also look at ways to address the threat to healthy tuna stocks in the western and central Pacific posed by distant water fleets displaced by the over-fishing of tuna stocks elsewhere.

He said the strategy will be put to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission meeting in December this year. Members of the Forum Fisheries Committee include Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau (Territory of NZ), Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

Other key outcomes of the recent Wellington Commission meeting included:

- support for interim measures to conserve high seas biodiversity;
- a call for the orderly restructuring and reduction of distant water fishing fleets in the area;

· support for the development of a comprehensive monitoring, control and surveillance plan to ensure compliance by all fishing nations with conservation measures.

Expert View

By Brian Tobia

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (The National, June 15) – The international tuna fishery is on the brink of being over-exploited for less than marginal profit.

This was revealed by Prof Tom Kompas of the Australian National University at a recent Papua New Guinea economic update seminar in a paper titled "Tuna resource management: economic profit and optimal effort in the western and central Pacific tuna fisheries (WCPTF)".

Prof Kompas said the tuna resource in the western and central Pacific was in danger of being over-exploited due to the more open-access granted to foreign fishing companies and vessels, and the use of effective modern fishing technologies. He warned that if this trend continues, tuna stocks would be depleted and harvest of the fishery would decline, thus directly affecting profit levels of countries in the western and central Pacific (including the Pacific states) which depend on tuna for bulk of their revenue.

He said the situation could be prevented if the tuna resource is managed effectively by reducing catch levels to sustain the resource in the long-term.

"There are few international fisheries (if any) that will not be over-exploited and less than fully profitable unless they are managed effectively.

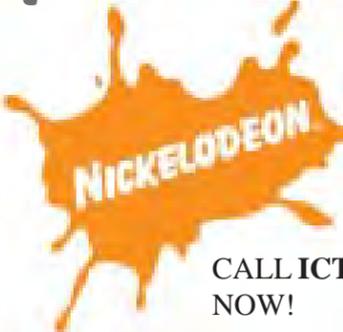
An economically efficient outcome is important not only because it protects fish stocks and guarantees sustainability, but because it ensures resources are allocated correctly and in a way that maximises returns," he said.

He said the solution to this imminent problem was to use a "optimal control model" to manage the distribution of gear types used over a 50-year planning horizon.

Emphasis should be placed on controlling the harvest of the three main species-yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna and skipjack - and the distribution of four gear types or fishing methods used (that include purse-seine, pole-and-line, frozen tuna and fresh tuna longline) to each fishery.

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Annual Camp GLOW Teaches Students Leadership Skills

By Amy Levendusky

From June 1st through June 3rd, 2007, Camp GLOW (Girls Leading Our World) was completed successfully for the third year in a row. Camp GLOW is sponsored by the Gender and Development Committee (GAD), an organization affiliated with Peace Corps posts world wide. GAD's main objective is to learn about and teach Peace Corps Volunteers, their local counterparts, community members, youth groups and women's groups how to integrate a gender based approach to development in their daily lives.

Twenty-nine, 8th grade girls from Saladak, Ohmine, and Nanpei Memorial Elementary Schools joined together at Nihco Marine Park for Camp GLOW 2007. This 2 night, 3 day camp was filled with education and fun. Guest speakers included; Senator Magdalena Walter presenting on "Women in Politics", Melyann Mallarme of Micronesian Red Cross presenting on First Aid, Pertina Albert of Public Health presenting on Ado-

lescent Reproductive Health, and Ben Namakin of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei presenting on deforestation of Pohnpei's forests. The Pohnpei Dental Division presented on dental hygiene and distributed a tube of toothpaste, a toothbrush, and floss to each student. The Island Food Community of Pohnpei shared about the values of healthy island foods, in particular bananas. As part of the presentation, the rare banana variety, *Utia*k, was served to the students for tasting.

The girls were not only involved in educational activities but were also given time to participate in several recreational activities including dancing, arts and crafts, swimming, and volleyball. At the end of the camp the girls were given a 30-page booklet covering the information presented by the guest speakers. Anyone interested in learning more about GAD or in volunteering to help with Camp GLOW next summer, please call Trueleen at the Peace Corps Office at #320-2531.

A special thanks goes to the Australian Embassy for funding the infor-



mational booklet. GAD extends its appreciation to Ms. Trueleen Albert and to Ms. Emy Musrasrik for helping to organize and facilitate the camp from start to finish. GAD recognizes Ms. Kesasa Edward and Ms. Dally Edward for helping to organize the camp and for serving as chaperones during the camp. GAD also extends its appreciation to all the guest speakers and to our head cook, Agnes Amor for donating their precious time and energy to the camp. GAD would also

like to thank the following local businesses and agencies for their donations and support: Peace Corps Pohnpei, Nihco Marine Park, The Village Hotel, Telecom, A-One Mart, Bank of Guam, College of Micronesia-Pohnpei Campus, En's Seven Star, Island Arts and Crafts, Napa Auto Parts, Palm Terrace, and Mr. Wayne Bricknell. With the support from the local community, Camp GLOW was a success. GAD looks forward to hosting the camp again next year.

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After the Palikir visit, Secretary Kempthorne and his delegation proceeded to Pohnpei State Government to meet with Governor Johnny P. David and on to a tour of the Pohnpei State Hospital which concluded in a meeting with the Pohnpei Veterans of U.S. Armed Forces. Secretary Kempthorne's afternoon was spent touring the Nan Madol Ruins and FSM's various Marine Protected Areas around Pohnpei.

The Secretary's busy day was capped off that evening with a dinner reception at the Cliff Rainbow Restaurant where he was treated to and took part in a local Sakau ceremony. Secretary Kempthorne held a press conference with the local media the following morning before departing for the Republic of the Marshall Islands in continuation of his tour to the US affiliated Pacific Islands.

The Secretary is accompanied on his tour of the Pacific Islands by BJ Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; Rear Admiral William French, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas; David Cohen, Interior's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs and Donald Schregardus, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment along with staff members from the Department of the Interior and the Department of Defense.

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Doadoak wet iangai soang pwukat:

1. Diarada ma mie nein decendent nah kekehlik me manaman non duen kosonned en Pohnpei.
2. Kasalehda en decendent ah pwoud oh nah serikan.
3. Kadalehda aramas teikan de pwihn me kak mie arail pwuhng en ale mehkot sang ni sohsoh. Nein decendent ah pwoud oh serikan ianaki aramas teikan de pwihn ma mie adahneki "beneficiaries".
4. Kasalehda dipisou koaros me wie en decendent nah sohsoh.
5. Nekpesang sohsoh nanpwungen irail me pahl ale.

Kopwung en Probate nan Pohnpei Supreme Court sohste kin wia doadoak apwahl. Pwe en tepiada mie pekipek me pahn kapidelong. Nan Mwolen Kopwung en Pohnpei. Pekipek wet pahn wiawi pahn kaula. Emen neid decendent seri me kin kapidelong pekipek wet. Isais en kapidelong pekipek wet mihmi ni \$10.00.

Information pwukat pahn mien an ekipek wet:

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2. Ma mie kekehlih de soh
3. Ahd en decendent ah pwoud oh reti kan.
4. Ahd en aramas teikan me pahn ale pwai en sohsoh
5. Oritik en estate
6. Oritik en decendent ah pweipwand
7. Pekipek en his aramas me pahn wia execotur en estate.

Nan Pohnpei emen nein decendent nah seri me kin wia pekipek wet ahpw aramas sohste lelipil me Mwolen Kopwung pilada kak wiada.

Kamwahupen probate iei me Mwolen Kopwung me kakaun doadoak oh me Doadoak idawen kosonned en probate. Met udahn ksesmpwahl ma mie pweipwand De ma mie me uhong kekehlik de ma mie akamai en his me pahn ale pwai sang estate.

Doadoahn en probate kak wereila oh ekei ansou kak pwei laud. Pak malaulau Me probate nan Mwolen Kopwung en Pohnpei pwand de me expense laud. Ekei ansou peneinei sohste mwahuki probate pweki e kasalehda en decendent ah pweipwand.

Ma sapw kelipw me wia dipisou en estate me keiu mwengei iei en kapidelong Pekipek nan Mwolen Kopwung en Sapw. Doadoahn wek adahneki "heir-

ship hearing". Tohn doadoak en Mwolen Kopwung en Sapw kak sawese aramas en kapidelong pekipek me pahn tepida doadoak wet.

Doadoak en probate pahn mwengei nan Mwolen Kopwung en Pohnpei de Mwolen Kopwung en Sapw ma mie neid decendent nah kekehlik. Kekehlik pahn kasalehda his aramas de pwihn me pahn ale da sang ne estste en decendent. Kekehlik mwein pahn pil kasalehda his me decendent mwahuki en wia doadoak en executor.

Pakair wiawiong wei pokon me probate wiawi oh mweidong aramas sohste lelipil ansou ehu ele rahn eisek limau, en pakair kiong Mwolen Kopwung en Pohnpei ma mie ah pwuhng ong en decendent nah estate.

Mwolen Kopwung kin wia keiu en karongarong mwuhrin sounpwong riau ape mwuhrin langadahn pakair en probate. Ni karongarong wet Ni karongarong wet Kopwung kin pilada executor. Ma kekehlik hasalehda his me decendent men pilipila en wia executor Mwolen Kopwung kin pilada aramas menet en wia executor.

Aramas menet pahn diarada dipisou koaros oh pweipwand koaros nan estate oh wiada mwomwadahn nekpesang en dipisou pwukat nanpwung ihs me decendent pweipwand ong oh ihs me konehng en ale lued dipisou.

Ma estate me laud mwein executor pahn anahne wiada account nan bank pwe en nekidala mohni en estate. Mohni wet pahn koiong irail me pahn ale pwai en sohsoh. Pak melaulau soang wet wiawi nan Pohnpei.

Ma estate me laud Mwolen Kopwung mwein pahn padakiong executor en wiada mwomwadahn nekpesang en estate. Irail me pahn ale pwai sang estate ahneki ansou ehu en kapidelong arail uhong ma mie. Mwuhrin met Mwolen Kopwung pahn kosonehdi duen nekpesang en estate oh pahn padakiong executor en wiada nekpesang.

Mwuhrin nekpesang en estate executor kin kapidelong report ong Mwolen Kopwung. Report wet kasalehda mohni me pidelong oh mohni me pidohi oh soang teikan me executor wia.. Copy kin kiong irail me ale pwai en estate or irail ahneki ansou ehu en kapidelong arail ehong, ma mie.

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The following selection evaluation criteria, in order of importance, will be used in the evaluation of A-E firms: (1) Professional qualifications of firm and staff proposed for the design, repair, alteration and preparation of project engineering documentation and studies for buildings, infrastructure and other shore-based facility projects located in tropical environments similar to the Federated States of Micronesia and other Pacific Ocean Areas; (2) Specialized recent experience and technical competence of firm or particular staff members proposed for the design, repair, alteration and preparation of project engineering documentation and studies for buildings, infrastructure and other facility projects located in tropical environments similar to Federated States of Micronesia and other Pacific Ocean Areas; (3) Past performance on contracts with the Federated States of Micronesia and U.S. Government agencies and private industry in terms of cost control, quality of work, and compliance with performance schedules; (4) Capacity to accomplish the work in the required time; (5) Knowledge and demonstrated experience in applying sustainability concepts and principles to facilities and infrastructure problems through an integrated design approach; (6) the A-Es quality control program experience; (7) Location in the general geographical area of the projects and knowledge of the locality of the projects; provided, that application of this criterion leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the projects.

Include a summary of qualifications in narrative discussion addressing each of the above selection evaluation criteria on the U.S. government SF 330, Part 1, Section H. If necessary, continue on plain bond paper. For selection criteria (3) the government will also evaluate each firms past performance and performance rating(s) from the Architect-Engineer Contract Administration Support System (ACASS) during the evaluation process, which can affect the selection outcome. Please note that the selected firm or its subsidiaries or affiliates that design or prepare specifications for a construction contract cannot provide the construction services for the same contract. This prohibition shall include concept design, which includes preparation of project programming documents, facility sitting studies, environmental assessments, or other activities that result in identification of project scope and cost. The prime firm and consultants for this contract will be required to perform throughout the contract term. A-E firms meeting the requirements described in this announcement are invited to submit a completed U.S. government Standard Form 330, Architect Engineer Qualifications.

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Interested firms must allow sufficient time for receipt of submission. Consultants to the prime A-E firm are required to submit only Part II of the SF 330. This solicitation requires all interested firms to have an email address. Notifications will be via email, therefore, email address must be shown on the SF 330, Part 1, Section B8. **THREE COPIES OF YOUR SF 330s ARE REQUIRED: TWO PAPER COPIES AND ONE ELECTRONIC COPY ON A CD.** Firms responding to this announcement by Friday, July 13, 2007, will be considered. Firms must submit forms by 4:00 p.m. Pohnpei local time (GMT +11). This is not a request for a proposal.

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KP-Perspective

Killing Puppies

I never thought I'd say this but one of the things I miss about the U.S. is long, lonely drive times. I used to do a good deal of thinking behind the wheel of my car. Here I'm usually not in my car long enough to even recharge the battery after I start it. This morning I had a nice lonely little drive out to the College of Micronesia in Palikir made longer by a gravel truck grinding its way up low gear hill on the way to the College and a Thursday morning Sunday driver on the way back.

I usually freak out and try to figure out how to pass when I can't see oncoming traffic from the wheel of my Japanese built right hand drive car. This time I just decided to be patient. Okay I *tried* to be patient and use the time to think about what I was going to write about this week. I went through a laundry list of things I could write about and was thinking about them all trying to sort them out when it happened. I had a lesson in what used to be a catch phrase in the 90's. I had a paradigm shift.

The word "paradigm" (pronounced pare-a-dime) is actually a mathematical term that deals with mathematical systems. In terms of what it means to the way we think, a paradigm is your world view, what you know about the world, what you feel about the events going on around you and how you respond to things.

My Thursday morning little paradigm shift happened like

this. The driver in front of me slowed as if they might make a right turn except that they didn't turn their blinker on as all too often happens in Pohnpei. Finally they stopped, not on the side of the road but in the middle of the lane. I waited patiently and then I waited some more, less patiently. When my blood pressure started to increase I waited still more. I was about to pound on the horn when I saw the cutest little brown and white puppy I've seen in a long time emerge just in front of the right bumper of the vehicle. That's what a paradigm shift is.

One moment I was prepared to get out of the car and scream epithets at the discourteous driver in front of me and the next moment I was oohing and aahing over the cute little puppy on the side of the road and my skin color had gone back to white from the crimson it had been only a moment before.

Paradigm shifts are world view changes that we make when we have new and more complete information. Sometimes they occur in a flash like mine this morning and sometimes they develop over time as new information and ideas incubate.

I've had many of them in my life. I had several shifts a few weeks ago when I wrote an article about Pohnpei Utilities Company. I set out to write an article blasting PUC. It bothered me that I couldn't find any of the dirt I set out to uncover but when all was said and done

and I had looked at the audits I had to have a paradigm shift. The data required it.

I still have a couple of days to rewrite once again the front page article on the Thorfinn. With every new piece of information I get in this extremely complex situation I have another little paradigm shift that changes everything about the way I view the story.

If I only collect information that verifies my first opinion about news articles then the paradigm shifts never happen. In order for me to give you the facts these paradigm shifts must happen.

Everyone should be involved in getting all available information before taking actions. If we go through life thinking that we are the repository of all available information then we will make some pretty serious miscalculations based on incomplete information. That's not to say that we should never act for fear that we don't know everything or that if we have all the information that we can get we won't still make some miscalculations but more information means fewer miscalculations.

This idea of paradigm shifting is nowhere as important as it is with our Government leaders. Mainly because everything they do affects all of their constituents in one way or another.

As an example, it would be easy to get an idea that Pohnpei should consider seceding from the FSM and then gather data that only supports that idea* I'm not saying it's necessarily a bad idea. I just don't know.

I'd want to know for instance what would happen with the por-

tion of Compact funds that Pohnpei currently shares in. I'd want to know what would happen to all of Pohnpei's citizens living in the United States. Would they have to be deported? Where would they live if they all came back at one time or over a short period of time? I'd want to know where the National Government complex and all of its employees would go and what would happen to the jobs occupied by Pohnpeians there. I'd have to know what the economic impact the dollars those employees spend to live in Pohnpei would be. Would house rental rates go down because the National Government would no longer be here to spend a minimum amount per month for housing its foreign employees? I'd have to know a lot more before my paradigm would shift from its current place to a pro-secession stance.

Perhaps there will be good answers to all of those questions and a secession move would be a good one. Right now it seems a lot like the old question of State's Sovereignty that was really the spark that kindled the Civil War in the mid history of the United States. It sounds like that but I could simply be waiting for a discourteous driver who really is just trying not to kill a cute puppy.

*Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor*

**The Governor never specifically mentioned secession in his letter to the Speaker that we published in the last issue. He said essentially that if things didn't work out with the new National Government leaders that the State should begin making other plans.*

NOTICE

The **LAW OFFICE OF FREDRICK L. RAMP** has opened a second office in Atlanta, Georgia in the United States.
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The Kaselehlie Press would like to apologize for the misspelling of Mr. Ramp's first name in the last issue and for the incorrect listing of his Duluth, Georgia telephone number.

We apologize for any inconvenience to Mr. Ramp and his clients.

...Thorfinn

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degrees or more to starboard, the right side, with ocean swells pouring over its deck. The entire first deck is full of water. There has been oil leakage from the engine room itself but so far the completely full tanks are not leaking.

Approximately 35,000 gallons of the waste oil aboard the vessel came from Pohnpei Utility Company's power plant. Thorfinn is a steamer and so it can burn nearly anything that burns hot enough to give them steam including wood which is what Captain Higgs says they will initially use to try to cleanse the salt water from the lines.

Saipan authorities have been all but begging the Thorfinn to come and take some of its 350,000 gallons of oil currently stored in tanks that are near the bursting point. Higgs said that it simply can't enter the Saipan harbor because of U.S. standards of operation that the Thorfinn isn't equipped to meet. Saipan could bring a tanker in to remove the oil but they not only would have to pay for the hugely expensive tanker, they would have to pay for a remanufacture of the oil. They've done it before but it cost so much that they have ruled that out as a solution.

If not for the Thorfinn, all of the electrical utilities in the FSM would likely have the same problem as Saipan and the already high rate of electricity in the FSM would have to increase. The country would not only have to pay for acquisition of fuel, they would also have to pay to dispose of the waste it produces. Right now the utilities pay nothing to rid themselves of it.

The Dang Dilemma a cargo vessel out of Japan made in the mid 90's essentially the same mistake as Captain Higgs and in the process scooped out a large section of the reef. It's possible that the sandy bottom in the place where the Thorfinn is sitting was caused by that grounding. Just as in the case of the Thorfinn there was a large amount of oil on the Dang Dilemma. The Dang Dilemma, however, was carrying heavy oil the consistency of crude oil. The Governor at the time declared a state of emergency and the Coast Guard was called in to assist along with several independent salvage companies.

Pohnpei Port Authority has no equipment to deal with salvage op-

erations. They have a check list that was developed during a recent FAA desktop exercise but no equipment to directly assist in salvage operations. Port director Ieske Iehse said that funding for the port is hard to come by and the Port was hoping that someone from the private sector might find salvage operations profitable enough to invest in them in Pohnpei.

Higgs said that many vessels end up on the reef or in shallow water at one point or another. He said that every government vessel has at some time or another hit a reef. A salvage and rescue operation might indeed be lucrative in the FSM.

Adams Brothers Construction, a local construction company was cho-



sen to get the Thorfinn salvage operation underway. The company is the only local operator that has the equipment and manpower to take care of the problem of the Thorfinn. Though they could not begin the actual salvage until liability issues were cleared they did install a temporary patch on the hole in the engine room wall that minimized the leakage even if it did not entirely resolve it.

On Wednesday, June 13, newly appointed Chairman of the EPA Board of directors, Ferny Perman, having only heard about the "Thorfinn problem" on Tuesday evening and then not from the EPA, camped out in the Pohnpei State Attorney General's office waiting for the office to execute a hold harmless agreement to protect Adams Brothers from lawsuits if something went wrong while he was performing the salvage. The Governor signed the waiver but that was only part of the negotiations that needed to be arranged.

According to Attorney Fredrick L. Ramp, attorney for the insurance company that insures the vessel

there were very complex issues of liability to resolve. Additionally he said that salvages of this magnitude might cost multiples of a hundred thousand dollars and that all options had to be considered.

The EPA, lawyers for the insurance company, lawyers for the Adams Brothers, and lawyers for the Thorfinn finally came to agreement on the liability issues on June 18. Ramp said that one issue came up over night but it was resolved by morning and work started on the 19th.

Larry Adams of Adams Brothers said that the first thing they had to do was rebuild the patch so that it sealed better. The position of the hole made that operation difficult

and left them only a bit more than a foot of space to apply the heavy steel patch which made it difficult for scuba divers to get the job done. The operation was compounded by engine room oil leaking from the vessel that nauseated the divers.

On Wednesday, the Adams Brothers barge which had been thoroughly inspected by Allied Marine of Guam and certified to be seaworthy and watertight was towed to the Thorfinn and began pumping the oil out of the vessel. Before it became too dark to operate, the pumping operation had retrieved approximately 10,000 gallons of the oil and the Thorfinn now sits flatter on the water. The barge is being towed by one of the skiffs from a fishing vessel currently in port. The skiff developed mechanical problems late in the week and the barge has not yet been able to return to work. Other options are being sought.

Another legal problem developed on Friday, June 22 that has stopped the salvage operation. All of the parties involved had made agreement on where liabilities lay except for one—PPA. When the parties in-

volved in rescuing the Thorfinn were approached by PPA about who would be held responsible if after they pull the vessel from the reef it sinks while entering the port they brought a stack of papers for legal counsel to review that asked PPA to hold the parties harmless. A vessel the size of the Thorfinn sinking in the channel would effectively shut down the port. Since PPA's responsibility is for the safety of the Port they want agreements from the operators that they will be held responsible if after entering the port the vessel sinks.

Legal Counsel for the Port Authority said that if they signed an agreement releasing the parties from responsibility and something catastrophic happened they would be held financially responsible for potentially millions of dollars of damages.

Iehse said that they may be filing a complaint with the Thorfinn for violation of Port regulations. When asked if the Thorfinn might be expected to file a counter to the charges for lack of a defining beacon on the reef since according to their legal counsel the Port Authority is responsible for maintenance and placement of warning beacons or markers, he said, that they were checking on that and doing their research.

Some experts on marine aids said that the passage is an easy one but that to be entirely safe there should be four more markers defining the reef for boaters.

The Thorfinn does not carry pollution or indemnity insurance. It would cost upwards of \$20 million to replace the Thorfinn in today's market and if oil spillage causes ecological damage to Pohnpei the cost would be inestimable. It would be insensitive to even try to do so. Legal counsel for Sokehs Municipal Government has already suggested in a letter to parties involved that \$1.5 million might be sufficient for damages. Acting Sokehs Chief Magistrate Michael Liemen was not aware of the request. At least one of the lawyers involved has said that Sokehs does not control the reef.

A Pohnpei White Sand vessel sunk inside the Sokehs lagoon some time ago and has, within the last few months begun to leak fuel leaving a telltale sheen on the water there. Liemen said that he was not aware of any legal action having been filed against the owner of PWS by the municipal government.

NEWS

San Diego State University Masters Students Committed to Education

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Other schools have attempted to help with distance learning in Pohnpei before and have never followed through. San Diego State University has been doing distance learning in Micronesia in one capacity or another since the 70's during the days of the Trust Territory. This is no fly by night school and there are currently 22 students actively involved in pursuing a Master's of Arts Degree in Education with an emphasis on Educational Leadership.

Dr. Fred McFarlane and Linda Libsack-Schmalzel were in Pohnpei to meet with the students. Dr. McFarlane said that the program is unlike others because it is designed to be relevant to Micronesia. He said that the educational system in California where the University is located is completely different than the educational systems in Micronesia.

The course utilizes an on island co-instructor. He said that the locals are not merely teacher's assistants

but full instructors. For the M.A. program Mr. Reynold Albert is the co-instructor. For the B.A. program the co-instructor is Phyllis Sibillus. They are responsible for helping students to stay on track and meeting with them once a week.

The program is so far successful because of the requirement that students be mid-career professionals already working in the area of education in Micronesia. He said those candidates have already shown a dedication to education and to Micronesia and that this program will aid the students to make the education department the best that it can be.

The Kaselehlie Press spoke with Karlina Henry, currently an educational diagnostician at the Department of Education, SeNelly Singeo, Chief of Elementary Schools for overall curriculum, and Shirley Jano and English teach at the College of Micronesia. The enthusiasm they have for the program is contagious. They said that all of the students have three classes remaining during which time they will



write their Master's Thesis. Jano said that the Thesis projects are going to be published and put to use in Micronesia where she says they will matter most.

All of them said that their director's should get credit for supporting the program, especially Education Department Director Cassiano Shoniber and Dr. Steve Spencer. They said that their participation in the program was initiated by Shoniber and facilitated by COM staff members.

Henry said that the program, instead of being formed around some outside structure looks at real educational issues here in Micronesia.

When asked what would keep them from leaving the island after they complete their degree and getting work where the salaries are higher each of the participants said that they have a passion for education in Micronesia and for the children. Their families and their lives are all in Micronesia and they will not be leaving.

SeNelly Singeo said "This is something we can do to empower ourselves so that we can help."

"To see that our people can benefit from what we know is a comfortable feeling", said Karlina Henry.

The students are currently on track for graduation in May 2008



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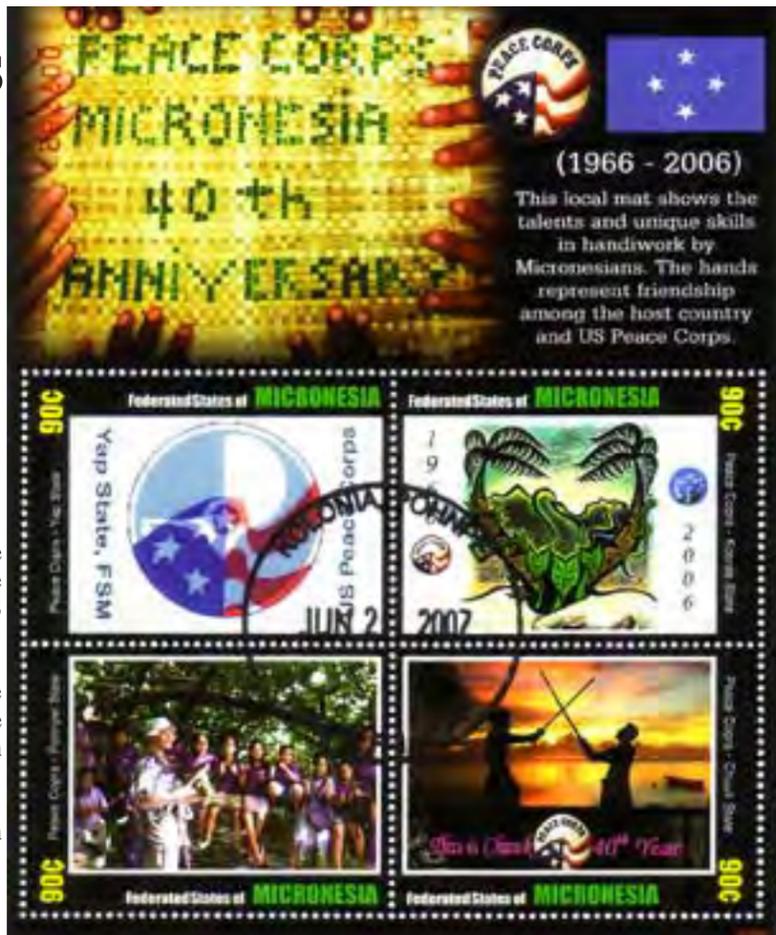
Postmaster Releases Peace Corps 40th Anniversary Commemorative Stamp

(June 22, 2007 - Pohnpei, FM)

Dignitaries gathered in the JFK Conference room of the US Peace Corps in Kolonia for the unveiling of a new stamp released by the FSM to commemorate the anniversary of the arrival of the US Peace Corps in 1966.

The Postmaster General Mr. Bethwel Henry in order to make the collectable program distributed at the ceremony more collectible asked the dignitaries on hand to make themselves available to sign the programs for all of the participants.

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SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE

- ACROSS**
- 1. Fodder for a dirty magazine
 - 5. You might have it sunny-side up
 - 8. Taste, as in wine
 - 11. Neighborhood
 - 12. Pigeon's purr
 - 13. One-spot
 - 14. Camera picture
 - 16. the season
 - 17. Owns
 - 18. Married
 - 19. Shade
 - 20. Off-key
 - 22. What a beatnik beats
 - 23. Infatuated
 - 25. Where the grapes grow
 - 28. Lots of land
 - 31. Entrance halls.
 - 33. Spoken
 - 34. Card game, or what you say when it ends
 - 35. Space
 - 36. Go bad
 - 37. Banister
 - 39. Little piggy
 - 40. Common survey question
 - 41. Forearm bone
 - 42. Now for Something Completely Different
 - 43. Angry
 - 44. Where to lay an egg
- DOWN**
- 1. Turkish title
 - 2. Decorative
 - 3. Explanation
 - 4. Snippet of sleep
 - 5. Management level
 - 6. Less than better
 - 7. Achieved
 - 8. Silky fabric
 - 9. Cake cover
 - 10. Green sauce
 - 15. Hindu mystics
 - 19. Now
 - 21. Kind of orange
 - 22. Farther than
 - 24. Classy
 - 26. Entertain lavishly
 - 27. Saps
 - 28. Main artery
 - 29. Sing
 - 30. Like most movies
 - 32. Sidewalk sound
 - 34. Go for
 - 37. Overactive actor
 - 38. Stocking slit

Word Search - PUZZLING PEOPLE

Everybody is somebody, and we have hidden in the puzzle diagram some 6-letter words that define people by job hobby, or status in life. We have looped one word for you and provided the first letters of those remaining.

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RELIGION

“Island of Angels”

A great new book has been published telling the story of the early missionary work on Kosrae. Island of Angels by Rev. Elden Buck, is a beautiful and well-written book preserving part of the history of Micronesia.

The first missionary who lived on Kosrae, Rev. Benjamin Snow, arrived in 1852, the same year that missionaries landed on Pohnpei. The ship *Caroline* brought couples from America and Hawaii to teach the Bible to the people of Kosrae and Pohnpei. Before long, Rev. Snow developed a growing fear that he was watching the end of a people. He took a count of the people of Kosrae and realized they were dying much faster than being born. Rev. Snow counted 1,106 Kosraeans in 1855. By 1860 he could find only 748. Two causes were apparent; outbreaks

of diseases brought from other countries, which killed many Micronesians in all the islands, and sexually transmitted diseases. The time of the great whaling ships had come to Micronesia in the early 1800s and the ports of Kosrae had gained popularity because of safe harbors, fresh water and food and friendly local people. Rev. Snow counted 75 ships that called the first three years he was on Kosrae. Some of the local people were too willing to share and even sent their wives and daughters to the ships for the sailors to use as they wished. In exchange they received metal cooking pots and tools. They did not realize they were also receiving disfigured, dying and infertile wives and daughters. Good King George, who welcomed and helped the missionaries, realized the problem was critical. He sup-

ported Rev. Snow and his fellow missionaries in their efforts to educate the local people and prevent further destructive behavior. Slowly and through great struggle and effort the trend was reversed. You can read the details in Rev. Buck's book.

Why do I take the time to write about this sad story of so long ago? Today there are about 8,000 people living on Kosrae and many Kosraeans in other places. It appears the problem is solved on Kosrae. At a fund-raising dinner on Pohnpei some months back, a doctor from the hospital shared some news that has caused me great concern. The cancer that kills more women in all of Oceania than any other is cervical cancer; which recent research has proven is caused by the Human Papilloma Virus, an STD. The two behaviors that most often cause this horrible

virus to turn into cervical cancer are: multiple sexual partners and sexual activity when too young. He also shared that if detected and treated early, it can be cured. I am aware that these things are not supposed to be talked about in public in Pohnpei. I am sorry if I have offended you and hope you exercised your right to stop reading. I cannot stop thinking about the fact that I would not know my many great Kosraean friends if that first missionary had kept silent. Rev. Snow was like Ezekiel in the Bible; he was a faithful watchman. When he saw danger coming to God's people he cried out. God is sending some faithful ones to cry out today. I pray we will listen as the Kosraeans did long ago and ask for God's help to live His way.

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Gary Gardell

Tide Table June 27 - July 10, 2007				
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Pohnpei Competitor's Association Standings

PCA VOLLEYBALL CLUB STANDINGS

MADOLENIHMW HS - Final

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1T	151 Grand	3	3	0	1.000
1T	Pick-ups	3	3	0	1.000
3	No Rules	5	4	1	0.800
4	Why Not?	4	2	2	0.500
5	Piece of Cake	5	2	3	0.400
6	Better than Nothing	6	2	4	0.333
7	Young Stars	6	1	5	0.167
8	Rebels	2	0	2	0.000

GP=Games Played W=#Won L=#Lost PCT=Winning Percentage (W/GP)

PCA SOFTBALL CLUB STANDINGS

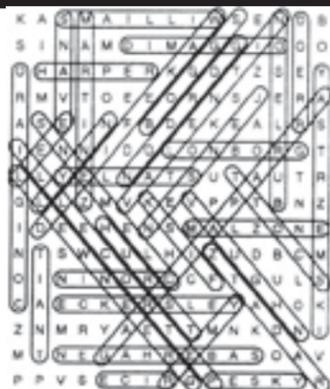
MADOLENIHMW HS - as of 18 May

Rank	Team	GP	W	L	PCT
1	Better Than Nothing	4	3	1	0.750
2T	151 Grand	3	2	1	0.667
2T	Piece of Cake	3	2	1	0.667
4T	Rebels	5	3	2	0.600
4T	Young Stars	5	3	2	0.600
6	No Rules	6	3	3	0.500
7	Dahme Sohki	4	1	3	0.250
8	Pick-Ups	4	0	4	0.000

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LAST Issue's Solution



The deadline for
ads and news
items for the next
issue is
July 6, 2007

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.

The Community Bulletin is a free message board exclusive to announcements. To post your announcements to The Kaselehlie Press



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HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Pohnpei Student Wins in International ‘Nutrition for Health’ Drawing Contest

By Dr. Lois Englberger
Pohnpei Island Food Community

Mayleen Ohry, 11 years old, Class 5 in Mand Elementary School, has been awarded a prize in the international ‘Nutrition for Health’ drawing contest organized by Sight and Life, a humanitarian initiative of DSM Nutritional Products, based in Switzerland. The drawing was presented on page 58 in Issue 3/2006 of the Sight and Life Magazine, along with the drawings of 24 other winners from countries around the world, including the Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, and Burundi, Africa.

Mayleen’s entry was a colorful presentation of two sets of foods. These were the ‘Foods to Eat’, including breadfruit, banana, fish, mango, pandanus, and pineapple, and ‘Foods Not to Eat’ including soda, ramen, koolaid, sausage, cake, ice cream and candy.

Dr. Klaus Kraemer, Secretary General of Sight and Life, announced the drawing contest during his visit to Pohnpei in April 2006. He met with Mr. Kun Isaac of the Pohnpei Department of Education, who assisted publicizing the competition locally. The Island Food Community of Pohnpei facilitated the selection of final entries and submission to Sight and Life. Prizes included drawing pens and backpack bags, including enough for all those in the class.

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei congratulates Mayleen Ohry of Mand Elementary School and warmly thanks Sight and Life for the opportunity of this drawing contest.



Mayleen Ohry, Mand School, winner in the Sight and Life ‘Health and Nutrition’ drawing contest.

Recipe of the Week Breadfruit and Fish Curry

- 2 cups raw mature breadfruit, peeled and cut into pieces
- 1-2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1-2 cloves garlic, diced
- 1-2 teaspoons curry powder
- ¼ teaspoon pepper and chili, optional
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 cup pumpkin, chopped
- 2 cups green leafy vegetables
- 1 cup chopped vegetables, such as eggplant, carrot or tomato, optional
- 1 cup fresh or canned tuna or mackerel
- 1-2 teaspoons lime or other citrus juice

1. Heat oil and lightly cook onion and garlic for 1 to 2 minutes.
2. Add the rest of the ingredients except the fish and lime or other citrus juice.
3. When the breadfruit and vegetables are cooked, add the fish and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, just until cooked.

Recipe taken from the SPC Pacific Food Leaflet no. 3. website: www.spc.int/lifestyle/

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SPORTS

Pohnpei Youth Enjoy YTS Basketball Camp

By **JIM TOBIN**

Over 300 Pohnpei youth participated in the 2007 Micronesian Youth Team Sports Basketball Coaching Clinic and Youth Camp held on Pohnpei at the COM-FSM national campus gymnasium from June 17-25. A similar program was held on Chuuk from June 9-17 with over 200 participants. The basketball coaching clinic and youth camp were conducted by 4 American volunteer professional basketball coaches and 3 youth assistants from Youth Team Sports (YTS), based out of Reno, Nevada. YTS serve under the umbrella of the University of Nations, a training arm of Youth With A Mission. The local organizing committee was the Pohnpei Basketball Association led by Benji Peterson, Jackie Solomon and Bobo Ludwig.

Dr. Dick Dankworth, YTS Coordinator, coached football, basketball and track and field for over 12 years at the University of Nevada. YTS Head Basketball Coach David Wood played 7 years in the NBA for the Chicago Bulls, San Antonio Spurs,

Milwaukee Bucks, Phoenix Suns and Dallas Mavericks. Coach Wood received his college degree from the University of Nevada where he was a star player. He also played professional basketball in Italy, Spain and the Philippines. Mike Brown, YTS Assistant Basketball Coach, was a 2 year starter at the University of Nevada, and also coached at the university following his playing career. Dan Dix, YTS Head Quality Character Coach, a former college and semi-professional baseball player, is the Pastor of the Outlook Christian Church in Reno and coaches youth baseball in the area.

YTS's goal according to Dr. Dankworth, "We teach and emphasize quality traits such as passion, perseverance, respect, sportsmanship, integrity, self control and others in the context of attitude, purpose, goals and teamwork." Concerning the basketball clinic and camp he stated, "In our Basketball Coaching Clinic we have worked with national caliber players and coaches for 4 days, teaching them winning basketball skills and equally important



The 13-16 year old group practices dribbling



Former NBA Pro David Wood towers over the 8-12 year old group in Pohnpei

quality winning character traits. Immediately following the coaching clinic, YTS conducted a Youth Basketball Camp for 3 days. The national players and coaches became assistant camp instructors, teaching the Pohnpei youth the winning skills and modeling the quality character traits they learned in the clinic. They also became the coaches for the competitive teams that were formed for the youth camps closing day Championship Tournament."

The Pohnpei coaches and national players were presented Coaching Achievement Awards and every youth taking part in the camp received a Participant Award and camp t-shirt during an awards ceremony following the tournament. Special Character and MVP awards were also given. The Pohnpei Basketball Association would like to thank the major sponsors: College of Micronesia-FSM, FSM National Olympic Committee, Rotary Club of Pohnpei, FSM Telecommunications Corporation, Continental Airlines, Molten, Matson Navigation, Amcres Shipping, Western Union and CTSI, NIHCO Printing Press, En's Seven Stars, Oceanview Plaza, Pohnpei LP Gas, Ace Hardware and the Department of Education and Office of Social Affairs, Pohnpei State Government.

Alex Tretnoff, Jr. Continues Winning Ways

The fifth tournament of 2007 was held on 16 June and saw only four boats compete for the first and second place jackpot categories: Big Fish, Lady Angler Big Fish, Junior Angler Big Fish, and Total Boat Weight. It turned out not to be the easiest day to catch fish while trolling as a total of only nine fish were weighed at Rumors late Saturday afternoon. A day like this was a challenge for the crews of the *Benither, Boat, True Blue* and *Try-Ton*.

The younger Alex in the Tretnoff family, fishing on the boat named "*Boat*" caught the most impressive fish of the day, an 84.5 marlin, which was enough to win first place (\$70 each) in the Big Fish and Total Boat Weight categories.

Jacob Boylan, fishing on board the *Try-Ton*, captained by dad Noel, won the \$30.00 second place prize in the Big Fish category with mahi mahi that tipped the scales at 15.5 pounds. On the same boat, a 19 pound mahi mahi, caught by Evan Boylan, was good enough to win the top Junior Angler prize of \$35.00. *Try-Ton* took the \$30 prize for second place Total Boat Weight.

Another junior to fish in Saturday's contest was Joel Sorby, who managed to capture the second place \$15.00 prize with a 13 pound mahi mahi, fishing on board the *True Blue*.

The next Pohnpei Fishing Club tournament is scheduled for Saturday, 14 July, with registration on Friday evening, 5:30 - 7:00pm, at PCR Restaurant. All anglers welcome.

Volunteers Needed!

Samantha Lampert, a student from Emory University is in Pohnpei performing Pohnpei's first Environmental study on Air Quality. She is in need of volunteers over the age of 18 willing to take a Time/Activity Survey who live in the Kolonia or Sokehs Powe areas. She also needs Pohnpeian speakers to help her perform the surveys. The surveys will be kept completely confidential.

**If you are intested in volunteering contact
Samantha Lampert at 320-5898**