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Nuclear cover-up?

PBS delays showing of Horowitz film

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Filmmaker Adam Horowitz believes someone is attempting to keep his hard-hitting film about US nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands from airing on American Public Broadcasting Service channels.

He says it was originally scheduled and advertised to broadcast this month, but was recently pulled off the schedule and now is listed as possibly being included in a military themed series of PBS shows that will air in early December around the anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor in World War II.

“Why should I, or anyone else familiar with this story, believe that the program will actually get aired in December?” Horowitz asked a representative of Pacific Islanders in Communication (PIC), which has been involved with promoting the film. “It looks obviously like a delay tactic, as part of a planned slow death of the broadcast life of this film.”

In reply, Amber McClure of PIC said, “With PBS or any other major networks, it is possible for any program to be cancelled and pulled at any time. These decisions are made by the programmers.”

But Horowitz thinks there are other motivations, particularly with the great delay in broadcasting the film.

“If World Channel does not air Nuclear Savage until December that would be more than two full years since I delivered the finished, mastered show to PIC in October of 2011,” Horowitz said. “That would also be one month short of two years after the 56 minute show was fine-cut in January of 2012.”

The film focuses on the US government’s secret Project 4.1, the study of radiation effects in human beings, that was responsible for the medical monitoring of Rongelap and Utrik people exposed to fallout from the 1954 Bravo test at Bikini.

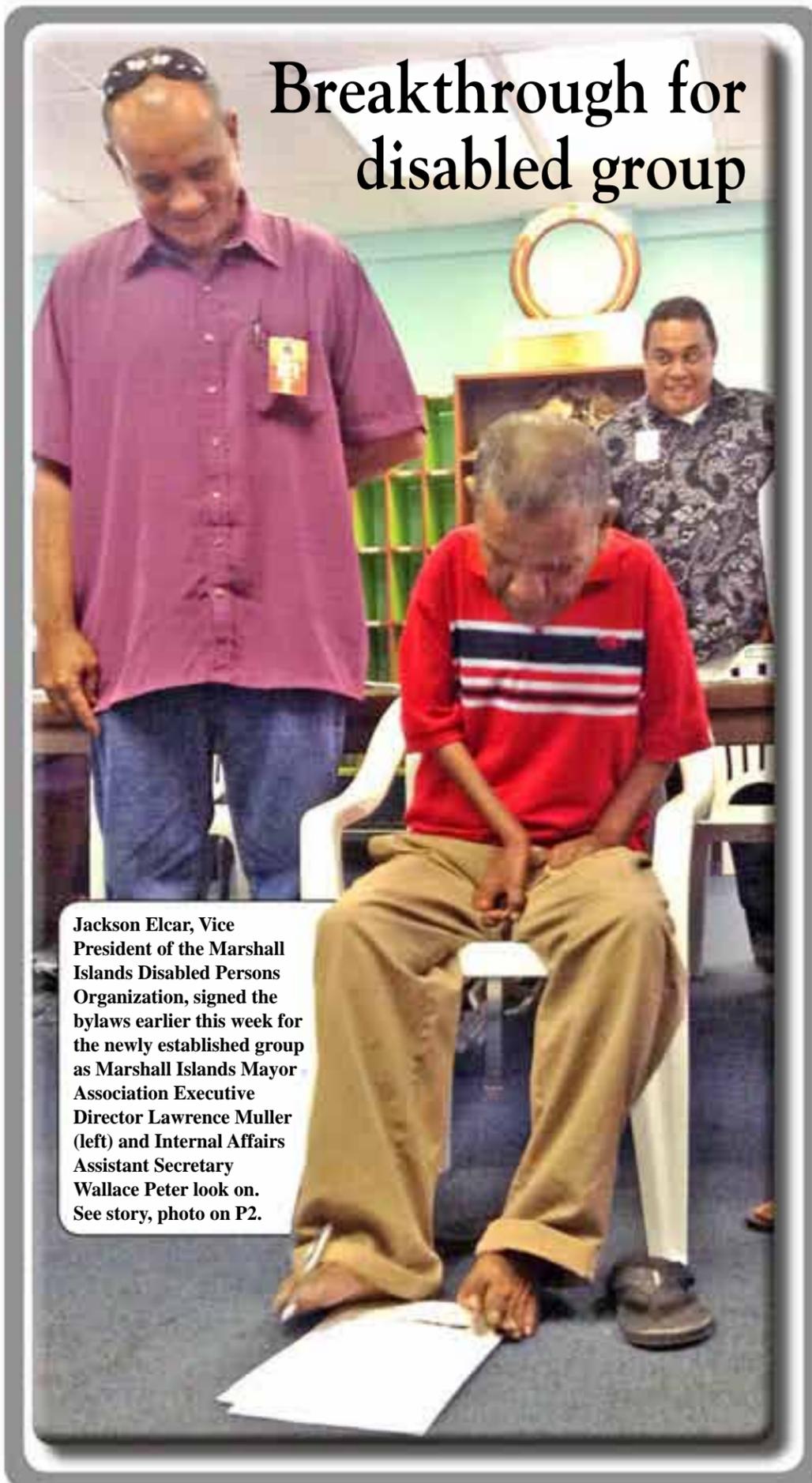
McClure said the World Channel wants to show it “during a military themed time, perhaps around Dec 7.” She added: “We are checking for other military themed months or days.”

Horowitz thinks this is a smokescreen to deep-six the film.

“This claim of a ‘military-themed time, around December 7’ for World Channel seems

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Breakthrough for disabled group



Jackson Elcar, Vice President of the Marshall Islands Disabled Persons Organization, signed the bylaws earlier this week for the newly established group as Marshall Islands Mayor Association Executive Director Lawrence Muller (left) and Internal Affairs Assistant Secretary Wallace Peter look on. See story, photo on P2.

RMI wants US to be more open

The RMI and the US continue to tussle over budgets, spending, reports and deadlines regarding US funding, with RMI leaders asking the US to make greater effort to “consult.”

US Interior Department officials, in meetings in Majuro last week, told RMI officials they must produce a several year budget plan prior to the JEMFAC meeting in August to secure release of FY2014 funds, and also need to clear audit questions before about \$1 million in unspent prior year Compact money will be provided. US officials said the Compact requires the future budget planning but the RMI has not provided one for three years.

“The definition of ‘consultation’ is ‘exchange of views,’ but since I raised this issue in San Francisco in March, it has not taken place,” said Foreign Minister Phillip Muller this week. “We’ve received instructions for cutting the budget.” But, said Muller, the best way to consult is “to ask the people on the ground so we find the least painful way to make cuts.”

He said RMI is doing
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Battle for Nuclear Savage to air on PBS

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arbitrary and a forced, and a nonsensical excuse for delay,” he said. “All of the nuclear testing, and human experiments in the Marshall Islands were done during peacetime.

“To put off this program until Pearl Harbor Day, under the claim that it should be grouped at a ‘military-themed time’ does not hold water, and most of all, in my opinion, is an insult to the Marshall Islanders who were the victims of US testing, and who appeared in the film.”

World Channel had scheduled the program to air in May, and is now postponing until December, he said.

“What happens when December 7 comes around, and World decides to delay the program by another eight months? How

long, exactly, is this supposed to go on?”

Horowitz expressed his disbelief in the delays. “I realize that the wheels of bureaucracy at PBS turn slowly, but to wait to air a show more than two years after the (film) was delivered — really?”

McClure, in her reply to Horowitz by email took an optimistic tone.

“The great part about having your program air on World is the amount of promotion they do for the programs,” she said, adding that when a broadcast date is available, “we can try to locate and send you a list of all the PBS stations that subscribe to the World Channel’s content, so you may use that information to assist with your station relations efforts.”



Filmmaker Adam Jonas Horowitz.

High praise for RMI film

Nuclear Savage: The Islands of Secret Project 4.1 “is wonderfully researched and the interviews are extremely insightful,” reports the movie review organization, filmthreat.com.

This award-winning documentary by Adam Jonas Horowitz retraces the long-secret US government program known as Project 4.1, which measured the effects of nuclear weapon-born radiation on the people of the Marshall Islands, the review said.

It relies heavily on declassified government films and footage for background.

The reviewer didn’t like “Horowitz’ droning narration and less than compelling on-screen presence” which “gets in the way of an otherwise intriguing and disturbing production.”

The review noted that the DVD release has two versions: a 60-minute and 87-minute version. “In either format, this documentary is recommended,” the review said.

‘Local resources continue to fall’

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its part (see related story, page 3) but also needs the US to be more “open minded” about Compact funding issues.

In addition to previous year money on hold, FY2014 construction and maintenance money will not be released until an evaluation of Public Works school build-

ings is completed because of allegations of fraudulent construction lodged last year by Minister Hiroshi Yamamura. Muller said he’s hopeful this will move forward in the near future now that the US has both identified a firm to do the work and is putting up \$60,000 to pay for the evaluation.

Muller said everyone knows Compact

funding is declining, but RMI locally generated revenue is also stressed. “They want us to put in more local revenue for the Ministry of Education, but from where?” he asked. “Our local resources continue to decline so don’t expect us to put more in.” And now the RMI has to deal with diverting funds for drought relief, he added.

Still, the RMI is working to increase development activity to generate more revenue, he said. “We both agree, we have a long way to go,” he said.

“I want to emphasize that consultation is needed. As Compact funding goes down, the issue is what’s the best way to handle it so no one suffers.”

Thousands attend Korat’s funeral

A large funeral for the late Korat Loeak, wife of Irojlaplap Anjua Loeak, has been in progress in Majuro since the weekend when her body arrived from Hawaii.

The funeral is happening at President Christopher Loeak’s residence in Long Island and has involved thousands of people paying their respects to the family.

The President indicated that the family expects to transport Korat’s remains to Ailinglaplap Atoll later this week for final funeral services and burial.

Stardom 4 Wisdom

Results for RMI Riddle No. 451: Three perfect puzzles were received from Herman Lee-Enos, Bonny Taggart, and The V7AB Crew. The Radio Riddlers, as we’ve instantly named them, presented their puzzle in a novel way... They typed out the answers in two columns (across and down) and email the list to us.

Results for RMI Riddle No. 450: Herman Lee-Enos and Bonny Taggart both submitted perfect puzzles, as did Kubaak Mayn.

Additional result for RMI Riddle No. 449: The Head RMI Riddler apologizes to Jane Evans of Break Free who did indeed submit her puzzle on time, but it was sadly ignored. It too was a perfect entry.

To enter our ongoing Stardom for Wisdom competition, fill in the RMI Riddle on Page 8 and send it to us by Tuesday, 5pm.

Good luck!



Ruthann Korean and Ricky Reimers with a conference official in Noumea.

Disabled Persons group joins regional forum

The Marshall Islands Disabled Persons Organization (MIDPO) officially joined Pacific Disability Forum, which is based in Suva, Fiji. The newly established organization was invited and took part in a Pacific regional disability conference in Noumea, New Caledonia represented by Ricky Reimers and Ruthann Korean last month.

The MIDPO newly elected officers signed their bylaws in a ceremony at the Ministry of Internal Affairs on May 13.

MIDPO officers are Clanny Clement, President, Jackson Elcar, Vice President,

Ruthann Korean, Secretary, and Ricky Reimers, Treasurer.

The major goal of the Pacific Disability Forum is to collaborate with government, non-government, and others for disability inclusive development.

In the Noumea meeting, governments were reminded of their responsibilities in the implementation of the convention on the rights of persons with disability (CRPD) and to highlight the importance of disability inclusive planning in their post-2015 agendas.

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Worry over children's health

UNICEF joins drought response

UNICEF is working closely with the Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT) partners, particularly through the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) cluster, to provide support to the RMI government.

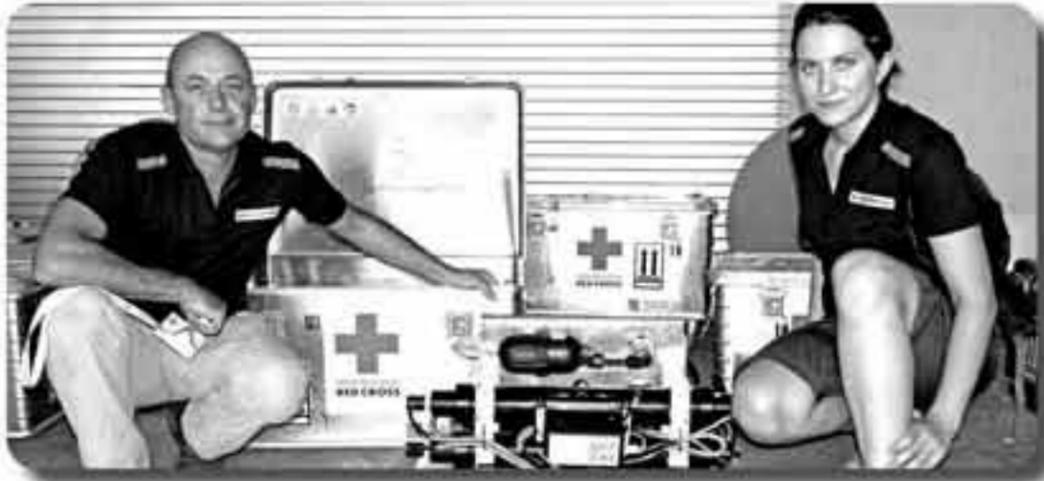
Ongoing relief efforts, coordinated by the RMI government include the provision of water and food rations to affected communities and increase the capacity of desalination units mobilized to the islands.

"It is essential to work to prevent the outbreak of diarrhea and other infections which can be fatal to young children," said UNICEF's Chief of Policy and Advocacy, Samantha Cocco-Klein.

"Without clean water to drink, wash and prepare food with, infections can easily spread. The emergency response should consider how water is purified, stored and used, and continuously remind affected families of the need to keep children safe."

Nutrition for children is also a concern, Cocco-Klein said. "Providing mothers of infants the support to breastfeed is the simplest and best way we can protect our youngest children, particularly when hygiene and water is a challenge."

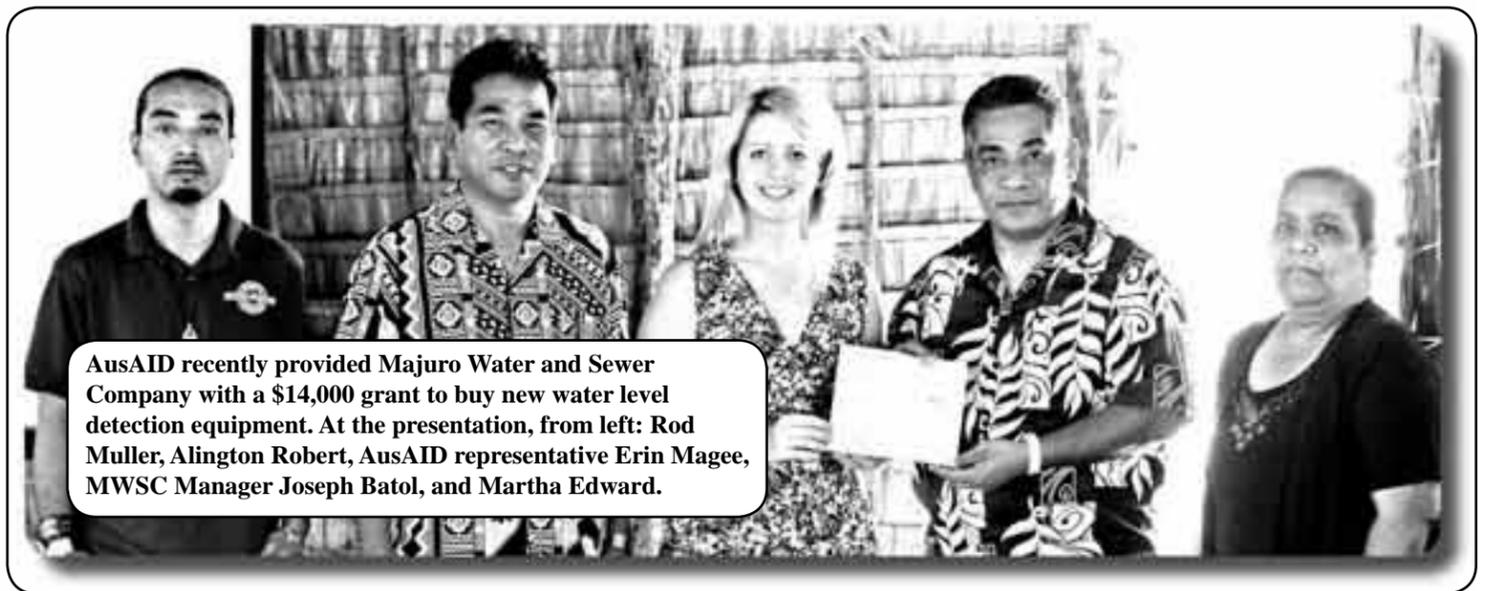
UNICEF is advising that food supplied to families in need should contain a balance of protein as well as starchy basics such as noodles, rice and biscuits. Families should be encouraged to use any local food that is still available, and seafoods in their diet, she said.



Red Cross brings water makers to islands

Red Cross officials from New Zealand Dean Manderson and Ana Zarkovic brought reverse osmosis water-making units for the northern islands.

Photo: Isaac Marty.



AusAID recently provided Majuro Water and Sewer Company with a \$14,000 grant to buy new water level detection equipment. At the presentation, from left: Rod Muller, Alington Robert, AusAID representative Erin Magee, MWSC Manager Joseph Batol, and Martha Edward.

Freeze on travel

There is a range of developments in RMI government activity, said Foreign Minister Phillip Muller in an interview this week.

Among these, he highlighted:

- A freeze on government travel has been instituted since the declaration of the drought disaster by the Cabinet.
- An audit of the public service is soon to be released that will help the government decide how to reduce the salary bill.
- A review of charges that Compact-funded schools were not built according

to required standards could get underway soon with a grant of \$60,000 from the US government to do the review.

- An outline of a redesigned and smaller new hospital than originally designed has now been put on the table for Cabinet review.
- There is movement on a new Uliga Elementary School with the Ministry of Education looking at the option of a scaled down version of the new school plan to be located in the original site near Assumption.

Double Eagle to land in Majuro

The Ministry of Public Works will take delivery a former USAKA vessel and bring it to Majuro later this month. The Double Eagle is a landing craft-type vessel that will be put into service for delivering heavy equipment to the outer islands for working on roads and runways, said Foreign Minister Phillip Muller. It will also assist in drought relief efforts for the northern islands.

"They are getting ready to sail from Kwajalein later this week," Muller said. "This vessel will be good for the outer islands."

Largest ever graduation

This Thursday's commencement ceremony at the College of the Marshall Islands will showcase its largest ever graduating

class. "We will have 115 graduates plus 73 GED graduates," said CMI President Carl Hacker. "This is the largest CMI graduation."

Job Corps opens its doors to youth again

In a bit of good news for Marshallese youth, the US National Office of Job Corps has lifted the temporary suspension on new students.

The Hawaii Outreach and Admissions staff is preparing to begin recruitment and enrollment services to young adults, said Wendy Sakata,

a manager at Hawaii Job Corps, told RMI National Training Council Director Allison Nashion. NTC assists in recruiting for Job Corps.

Sakata said Job Corps admissions staff is prioritizing applicants who previously started the admissions and enrollment process.

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A drought assessment team on Mejit. Pictured from left to right are Barry Rilang, Mereseini Seniloli, Tom Vance, and Henry Capelle. Below, brown and dying pandanus trees on Mejit.

No sign of drought easing until July

US weather officials on Guam predict that the drought affecting the northern Marshall Islands will not begin to ease until July.

"Rainfall should slowly build back to normal across the RMI, starting with Majuro in May, Kwajalein by June, and into the drought-stricken northern islands by July," said the quarterly bulletin of the Pacific El Niño/Southern Oscillation Applications Center in Guam. The report was issued earlier this month.

The report shows the intensity of the drought in the northern islands. There was only trace rain (less than one inch) from January to March at Wotje compared to the 18 inches that fell over Majuro over the same period. Utrik and Kwajalein were about the same, with only 3.4 inches of rain in the first three months of 2013.

Showing the difference location makes, Mili, which is six degrees north of the equator, received over 35 inches of rain during the same period. Wotje is nine degrees north, while Utrik is 11 degrees north.

Despite the overall dryness of the first part of 2013, Kwajalein recorded a one-day rainfall record in April. "Very dry conditions were also experienced on Kwajalein Atoll, but an unusual extreme rainfall event occurred during which the Reagan Test Site measured 2.94 inches on the 16th of April and a further 5.56 inches on the 17th," the weather bulletin said. "The 5.56 inches on the 17th was a new 24-hour rainfall record for April."

Mili tops rain chart

Majuro airport area received nearly one-third less rain than Laura, showing the variation in rainfall patterns on different sections of the same atoll.

Rain data collected in Majuro shows that from January to March, the Majuro Weather Station located near the airport collected 17.99 inches of rain. A collection point in Laura village recorded 24.87 inches in the

same period. The Weather Station level was about 80 percent of the normal rainfall for this time of year, while Laura's level was over 100 percent of the average.

Jaluit saw 20.20 inches fall, while Mili topped the chart with 35.74 inches.

January to April are traditionally the RMI's dry period.

Drought concert delayed to June

A drought relief concert planned for this weekend at the RRE stage has been delayed. The WAC and ELEFA family-sponsored concert to raise money for aid to drought-hit northern islands has been postponed until Saturday June 8.

Unfortunately for other northern atolls, "this major rainfall event at Kwajalein was rather localized, and brought no relief to atolls just a short distance to the north, where severe drought continues unabated," the weather report said. "Less than one inch of rain fell at Kwajalein during all the other days of April combined."



Urgent need to control HFCs

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Kingdom of Morocco last week formally filed a proposal to use the Montreal Protocol treaty to phase down hydrofluorocarbons, or HFCs, super-greenhouse gases that are hundreds to thousands of times more potent in their warming impact than carbon dioxide. These factory-made chemicals are the fastest growing greenhouse gases in the US and many other countries, and their production is projected to increase dramatically.

According to a new paper released last week by Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California at San Diego, halting the production and use of HFCs is part of a package of short-term measures that would significantly slow sea-level rise.

Micronesia and Morocco's proposal comes just two days after the publication of the Scripps paper, which concluded that global sea level rise could be reduced by up to 22 percent through controls on HFCs and three

other "short-lived" climate pollutants. "The damage from rising seas and higher storm surges is one of the most visible and costly effects of climate change," said FSM Ambassador Asterio Takesy. "Reducing HFCs is critical for slowing both temperature increase and sea-level rise. We are happy the US shares our view on using the Montreal Protocol to reduce HFCs. As a native of the Pacific islands himself, we hope that President Obama will help us seal an agreement on HFCs this year."

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WHEREAS, the local governments of *Ujae Atoll, Lae Atoll, Wotho Atoll, Lib Island, Namu Atoll, Aur Atoll, Maloelap Atoll, Wotje Atoll, Likiep Atoll, Ailuk Atoll, Mejit Island, Utrik Atoll and Enewetak Atoll* have consequently sought assistance from the national government for any means of support and assistance to adequately cope and alleviate the apparent and increasing negative impacts of the drought; and

WHEREAS, the recent assessment reports received to date from the dispatched teams to these affected areas all indicate that the level of excessive suffering experienced by the people in these communities is further intensified by the fact that:

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- d. the agriculture and local food crops are mostly destroyed;

- e. water-related illnesses are now being reported from the health centers in the affected communities; and

WHEREAS, the national government continues to take all necessary actions, seek assistance and coordinate closely with various stakeholders, including the international community, private enterprises, non-government organizations and the local governments, to provide immediate relief efforts, particularly the delivery of water, food, medical supplies and other essential provisions to ensure lives are safeguarded from further distress and pressing hardship; and

NOW THEREFORE, mindful that the failure to take immediate steps to mitigate the adverse effects of the drought could expose the lives of the people in the affected communities in greater and imminent danger, the Cabinet, based on recommendations of the National Disaster Committee, and acting pursuant to Section 1005 of the Disaster Assistance Act 1987 (Title 7 MIRC, Chapter 10), and at its meeting on May 6, 2013, authorized the issuance of this proclamation.

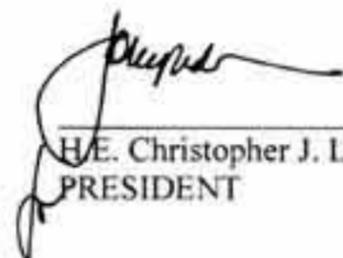
ACCORDINGLY, I, Christopher J. Loek, by the powers vested in the Office of the President under the laws of the Republic, and on behalf of the Cabinet, hereby declare that a 'State of Disaster' exists in the northern atolls and islands of the Republic.

I shall forthwith, sign and cause the issuance of the **ORDERS** necessary to protect and safeguard the lives and property of the people in the affected communities.

THIS DECLARATION shall remain in effect until 30 days from the date hereof, unless renewed by the Cabinet.

Given under my hand this 8th day of May 2013.

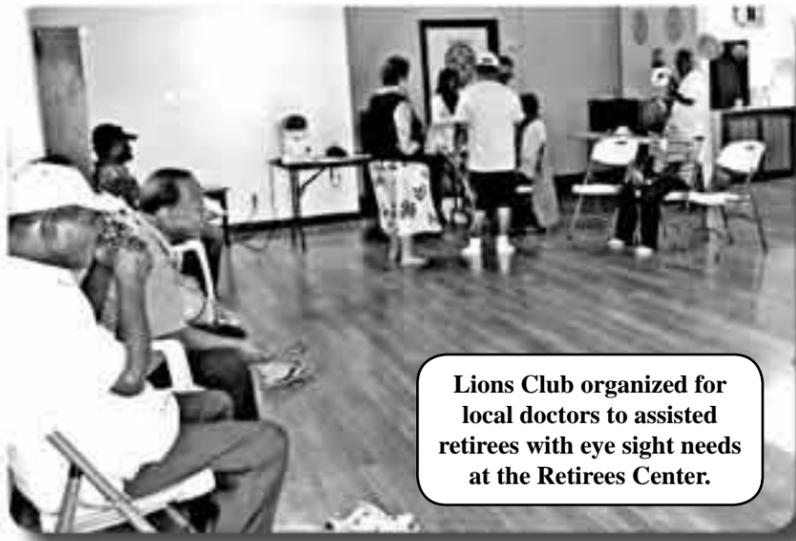

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HE. Christopher J. Loek
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Who's who in Ji deal

A clarification on last week's story about the government purchase of Ann's Palace in Delap.

Witten Philippo was representing Yong Ji in the matter, while David Strauss was representing Ji's wife, Ann.



Lions Club organized for local doctors to assisted retirees with eye sight needs at the Retirees Center.

Lions help elderly folks to see the light better

On Tuesday April 23rd Lions Club of the Marshall Islands, in partnership with Eyesight Professional Dr. Vangie Domingo, held an Eyesight Day for Retirees at the Retirees Center in Uliga. Dr. Pinano conducted initial screenings to identify those who would benefit from reading glasses. He issued reading glasses to about half of those who were examined. Dr. Vangie brought her optical equipment for more in depth examination. She identified five people who need some type of corrective surgery, and another five who need prescription lenses. The Lions Club will be assisting with the cost of the glasses for these people.

Also given out during the day were healthy green plants to include in the retirees diets.

Taiwan navy squadron to visit

The 2013 ROC (Taiwan) Navy Midshipman Cruising and Training Squadron is scheduled to visit Majuro from June 3 to June 5. The Goodwill Squadron, consisting of three naval ships with approximately 850 crew members, is led by Rear Admiral Li, Shih-Chiang. During the Naval Goodwill Squadron's visit, Rear Admiral Li, accompanied by Ambassador George T.K. Li, will visit President Christopher Loeak, pay courtesy calls on Foreign Minister Phillip Muller, Speaker Donald Capelle and Mayor Mudge Samuel.

This year, the Goodwill Squadron's cruise in over 23,000 nautical miles (26,450 miles),

in less than 4 months. Currently the squadron is visiting some countries in Central America and the Marshall Islands is the last stop before they head back to Taiwan. Important public events concerning the Squadron's visit are as follows, and the communities, schools, families and individuals are welcome to the following activities:

- June 3, 10am Welcome Ceremony at Delap Dock
- June 3 3pm Performances of Marching Band, Honorary Guards and Martial Arts at Marshall Islands High School
- June 4 10am-4pm Open House (Tour of ships) at Delap Dock.



ROC (Taiwan) Ambassador George T.K. Li.

Fiji will not be at Majuro's Forum

Fiji will not be part of this year's Pacific Islands Forum when heads of state arrive in Majuro for the meetings in early September.

Although the Marshall Islands maintains friendly links to Fiji, the decision to exclude Fiji was made by Forum leaders and is a matter that can only be considered by the entire group, Foreign Minister Phillip Muller said this week.

"The decision on Fiji was made by the Forum as a whole, and there has been no change in that policy,"

Muller said. He pointed out that a contact group appointed by the Forum has visited Fiji and reported encouraging signs of movement toward elections next year.

"We'll look at the recommendations from the report (at the Majuro meeting)," Muller said.

Despite the situation between the Forum and Fiji, Muller said: "Fiji is our close friend. There is a lot of cooperation. They provide teachers and nurses and a lot of Marshallese live in Fiji."



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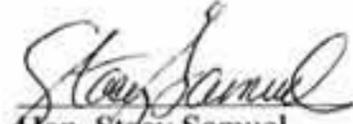
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Sincerely,



Hon. Stacy Samuel
Acting Mayor,
Majuro Atoll Local Government

Doctor Biten warmly recalled

Dr. Biten Batol, who died earlier this month in Hawaii, was fondly remembered for his commitment to patients.

Batol worked in various locations for the Ministry of Health for decades, but may be most remembered as the anchor of the Laura Clinic for many years.

"He was one of our best doctors," said Minister Phillip Muller in recalling the superb service Batol provided.

"People from town would drive out to Laura to see Dr. Biten."

Batol obtained a Medex license, which is recognized in the RMI as a doctor. The last couple of years of his life, Batol could not talk because of a voice box problem, but would still assist patients by writing out information about their diagnosis and prescriptions for medicine.

"He worked until he



Dr. Biten Batol

couldn't move anymore," Muller said.

His remains returned to Majuro earlier this week and funeral services are ongoing.

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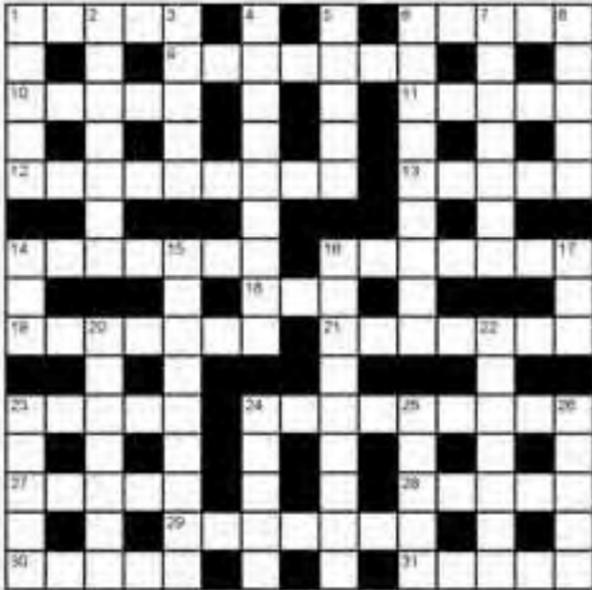
The RMI Riddle No. 452: Sponsored by CopyMasters

ACROSS

- 1. Rough weather.
- 6. Bird 'houses'.
- 9. Qantas or JAL.
- 10. Drive.
- 11. Beast of the deep.
- 12. Examined.
- 13. Musician.
- 14. Wake on a Marshallese (or American) island? (4,3)
- 16. Updates.
- 18. Juon.
- 19. Clap.
- 21. Sure.
- 23. SP spot.
- 24. Emigration.
- 27. Uplifting bird?
- 28. Engine.
- 29. Make better.
- 30. Bit of a boat that's pretty serious.
- 31. More pleasing.

DOWN

- 1. Tuna treat.
- 2. Manage.
- 3. PSC ma'am.
- 4. Beach ornament.
- 5. Weary.
- 6. US dramatist Arthur Miller said: "A good -----, I suppose, is a



nation talking to itself."

- 7. More able to cut.
- 8. Harpoon.
- 14. Clean team. (abb.)
- 15. Missile isle.
- 16. Lobby.
- 17. Our star.
- 20. Breakfast treat.
- 22. Of the sea.
- 23. Changes course.
- 24. Falls.
- 25. Noodles.
- 26. Mistake.

Answers to Riddle No. 451



Note: (abb.) = abbreviation
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Ewor juon mōtta ilo America me e kar member an juon kabuñ. E lak diwōj jān kabuñ eo ke 17 an ilō, im baamle eo an raar watōk e ri mej. Raar jab kōnono ippān. Ejaññe raar lo e ilo ial, raar jab yokyokwe e. Ear mour, ak ilo jōmṅak eo aer, e mej.

Je maroñ ba e nana ṛpanit rot in, ak i kōṅaan kajerbale nān wan jōñak kōn juon men Anij ej ba ilo Epesōs 2:1,2. Anij ej ba bwe kōj, armej, je mej ilo jerōwiwi ko ad.

Ilo wāween rot je mej? Je jepel jān Anij. Jej āinwōt armej ilo bwebwenato eo ilōñ. Ejjeļok ad kōmṅao ippān Anij.

Jet armej rej jōmṅak bwe, meñe re jañin bōk jōmṅor, Anij ej roñ aer jar, im E ṛṅōñōñō ippaer ke rej jar. Ak ekkar nān eoon kein, re mej im jepel jān Anij.

Ta eo enaaj kemour kōj im kōllaaajak kōj nān Anij? Anij ej "kemour kōj ippān Kraist" (5 eoon). Ta men in? Ñe jej kile ad

of what God talks about in Ephesians 2:1,2. God says that we are dead in our sins.

In what way are we dead? We are separated from God. We are like the person in the example. We have no relationship with God.

Some people think that God is happy with them when they pray or go to church even though they have not been saved. However, according to these verses, they are dead and separated from God.

What can reconcile us to God and give us life? God gives us life in His Son (verse 5). When we realize that we are sinners who are unable to do anything to reconcile ourselves to God, and that Christ has paid the price for all of our sin, He makes us alive in respect to Him.

Why? Because of His great mercy and love (verse 4). It is not because of anything we do. It is solely His grace.

Are you dead or alive?

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Naan Ko Rejouj

nana im ban, im bwe mej an Kraist ej ad mej, Anij e maroñ kemour kōj.

Etke? Kōnke eļap An tūriamo im yokwe (4 eoon). E jab ba, "kōn ad pokake Anij" (āinwōt, 'marry, jōļok kadek, jar').

Je jab maroñ pokake Anij aolep lien.

E kanoj jap an Anij jōuj! Jaar ilōk jān E im bōt. Ak ilo An jōuj, Ear make kōllā oṅean bōd ko ad bwe jen mour! Kwe ri mej ke, ri mour?

• English •

I have a friend in America who grew up in a certain religion. When he was 17, he left that religion, and his family considered him dead. They would not speak to him. If they saw him on the street, they would ignore him.

We may say that this is a bad custom, but I want to use it as an example

Key positions vacant

The Journal last week confirmed that Frederick "Jitto" deBrum is the new Secretary for the Ministry of Public Works and took up his post in recent days. However, the Public Service Commission, which hired deBrum, told the Journal there is one additional matter

under review before the appointment is made official. No decisions yet have been reached about the key vacant posts of Secretary of Health, Chief of Immigration, Director of EPPSO, and Deputy Chief Secretary for Ebeye.

A million thanks for a million \$\$ worth of care

The Canvasback Missions ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgery team to Ebeye in February provided more than a million dollars in care and supplies and yet the team members stated that they received more than they gave. "I go home feeling that I have received more than I have given," Dr. Tom Stewart summed up how the team felt. "The people of the Marshall Islands are very precious."

Emily Nichols, operating room nurse, shared how humbling it was to be able to care for the patients. "It's not so much the gift that we gave the patients, it is more the gift that they gave to us in allowing us to care for them. They trusted us and we feel so blessed that we could heal people just as Jesus healed everyone that He met."

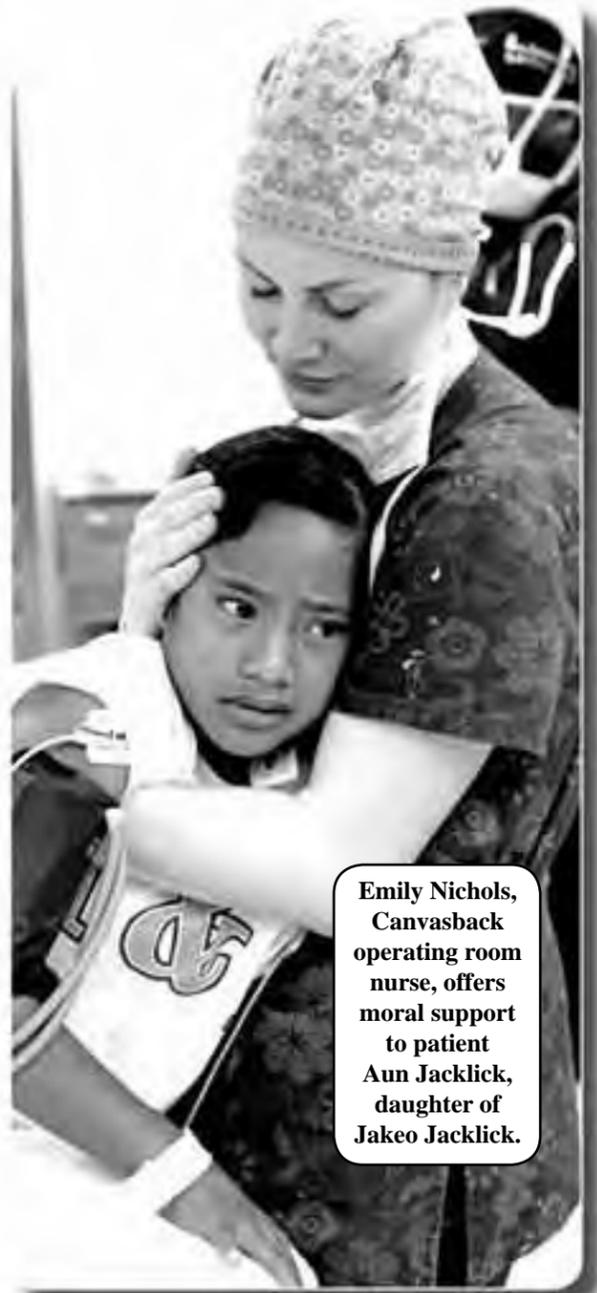
Canvasback team members unanimously praised the dedication of Health Service personnel at Ebeye hospital. The group offered to cancel surgeries so that they could go home, but the staff always opted to stay late.

Dr. James Reese, who led the first ENT mission to Ebeye in 2006, said that he was encouraged to see that many of the patients required surgeries for early stage ear infections as opposed to the more advanced ear pathology that he treated seven years ago. He said that is indicative that the populace is more aware of the necessity for early treatment of ear disease.

The total value of the services and supplies provided by the Canvasback Missions team was \$1,006,864.

The team examined 486 patients, performed 88 surgeries and dispensed 35 hearing aids to deaf and hard of hearing patients.

Health Service employees Joe Bejang and Calvin Juda received training in performing hearing tests, making hearing aid molds, and repairing and maintaining hearing aids. The



Emily Nichols, Canvasback operating room nurse, offers moral support to patient Aun Jacklick, daughter of Jakeo Jacklick.

Canvasback team left \$21,565 in audiology supplies for them to use. Airfares and per diems of \$35,000 for 10 team members were sponsored by RMI government, while five team members were sponsored by Canvasback.

Canvasback provided \$93,102 in support of travel, logistical costs of acquiring, warehousing, crating, shipping an ocean container of supplies, recruitment of teams and solicitation of donated medical supplies.

Outer island dental clinics, see page 13

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AROUND TOWN

Just another day in LA

Report from **Jack Niedenthal** in Los Angeles:
So I'm walking down Hollywood Boulevard when Darth Vader sees me and asks, "Hey, is that the latest issue of the Marshall Islands Journal? And are there any pictures in there of the Majuro Cooperative High School and their NEVER ENDING PROM?" I replied that if he wanted to see pictures of THE PROM, he would have to check Facebook as the students have been posting about 400 photos a day of that incredible event for the last two weeks. He seemed a bit upset, then asked if he could read the latest episode of LAJIMMA, the #1 most read column in Los Angeles.
Like we said in the headline, just an ordinary day in LA.



Be cautious what you offer

Teak im Weak is a "cute" little establishment fronting Ace hardware, which affords locals and visitors alike a modest venue for entertainment. Jekkup, the Marshallese-style checkers, is more often than not being played and provides both spectator level or actual contestant level participation.
But it was early morning when **Jan** and **Mark Torin** were about and the wee place was not yet open. There was only

what appeared to be a night watchman sitting at one of the tables, guarding nothing.
Mark approached the security guy and asked if he could recommend a direction offering the best opportunity to obtain the status of savoir faire with regard to what Majuro has to offer. Having arrived the previous evening on United, the couple had no "feel" for the town since it was dark on the shuttle drive to the hotel.

Jonas, the security, pointed to his right and said, "That way, most everything is there," he said.
Taking Jonas' cue, the young couple wandered off, returning about 45 minutes later and not looking too happy. "Have a nice walk?" enquired Jonas.
"Not really," offered Jan. "It was kind of depressing."
"Why's zat?" asked Jonas.
"Some of the signs we saw, really downers," she explained.

Jonas looked at her questioningly, he wasn't sure what she meant.
"Like right at the first intersection by the courthouse, we ran into a sign with a color drawing of a colon that was infected with colorectal cancer. Gross! Next we came up to a crosswalk by the EZ Price Store and they had a roadside sign saying they had coffins, large, medium and small for sale. Further on we saw a sign in a store window

advertising embalming fluid for sale in five-gallon containers. That was enough. We turned around and decided to go back to our room and watch TV. But that didn't help either. They had a news segment on CNN talking about the thousand people crushed to death in Bangladesh. So we left the room to go to the bar but the bar was closed. We couldn't even get drunk!" She complained.
So it went.

Jikin Kakōlkōl Eo Ejjelok Wōnan Ekalaplok Jerbal In Jibañ Ko An!

Jikin kakōlkōl eo an Jodrikdrik ñan Jodrikdrik ilo Ejmour ej bellok kio 5 raan ilo juon wiik, Mandre ñan Bōlaidre, jen 3 awa elkin raelep ñan 9 awa boñ. Ewōr juon nurse eo emōj an kaduwōjjok ikijjen jermal in nurse im bareinwōt ewōr ri jermal ro rejelā naj uake kajjitok ko am im jibañ eok kin aikuj ko am. Kim ej kōmmāne kain jermal in jibañ ko me ra eo an Ejmour rej bar kōmmāne. Kajerbal ien in ejeja im itok im lotok jikin kakōlkōl in ilo bukōn in Uliga en.

Im jab meloklok — ewōr ad juon medical takto ilo jikin kakōlkōl in aolep Mandre jen 4 awa jota lok ñan 7 awa boñ, im aolep Bōlaidre jen 5 awa jota lok ñan 9 awa boñ ñe kwōj aikuj in lotok takto eo.
Bōjrak tok ñan am bōk kakōlkōl in ejmour eo am, bōk am pap test, lolorjake ejmour in bororo ko ekoba contraceptive, ak kennaan ibben counselor eo. Kejem eo am ej bellok ñan kwe. Jikin kakōlkōl eo ejjelok wonān im ri jermal ro ie remman im jouj.

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The clinic is a partnership between JIHC and the Ministry of Health that is funded by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

What day of week is it?

In a recent edition of The Japan Times, the ongoing challenge of Marshallese language spelling was on glorious display.
In articles published next to each other, President **Christopher Loek** offered his "yokwe" to Japan, while RMI Ambassador **Tom Kijiner** delivered his "iakwe" to the Japanese.
Take your pick, they both communicate the message.

Quotable

Employee: "What do we do about the customers who bought the damaged product?"
Boss: "Avoid them!"

Do it yourselves!

The reporting of a great example of islander independence was carried in the May 3 edition of Pohnpei's Kaselehlie Press newspaper: the story told of how the people of Onoun Island (located about 150 miles away from Weno, the capital of Chuuk) took it upon themselves to restore and repair their runway using hand tools and items such as wheelbarrows.
And lucky for the people of Onoun they did what they did for, on the first test of the runway's landability (which was performed by Caroline Islands Air's pilot **Alex Tretnoff**), the airplane was able to land neatly on a strip of compacted runway measuring approximately 1,200 feet.
It just so happened that on the day the first check landing was made, the Chief of Onoun was sick and required

hospitalization in Weno. Tretnoff flew the chief to the hospital safely.
For the Marshall Islands, it is hoped that we take note of this example of islanders getting together and getting the job done. Outer island communities here in the Marshalls should establish island runway maintenance teams, groups that would be qualified to receive payment from the central government, from money saved because the people on the island took care of the maintenance and repair of the various runways. Constant, focused weeding, pothole compacting, clearing of rock and stone rubble, when broken down into frequent regular application, will result in less damage to Air Marshall Islands. Doing it by yourselves creates pride, and pride, like the old lady said, isn't as bad as some people like to claim it is. Grab your rock rake islander!

AROUND TOWN

Happy mom's day

News from a reader: "Sunday was a big day at Ejit. We started at the church where all men and boys sang and danced, after that the whole community had lunch at the community center with more singing and dancing.

The whole day was like New Year's Eve where groups of people go from house to house, but this time they were bringing food, gifts, and more songs.

"We cooked all day. The last group came to my house at 10pm. Now I suffer, gastric pain, diarrhea, and extra pounds."

So it goes.



Late nighters get ready!

Plenty of work is going into the rebuilding of The Pub nightclub in Delap. Get ready for a great, new-looking facility to reopen later this year.

Photo: Hilary Hosia.

Bigger, better bus stops

Here's a project suggestion that would appear on the surface well suited for Mayor **Mudge Samuel** — a project similar to the previous bus stop program during one of his previous administrations.

The regular bus caddies of the earlier era are fine, and with bus relief identification of who was responsible (Mudge and the Japanese government) we often take the opportunity to bow gracefully to the rising sun in thankful humility while at the

same time blessing our bodies with the sign of the cross while thinking nice things about the mayor.

But here's the problem: Despite the random placement of concrete bus stops, purpose built stops of more targeted use would seem to be a great idea even though such is now being mentioned in your local newspaper

A significant tie-up in traffic early mornings is a necessary feature of providing buses for

school children's transportation.

For the most part, children stand on either side of the road and, if there are designated places to stop to pick up the students, there certainly is no apparent signage or traffic indicator to make such known.

What we need is simple: enlarged bus stations that permit the bus, which is dropping off or picking up students, the ability to get completely off the road. Properly designed, the stops

could provide significant protection from rain. It has been noted that some bus drivers do pull off the mainroad in certain areas. This gives backed up vehicles an opportunity to drive ahead of the bus. If all designated stops permitted the buses to get off the road, traffic would obviously flow better.

We are unfortunately outfitted with only one road through town and hopefully can adjust to make a difficult situation more comfortable for us all.

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Help those who are helping us

Majuro's attractiveness as a destination has taken an energetic step forward recently as residents enjoy continued regularly scheduled Saturday-morning clean ups organized by the community in Small Island. Other communities here in Majuro have adopted the practice of regular "raro" exercises.

A difficult facet regarding regular clean ups is the practical need for implements (brooms, plastic trash bags, water coolers, rakes, etc.) which people often living pay check to pay check can ill afford. This challenge can be addressed by a suggestion reported in Kaselehlie Press of Pohnpei: a substantial grant was awarded the Sokehs people to enable them to maintain roads they themselves use in Sokehs. The money for the equipment was provided via a grant from the Australian Embassy.

According to Kaselehlie Press, the paid-for donated implements are stored in the Sokehs municipal office. Would Small Island benefit from such a program grant?



Funding dilemma for Marshall Islands NGOs

Non-government organizations provide important and needed services in the Marshall Islands. These include vocational and life skills training, health services for young people, educational programs for mothers and children, and so on. Most of these are services that are not duplicated by government and are, in fact, adding essential services to high-risk segments of our community (school dropouts, low income families).

Some of these programs have been in operation for so many years that the government and the community may take them for granted. But these same programs are at risk because for whatever reasons, donor agencies are cutting back funding for personnel costs. Donors want to provide "project" funding but for the most part, they do not want to support staff costs. The problem for NGOs in small islands such as the RMI is that they do not have a resource base to draw on to replace a handful of salaries when donors decide to cut these from the budget.

Forty thousand dollars appears to be insignificant when you look at multi-million dollar government budgets. For an NGO, however, it can be the difference between sinking and swimming — \$40,000 in the NGO world can account for four or five staff.

Sadly, donor decisions negatively impact the ability of NGOs to deliver key services. Sad or not, it's the reality. It is also a reality that the health of some of our key NGOs may soon be hanging on by their fingernails.

Our suggestion to government is to consider a modest amount of support that can provide base funding for two-to-three staff in established NGOs. This would allow NGOs the freedom to write grants and management funds, and run projects knowing they have a stable amount of funding for key staff. It would cost the RMI government maybe \$120,000 a year — a drop in the bucket of its national budget, but with a service delivery payback in the community far exceeding this amount.

Why there will be a Con-Con



Overwhelming support for a constitutional convention is evident from last month's and this week's hearings by the special committee named by Speaker Donald Capelle (pictured).

The direct election of the president is a proposal that is drawing strong support from Marshallese of all walks of life. What the support for this proposal suggests is that people see the need for amending the constitution in order to give the president a direct mandate from the people.

In terms of mandate, several RMI governments over the past several years have been presented with plans of action for reducing spending and changing the tax structure, as well as been warned about the crisis in Social Security, Air Marshall Islands, public service, etc. — but have not pursued many recommendations. Why are we having difficulty making these difficult decisions at a time when change is obviously called for?

One way to push ahead is to give politicians an unmistakable mandate from the public: hold a national consultation, with people from the outer islands, Ebeye and Majuro addressing the important issues of the day. A statement from a representative body of Marshallese could strengthen the political will to take the RMI forward in these difficult times — and dovetail with the probability that the RMI will see a Con-Con in 2014.

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Bob and Patti Arthur: Micronesia originals

FLOYD K. TAKEUCHI

It seems incomprehensible to say that “The Village” is closed. Impossible! Unbelievable! But it is true, and for the legions of friends and fans of Bob and Patti Arthur, who circle the globe, a bright welcome light in far-away Pohnpei has been extinguished.

There aren’t enough adjectives to describe Bob and Patti, or their magnificent Village Hotel. As an itinerant journalist who began traveling to Pohnpei with pen and notepad in hand in 1976, I think I’ve used them all when either writing about or talking about the hotel and its founders. Welcoming. Unique. Respite. Those are among the few used to describe Bob and Patti and The Village. The one I prefer, though, is “original.”

They saw the future of international tourism in Micronesia early on, and clearly.

It wasn’t going to be done through either fancy, all-the-bells-and-whistles resorts, or the more modest hotels that cater to the business and government traveler. It was going to be in providing the adventurous traveler with an authentic experience. Authentic culturally. Authentic hospitality.

And that’s what Bob and Patti, and the hundreds of Pohnpeians who learned the intricacies of the hospitality industry from them at The Village, provided for decades.

It breaks my heart to know that The Village is no more. I remain hopeful, however, that those hundreds of islanders who learned from the best will carry on the traditions of Bob and Patti in their own ventures, whether in their own hotels and restaurants or not.

The Village Hotel and Bob and Patti Arthur. Gone but not forgotten by any of us who were blessed to have been touched by these two remarkable people.



Patients wait their turn on Mariposa to see Dr. Michael Leppert, pictured above and left with fellow medical doctor Rixzene Ayers of the yacht Pogeyan.



Cruiser provides dental clinics

Over 400 people on Aur, Maloelap and Ailuk Atolls received dental treatment — many for the first time — in recent months thanks to the 47-foot floating dental clinic Mariposa.

Dr. Michael Leppert and his crew Birgit Reimann from Hamburg has a complete dental clinic, including an X-ray machine, on board his big catamaran. Before heading to the outer islands, Leppert organized to get a license to practice medicine in the Marshall Islands. “I did 308 fillings, 296 extractions, 39 operations, 26 root canals, and 385 injections,” Leppert reported via email. “I

also on all the islands I visited checked the children in schools and kindergartens.”

Leppert holds the clinics for free, although he gladly accepts donations. Before coming to the Marshall Islands, Leppert treated over 500 people in French Polynesia, the Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, and Fiji. He then sailed down to New Zealand before sailing north to RMI.

He is currently sailing down to Fiji, but luckily he very much enjoyed his stay in the Marshalls and plans to return for the next cruising season, which beings in early November.

Humans first, not rats

Once upon a time, a sender decided to mail some goodies to his folks back home in the Marshall Islands, without knowing any knowledge about what he is about to endure would be a huge ordeal of frustration and waste of money and time.

It happened between April 1 and May 3, 2013 when a lousy, sloppy, unprofessional way of handling people’s packages occurred at the Marshall Islands Post Office. The sender sent the first box on April 1, the second on April 5, the third three boxes on April 9, and the last two boxes on April 15 at various post office locations in Honolulu, totaling seven boxes all together. He sent them by priority mail, because he thought the special boxes were a good deal since it mentions, “If it fits, it ships” on the covers.

However, since he lost track of the fate of the boxes after they left the last checking point in Honolulu, he seemed to feel uneasy, and suspect that something might be went wrong, because there were no new up-to-date information on the boxes available in the tracking and confirming in the computer. The only hold up problem was the lack of tracking system available to him by the Marshall Islands Postal System. He became hysterically frustrated and worried about the boxes.

Upon calling the received in Majuro, many

of his phone calls were answered with, “No, I haven’t seen any box yet.” He often suspects that the boxes might have been mistakenly shipped by ship instead of airplane. Many times the sender visited each post office location, where he mailed each box, to check if by chance the boxes might have been returned, but no luck. But one morning, he got a call from one of the local post offices in Honolulu that one of his boxes has been mailed back because the special box he used was not recognized by the Marshall Islands Postal System, and the Marshall Islands Postal System is no longer under the United States Postal System and couldn’t comply with the tracking system. What a stupid and immature excuse. The postmaster at the location, where his box has been returned, suggested and told him to file a complaint with the Consumer Protection Agency.

As the month of April passed by, the boxes were sitting inside the Marshall Islands Post Office, waiting to be claimed. Nobody even paid any attention or checked the boxes to see if they were still in good condition. Not until the sender called the post office in Honolulu to see if the returned box was still with them. The postmaster told the sender to call the receiver in Majuro to go and ask for the boxes.

Finally, on May 3, 2013, out of the blue, the

boxes were brought out to the receiver to be claimed. The Majuro postmaster asked the receiver, “How come you didn’t come and claim the boxes long ago?” And the receiver responded, “Duh! I didn’t know, because you didn’t put out any pink slip into my mail box.”

Unfortunately, the contents from the two other boxes were eaten by rats, and the last box was still lost out there. The sad thing was that the boxes were given to the receiver without even any explanation given on how and why they ended up in such bad conditions by the postmaster.

Imagine how much you can become victim of others who treat you as if you were enemy and weak to fight for yourself. You ask yourself, “What did I do wrong, so I could be treated like this?” You would feel hurt and heartbroken, because the leftovers from the rats were given to the people to consume. It’s an unsanitary and lousy way of doing the job. The management of the Marshall Islands Postal Service needs to step up to the standard of fairness and care to serve public needs in a more proper and professional way.

The story must be told in order to promote the awareness to the general public on how our packages and mails are being processed in and out of the Marshall Islands Postal System, and not to end up like what happen here in this story.



This group is undergoing a police academy to prepare them for becoming police officers. The three-month training includes physical exercises and classroom sessions. It is funded through an Australian Federal Police-funded scheme. Trainers are Captain Eric Jorbon (back row right), Lt. Damien Capelle (tallest in photo, back row), Sgt. Tarry Tarkij (far left standing), and Officer Vervy Wase (front row right). Photo: Isaac Marty.

Recruits go through three-month training

ISAAC MARTY

A police academy was conducted by the Marshall Islands Police Department at Delap Park, early last month. Twenty-six new recruits, including two policewomen, are currently enrolled in the three-month training. All participants and trainers are currently staying at the Marshall Islands Resort, where the program is being held.

The police academy is being funded by the Pacific Police Development Program Regional (PPDPR), which is

under the Australian Federal Police. PPDPR also supports police development in Pacific island countries.

According to Captain Eric Jorbon, the training module includes seven areas: Operational Safety; Policing Foundation; Judicial Processes; General Patrol; Investigating Offenses, General; Investigating Offenses, Specific Crimes; and Commencing Prosecution.

Early morning exercises start off each day as officers break sweat and

push for progress. Sit ups, push ups, side-straddle hops or jumping jacks, and running are among drills taught at the training.

“We run many drills for a healthy lifestyle. The drills are based on the subject being taught,” said Jorbon. “After finishing the training, each participant will be awarded a certificate of completion.” Trainers include Captain Eric Jorbon, Lieutenant Damien Capelle, Sergeant Tarry Tarkij and Officer Vervy Wase.

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The issue of tax reform in the Federated States of Micronesia has become embroiled in myriad conflicting positions and pending legislation.

According to Kaselehlie Press edition issued April 22, a deadline for invalidating the tax reform process was subjected to a series of proposals from various members of the FSM Congress suggesting that the so-called “sunset” clause in the legislation be amended to take effect in July and not April 19 as in the original law. Recently, Pohnpei Governor John Ehsa (pictured) withdrew his support for the original tax reform bill. As written originally, the law would have been similar to legislation under consideration here in the Marshalls.

This law would institute a value added tax (VAT) system. The Governor argued that a service tax would create more revenue than a VAT, and would impact visitors to Pohnpei more than locals.

FSM quarrel on tax reform

Palau raises min. wage by 25¢

Palau President Tommy Remengesau, Jr. signed into law last week the country’s first minimum wage increase in 16 years.

The new law will raise the existing minimum wage of \$2.50 per hour by 25 cents each year starting on October 1 this year. It will continue until the mini-

mum reaches \$3.50 per hour, according to Oceania TV. The new law will apply to everyone except those employed as farmers by a single employer, domestic helpers, caretakers, babysitters or houseboys, as well as student employees and non-government organization employees.



Yap opposes ETG tourism scheme

Yap State Legislature passed a resolution last week calling on the State Government to toss out agreements it has approved for a Chinese company that is proposing a major tourism investment plan for the FSM state.

The resolution provides a 20-day deadline to Governor Sebastian Anefal to respond to the request to invalidate the foreign investment permit and busi-

ness license provided to the Chinese group known as the Entertainment Travel Group (ETG).

According to officials with the Concerned Citizens Group, which like the Legislature, has opposed the large tourism development plan, if there is no action from the State Government, the Legislature is considering filing suit in Yap State Court to block the project.

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Kill switch a great way to stop thefts



Cell phone theft is one the rise around the world, and Majuro is no exception. To combat this global trend, San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon (pictured) is asking major smart phone manufacturers Apple and Google to combat the growing problem with a beautifully simple suggestion: Give all phones a remote-activated kill switch.

With a kill switch, a stolen phone would be permanently bricked – that is, made useless.

The idea is that if every phone has a kill switch, stolen phones will be deactivated and useless to their new owners. And if a phone has no resale value to a thief, it's far less likely to be stolen.

So far, the idea is meeting a cool reception from technology giants because stolen phones don't just make thieves rich – it's also a financial boon for the manufacturers:

According to mobile security firm Lookout, stolen and lost cell phones accounted for an estimated \$30 billion in cell phone sales in 2012.



Sharla deBrum has been working for National Telecommunications Authority since May of 2011. Currently she is an administrative assistant, where she oversees work assignments. "Part of my job is overseeing customer Internet complaints through trouble tickets that have been logged in the system," she said. "Then I assign our technicians job orders to attend to our customer's needs." She said she enjoys working in NTA's busy environment. Shala is pictured during NTA's recent 26th anniversary celebration.



Report claims we're paying 'twice the price'

A favorable perspective on the pricing and policies of the Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) basic mobile service was carried in the current issue of the Pohnpei-based Kaselehlie Press.

Not so favorable coverage was accorded RMI's National Telecommunications Authority, however.

"The report says that for low-level mobile use, the cheapest deals are in Tonga, Fiji, Timor-Leste, FSM, and Samoa, and the same countries also have the best prices for typical prepaid users. The highest price for that service is in the Marshall Islands, at more than twice the price for the same plan in the FSM."

The report was released by Network Strategies, a New Zealand-based telecom consultancy.

Totally hooked on apps

Got up early one morning in March and picked up my iPhone to check for messages, instantly spying one from Jack Niedenthal: "Damn u!"

"What?" I query, desperately trying to remember a recent faux pas.

"Word jewel 2, I was up until 2:30."

Ha-ha :-). Word Jewel 2 was one of the game apps I'd previewed in the recent Communications Today column.

Pondering how many other people have also become addicted to the game (I'm on level 2001 with 12,512,200 points), I thought it fun to offer up

another game and see what sort of texts I receive Friday morning: Hooked on Words. You can choose from four types of word games, with my favorite being the Collapse version (my best ever score 9174). — **KAREN EARNSHAW**

Must-have device for new parents

The diaper company Huggies has come up with a device called 'Huggies TweetPee' that you attach to your baby's diaper and then it relays Twitter-like alerts to your smart phone to let you know when it's time to change little Johnny or Sarah's diaper. (It uses sudden changes in humidity levels to do its trick.)

The device also keeps track of each diaper change, which is essential for parents who like to monitor their child's toilet trends.

According to one review of the device: "Huggies claims the device is ergonomic (both "comfortable" and "safe"), that it's easy to shift from diaper to diaper, that it can send alerts to anyone with permission to receive them and that you can even use the app to order new diapers (Huggies-only, surely) after it's notified you your existing stash is low.

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PNA: Don't say we have 'Dolphin Safe' problems

PNA countries are complaining that their fledgling new tuna industry is being harassed for developing this sustainable fishery. PNA officials say this is largely due to the fact that Earth Island Institute (EII), the US-based non-government organization that promotes a well-known "Dolphin Safe" eco-label for canned tuna products, is threatening to "blacklist" fishing companies, processors, and retailers if they do business with PNA's Marine Stewardship Council certified Pacific brand of skipjack.

"We understand Earth Island Institute is issuing alerts to consumers and directing our processors and buyers that Pacific is not part of its 'dolphin safe' program and therefore cannot be traded or be considered 'dolphin safe,'" said PNA Chairman Sylvester Pokajam.

PNA refuses to work with the EII dolphin safe program because officials say there is no dolphin mortality related to certified skipjack caught without using fish aggregation devices (FADs) in the Pacific.

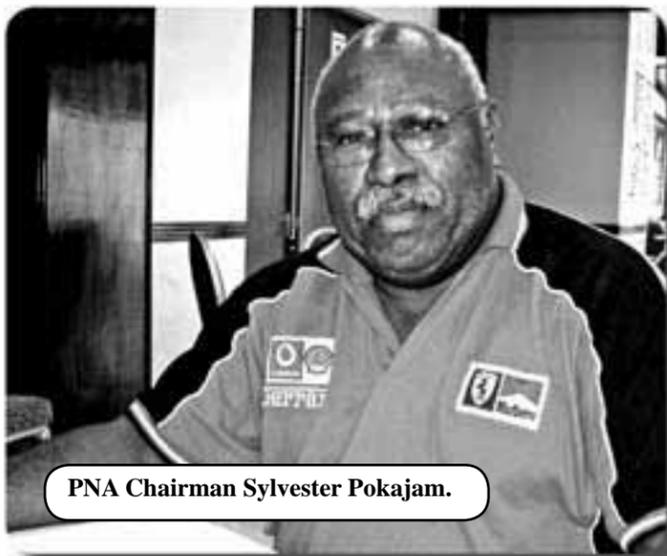
EII "lacks credibility" and is engaged in "restrictive trading practices," say PNA officials.

"Skipjack tuna and dolphins do not swim together, as verified by scientists at various tuna commissions," PNA said. Also the PNA does not allow

captains to certify their own catches without credible verification at sea. "The PNA MSC certified skipjack is fully verified from the net to the retail and fully supported by NGOs like World Wildlife Fund, Greenpeace and PEW Foundation.

"In order for the PNA to deliver its MSC certified skipjack tuna to the North American market, major US brands will first need to realize that they must tear down the trade barrier that has been created by Earth Island Institute with which they have been members and supporters for the last two decades," said PNA Commercial Manager Maurice Brownjohn. "The MSC logo not only protects dolphins, but looks after the sustainability of all species in the ocean. It's now time for all the US tuna brands to show how serious they really are about ocean conservation, and fulfill the commitments that they have made within International Seafood Sustainability Foundation to work towards MSC certification for all their tuna products.

As part of that commitment, a difficult but necessary step for them will be to disengage themselves from an unreliable scheme that is not science-based. Only this way they can open the doors to deliver sustainable tuna in their cans."



PNA Chairman Sylvester Pokajam.

First PNA brand cans

Marine Stewardship Council-labeled skipjack tuna coming from the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) is ready to supply global markets for sustainably harvested canned tuna, said PNA Commercial Manager Maurice Brownjohn.

"Within weeks the first skipjack will be landed to end up in

cans with the MSC logo and the PNA co-brand Pacifical," said Brownjohn. These will go on sale in Europe.

PNA has now gained the long awaited MSC "chain of custody" certification for the catch, processing and supply of sustainably caught free school skipjack tuna.

Missile test date

A missile test is expected at Kwajalein next week.

The Army issued a warning through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the mission is scheduled for May 21 to 23. The target date is Tuesday, with Wednesday and Thursday back up days for the test.

Earlier this week, Foreign Secretary Kino Kabua alerted RMI government and other officials to be aware of the dates and location for the range operation at USAKA next week.

FSM shuffle

The 18th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia opened last weekend with a shuffling of the leadership. Pohnpei Sen. Dohsis Halbert is the new speaker with Sen. Paliknoa K. Welly of Kosrae as the new vice speaker. Florencio Singkoro Harper of Chuuk will remain the floor leader.

Yap Senator Isaac Figir, who has been speaker for many years, is now chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.



Photo: Isaac Marty

The clean team

Joalynn Elanzo, Eones Bakol and Helty Bakol were the team who nicely spruced up the back road from Mayor Mudge Samuel's place to the back of the hospital in Delap last Saturday. Majuro Atoll Local Government Executive Councilwoman Stacy Samuel organized the cleanup and it included support with trash bags from the Marshall Islands Visitors Authority.

Stacy said after discussing

the littering issue on the back road with Ministry of Health officials, she made her decision for a cleanup team. "There's always trash on the back road. If we don't clean up now, sooner or later trash will fill the area," said Stacy. "We need to enforce the law."

Another cleanup is expected to happen this Saturday in the same area, but this time with a larger crowd.

Dealing with racism in Hawaii

"Those of us from Marshall Islands, Micronesia and Palau know that we are not yet accepted in Hawaii," said Marshallese Hawaii resident Litha Joel Jorju in an article published on line recently.

"We know that some people don't like our traditional dresses and skirts, call us all 'Micros' and think that we don't know how to fit in. We are trying. We are trying hard to get an education for our kids, get medical care for our elders, and jobs that will allow us

to be self-sufficient."

In this article, Jorju addresses what many Marshallese families struggle with — the legacy of nuclear testing, medical and health care issues that have led many to migrate, as well as the tensions which often occur due to misunderstandings and racism.

Events such as the school-wide lockdown at Kealakehe High School on Big Island in December are a testament to these tensions. On December 7, school officials

at Kealakehe stated that bullying, racism and multiple fights culminated in a brawl involving Marshallese and Micronesian students with local students.

Negative media attention and ongoing tensions make community events such as Marshallese Education Day all the more necessary, says program organizer Gloria Lani. She is a founding member of Marshallese Education Day, which was put on last weekend in Hawaii, the sixth year it has been held.

"We came together and talked about all these problems — the number of dropouts, the families losing their children to the prison system, the discrimination, and we thought what do we do?" said Lani. "What can we do? And this is what we came up with."

Last year's event recognized over 55 students from grades six through twelve for their hard work and commitment to education. High school senior Kalko Lojkar encouraged fellow students to con-

tinue to strive to do their best and overcome the obstacles our community faces. Lerooj Lieom Anono Loeak spoke about the importance of culture and how it serves as a beacon for success.

The event last weekend was supported by the RMI government, New Hope Leeward, the Marshallese Education Day Committee, Waikiki Marshallese Assembly of God, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa College Access Challenge Grant.



Ri jermal in kien eo an RMI rej bok eddron lolorjake dren in idaak ko im kein jermal ko jet nan aelon ko jet ilo Majol in, ro im rej jorrean kin an ejjelok dren ie. Ilo itu anmiin, ri jermal in MIMRA rej kanne dren in jiban ko nan juon iaan boat ko waer ilo kar wiik eo kio, ilo tore in ke pija eo itu anmoon, ri jermal ro an Procurement im Supply Alee Ading im Kurn Aloka rej ebbok dren in jiban ko jen imon wia ko ilo Majuro in, imon jar ko, im bareinwot armej ro ilo juk-juk-in-bed.

Ri Pija eo an pija eo itu anmiin: Fred Bukida; Ri Pija eo an pija eo itu anmoon: Isaac Marty.



Enaj mora aelon kein mae allon in July

Ri jermal in jikin katu ko an US ion Guam, rej katu bwe ien mora in im ejelet lok ene ko ituion ilo Aelon Kein, enaaj wonmanlok wot mae allon in July.

“Wot enaaj jino bar walok ibelakin Aelon Kein, jino jen Majuro ilo May, Kwajalein ilo June, innem naaj tobare lok ene ko remaro ituion ne etobar tok July,” ekkar nan ripoot eo an kuwata ilo Pacific El Nino/Southern Oscillation Applications Center eo ilo Guam. Ripoot in ekar driwoj tok ilo jino in lok allon in.

Ripoot in ej kwalok an lukkun

lap jonan ien drindrin in mejlep in ilo ene ko ituion. Rekar maron in loe wot (edrik lok jen juon inij) jen January eo maantak nan March ilo Wotje, keidri nan 18 inij ko im rekar bunit Majuro iloan ejja kootaan in wot. Utrik im kab Kwajalein raar bar bed ilo ejja jonan in wot, kin 3.4 inij ko iloan allon ko jilu imaan tata ilo 2012 eo.

Ilo aer kwalok kin jonan oktak ko ilo jikin kein, Mili, eo im ebed jiljino degree ituion in equator eo, ear loe 35 inij in wot iloan ejja kootaan in wot. Wotje ebed ruatimjuon degree ituion, im Utrik ebed 11

degree ko ituion bareinwot.

Mekarta jonan mora eo ilo aolepen jikin ko iloan mottan eo kein kajuon ilo 2012 eo ear lap jonan, Kwajalein ear maron in wute iloan juon raan ilo allon in April eo. “An lukkun in mora jikin ko, raar bareinwot loe ilo Kwajalein Atoll, botaap ear lukkun wute ilo juon iaan raan ko ilo April, eo im Reagan Test Site eo ear maron in jone kin 2.94 inij ko ilo April 16 raan eo, im bar kin 5.56 inij ko ilo 17 raan eo, einwot an walok ilo ripoot in ikijien katu im lan ne. “5.56 inij eo ilo 17 raan eo ej

juon bonbon eo ej kab walok ilo bwebwenato ko ikijien jonan wot iloan 24 awa kane rej bedo tok nan allon in April.”

Jerata eo in, nan ene ko jet ituion, “an kar lukkun wute Kwajalein ear walok wot ijen, innem ekar ejjelok jadbewot men en ear walok nan ene kein iloan juon kootaan eo edrik kitien ilo ijokein ituion, eo im jonan mora in ej wonmanlok wot im kanuij in jelet er,” ripoot in ikijien lan im katu ne ear ba. “Edrik lok jen juon inij in wot ekar wotlok ion Kwajalein iloan koba in raan ko jet iloan allon in April.”

WUTMI tables women plan

The national women’s organization’s proposal for five seats at Nitijela to be reserved for women was given prominence this week during the Con-Con Committee’s public hearings.

WUTMI representative Miram deBrum voiced the proposal, urging consideration of reserving at least five seats in the Nitijela for women.

She specified that the seat allocation for women would be from the islands with multiple seats, so that it was not a proposal to add more seats to Nitijela.

She said they would like to see two of the five seats in Majuro, one of three in Kwajalein and one of two in the Arno and Ailinglaplap for women were identified.

She indicated that they’d like to see the outer islands with two seats to have those split with one seat reserved for women from each, which would include Jaluit in addition to the two she named.

Dornier down

Air Marshall Islands Dornier has been down for several days awaiting a part.

The airline was hopeful that the part would arrive on Thursday this week to get the plane back in the air.

Abnono ikijien maron eo an iroiylaplap in Ralik

Juon abnono ikijien maron eo an Iroiylaplap, ikootaan baamle in iroi eo an Jien Lekka, im kab Neimata Nakamura Kabua, ekar bed imaan Supreme Court eo ilo Wednesday eo lok ilo Majuro, nan aer kommane naan in iakwelel ko ikootaan bade ro jen dron. Lekka ekar make kenono nan emake im kab baamle eo an, ilo an kar ejjelok juon an attorney nan kenono, im David Strauss ekar jede ilo etan ro nejin Kabua. Abnono in ej ikijien mojen ko an iroi eo Ralik Chain, ekoba kin Kwajalein missile range eo im kab million jima tala kolla in bwirej ko jene ilo kajojo iio otemjej.

Case eo elap an kenono kin juon kakien an manit ilo 1991 eo, eo im ear elle jen ippen Nitijela eo, im ejjab kile Iroi Kaibo, eo im Lekka im ro ilo baamle eo an raar walok jene, einwot juon iaan iroi ro emen ilo Ralik.

Lekka ear jiron lok panel eo im ewor jilu judge ro ie, ke menin abnono eo elap ilo case in ej elane Nellu, ladrik eo nejin Kaibo, im kab Neimakwa, ear ke bok maron in iroi eo an jen ippen jinen ke ak jemen. Lekka ej ba bwe ear boke jen ippen jemen. Botaap kakien eo an

1991 eo, ejjab kile Kaibo, einwot juon iaan iroi ro emen ilo Ralik. Ilo ien eo Lekka ekar kadrelone case eo ilo High Court eo, rekar joloke menin abnono in bedbed ion melele in ke ejjelok an maron in ekajete maron im jimwe eo an Nitijela iumin jemenei eo, nan ejaake kakien ko an manit ibelakin RMI in.

Ejja menin abnono jab in wot ebareinwot jelmae Supreme Court eo. Lekka ej bar kajitok ippen court eo bwe en lelok abnono in nan ippen Traditional Rights Court eo nan an maron kommane juon an jemlok, ikijien melele im kein kamol ko ilo case jab in, mokta lok wot jen an Supreme Court eo maron in kommane jemlok eo an an.

Maron ko rejenolok jen dron ikootaan Nitijela eo im kab jikin ekajete ko, ej unleplep eo in imaan Supreme Court eo. Associated Justice Michael Seabright ear kile bwe Jemenei eo emoj an lelok maron ion Nitijela eo nan an komman kakien ikijien manit ilo aelon kein. Ilo an kwalok tu drebakbak in naan in uwaak ko an Strauss, ikijien kajitok eo kin jonan maron eo an Nitijela eo nan komman kakien kin manit, innem Seabright ejuen ba: “Toen wot an Nitijela eo

dredrelok an alikkar ke ear kommane kakien in bedbed ion maron eo an iumin jemenei eo, nan kean kakien kin manit eo, innem menin ejjab aikuij in bar kajitikini.”

Strauss ear erra, im kakobaba: “Elane Supreme Court eo enaaj bok kunan ilo case jab in, innem ilo juon wawein ej ba nan Nitijela, ‘kojaje kin ta in manit.’”

Innem Lekka ekar kommane juon kajitok elap im emaat an maron kake, nan Supreme Court eo bwe en jakelok menin abnono in lok nan ippen TRC eo, eo im e ear ba bwe ej jikin eo ejimwe im ekkar in, nan an etale case in bedbed ion kein kamol ko ie. Lein ear kalikare elon menmenbwij ko im kab melele ko jet jen ippen ri tel ro an manit, ilo aer rie im erra kin ijin ebed ie, bwe baamle eo an ej aikuij in kabijere maron einwot ro bwijjin Kaibo. “Ij kajitok ippen Supreme Court eo bwe en letok iaal eo nan an TRC eo kommane juon an jemlok kake ta manit eo,” lein ear ba.

Chief Justice Daniel Cadra ear kajitok ippen Lekka elane ej “kajitok ippen bwe kimin kajej tokjen kakien in an Nitijela eo ke, im jilkinlok case in lok nan ippen TRC eo ke?” Lekka ear uwaak aet, kinke enaaj emman

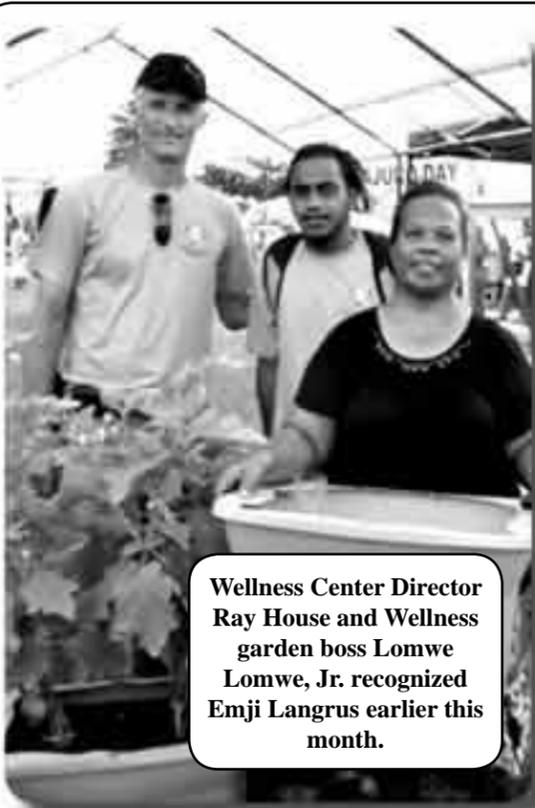
nan an Supreme Court eo kommane juon jemlok eo emman lok.

Ilo an uwaake kajitok ko jen ippen judge ro ikijien kakien in an Nitijela eo, Strauss ear ba bwe kakien in an 1991 eo, ear jab ukot ta manit eo, “ak ekar kalikare wot manit eo.”

Im elaptata, Strauss ear ba, abnono jab in emoj kadede an kar bed imaan TRC eo, ilo ien eo im juon iaan ro rerrito lok jen Lekka, May Janno Elmo ear kadrelone juon an kar abnono ilo 1993 eo, ikijien kolla in bwirej ko ilo Kwajalein. Kora in ekar ba bwe jimwe ko an rekar jab jebar jen ippen Kaibo, ak jen ippen kora eo ippen Neimakwa.

Strauss ear ba bwe jikin ekajete eo ear erra bwe maron eo ear jebar jen ippen Neimakwa, botaap ekar jab wonmanlok wot nan ippen Elmo kinke Korap ejjab nejin Nellu. Rekar luuji case eo ke raar ba ke maron eo ear itok jen Neimakwa, lak kio rej ba bwe ej itok jen ippen Kaibo, Strauss ear ba.

Uwaak ko nan Strauss, Lekka ear kajitok ippen Supreme Court eo bwe en bar juon alen jilkinlok case in nan TRC “kinke aolep men ko im Mr. Strauss ear ba ikijien (menmenbwij eo) reriab.”



Wellness Center Director Ray House and Wellness garden boss Lomwe Lomwe, Jr. recognized Emji Langrus earlier this month.

Emji is admired for home gardening

Emji Langrus was the winner of the Kunit Diabetes Wellness Center drawing for a vegetable grow box at the Constitution Day celebration.

Also shown in the picture is Lomwe Lomwe, Jr., head of the Wellness Center gardens, center Director Ray House.

Wellness Center is promoting the grow box as good way to grow vegetables in urban Majuro.

"Now there is a way to create and maintain healthy soil with a dependable water moisture level that will sustain many of the fruits and vegetables you have grown to love," said House. At Kunit Diabetes Wellness Center gardens, we have had success with yellow cabbage, bok choy, eggplant, tomatoes, sweet-potatoes, cantaloupe, okra, basil, peppers, corn, cucumbers, and beans."

Contact the center at Majuro Hospital for more details on grow box techniques, and both Taiwan Laura Farm and R&D's Agriculture Division in Delap offer free cuttings for local gardeners.

Team Wotje turned out to recognize Tarnis Silk who left to the US recently. Wotje Senator Litokwa Tomeing (arm around Tarnis, back row) joined the farewell event.



Army bids farewell to sports coordinator

Salvation Army's Youth Director Tarnis Silk, who was in charge of conducting sports activities, departed Majuro on Constitutional Day to continue his education. Silk and his family headed to Honolulu where he is to work until January when he and wife Lisa will enroll at Cresmont, a Salvation Army Officer Training College located in Long Beach, California. He applied and received full scholarship from the Salvation Army church. "After we complete our officer training, my wife and I will be assigned to work in different Salvation Army units," he

said. "I am happy and grateful for this opportunity."

Silk is well known for coordinating sports activities at the Salvation Army in Rita. A "Fit for Life Tournament" organized by Silk attracted 32 men's basketball teams, 18 boys basketball teams and eight women's volleyball teams. The Salvation Army basketball court has also held basketball games for Constitution Day and the high school basketball league. When asked who will replace him at Salvation Army, he said, Christopher John. John has been assisting Silk in the sports activi-

ties. Wotje Senator, former President Litokwa Tomeing and the Wotje men's basketball team sponsored a farewell dinner for Silk at Litokwa Tomeing's place in Rita. Although the Wotje team was eliminated in the recent Constitution Day basketball competition, Silk said he had made a bunch of friends. "I got to make new friends and know my relatives from being part of the team," said Silk.

Tomeing briefly stated that winning comes and goes, and the more important part is that each player got a chance to represent their home island.



Jitok Kapeel delayed

The fourth cycle of "Jitok Kapeel" training on electric, plumbing and automotive has been delayed from its planned starting date last month due to a leaking roof. Ministry of Public Works (MPW) Assistant Secretary Imang Chong Gum confirmed that the roof of the venue is leaking and is an issue for safety requirements. He said the roof problem is the only hold up. "We're ready. Our trainers who attended skills training in Taiwan recently are ready," he said. "We need funding to help fix the roof leaks."

RMI National Training Council (NTC) Director Allison Nashion (pictured above left) stated that the facility where the training is to be held needs to have its roof fixed as soon as possible. He mentioned that stakeholders for the Jitok Kapeel program are keen to get the program started. When asked when the renovation would take place, he said, "immediately after Public Works (MPW) submits to NTC the list of what materials are needed for the renovation. We have identified \$20,000 from the RMI government through NTC for the renovation."

He mentioned that NTC, MPW, College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) and Ministry of Education (MOE) will meet to confirm a starting date for the six-month training. The number of trainees is 50 and it breaks down to 25 for each course, electrical/plumbing and automotive. Five slots were opened for participants from Ebeye. Nashion stated that the five Ebeye participants are from the private sector. They will be covered for accommodation, food, stipend, and travel to

and from the training. All participants from Majuro will only receive a stipend. "The final number of trainees has not yet been decided because all applications are being screened. Final decision on the total number of students will come from the review," said Nashion.

Five local trainers will be conducting the courses. They've completed a recent three-month training of trainers in Taiwan. Trainers include Xavier Loeak, Rason Morris and Imang Chong Gum from MPW, Dial Gideon from MOE, and Vernie Milne from CMI.

Meanwhile, two Taiwan instructors are anticipated to attend the training to monitor the courses. Nashion mentioned that a proposal was submitted to the ROC Embassy in Majuro recently requesting two instructors from Taiwan to attend and assist cycle four of Jitok Kapeel. He stated that discussions are still ongoing among NTC, CMI and ROC officials on the matter. "No arrival date has been determined, it's still under negotiation," he said.

Jitok Kapeel had three previous cycles which were run by ROC trainers in the past. After cycle three, the contract was turned over to NTC and CMI to run the courses. Nashion stated that CMI submitted a proposal to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) requesting Jitok Kapeel to be listed under CMI so it becomes an accredited course. "No response yet from WASC," said Nashion. "The difference between the cycles is that local trainers are conducting the current training."

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Ship registry manager praises the update of law



The Nitijela was applauded this week for keeping international ship-related legislation on the cutting edge of the global industry. A series of legislative actions in the recently concluded Nitijela amended and updated Marshall Islands maritime law.

"These amendments were made in response to requests from the international shipping community to better protect their interests in a vessel under construction or a chartered vessel," said Bill Gallagher (pictured), President of International Registries, Inc., which oversees the ship registry for the Marshall Islands. "We are fortunate to be able to work efficiently with the RMI Nitijela to ensure that the most modern legal provisions are in place to provide a necessary competitive advantage in today's challenging world markets."

Two amendments were made to the RMI Maritime Act to include provisions for vessels under construction to be registered and mortgages recorded on such vessels, and provisions allowing for the recordation of a financing charter to protect a vessel lessors' security interest.

One of the amendments allows a vessel under construction to be registered when the keel is laid. Documents for registration will be similar to those required in a traditional vessel registration except that, in lieu of the Builder's Certificate, the party seeking registration must provide a certified copy of the construction contract and documentary evidence that construction of the vessel has commenced. The RMI Maritime Administrator can then issue a Construction Certificate of Registry providing provisional registration of the vessel under construction. "Upon completion of construction, the vessel must meet statutory requirements to obtain full and permanent registration under the RMI flag," said Gallagher.

Another key amendment allows equipment lessors, who provide lease financing of vessels, to enjoy the same security in collateral as a mortgagee enjoys under a preferred mortgage. The revised law permits the registration and recording of a financing charter as the equivalent of a preferred mortgage against a vessel and allows for the recordation of any renewals, amendments, supplements, assignments or other instruments related to this.

This amendment brings the Maritime Act in line with the United States Uniform Commercial Code.



Pictured at the new Laura Dental clinic are Fermina Lomwe, Dr. Tess Cristobal, Joubon Kabua, Evelyn Lanki, Charles Kelen, Meetu Kelen, and, seated, Iroj Alden Nemna. Photos: Isaac Marty

Laura dental clinic to reduce load at hospital

ISAAC MARTY

A new dental service was officially opened at the Laura clinic last Friday. Ministry of Health (MOH) Assistant Secretary Mailynn Konelios-Lang expressed her gratitude to Majuro Atoll Local Government (MALGov) for allowing the ministry to establish a dental clinic in Laura. "More services will be added to the clinic in the future," she said. "Staff from the main hospital in Delap will fill in (dental service) until a selection of permanent staff has been made."

She confirmed that dental services are scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays 8am to 5pm. MALGov Executive Councilman Charles Kelen, who oversees MALGov's HESA (health, education and social affairs) department, stated that it is part of Mayor Mudge Samuel and the local government's goal to improve health and education related services. "The clinic will greatly benefit Laura students and



Mailynn Konelios-Lang speaking at the ceremony.

the community," he said.

After the ribbon was cut by Councilwoman Joubon Kabua, the clinic was open. And it was followed by refreshments. Iroj Alden Nemna was the first dental patient. He had a check up with MOH dental officials.

Kelen and wife Meetu, who are both dental staff at Majuro Hospital,

confirmed that the dental clinic includes services such as cleaning, filling, and emergency case services. Laura clinic does not have services such as impression, prosthetics, dentures and related x-ray services. Those services are available at the main facility.

The Laura clinic is under the direction of MALGov. Meanwhile staffing is provided by MOH.

MALGov Mayor's Assistant Antipas Konou told the Journal that with a clinic established in the area, it would be much better than in the past where Laura residents sometime don't get service but are forced to return multiple times because at the main hospital there is often a long line of patients. "This clinic will help reduce the load in the hospital's dental department," said Konou.

Government liability a perpetual obligation

Article I, Section 4(c) states that the "Government of the Marshall Islands ... shall not be immune from suit in respect of its own action or those of its agents."

Melele eo an provision in ej kin liability ko an RMI. Dri jermal ro an government eo rej koman an RMI liability. Unin an wor an RMI liability or obligation kin bwid in jermal ko an dri jermal ro an RMI.

Ekkar nan intent eo an Section 4(c), "shall not be immune." Intent eo an phrase in ej bwe liability or obligation ko an RMI or

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public of the Marshall Islands ej "perpetual liability" or "perpetual payable or receivable."

Melelein bwe RMI kin wot jorren kein dri jermal rein rar komani. RMI "shall not be immune jen suit ko nae."

"Shall not be immune" ekkar non proposal 79 (1976-1978 Con-Con) im intent eo in bwe liability ko an RMI ren perpetual. Title 29, Chapter 1, Part IV, Section 120 (limitation of six years) ejab

comply with the intent eo an Section 4(c) ekkar non Proposal 79 in ej kemelet bwe liability ko an RMI rej perpetual obligation or continuous.

Proposal 79 ar ejake Article I in Constitution eo im weppen ekkar non Article 13, Section 6 in Constitution — majority votes (plebiscite).

Please be more knowledgeable of the intent contained in the Constitution.

Liability ko an RMI ejjelok oktak jen WW II. Liability ko rar compensated elikin 40 years? Kinke government or public liability ej walok ilo Proposal 79 ilo Con-Con eo im Article I, Section 4(c) ar ejak ion. Be more knowledgeable.

Intent eo an Proposal 79 ej bwe en ejjelok an RMI liability im ne ewor inem Attorney General en prosecute einwot ke ej prosecutor iumin Constitution. Ein ewor an

standing non prosecute ro rej koman bwe en wor an government liability.

Therefore, Title 29, Chapter 1, Part IV should be repealed. Ak agents im dri jermal ro rej koman an RMI liabilities? Why not sue them?

Finally, an old saying: "No man is an island," the basis on which Proposal 36 1976-1978 Con-Con (Article 4, Section 1(1), "Whose members are collectively responsible to the Nitijela") was enacted.

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Bok Melele

News updates from the:
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CONGRATULATIONS!
To all the WINNERS of the
9th Japanese Speech Contest
Juōn naan in kajeramman elab nan:

Reading (Individuals)

- 1st Place: Akiko Bobo (CMI)
- 2nd Place: Angelina John (CMI)
- 3rd Place: Kally Naisher (MIHS)

Reading Groups

- 1st Place: Ramos Momotaro & Diane Peter (CMI)
- 2nd Place: Jeong Yuri & Jacky Patric (CMI)
- 3rd Place: Doristy Anjain & Telima Benjamin (MIHS)

SPEECH for Non eligible for study-tour program for outstanding students of Japanese

- 1st Place: Randon Jebro Jack (COOP)
- 2nd Place: Sage deBrum (COOP)
- 3rd Place: Asia Chong-Gum (COOP)

SPEECH for Eligible for study-tour program for outstanding students of Japanese

- 1st Place: Yolanie Jurelang (MIHS)
- 2nd Place: Holland Salomon (CMI)
- 3rd Place: Lulani Ritok (COOP)

SAIKA Special Prize goes to CMI Student Vera Alberttar and MIHS Students Bethlina Edmond and Kidrak Jibae.

The winner of the Roundtrip to Japan goes to Yolanie Jurelang.

Charge d'Affaires eo an Japan Kazuhiko Anzai elelok nan Marshall Islands High School senior Yolanie Jurelang juan pepa in kile kin an kar wini contest eo ikijjen kajin Japan eo im ear komman ito kar Bolaidre eo lok ilo International Conference Center eo. Yolanie ear wini ticket in kelok nan Japan nan juan brakraam in ekkatak an ri jikkuul ro remeletlet an Japan.



NOTICE:

The Ministry of Education (MOE) wishes to announce that it is currently soliciting feedback from the general public, interested readers and concerned citizens to the high school textbook *Etto Nan Raan Kein: A History of the Marshall Islands*.

The period from May - June 2013 is the timeframe for which feedback will be collected. Copies of the book for review are available at the MOE. Please address your comments/feedbacks to the Secretary of Education, Mr. Gary Ueno, rimejro@hotmail.com, P.O. Box 3, Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960.

The MOE will be working with the established Review Committee to make factual corrections to errors that have been identified. An Errata Page, with corrections listed, is expected to be issued out by September 2013.

Please contact Kanchi Hosia, khosia920@gmail.com, at MOE, 625-5261/62 if you have any questions concerning this message from the office of the Secretary.

KŌJJELĀ:

Ra eo an Jelālokjen e bar kōnan karoñ aolep bwe Review Committee eo an bok in ej jerbali kajimwe kein im ej kōbellok kōtan in jen April ñan June ñan aolep ro remōrōrō in letok kakobabo ko



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RMI Ambassador to Fiji Frederick 'Kano' Muller (left and above, with his family) led a ceremony in honor of Constitution Day in Suva earlier this month that was attended by numerous regional diplomats.

Fiji Ri-Majol value May Day

RMI Ambassador to Fiji Frederick Muller and Marshallese in Fiji held a flag-raising and commemoration event at the RMI Embassy in Suva on Saturday. Dean of the Fiji diplomatic corps, PNG High Commissioner Peter Eafeare, and representatives from Kiribati, Nauru, Indonesia, EU and UN as well as many local officials and friends were there to mark the RMI's 34th Constitution Day.

USP student Benedict Yamamura emceed the event, they raised the flag and USP student Moni Elbon read the Constitution's Preamble.

Muller expressed greetings to President Loeak and Fiji leaders, and said the RMI was proud to be "a sovereign nation in its own right, standing firmly on the foundations of the rule of law and democratic principles, unique in our traditional custom, and valuing nothing more dearly than our rightful home on the islands."

Kano: What you can do to uplift the RMI

RMI Ambassador to Fiji Frederick 'Kano' Muller encouraged Marshallese citizens, including the many students now in Fiji, to use the 34th Constitution Day to "renew commitment and resolve to preserve, protect, and uplift the RMI. Let us all renew our understanding and appreciation for this day and promise to do as much as we can, as often as we can, in as many ways as we can contribute to the growth and development of our nation."

Chris, Tom are featured in Japan Times paper

The Marshall Islands received a publicity boost in The Japan Times on Constitution Day earlier this month. President Christopher Loeak, RMI Ambassador Tom Kijiner, and Kazunori Tanaka, President of the Japan-Marshall Islands Parliamentary Friendship League, talked about Japan-RMI ties on the 34th anniversary of Constitution Day. The publicity was supported by advertising from Japan fisheries and shipping companies, and other Japanese businesses.

Loeak recognized Japan's "ongoing support and generosity" as an important part of the "current level of socioeconomic development and growth in the RMI." Diplomatic ties with Japan date back nearly a quarter of a century, said Kijiner. "The special bonds we share have flourished into one of the strongest and most vital relationships in the history of our nation," said Kijiner.

He pointed to Japan's administration of

the islands before World War II, blood ties between the two nations, and the ongoing links. "One does not need to look beyond the family history of some of our most prominent citizens to understand Japan's role in our nation's development," Kijiner said.

The ambassador invited Japan's private sector to engage with the RMI, which has an "open-door policy" for foreign investors to get involved in joint ventures with local companies or through private investments.

Tanaka, who is senior vice minister for Japan's Ministry of Environment, said Japan's focus in its aid program with the RMI is "overcoming weaknesses of infrastructure and taking measures for environment protection and climate change." He noted that RMI continues to speed up use of solar power, wind and other renewable energy.

Tanaka wished the RMI success in hosting the Pacific Islands Forum in September.

SchOol CoOperAtes iN cOLLEge deBate dAte

Despite having only one high school team show up for the College of the Marshall Islands after-school debate, the debate commenced Friday at the college library. CMI debate planner Roger Muller put up a CMI team of students to go head-to-head with the Coop team that showed up for fun and learning.

The debate was based on the topic of voting for the RMI president. The pros (CMI team) stood for the status quo that the power to elect the president should remain the authority of the

senators of the Nitijela. The Coop team argued for giving the people of the RMI the right to directly elect the president for the RMI government.

When asked why the other high schools did not show up for the debate, Muller said he did not know. He said he met with officials from different high schools on Majuro to discuss the debate three weeks in advance and said they expressed interest to participate.

"I thank Coop for taking part in the debate. I hope in the future other schools will join in," said Muller.



Coop and CMI students and teachers at the smaller than expected debate last week. Photo: Isaac Marty.

RaiRok prInCipAl's dreAm coMes trUe

ISAAC MARTY

A new building for Rairok Elementary School was opened last Thursday at the campus area where the former Robert Reimers Enterprises grocery store was located. The building was built with Compact funds. Officials from the RMI and US governments, guests, students and families gathered for the opening ceremony. Principal Carlton Melang emceed the event and Rairok Protestant Church Reverend Inome Leon said the prayers.

Since the school uniform was green, Majuro Atoll Local Government Executive Councilman Charles Kelen said, "go team green." He congratulated the school for its new building. "This new building is important and will benefit us and our future," he said.

Minister Dr. Hilda Heine stated that the new building is a great addition to Rairok Elementary School. She mentioned that there are two parts of Rairok Elementary, meaning there are two school campuses, the first is at the original location near Lojkar village and it houses grades four to six, while the other is the site of the former grocery store and it has kindergarten to third grades.

"We're grateful for this new building. I ask parents to prepare kids to attend school every school day," said Heine. "The Ministry of Education is aiming to create neighborhood schools that will help kids have easier access dealing with transportation issues." She indicated that Rairok will have classrooms for middle school students in the future.

Ambassador Thomas Armbruster encouraged kids to "eat right and play right" in his remarks. He left a basketball and a volleyball for the



Rairok Elementary School students put on a show for the gathered guests at the opening of their new classroom building. Photos: Isaac Marty.



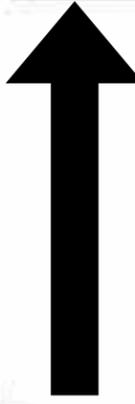
kids. "It's been our dream to have more classrooms," said Principal Melang, who said a new basketball court was also built as part of the building construction.

Anil Construction's Chief Executive Officer Carlos Domnick stated

that the construction went smoothly. He handed the key to Education Secretary Gary Ueno. Representing landlords, Mertina Keju cut the ribbon. A little entertainment was held for the audience and it was followed by refreshments.

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Elaplok ibwij in Ailinglaplap

GIFF JOHNSON

Rum im jako lok bwirej, ej juon jorreean elaplok an walok, im ejelet 52 ene ko ilo Ailinglaplap, etale eo naetan Coastal im Climate Change Vulnerability Survey eo ear ripoote. Ripoot in ej kajju kwalok menin uwata ko remaron walok jen kelon lok in dren, nan armij ro im rej jokwe ilo aelon jiddrik kein ad.

“Elon wot iaan barijet ko ilo Ailinglaplap rej rum lok wot,” ripoot in ear ba, eo im ear komman jen ippen RMI Office eo ikijien Environmental Planning im kab Policy Coordination ak (OEPPC).

“Kein jermal im em ko rebed ilo kauwatata itok wot jen jorreean in rum lok wot barijet ko, ekoba jilu airport ko, Airok causeway eo, iaal eo ilo Jabwan, iaal eo ilo Bikajela-Enewe, Woja causeway eo ekoba iaal eo, im kab iaal eo im airport eo ilo Jeh.”

Etale eo raan ko lok ear komman iloan ruo wiik ko ikotaan allon in January im kab February eo, ilo aelon jab in, nan kar bukukwote jorreean im menin uwata ko jen an kelonlok dren, im nan kar ejake ta menin jibarbar im kab rejan ko, nan komman bwe en wor kejebarok ko nan bwirej im kab em im kein jermal ko rejutak ion ene jab in bareinwot.

“Iaal ko rebed itujebar rellukkun in lap aer rum



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Malo in Ailinglaplap ej tore woijke im mar ko ibarijet in aelon eo.

lok wot, ilo an barijet ko kio tobar tok ion ene emora ilo tore ko ej lap tartok in boka ko,” ripoot eo ear ba.

“An ellap koto ko rej itok jen tuion turear jen kar October 2012 eo maantak, kio emoj aer komman bwe en kelonlok wot jonan boka ko kin jilu lok jiljino inji ko,

im rej loe an mokajlok aer kejeorreane Ailinglaplap.” Ilo 2010, Ministry of Public Works ear komman rejan bwe en jino wor kejebarok ko nan barijet eo, jen an rum lok wot Woja causeway eo.

Kio menin ej juon jorreean eo edrin ilo torein. “Jekjek eo kio emoj an lukkun jorreean im aer maron kar na mejlan jen jorreean ebed ilo kauwatata,” ripoot in ear ba. “Causeway eo elap aikuiji nan jermal in kowainini, nan jikin jikuul, im kab nan jikin takto.” Jukjuk in bed eo eaikuij

jiban “nan bukukwote mejlan jorreean ko rej laplok wot jen oktak in mejatoto ne, elaptata jen kelonlok in dren – jorreean in rum barijet, an lojet tore ene emora, an mokaj lok wot an jako lok moko mweer, ekoba jikin kallup ko aer, koba ippen iaal im jikin jok im kelok ko, rej jet iaan jorreean ko kein.”

Botaap kenono ko kin oktak in mejatoto, raar kajju bojrak ilo ien eo rekar boklontak kenono kein elane enaaj kar wor jorreean ko rewalok jeni.

“Elon wot iaan kenono

Dren in jool rej kejeorrean kein ekkan ko ilo RMI

Ien mora in ilo iio jab in, kio ej jino kwalok tok jonan jorreean ko jene im rejelet tok lal jidrik in ad, ekkar nan RMI Senior Climate Change Advisor eo, Steve Why.

“Ilo ene ko tuion (ilo ad loe kio) ma ko rej mej lok wot ilo Mejit,” Why ear ba. Ebareinwot maron loe ejja menin wot ilo ene en edrik im kab ilo Rita, ekoba ilo aeboj lal kan ilo Wotje, rej aolep kamole an walok jorreean kein ikijien an driklok jonan mour ko an armij ie,” lein ear ba.

Juon menin inebata ippen ro rej komman karok ko, ilo aer kajjeon jerbale menin wonmanlok ko im kab an armij maron jokwe ilo juon jikin, ion ene kein, ekoba elon jorreean ko rej walok tok jen oktak in mejatoto ne, ej itok wot jen menin. Why ear kwalok bwe an janin wot ejjab jorreean eo in wot ewalok, im ej komman bwe en jabwe dren in idrak, ak ebareinwot lonlok jorreean ko jet. Im kakobaba kin an jabwe dren in wot kab dren in aeboj lal, innem woijke in kein ekkan ko rebareinwot jorreean jen jool, ko im rej komman aer mej im komman ad bareinwot jorreean lok wot,” lein ear ba. Elon men ko im armij remaron in kommane nan kajjeon kadrikdrik jonan jorreean in.

“Ekkal kein jalitake jool jen lik, emaron in kadrikdrik jorreean jab in kin jool,” lein ear ba ilo an kakobaba kin juon waan jonak emman (im jemaron in loe) ilo ien eo kwoj ettor to lok ilo brigde en ilo iaal eo am lok nan airport en, kwoj loe menin ie.

ko rekar bojrak ilo am kar arome lok ta ko remaron in walok ilju im jeklej: ne enaaj elle jen jilu ne kelonlok in dren, iloan ebeben in, im ta wawein ko jet elkin tok,” ripoot eo ear ba.

“Armij rej loe ta ko rej walok kio, im rej loe bwe elaplok tartok in boka ko, im rej walok kin jonan in rualitok inji kelonlok, jen kar tore ko ilo bata eo an lalin kein karuo eo maantak, einwot aer kar joni ilo Majuro im kab Kwajalein,

ko im rej bareinwot jimwe im jeppet ilo jonak ko an be-laak in lalin. “Im ejjab bin ad loe bwe dren ej laplok an kelonlok, ekoba lemnake ta ko renaaj walok iloan iio kane rej bedo tok, ilo ad jutak, kenono, im kiki kake bwirej eo an juon baamle eo im ebed jeppo wot ne utiej jen ien ialap – juon jonak eo im kio ej jino emakit tok nan ion ene emora – ijo im ebar ejjelok jikin en emaron in bar tore lok, ijelokin wot ijin.”

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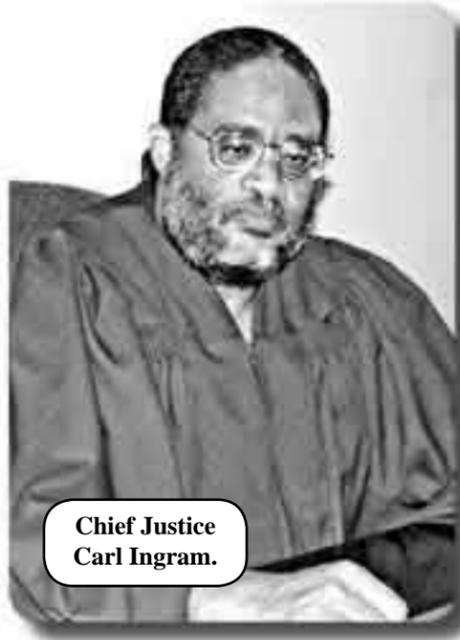
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Ien ekajet eo imaan High Court Chief Justice Carl Ingram, ear komman bwe Kijenmej en etal kaje nane kin lalem iio ko, ruo enaaj kalibuuj im jilu iio ko enaaj bed itulik kin karok.

Lein enaaj maron driwoj ilo April 14, 2015.

Kijenmej raar na ruwon kin

mwijmwij armij im manman armij kin kein ire, ilo an kar man Michael Jetton ilo Matelen, Arno, kin juon jaje, ilo juon lokapukpuk ikotaerro.

Lein ear uwaak bod nan mwijmwij armij innem bod eo juon rejujen joloke.

Abnono in ear komman liakake lok eo an jen ippen Assistant Attorney General Jack Jorbon, im Assistant Public Defender Karotu Tiba ear kottorake Kijenmej.



Majuro b'ball teams dominate May Day

Majuro made it a sweep of the Constitution Day basketball tournament Thursday as the men (above) defeated Team Lae and the women (below) knocked off Team Wotje. Meanwhile, top left, the refs Sailass Kotton, Darrell Matthew and Rixey Wase worked hard, while V7AB's William Ring, right, fired up the airwaves with his lively broadcast of the games. Photos: Hilary Hosia

Majuro has a lot to celebrate this year with its men's and women's teams scooping the Constitution Day basketball championships.

Particularly noteworthy was Majuro's dethroning of Team Lae in the men's championship basketball. Lae, with a roster over-loaded with talented national team players, has dominated the men's basketball the past two years. But Majuro sailed through the tournament undefeated and when it came to last week's showdown with Lae, the Majuro boys stepped up to the challenge and downed the Ralik Ratak Shootout champion Lae team.

V7AB radio broadcaster William Ring was in a frenzy as he delivered his machine-gun patter play-by-play that spiced up the presentation of the championship games for people out in radio land.

Before the Lae-Majuro men's matchup, Team Majuro women defeated a strong Team Wotje (which contained most of the players from December's Ralik Ratak Shootout's second place Team Arno).

The crowd was overflowing and generally out of control. "I don't know where you'll park. I don't know where you'll stand. If you want to come, come here and get here fast," Ring told listeners. Finally, police came in to help manage the crowd.

Team Majuro included national team standout Willis Mokku Lamille who was the brick wall between Lae point guard star Lajji Maddison and the basket. While Mokku eventually fouled out in the final quarter, he was the first player in the tournament to play Lajji head to head on defense.

Again and again Lajji captivated the crowd with his dazzling array of dribbling, spinning, and scoring — Laji is the Achilles of Majuro basketball, though Mokku did his best to derail the flying guard.

Lae lacked some height and Majuro's newly recruited Troy Yaingeluo from FSM and MIHS teacher Jo Fotofili gave the height and weight advantage to Majuro.

"This is as good as it gets in Majuro!"

—Mark Stege surveying the Marshall Islands High School-Assumption High School girls basketball game at Salvation Army Tuesday night, with screaming crowd, lively play-by-play announcer, and island ambience of oceanside breezes. (MIHS came back to defeat AHS.)



Tom and Wenyen grab NTA's chicken

Second week of NTA's sponsorship of Majuro Atoll Tennis Club's chicken run tourney brought out 14 tough players.

Elimination round: Rommel Natividad/Francis Heine defeated Phil Philippo/Rammy Ishiguro, 6-4, Wilbur Allen/Telbwij Jajo defeated Luisa Liu/Chungjen Lee, 6-1, and Tom Armbruster/Wenyen Lee defeated John Alik/Chungjen Lee, 6-2.

During the semis, Natividad/Heine defeated Itibo Tofinga/Randy Sylvester in a grueling match of 7-5 while Armbruster/Lee silenced Allen/Jajo 6-4.

During the finals, Natividad/Heine slugged it out with four time champion Wenyen complimented by Ambassador Armbruster and the latter won the championship at 6-4.



NTA's Mack Capelle (sitting second from left) was on hand to present prizes to the winners, including champs Wenyen Lee and Amb. Tom Armbruster (third and fourth from left, seated).

Winners circle: Team Armbruster/Lee with one case each of 22 lbs Chicken quarter legs.

Team Natividad/Heine with one box each of ramen

Team Tofinga/Sylvester with one bag each of rice.

Constitution Day tennis dou-

bles tourney was won by James Matayoshi and Boyet Formentera of Team Rongelap. Francis Heine and Erickson Arelong of Team Lae were second placers, while Senator Kessai Note, Wenyen Lee, and Rommel Natividad of Team Jabat settled at third place.

In the women's doubles, Loreen Bigler and Luisa Liu of Team Wotho emerged as the champions, Kino Kabua and Ellen Milne of Team Namu were second place winners and last but not the least, Team Arno's Emma Kabua and Monique Graham were third.

Checker limos hit court snag

Journal 5/23/1975

P1 Claim to fame endangered by court action in Majuro

Majuro's mild claim to fame, the existence of three (count 'em) Checker Limousines was rocked this past week in a local court action resulting in the sidelining of the vehicles under force of a temporary restraining order issued by district judge Kabua Kabua. The order was issued against the three limos and a fourth car owned (at least nominally) by Tourists Auto Rentals, a local firm. The suit was brought by Bruce Jensen of Micronesian Hawaiian Trading Company (Honolulu) against Ray Quackenbush, manager of TAR. Under the court order the cars are to be parked in Island Construction's parking lot with the keys in possession of the plaintiff's counsel, Anibar Timothy.

P11 Local company sets dividend at 30 percent
Here's probably a first for the



What we were saying way back when

Journal 5/20/1988
P1 Give me 'Five'
Tosio Clanton and Tarauria Ria congratulated Darrel Dribo of Marshalls Christian High

School for winning the seven mile race on Constitution Day. Mona Levy came in first in the women's section of the Constitution Day run from the airport to the hospital.

P7 Congratulations
Jibli Helkena and Brian Roper were married last weekend at the Congregational Church in Majuro.

Journal 5/17/1996

P8 Rita Hawks roll to wins
The Rita Hawks are on their way to the Majuro basketball championship, with two swift victories over the Continental Golden Jets Monday and Tuesday. What could be the final game of the best of five series was to be played Wednesday. The Hawks rolled 83-70 in the

first game behind strong shooting from Alber 21, Rixey 19 and Laan 12. Vincent and Junior, 21 each, and Peter 16 led the Jets.

P15 Inquiry into Health Fund

A Presidentially-appointed commission of inquiry is conducting an evaluation of the Marshall Islands Social Security Health Fund.

The four-member panel has been meeting for the past two weeks and has not yet concluded its investigation. Although the commission has been functioning under a status of confidentiality, the Journal understands that the four-member panel is comprised of Auditor General Jean Marie Tonyokwe, Assistant Attorney General John Masek, businessman Alex Bing and pastor Enja Enos. The commission of inquiry is only the second such formed by the President since the advent of Constitutional government. The first one involved an investigation of the Kwajalein Atoll Corporation in the mid-1980s.

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Majuro Atoll Local Executive Councilwoman Stacy Samuel helped organize an immunization day at Mayor Mudge Samuel's house in Delap. Photo: Isaac Marty

Acting Mayor Stacy hosts health event

More than a hundred people, men, women, and children had a chance for getting immunized at Mayor Mudge Samuel's place in Delap last Saturday. Majuro Atoll Local Executive Councilwoman Stacy Samuel arranged for Ministry of Health's Public Health staff to conduct the health immunization.

She confirmed that the event also

including checking blood pressure and giving flu shots. Children who missed their immunization appointments had the opportunity to receive whatever shots they missed.

Stacy said the event was beneficial for everyone who attended. She and her daughter took advantage of the Public Health outreach to receive flu shots.

A donation of food supported the event and it was provided by seven companies, according to Stacy. She also gave away clothes that were donated from her and her husband's relatives in the state of Washington.

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Tommy to visit



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“Ej kein karuo in an itok nan Republic of China, im kio ke

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“ROC emoj an emakit jen juon lal eo raar kaleke, im ukot moran im erom juon iaan lal ko rellap tata aer lelok jiban, nan elon bar lal ko jet im rej ekkal wot ilo torein.”

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THAT the first Vegetarian Society was formed in England in 1847?

THAT not too many years ago Pacific regional fishery experts supported installation of fish attracting devices to increase tuna catch?

THAT these days Pacific regional fishery experts are campaigning energetically to make fish caught nears FADS unmarketable?

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of has taken the time to ask the fish how they want to be caught?

THAT Chinese tourists spent \$102 billion during 83 million trips abroad in 2012?

THAT Parisian Mayor Bertrand Delanoe hired a bunch of sheep to trim some of the city's grass?

THAT original Mouseketeer Annette Funicello died

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THAT October 8 is World Zombie Day?

THAT sharks are the only fish that have eyelids?

THAT the oldest surviving carpet is the celebrated Pazyryk carpet, which is over 2,000 years old and was found in the 1940s in a Scythian tomb in southern Siberia?

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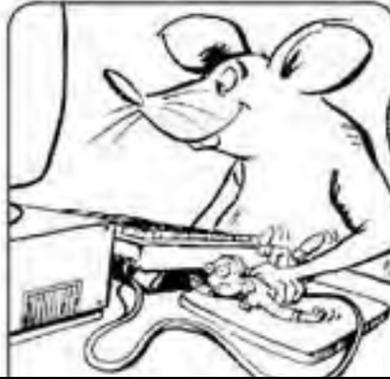
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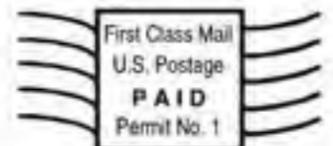
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- 10 Cup Automatic Rice Cooker (900 Watt)
- 6 Cup Automatic Rice Cooker (500 Watt)
- Assorted Fishing Hook
- Assorted Fishing Rod
- 16 inch Stand Fan
- 13kg. Twin Tub Washing Machine
- 12.36 Cubic Feet Refrigerator
- 6.35 Cubic Feet Upright Freezer
- 7.4 Cubic Feet Single Top Opening Freezer
- 12.5 Cubic Feet Single Top Opening Freezer
- 18.5 Cubic Feet Double Top Opening Freezer
- Mini Speaker with FM Micro SD and USB
- 11 Pattern Multi-function Sewing Machine

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