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The ecstatic RMI's women's softball team shortly after winning gold in Pohnpei. Photo: Deborah Shoniber. Right, RMI's weightlifting team members display their medals at Majuro's City Hall. Photo: Hilary Hosia.



RMI gold miners

Marshall Islands athletes delivered their best ever finish at the Micronesian Games Tuesday, with four teams playing in championship games. Men's and women's basketball and softball teams made history by all qualifying for the gold medal games that were played on the last day of the Micro Games in Pohnpei this week.

The RMI women's fastpitch softball team won its first-ever gold medal by defeating Guam 14-4 behind Alysia Madison's grand slam homerun. The run on-

Softball, weightlifting history at Games

slaught invoked the 10-run rule, halting the game after five innings to give the RMI women the gold medal.

The three other RMI teams lost their matches, achieving the silver medal in each event. Despite these losses in the championship games, the three silver medal finishes and one gold medal was the best the

RMI has done in team events at this every-four-year regional competition.

RMI men's fastpitch softball team lost to Pohnpei in the finals, 11-4. But on the way, Team RMI men eliminated Guam to get to the championship with Pohnpei. It is the first time that RMI softball teams have beaten both men and women's teams from

Guam in the same Micronesian Games.

Guam showed its basketball prowess by going undefeated in basketball. Guam defeated the RMI men's team 88-50 and the RMI women's team 77-31 in the gold medal games Tuesday, sending the RMI teams home with silver medals. This marked the

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Worth their weight in gold!

Marshall Islands weightlifters put on a show at the Pohnpei Micro Games last week, winning 29 medals — mostly golds — in a performance reminiscent of the Nauru weightlifting team's dominance in the 1990s. The 29 medals accounted for 35 percent of the total 83 medals RMI athletes put on the board in competitions through last Saturday, placing the RMI second in total medals behind host Pohnpei (103).

The young women were particularly dominant, winning nine gold medals and three silver medals as they took command of three weight classes. The men won 11 gold medals, one silver and five bronze medals.

The 20 gold medals, and 29 overall medals, is the largest medal haul ever for RMI weightlifters competing at a Micronesian Games.

The men who won gold — Patterson River (3), Peter Enoch (3), Loir Tamare (2), and Kabuati Bob (3) — won their competitions for the most part with ease, defeating opponents by as much as 11kg (24lb) per lift. The women, however, were simply in a class by themselves. Lomina Tibon, who won multiple gold medals at the Oceania Championships in New Caledonia in May, set the pace in the women's 48kg division. First, in the clean and jerk, she lifted nearly double her weight at 80kg (176lb). But what is astounding is that her 80kg lift was fully 32kg (70lb) heavier than the silver medal winner from



They came, they saw, they conquered — RMI weightlifters demolish the competition. Report, GIFF JOHNSON

Nauru. In the clean and jerk and snatch categories, Lomina hefted a total of 140kg (308lb) to win three gold medals. Her nearest competitor managed to lift "only" 84kg (185lb).

Mathlynn (Mattie) Sasser was even more impressive in the 63kg (138lb) weight division. Mattie has excelled in regional competition, defeating weightlifters from bigger countries in the South Pacific, but recently had injured her hand.

Showing that she was

fully recovered from the injury, she easily won three gold medals in Pohnpei by lifting in the clean and jerk and snatch competitions a total of 165kg (363lb). The silver medal winner from Yap wasn't even in the same ballpark, with a total lift of "only" 95kg (209lb).

Marine Burns and Chanity Lare were a one-two knock out punch in the women's 53kg (118lb) weight division, with Marine winning three gold medals and Chanity taking three silvers. Marine's lifts total 118kg (260lb), while Chanity's totaled 93kg (205lb) — easily defeating a Yap lifter who managed 82kg (180lb) for a bronze medal.

Veteran lifter Mack Ca-

pelle brought home three bronze medals for RMI in the 94kg (207lb), hefting a total of 215kg (473lb) in clean and jerk and snatch competitions. Youthful lifter Switon Batin, Jr. picked up three bronze medals in the 62kg (136lb) competition by lifting a total of 175kg (385lb) in the two competitions.

The 10 RMI weightlifters each won three medals in the team's stunning display in Pohnpei. "The weight classes in which RMI did not medal did not have RMI lifters in them," said National Olympic Committee official Amy Sasser. "We went in with high expectations, but those were certainly exceeded by our lifters' performances!"

More medals from Pohnpei

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first time for the RMI men to achieve a silver medal finish, and the second time for the women's basketball team (that won silver at the 2002 Games, also in Pohnpei, when they defeated Guam).

In addition to these team events, the RMI table tennis team won a bronze medal as

did RMI tennis player Verney Budda Wase.

Overall, the RMI set a total medals record for a Micronesian Games by coming in third place with 90 medals behind Pohnpei (117) and Palau (103). Guam was fourth with 81. Overall, RMI netted 34 gold, 23 silver and 33 bronze medals in Pohnpei for its best-ever finish.

It's a wrap: Our wrestlers win 15 medals

True to form, RMI wrestlers amassed a large number of medals, putting in a strong effort at last week's three-day wrestling competition at the Micronesian Games.

Ilania Keju was the standout RMI wrestler, winning all four of her matches for a total of four gold medals. She competed in both the senior and regular freestyle divisions, and in two beach wrestling divisions, knocking off all her challengers. One other female wrestler, Piolani Tartius, collected two bronze medals in beach and freestyle wrestling competitions.

None of the men's team was able to win gold, but seven wrestlers brought home medals.

Carthney Laukon won two silvers in the Greco-Roman and freestyle competitions, while Fredrick Hesa (freestyle), Ring Clarence (Greco), Dallas Milne (freestyle) and Siaumau Filoitofo (freestyle) each won a silver medal.

Solomon Tohejal picked up two bronze medals in the beach and freestyle competitions.

Multi-gold winner Waylon Muller competed in his sixth Micro Games competition since 1994. But it was his first time to lose a match: in the previous five Games he had won gold in every competition he entered. In Pohnpei, despite being one of the oldest wrestlers on the mat at 42, he still medaled, collecting a bronze in the freestyle competition.

Swimmers grab 40 percent of RMI medals

Marshall Islands swimmers accounted for over 40 percent of RMI medals won during the first week of the Micronesian Games in Pohnpei.

The Ebeye/Kwajalein-based swimmers took out 25 individual medals and nine team relay competitions, winning six gold medals, 12 silver medals and 16 bronze during the three-day competition.

The swim team continued a long-standing tradition of competitiveness in the Micronesian region that began with the 1994 Micro Games in Guam.

Swimmer Troy Kojenlang was the highest medal winner on the RMI swim team, garnering eight medals from individual competitions, including a gold medal in the 200-meter butterfly race. He added three silvers and four bronze to his individual medal haul. He also picked up five additional medals by participating in winning relay teams, so overall he amassed 13 medals. In team competition, he added three silvers and two bronzes.

Veteran swimmer Giordan Harris won four bronze medals in individual races, and added another five as a member of winning relay teams.

On the women's side, Ann-Marie Hepler was the standout, winning six medals, including two golds, in individual races. She also added a gold, a silver and two bronze medals for team relay events.

Molly Premo, Angela Kendrick, Colleen Furgeson and Ann-Marie combined for the RMI's only gold medal in a relay event, winning the 200m freestyle relay.

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The 45th Pacific Islands Forum officially this Wednesday with leaders meeting at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center in Koror, Palau. Pictured with Small Island State Leaders is President Christopher Loek, who is the outgoing Forum chair.

Lujar gets life for '12 murder

Marshall Islander Lujar Philippo was sentenced to life in prison Oregon last week for stabbing his girlfriend to death over two years ago. A jury found him guilty of murdering Kiorinta Edmond, who he stabbed repeatedly in a drunken rage outside his Tualatin, Oregon apartment. Philippo will be eligible for parole in 25 years.

Philippo killed his girlfriend in June 2012 following an argument that ensued when Edmond wanted Philippo and his friend Caston Robert to stop drinking. The two were drinking in the couple's apartment.

In his testimony, Robert said when the argument started he left, but by the time he reached his car, Edmond called his cell and he heard her scream. Returning, Robert struggled with Philippo but said he finally relaxed so he released him. At that point, Philippo ran to the kitchen and grabbed a knife and chased after Edmond. Philippo caught up with her outside and proceeded to stab her repeatedly. Neighbors dialed 911.

At his sentencing, Philippo said he disagreed with prosecutors' arguments that the killing was intentional. "When you're drinking," he said, "you have no clue what you're doing."

Edmond is survived by 11 siblings and a nine-year old son who is living with one of his aunts.

Sea Bounty pays \$125K

A US fishing vessel has paid a \$125,000 fine to the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA) to settle alleged fishing violations it was cited for June this year.

MIMRA fined the US fishing vessel Sea Bounty for fishing violations that reportedly occurred within the Marshall Islands exclusive economic zone.

According to MIMRA legal advisor Tion Nabau, the Sea Bounty was repeatedly spotted in Majuro lagoon using a towboat to set its long net and catch fish including silky sharks, which reportedly were finned. The June 16 and June 21 incidents were reported to MIMRA.

Nabau said that upon interviewing witnesses and the observer on the incidents, more violations by the vessel were revealed including a June 5 incident whereby a whale shark was caught within RMI waters.

"After setting, the whale shark was kept inside the net while the crew kept on brailling," Nabau said. "This is a violation of RMI regulations but it was not reported by the vessel."

A notice of the alleged violations was sent to the owner of Sea Bounty and on June 27 a search warrant was executed and the vessel was searched.

"The vessel operator denied allegations, however the matter was settled in lieu of criminal and civil prosecution," said Nabau.



Nathan Brechtfeld is now the new Attorney General. Public Service Commission's Deputy Commissioner Ken Anitok reports that Brechtfeld took over the post last month.

Silk pleads not guilty

Francis Silk pled 'not guilty' on Wednesday and has waived his preliminary hearing and requested a jury trial.

Silk is charged with 18 counts each for bribery, misconduct in a public office, theft by deception, securing execution of documents by deception and criminal conspiracy all related to fraudulent bids awarded through the Ministry of Health for purchases of medical supplies and

equipment from Genesis Pharmacy.

A pre-trial status conference to set a trial date, jury questionnaire and jury selection procedures and instructions has been scheduled for December 17.

Attorney John Masek represents silk. Prosecuting attorneys representing the government are Assistant Attorney Generals Johnathan Kawakami and Yolanda Lodge-Ned.

Captain fined \$10K over coral and clams

A civilian captain of a US Navy tugboat was fined \$10,000 for attempting to bring coral and giant clams into Hawaii from the Marshall Islands, reported the Honolulu Star-Advertiser last week.

John Barrett Travers said he collected the live coral and giant clams in 2012 to send to his home in Florida and give to friends in California.

Travers said he and three crewmen used an inflatable dinghy to go to a small island in Kwajalein where they broke off pieces of live coral and collected giant clams, the Honolulu newspaper reported.

But other crew members informed officials in the US, who alerted US Customs and Border Patrol and US Fish and Wildlife Service, which searched the vessel on its arrival back in Honolulu in late 2012.

They seized 21 giant clams and 56 pieces of coral from the vessel.

He claimed he didn't know he was breaking any laws when he took the marine life. US District Judge Leslie Kobayashi told Travers that ignorance of the law is not a defense. Speaking about the marine items he took from Kwajalein Atoll, Kobayashi said: "These are precious, protected animals."



EPA folks thank Harrington

RMI Environmental Protection Authority's Ebeye Senior Environmental Specialist Harrington Dribo (above, second from left) was honored with a retirement celebration at Mon-LaMike on Ebeye last month. Dribo worked for EPA since 1992. On hand to thank Dribo for

his years of service for EPA and present him with a retirement plaque were Acting President Wilbur Heine and RMIEPA Board Chairman Reginald White. Pictured: Wilbur Heine, Harrington Dribo with his plaque, Anjojo Kabua and Regional White.

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Bill 43 will fix MISSA

Nitijela's Public accounts committee has been holding hearings over the past two weeks under the chairmanship of Rongelap Senator Ken Kedi.

On Tuesday this week the group met with the Marshall Islands Social Security Administration, which has presented, yet again, for the 12th year in a row, an unqualified audit — that means no problems.

Despite glowing commendation from the committee for MISSA's management of its finances, the fact remains that MISSA is accumulating an annual cash deficit — with beneficiary payments surpassing what the administration is collecting from the local economy. As a result, MISSA has had to dip into its trust fund to cover the deficits.

"At present the system is operating with a \$4.5 million cash deficit and we project a \$5.5 million deficit for 2015," said MISSA Administrator Saane Aho, adding that the only quick fix for the system will be for Nitijela to pass Bill 43.

In summary Nitijela Bill 43 proposes to:

- increase the tax rate by two percent
- reduce benefit payments by 22 percent
- increase the retirement age from 60 to 65 and
- increase the early retirement age from 55 to 60.

"Bill 43 is the solution for now," stressed Aho. "If the Bill is passed the deficit will be gone and the trust fund will be safe for another 15 to 20 years."

Quest cancellation notices incorrect

More than 4500 members of the Quest medical program in Hawaii received erroneous notification that their participation in the program had been cancelled. The late June notification of cancellation should not have been sent to the affected members due to an error made by the vendor charged with mailing notices for the Quest program. The vendor, according to an unnamed employee of the Hawaii Department of Health Services, failed to send out letters to Quest members in May that their participation would be cancelled in Quest if they did not fill out an enclosed application. That notice was to have been sent in the May mailing, but the May mailing, through a vendor mistake, was never mailed.

As a result of the misunderstanding, a new date, in August, has been set as the time before which reapplication would be accepted.



Picture top: Delap residents watch as the flames engulf the Ministry of Health storage facility. Photo: David Applebaum. Above, the MALGov bulldozer rolls in to contain the fire from spreading. Below, a team gathered to help with the hose. Photos: Hilary Hosia.



Records go up in flames

Fire broke out at a storage building located in the Ministry of Health compound on Monday night.

The fire took out the former Department of Energy clinic, which ministry officials say was used for storing financial records.

According to Julia Alfred, staff at the ministry's finance office confirmed that all financial records from fiscal year 2011 back were stored in the building.

Hospital maintenance became aware of the fire just after 5pm and they immediately alerted the fire department. However once fire crews arrived the building was already engulfed in flames.

The National Fire department with its 380-gallon fire truck proved insufficient to tackle the blaze but reinforcements by means of a bulldozer from the Majuro Atoll Local Government and two 2,000-gallon water trucks from Majuro Water and Sewer Company worked to contain the fire from spreading to other facilities within the Ministry of Health compound.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, however there is suspicion that vandalism from neighborhood children may be a factor as health officials report repeated vandalism — broken windows, doors — are a common occurrence at this storage facility. It is not clear at this time if evidence needed for prosecution of criminal cases before the court was destroyed in the fire.

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Mudge praises NTA team

Majuro Mayor Mudge Samuel gave a big thumbs up to NTA at the Marshall Islands Mayors Association meeting last week.

In a session that featured NTA management answering questions of mayors and talking about plans for the outer islands, Samuel said he had recently been in Palau.

He pointed out that Palau is ranked as one of the top countries in the region in many respects. But after enduring slow Internet speeds there, he said NTA's service gets an "A+" by comparison.

Samuel acknowledged that obviously there are problems from time to time, but that overall he praised NTA's operation.

Nuclear Savage shows in Hiroshima



Adam Horowitz's (pictured) documentary "Nuclear Savage: Islands of the Secret Project 4.1" will show next month in Hiroshima and Nagasaki during memorial ceremonies for the atomic bombings.

The film focuses on the Bravo hydrogen bomb test in the Marshall Islands and the situation of Rongelap people who were exposed

to high-level nuclear fallout. Hajime Matsukubo of the Citizens' Nuclear Information Center confirmed that the films will be shown as part of the Japan Congress Against A- and H-Bombs international conference that is marking the 69th anniversary of the atomic bomb attacks on the two cities in Japan at the end of World War II.

USP campus for Kiribati

Work on the new University of South Pacific (USP) Kiribati Campus has begun following a groundbreaking ceremony at the site last week.

Officiating the event was Kiribati President Anote Tong, USP Pro-Chancellor Ikbal Jannif and USP Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Rajesh Chandra.

According to Chandra: "USP's decision to invest in the expansion of our campus here in Kiribati was not a hasty decision but one of careful consideration, and you could say, necessity, as we noted the rapidly increasing number of students over the years which, for us, was a reflection that youths in Kiribati continue to be motivated to participate in higher education."

Chandra expressed his sincere gratitude to the

Asian Development Bank (ADB) for agreeing to provide a soft loan to finance the work. The new campus development in Kiribati is the first tranche — about \$3.6 million of a total Multi-tranche of \$19m that USP had raised from ADB in June. In his remarks during the event President Tong said the move to expand USP Kiribati Campus has been on the planning board for some time and he is encouraging to learn that this plan is set to take shape.

"It is a move that corresponds with the Government's development priority to build human resource and in line with the Government's emphasis on capacity building and education so that our young people are equipped with skills and knowledge that will help them make informed

future decisions and to participate meaningfully in the development process of their country," he said. "Our fast growing youth population has been a challenge to our development. Every year about 2000 school leavers exit the education system. Only 500 get scholarships and jobs and the rest remain jobless so every year 1500 youths join the pool of unemployed people. This number accumulates as the years go by and Government being the biggest employer is pressured further to provide jobs."

In related news, in May this year the Marshall Islands government purchased the Long Island Hotel for \$3.8 million to convert this former hotel into a new campus for USP's Majuro campus.

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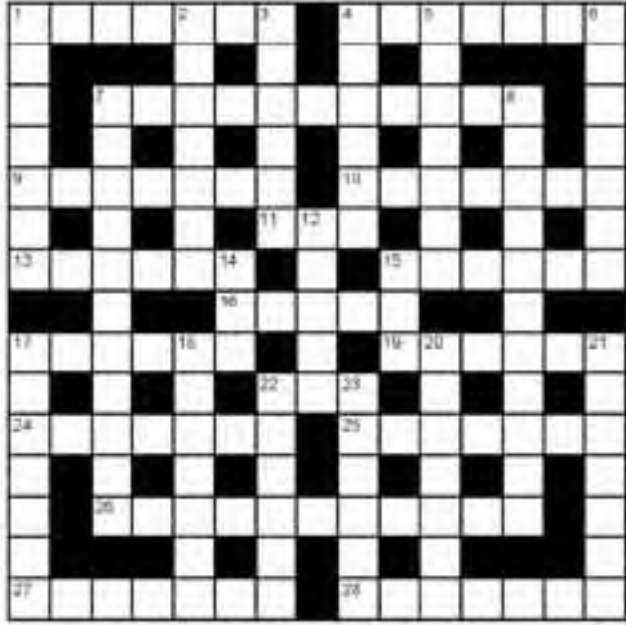
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- 4. Stifled.
- 7. Stationery store.
- 9. Gauze strip.
- 10. Importance.
- 11. Turn down the light.
- 13. Colorful activity!
- 15. Didn't move.
- 16. 'Net note.
- 17. Union, crunch, or card.
- 19. Fever, River, or Submarine.
- 22. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said: "If one cannot catch a bird of paradise, better take a wet ---."



- 24. Island knife.
 - 25. Rapid rise.
 - 26. Tiny place? (5,6)
 - 27. Politician.
 - 28. Perspired.
- DOWN**
- 1. Ascended.
 - 2. Skipper.
 - 3. Hobbled.
 - 4. Alele.
 - 5. Cargo.
 - 6. Postponed.

- 7. Meetings.
- 8. Pharmacist. (5,6)
- 12. Angry.
- 14. Acquire.
- 15. Cunning.
- 17. Navigation aid.
- 18. Imprecise.
- 20. Trap.
- 21. Coming up tomorrow!
- 22. Doctor.
- 23. MOH employees.

Answers to Riddle No. 514



Note: (abb.) = abbreviation
(3,4) = indicates the number of letters in words.



Participants in the new mentorship program at MOH.

MOH trials buddy system with students

The Ministry of Health is increasing its efforts to encourage young Marshallese to pursue medical careers through a mentorship program between prospective students and practicing local doctors.

Last week doctors Kennar Briand, Aina Garstang and Prahlad Patil met with students interested in pursuing medicine and discussed strategies to increase the number of Marshallese doctors.

By assigning a student to a doctor, the Ministry envisions continued communications between students and their mentor will provide support while student undergo their studies and opportunities for the student to return home during school breaks

for trainee program at Majuro or Ebeye hospitals.

Current medical students the ministry is reaching out to under this program include David Alfred, who is currently attending I-Shou University in Taiwan. Alfred is soon to be joined by Cody Jack and Ethel Briand. The program is also extended to nursing students including as University of Main Fort Kent nursing graduates Kyle Lemari and two College of Marshall Islands nursing graduates all of whom are planning to pursue higher medical studies. The ministry is encouraging those interested to contact the human resource department on 625-5660.

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Emôj an rimeletlet ran loe bwe kômat ramiin im attok ilo bulajtik ejjab emman bwe ewôr chemical (baijin) ko im rej kôman nañinmij in *CANCER, JOREEN IN AJ, MENONO, TOÑAL* im *KIDNEY*, im ej bareinwôt *KAMAJNO CELL KO ILO ENBWINID IM REJ JIBAN MANMAN NAÑINMIJ KO.*

Ejjab nana wôt kômata ilo bulajtik im kajju mōñā jene ak ramiin im hotdog rej môtan mōñā ko ekkā ad mōñā ak elap kuriij kab salt ko ie. Ebôk jilu(3) raan ñan an jikin meme eo meiki ramiin kab hotdog eo kwar kañe.

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AROUND TOWN

Kirtake's back!

The fabulous sports fishing boat Kirtake (a.k.a. Arno Ferry) has been missing from the blue lagoon for quite a few months while it was being given a large dose of TLC. Last Friday, despite the rain, Captain Ronnie Re-

imers relaunched his boat from the reclaimed area in front of the old Taka Lager brewery. The splash down went well and the vessel is expected to compete in this weekend's Marshalls Billfish Tournament. Photo: Isaac Marty.

Boat launching ... rain or shine!



QUESTION OF THE WEEK: All that is needed for a FAIR tax system which will double government revenues without an increase in anyone's tax rate is for the Ministry of Finance to simply enforce the current easy to enforce tax laws (with a few tweaks here and there). What is so difficult about that? These MOF employees and tax consultants are making mountains out of molehills. What foreign organization or country is behind this? — David M Strauss

Traditional tables

Furniture designing is probably not the first item of production you would choose to have as a class competition for your average Marshallese but a conversation held recently in a town bus stop proved up to be a surprising revelation. A younger guy, perhaps 22 years of growth, sporting a light goatee was talking to an older gentleman and surprisingly, both were chatting away in English.

"I just don't agree, sure what you say sounds possible, but from what I've ever seen, Marshallese either sit on a chair at a table or they sit on a floor and pick up the food from a plate on the floor to

their mouth. They don't use a table.

"It's not exactly a table, the legs are only half the height, maybe 18", that's all," said the older man. "Reason I say it's so practical is you don't need chairs — most eating rooms are pretty small and you don't want chairs cluttering the space."

I was curious as to what the two men were talking about and when I asked, the older man replied, "we're talking about traditional Marshallese eating tables. They were built to be close to the ground so you could reach the food and scoop mouthfuls without

bending over, and if they dropped food on the floor, it's easy to reach down and clean it up," he said. He added that many eating huts featured tables covered with carvings. "Some carved a whale, some a shark. It was just to make the tabletop interesting. You just don't see any of these old tables around anymore."

Well sometimes you hear stories that are true, sometimes they're not so true. I told the old man he was probably watching too many Korean movies on TV lately and was confused. He looked at me questioningly. He caught the next taxi and was smiling as he left.

Death on the 1-5

LaJimma and Kammo sat in their booth by the large glass window of Krystal Café, the eatery they found when they took the Krystal City exit off I-5. Their reasoning was simple: hunker down in plain sight and hope to be invisible. Fortunately, their reasoning proved faulty, for as they sat enjoying nice beefy breakfasts, an emblem bedecked local sheriff entered the restaurant and assumed a legs-spread stance as he took stock of the café's patrons. His gaze came

to rest on the two Marshallese who seemed to be putting effort into keeping their eyes fixed on each other.

"Hello, gentlemen," said the cop as he approached the lolap ro, "I wonder if I could ask if the white Honda out front is yours."

LaJimma looked the cop in the face and answered, "It's ours. Why? Is there a problem?"

"Did you two just arrive here heading south?" Again, LaJimma said, "Yes." He sensed no reason to lie.

"Reason I'm asking," said the uniform, "is we received a report that a white Honda was involved in a shooting just north of here. We'd appreciate it if you'd let us examine your vehicle."

"For what?" said LaJimma.

"That we don't know yet. It's just a routine request."

"Here," said LaJimma as he picked up the key from the table, "help yourself." The cop nodded and turned to leave while LaJimma gave Kammo a knowing look, a look that

said keep quiet. Alone, with Kammo, LaJimma explained: "There's two cops, the other one was standing by our rental. Lucky I swallowed that casing," he said. Then he added, "Remember this: we thought we saw two cars on the road as we drove by. That's all. One was white like ours, the other was dark blue, maybe green. Now, just keep eating and acting natural."

Outside, through the large plate glass window, LaJimma and Kammo caught glimpses of the

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AROUND TOWN

A real curve ball

As Majuro continues to evolve there appears to be a number of unresolved issues facing the community of such a serious nature that the addressing of at least one of these matters be brought to the forefront of communal awareness. Take for example, the highly political act of naming certain locations. There is, really, no official naming authority. This doesn't mean, however that locations don't get named.

For example, the dual road in Delap with the numerous traffic islands is generally referred to as **Amata Kabua Boulevard**, a designation indicating awareness that Amata was instrumental in getting

the design of the road in that area approved.

In other locations, controversy seems to simmer regarding designation, such as is the case with former **Joba's Curve**, so named because Iroj Joba requested that the road be designed to skirt his area because there was too much noise from traffic on the road as originally positioned.

Subsequently as the road paving rolled further towards Laura, Dr. **Isaac Lanwi** requested that a reposition of the road similar to the one Joba received be visited in the area where he resided. Thus we have **"Lanwi's Curve"**.

For a number of years the ap-

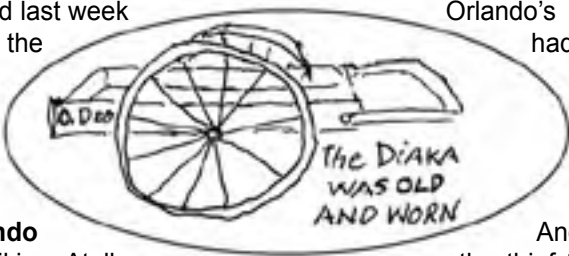
propriate designations prevailed but death of both name sources resulted in a retreat from the original allocations: Joba's Curve morphed into **"Rubar Curve"** and Lanwi's Curve transubstantiated into **"David Paul Curve"**, a transition which, while not yet universally recognized, has all the earmarks of a designation in progress.

Location designations often are unappreciated for their significance but somehow signify a subconscious view of items such as history, reality, and shame to say, animosity.

For example, is it complimentary when you agree to meet at Devil's Curve? Oooooo!

Who wants \$25 for Diaka info?

Story we heard last week while driving to the Bank of Guam. "Those Ailuk people really like PII," said **Nicky DeBrum**, son of **Orlando DeBrum**, a Likiep Atoll



Orlando's quality Diaka had the kindness to replace the stolen one with a cheap, worn, skinny-wheeled Diaka.

And just to rub it in, the thief took the time to

resident. Orlando recently purchased a Diaka manufactured by PII. Needing the Diaka in the outer island, Orlando, who, until retirement, was manager of Mobil's bulk plant in Majuro, took his new Diaka to Marshall Islands Shipping Corporation on Uliga dock and logged his new vehicle for shipment to Likiep. Unfortunately, the ship going to Likiep made a stop at Ailuk Atoll where, more unfortunately, the Diaka was stolen from on board the ship. Still, the incident wasn't perfectly bad because whoever stole

write "O. DeBrum" on the exchange Diaka. Orlando was obviously not too happy to have an old Diaka when he paid for a new one, so if you have any friends in Ailuk, it might be a good idea to ask around to see if anyone has noticed a nice, new Diaka on island. The Journal will give a reward of \$25 to the first person to give information which leads to the return of Orlando's Diaka. In a small community like Ailuk, we'd bet someone on the island would be happy to rat-out a crook just for the fun of it.

... the sequel

two officers rummaging through their Honda. After checking the passenger area they went to the trunk and carefully inspected. Finding nothing either in the trunk or in the luggage, the cop came back in the restaurant to return the rental keys to LaJimma.

"Too bad guys, we found nothing. Sorry, I thought we'd find something to tie you into the shooting. The reward for these guys dead or alive is \$500,000. If you two were responsible you'd be a rich pair of travel-

ers. But it looks like you had nothing to do with the shooting."

"Say what?" said LaJimma, fast on the pick up.

"\$500,000 for either one, dead or alive." Repeated the cop.

"You know officer," said LaJimma, "I just remembered something. If you'd take us into custody and hold us for a while I think I could help you locate the shell case that killed the one guy, the one with a tank top and tattoos. We shot him because he was trying to

carjack us. I swallowed the casing because I was afraid we'd get in trouble," he said.

When LaJimma and Kammo finally arrived in Costa Mesa a few days later, they were enthusiastically welcomed by the Marshallese community.

There was a week of constant partying as the relatives of LaJimma and Kammo celebrated getting the reward money.

"Not bad for two kids from Ailinglaplap," said LaJimma to his friend Kammo, "not bad at all!"

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RFP Documents for the above supply package are available for review at the Office of the Chief Secretary, Majuro Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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Free up cars for government workers!

Every so often we get a complaint letter from a reader to let us know how upset he or she is because “I saw so and so driving a government vehicle dropping her kids off at COOP,” or dropping her kids off and shopping at K&K or jamboing to Laura. Point is, we make a problem or a criminal act out of driving a government vehicle for private purposes.

But if we think about it, this is stupid. Why should YOU care if a government employee uses a government vehicle after hours or for delivering kitchen trash to the dump? What if you (Mr. or Mrs. Complainer) were a government worker and used a government car? Wouldn't be so bad then, eh?

Given the above, the Journal would like to advance the following thinking: make it a policy that if a government worker is good enough to have a vehicle assigned to him or her, it should be a full assignment free of criminality. Consider the vehicle as a perk, an accepted benefit of being a government employee.

Not only is this wise use of the vehicle before it rusts out, there is a simple requirement foisted on the employee when he or she is assigned a car or pick-up: the employee has to pay for registration, for insurance, for repairs, for gas, for oil changes, for getting flats fixed, etc. In other words, the employee pays everything related to the vehicle and can even buy the vehicle at a special discount if he or she leaves government employment. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A GOVERNMENT WORKER PAYING WITH A GOVERNMENT CHIT WHEN BUYING GAS? That chit money comes out of taxes, your taxes, it means you are paying for his or her driving around. This wouldn't be the case if we simply adjusted vehicle use policy and gave the employee unfettered use of his assigned vehicle, and make the employee 100% responsible for all costs involved in operating the vehicle, including paying for a license.

So, employee wins, guys who sell gas win, government wins, taxpayers win, and no body has to go around complaining because they can't contain their jealousy. Maybe RMI employees could even make a little money after work if they buy a taxi light. What do you think? journal@ntamar.net



“Let's see... cut fishing days to save fish... increase cost of fishing days to make more money... install more FADS to attract fish... make FAD fishing illegal... have meeting... serve yellowfin sashimi at meeting... raise fishing day cost to save...”

PACER the real push behind VAT for RMI?

In the 18 July 2014 edition under the article “VAT still a good choice for RMI,” Secretary Alfred made a statement which I found curious: Enacting a VAT system will allow the Marshall Islands to satisfy compliance with free trade agreements, I was wondering what free trade agreements have to do with enacting a Consumption Tax system. The answer is found in Jerry Kramer's response to the attack by the Secretary of Finance on Jerry, in the 25 July 2014 edition. According to the IMF article cited by Jerry, for small economies such as ours, the benefit of enacting a VAT system of taxation coupled with entry into free trade agreement, such as the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER) will result in the loss of 30% of the revenue that the RMI is receiving under its current system of taxation. According to the International Monetary Fund, in the article quoted by Jerry, that will be the result of the enactment of the Consumption Tax and entry of the RMI into the PACER Agreement.

The passage of the Consumption Tax then, appears to be

the first step in the trade liberalization process, which I presume will heavily favor large countries in the Pacific, like Australia and New Zealand, at the expense of the smaller island economies. What, then, is the incentive for a small economy like the RMI to enter into the Consumption Tax system? Is it just to have the right to enter into a free trade agreement favoring Australia and New Zealand?

Do not get me wrong, I am grateful to Australia and New Zealand for their financial assistance, but at what price? Would we be giving more than we will be receiving if we enact the Consumption Tax followed by entry into the trade liberalization agreement (PACER)?

I find it coincidental that Australia is funding MOF's Consumption Tax advisor, David Piper. So it appears that there may be more than meets the eye on the issue of passage of the Consumption Tax. Perhaps MOF can explain to the assessment of the International Monetary Fund, which will actually hurt an economy like that in the Marshall Islands.

Has there been a study of the benefits or disadvantage to the RMI if we enter into a free trade or trade liberalization agreement such as PACER? Without telling the public the real reason why MOF is insisting on passing the Consumption Tax, can the public assume that passage of the Consumption Tax is just the first step in a larger plan leading to trade liberalization with Australia and New Zealand? If the 30% potential loss in tariff revenue will be lost as the International Monetary Fund states, if the RMI passes the Consumption Tax and enters into PACER, what would really be the net gain to the RMI? Why doesn't MOF just tell the people why it is so insistent on passage of the Consumption Tax and be transparent about it? What is the ultimate agenda of MOF and what will MOF or RMI really get out of the efforts of MOF? What does the RMI stand to gain from enactment of the Consumption Tax? Until these questions are answered, perhaps passage of the Consumption Tax and/or entry into the PACER Agreement should be thoroughly studied before action is taken? Isn't that reasonable?

Mayor Mudge Samuel

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Region's VIPs clean up our island

Following a series of productive APIL sessions Rongelap Senator Kenneth Kedi, as the new helm of the association, called for a clean up exercise from Marshall Islands Resort area to the Capital building before the group took off for a picnic at Enemanit Island. Photo: Hilary Hosia.

Kenneth takes over from Guam's Judith

Rongelap Senator Kenneth Kedi has been elected the new President for the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL). Kedi takes over from Guam Speaker Judith Won Pat.

According to a release from the organization the a total of 16 resolutions passed at the recently concluded general assembly of APIL on Majuro which focused on the theme of Regional Transportation and Communications.

Presentations and discussions were made on the theme, with most discussions highlighted the challenges that the APIL countries are facing especially with high cost of transportation, the inability to maintain facilities and equipments, financial resources as well as capacity to build the transportation and com-



Delegates discuss issues at the recent APIL meeting. Photo: Hilary Hosia.

munication sector. The organization praised the Marshall Islands hosting of the conference and once the meetings was completed the visiting legislators took part in a good will softball game at the Laura ball field and

community service, picking up trash from the MIR to the Nitijela Building.

The APIL is comprised of legislative representatives from 12 island governments, mostly from the Northern Pacific region in-

cluding Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa. Representatives from the Northern Marianas, the FSM States of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap, Guam, Palau, Kiribati and the Marshall Islands.

Church group endorses N-suits

The World Council of Churches central committee endorsed the Marshall Islands lawsuits against nuclear nations at the International Court of Justice.

WCC leaders met in early July in Geneva, Switzerland, approving a

wide-ranging resolution on nuclear-related concerns. Among many points, the resolution calls on member churches and related ministries and networks to "support rehabilitation, pastoral accompaniment, legal action and compensation of losses for the victims of

nuclear accidents and nuclear tests including survivors of the Fukushima disaster in Japan and victims of nuclear tests in the Pacific; similarly, support the lawsuit filed by the Marshall Islands against the nuclear-armed states at the International Court of Justice."

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The Stardom 4 Wisdom winners

The ‘Diplomat’s bride’ was Kathy Armbruster, the ‘Atoll and former fabulous brew’ was Taka, and the ‘Bikini bomb’ was Baker. Four Majuro residents knew those answers and the rest in the RMI Riddle No. 514, so the names Helber Namna, Team MIISA, Bonny Taggart, and Dante Dela Vega are included in this week’s draw for the July pizza at Flame Tree. The other names in the July pizza hat are: Diane Myazoe, Mickey John, Bego Alik, Kubaak Mayne, The Lab Team, Team Jiem, Sharla deBrum, Becky Lathrop, Herman Lee-Enos, Team Western Union, Team MIISA, and Team Jibikien.

The usual ceremony was performed and the July winner is — ta-da — Diane Myazoe, who can collect her gift certificate at Micronitor.

And, by the way, you should note that if a person or team has a perfect puzzle multiple times, that’s how many pieces of paper are created. This means there’s extraordinary value in entering the RMI Riddle every week by turning in your puzzle at the Journal by 5pm Tuesday. Good luck.

Young members of the Enewetak community pose with EULG Mayor Jackson Ading and Japanese Ambassador Kazuhiko Anzai and the new water truck. The truck was being stored temporarily at the Enewetak Community Center in Batkan.

Photos: Hilary Hosia



Mixing fire and water

HILARY HOSIA

Enewetak/Ujelang Local Government Mayor Jackson Ading received the keys to a new water delivery/fire truck from Japan Ambassador Kazuhiko Anzai last week.

The vehicle, valued at \$78,282 will help distribute water from the reverse-osmosis unit to the community and plant nurseries on Enewetak. The vehicle, emblazoned with Japan and Marshall Islands flags, has a built-in siren to be used during emergency situations like fire and evacuation.

Ambassador Anzai said he is hopeful the community of Enewetak will benefit from the donation, which comes under Japan’s grassroots grant program.

In thanking Japan for the donation, Mayor

Ading highlighted the common ground between EULGov and the government of Japan: both of which have suffered from nuclear bombs.

“It’s been 56 years since US nuclear testing was conducted on our atoll and our islands are still recovering,” he said, adding that the atoll’s water lens is contaminated as a result of 46 nuclear tests conducted on the atoll coupled with the current droughts that have impacted the northern islands of the Marshall Islands, the Japan-donated water vehicle will “serve our community well.”

A large number of visiting Enewetakese in Majuro for the United Church of Christ Board meetings were on hand to witness the handover of Japan’s gift.



Ambassador
Kazuhiko Anzai

Ebon replanting a bonus for locals

ISAAC MARTY

Ebon Local Government was praised at last month’s Mayor’s conference as the only atoll to submit an annual report.

The report, delivered by Ebon Mayor Ione deBrum highlighted many community activities including the recently completed coconut-replanting project, which was funded under the Japan’s Fund For Poverty Reduction through the Asian Development Bank in cooperation with the Ministry of Resources and Development.

According to deBrum, Ebon is the first atoll in the ADB pilot project, which launched in the fall of 2012, to complete the work.

DeBrum explains that it took 45 workers, 10 supervisors and 6 women’s groups — in total, the project supported an estimate of over 200 young men and women on the island by using a rotation scheme over the course of 14 weeks to get the job done.

The first eight weeks she said were spent chopping trees — a total of 789 were cut down. The remaining weeks were spent replanting about 8,050 new seedlings.

“We provided short-term jobs with the aim trying to accommodate as many people on Ebon to work on the project,” said deBrum. “The men received \$80 a day and the women who worked in six

groups received a lump sum of \$500 per group.”

While ADB provided the bulk of the funds for the project which funded 40 of the workers, the Ebon Atoll Local Government stepped in to cooperate on the project and sponsored five additional workers along with some seedlings to help speed up the progress.”

The project was extended to 115 “weto” (land parcels) on the atoll and each weto received 70 coconut seedlings — which were purchased locally from residents. According to Ione, the seedlings were bought from within Ebon for 50¢ each.

“It was another way of circulating money from the project and helping residents earn some income,” she said.

A total of five atolls — Ebon, Ailinglaplap, Arno, Namdrik and Mili — were selected for the pilot coconut tree-replanting project.

As to the fate of the senile coconut trees that were chopped down on Ebon, deBrum reports they currently serve no purpose and have been left to decompose. Meanwhile, deBrum said she is pleased with the success of the coconut replanting project and she now has her eyes set on other projects on going on the atoll such as the development of home and school gardens to promote food security and healthy eating.



Break time at the climate change workshop.

Teachers attend IOM climate workshop

Over 50 science teachers from throughout the Marshall Islands completed a week-long course on climate change and disaster risk reduction held in Majuro last month.

Responding to requests from local teachers, and in coordination with The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Australian-funded Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Education (CADRE) team and Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), the Ministry of Education convened the special training.

According to a release from the IOM, topics covered included alignment of RMI national standards and benchmarks for climate change education, and the relationship between low island eco-systems, mangroves,

and climate. Following the weeklong training, science teachers had the opportunity to apply their new knowledge by teaching students who were taking part in a science summer camp at Delap Elementary School.

Each participating teacher received a full set of IOM CADRE materials for classroom instruction. Some lucky teachers even won a glow in the dark Earth ball.

According to a release from the IOM, in the evaluation form following the training 96 percent of the educators participating strongly agreed that the lessons and training are useful to them in their work. One participant shared, “There are things that I never understood about climate change, but now I understand.”



What's for lunch?

Long-time Tide Table server Meritha Tartios was spotted Tuesday serving lunch to Esther Andrike-Lanwi, Paul Ralpho, and Sandy Milne Harry. Esther's choice of the day was the Tide Table Special No. 1, a tasty chicken filet served with a creamy mushroom sauce, Ralpho was dipping into a seafood yakisoba, while Sandy munched on buffalo wings with rice and potato salad. Photo: Hilary Hosia.

Fresh fish always a winner at TT

Arguably the finest eating establishment on Majuro, the long established Tide Table Restaurant is located above the Ace Hardware store in downtown, conveniently located and outfitted with ample parking.

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What doesn't go down at Tide Table, as customers are readily willing to note, is the quality of the fare served at this well designed eatery: a fact that is doubly applica-

ble to the fresh fish side of the menu where it is reliable to see the option of fresh yellowfin sashimi accompanied with wasabi and shuyu and (pleasing to every customer with a challenged wallet) very affordable prices. Servings of fresh sashimi that in Honolulu would go for \$40 to \$50 a serving can be had at times for below \$20 in Majuro.

Originally the Tide Table location was an outdoor verandah when the RRE Hotel opened, but after several years the owners saw that the location was ideal for an enclosed high quality bar and restaurant.

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Company helps RMI

'If PII prevails in its controversy with Chuuk, we will further enhance RMI in regional thinking.'

A section of the PII project in Chuuk.

As one of the biggest businesses operating in the Micronesian region, PII of Majuro is credited as being a large part of the reputation we have achieved in being considered a forward thinking and acting entity. If PII prevails in its controversy with Chuuk, we will further enhance RMI in regional thinking: "RMI winners, we like winners," and so forth. In years gone by, the Northern Marianas with its plethora of garment factories and money flows dominated the reputation high ground. Now people say, "Marianas? where's zat? Answer, "Marianas nearby RMI."

PII geared for win against FSM

When news circulated around RMI several years ago that locally-owned Pacific International Inc. had been awarded a \$25 million project for road and sewer improvements in Chuuk's capital Weno, there was a substantial aura of anticipation that such a development would translate not only into benefits for the people of Chuuk, but also, to a degree, benefits for RMI workers already employed by the contractor. It is instructional to note that at the time there had been speculation regarding the fact that PII was sole bidder for the project, an indication that other contractors were wary of Chuuk's reputation for being an extremely difficult place to work in terms of the attitude local

officials adopted when unavoidable problems were identified such as mistakes in design drawings provided to the contractor which resulted in progress payment delay. With a substantial portion of the project completed, and facing numerous incidents of violence and theft being wrought upon the firm's workers, difficulties for PII evolved to the point where Chuuk authorities ordered the contractor to stop work. To counter PII's submission for progress payments, FSM officials lawyered up and concocted demands for payment of penalties and interest charges from PII for what the PMU claimed were delays in the contract. Fortunately for PII, independent evaluation of the situation

concluded PII to be blameless and placed the faults in executing the project squarely on the desk of FSM's Project Management Unit. Subsequently, FSM hired a former Yap-based lawyer named Dana Smith to help mount a challenge to the independent findings which exonerated Pacific International. The effort, however, simply evaporated in a slurry of mis-steps and fruitless filings of position statements advanced by the PMU. The result of Smith's work was the convening of a second independent evaluation of the situation and a second exoneration of PII.

The FSM management's unit, meantime, entered into a contract with a Saipan based firm to complete the project. The new

contract, currently under question, is widely held to be invalid due to a number of legal issues affecting the situation.

The latest development in the project is a call for some form of agreement to be forged between FSM and PII. The options for the proposed litigants are arbitration, mediation, or court. PII maintains it is comfortable with all of these options, including mandatory arbitration. The firm states simply, "PII is confident we will prevail." The downside of the situation is that while PII looks certain to win the battle, there could be considerable delay determining the award and getting FSM to finally provide payment for services rendered.

Need for 'much more thought' on tax change

Majuro Atoll Local Government (MalGov) wishes to clarify its position on the matters considered at the National Leadership Meeting and the Journal article which appeared in the 11 July 2014 edition, which reported the results of that meeting. First of all, MalGov thanks the National Government for providing MalGov an invitation to attend the meeting (although MalGov had to ask to be invited). As Majuro is home to over 52% of the population of the Republic, MalGov as the representative of the people of Majuro, believes that its views should be considered in any dialogue concerning matters that will affect the people residing in the Republic. MalGov feels so strongly about its responsibility to the people, that it has asked the National Government to be present at all JEMFAC meetings so that it may participate in discussions that will affect the majority of the people residing in the Republic. MalGov is a major stakeholder in matters of national concern.

The Journal article mentioned that tax reform was considered by those in attendance at the meeting. What the Journal did not indicate

was MalGov's strong opposition to any language in the Communique that was being considered (and upon which the Journal based its story in large part) by participants, that implied that those in attendance agreed to tax reform. For the record, MalGov does not agree to the tax reform measures presently before the Nitijela, which (we are told) will be considered in this coming August Nitijela session. Despite MalGov's objections to the language of the Communique, the leadership at the meeting insisted that the language be kept as is. Again, to the extent that any Communique or resolution adopted by the leadership at that meeting, which implies that the participants at that meeting support the tax reform efforts of the National Government, MalGov strongly opposes any such implication, and states that it is firmly opposed to any tax reform related to adoption of any Consumption Tax.

MalGov also agrees with Senator Kedi's statements run as a companion story with the main story on the National Leadership meeting, that to characterize the meeting as

an effort to be used for consideration by the Nitijela in arriving at a budget for the next year, is not accurate. MalGov believed that this meeting was only an exercise to see how "proposed" cuts to address declining Compact funding could affect the financial outlook for the RMI, rather than to be used as a forum validating information that would be used for formation of the upcoming budget. Perhaps that was why Senator Kedi withdrew his name from the Communique he did not want to be associated with any implication that he agreed to cut the budgets or termination of positions within the Ministries that participated. MalGov supports Senator Kedi's position that any position statement of this importance deserves much more thought and discussion rather than scheduling a meeting under the guise of an exercise, followed by a governmental position statement in the form of a Communique. One day's notice or several days advance notice of the meeting is insufficient time to seriously consider policy matters of this magnitude.

Mayor Mudge Samuel

Kora ej notaik mwilin driver eo

Leta in ej non Mayor Mudge Samuel im ej konan eo an rijeje eo bwe en walok ilo Journal.

Dear Mayor Mudge Samuel,

Ikonan bok ien in lewaj kautiej wot nan office ne am ilo am lol-orjake jermal kein relab im rebin wot nan emanlok eo nan jukjuk in bed in ion aelon in elab tata ikijen Public Transportation, ako Taxi im Bus Services ko ilo aer leto letak ial nan armij rein elab tata rilotok ro nan aelon kein ad.

Mr. Mayor, einwot juon eo eka an kejerbal service kein, kajojo ran, nan jibadeklok jikin jermal, takto im ko eirlok wot ij lo ke rain in emoj an oktak im ej juon wewen eo elab an kamijak elabtata kawotata im elon kain kelmenlokjen ko im ij lo ke emenin aorok bwe in address e ilo ien in bwe kon jouj im jiban nan koman bwe en wor kain jekjek ko nan na mejleir im ij kajitok bwe ren koman ilo ien eo emokajtata kin wewen in im ar walok nan na Ilo jibon Friday July 25, 2014 ikotaan awa kein 8-9 awa jibon nae juon driver — juon likao jidikdik in aelon kein — eo ekar nan melele ko tobari, ej uwan

ro im US Government ar maron in deport e ekar nan leen jermal im koman ko an enin ij lo ke ej wonmanlok wot ilo eja jekjek ko wot ejanin wor oktak. Likao in ebed ikotaan year keein 20+ ne ejimwe ao antoonelok, ilo an kar jirontok io nan in kamijak elab tata nan ko im reutiej im rejeb nan in loblej. Juon wewen eo einwot ao ba elab an kamijak, im kautatata ilo an juon eo im watoke rilolorjake ial nan armij rein jen ran nan ran, bareinwot rilale armij.

Mr. Mayor elane ejimwe im jejet inem ij kajitok bwe en wor kain jekjek ko nan koman bwe aoleb ro im rej lelok services kein ren bok jet kakolkol ko, katak ko, im ko eierlook wot ko im remaron kwalok kadkadin ke ej juon eo ej mool, juoj im iakwe ilo an komane jermal eo an, im bareinwot bwe lal in ad en emajaja kin jermal kein elab aer eman rainin, ilju kab jeklaj eo an Majuro Marshall Islands.

Kin nan jejo kein bar juon alen komool!

Ilo kautiej,

Risi K. Matthew

ROC ejiban Likiep ikijjen kallib kein ekkan

Taiwan Ambassador Winston Wen-yi Chen (pija eo itu-anmoon) ear lelok juon jaak jonan in \$50,000 nan Speaker Donald Capelle wiik eo lok, nan jiban agricultural revitalization project eo, einwot mottan jermal in jiban ko elkin an kar walok juon kijeek laplap ilo Likiep Atoll year eo lok.

Capelle ear maron bok check eo ilo etan armij ro im kab local government eo an

Likiep, einwot ke e eo ej ri kwelok eo aer bareinwot ilo Nitijela.

Jaan ear etal jen “RMI-ROC Outer Island Agricultural Development Project eo,” eo im ear ejaak ikotaan lal kein ruo ilo 2012 eo, im ej eja mottan wot ROC(Taiwan) Project Support ko nan RMI, iumin ROC Annual Grant assistance scheme eo, jekjek eo emoj karoke ikijjen an ROC letok jiban

kajojo year otemjej. Chen ear kile emakit in ear komman jen Speaker eo nan jiban komman bwe en bar wor jermal in kallup mona ilo Likiep, ekoba kile jermal in ippen dron ko ikotaan Taiwan Technical Mission eo ilo Laura, im ej bed iumin Taiwan International Cooperation im Development Fund eo (ICDF) im kab ro mottaer ilo ra eo an Ministry of R&D.



National Project Team member ro ippen Isabelle Levy (iolap) jen International Atomic Energy Agency eo.

Etale dren in lojet in Arno

Juon eo ej itok ilo etan International Atomic Energy Agency eo (IAEA) ear lotok aelon kein jino in lok allon in, nan letok kaminene nan etale dren in lojet elane ewor baijin in radioactive cesium ie.

Isabelle Levy ear jino jermal in an ilo July 1 raan eo, im ear komman ien kaminene nan National Project Team Member ro nan juon project an IAEA naetan “Marine benchmark study on the possible impact of the Fukushima radioactive releases in the Asia-Pacific Region”, ak ekatok eo imantata elane ewor baijin in radioactive ilo Asia-Pacific in jen Fukushima.

Ro uwaan project team eo rej RMI Environmental Protection Authority eo (RMIEPA) kab Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority eo (MIMRA), ekoba ra eo an Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ilo ien etale eo imelaaj ilo kar July 2 raan eo, raar ebook dren in lojet emaron

ruo mile jen turok im jemlok in Arno Atoll. Dren kein raar aini ilo jet nieer ewor kein liklik ie, ko ebar wor jet kain uno ilowaer im ebidodo aer eddep ippen baijin in cesium eo. Dren kein renaaj jilkinilok nan juon jikin etale an IAEA ilo Monaco, ijo Levy ej jermal ie, nan aer lale ewor ke cesium ie ilo aer likliki.

Wawein in ej ijino eo an jermal in etale dren in lojet eo ilo Marshall Islands elane ewor cesium radioactivity ie, im renaaj kommane lokin jilu allon otemjej, im renaaj bareinwot kadrelone melele ko ippen makitkit ko an RMIEPA ikijjen etale malo ne, ilo aer naaj jermal ippen MIMRA im ro jet uwaan Non-Proliferation Treaty eo.

Lal ko jet im rej bareinwot bok kunaer ilo project in an lalin jen woden bwil in Pacific in ekoba Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Palau, Papua New Guinea, im kab Solomon Islands.

CMI ej bed wot iumin kakkol

College eo an Marshall Islands ej bed wot ilo “kakkol” elkin kwelok eo kio an Accrediting Commission eo nan Community im Junior College ko iumin Western Association of Schools and Colleges ak (WASC). Dr. Barbara Beno, president eo an Accrediting Commission eo, ear karon CMI President Carl Hacker wiik eo lok ikijjen karok in ear komman jen WASC.

CMI ear maron in bed iumin kakkol juon year emotlok, im tobrak in etale eo ekaal tata jen team eo an WASC ear wonmanlok wot im ba bwe college jab in en bed wot ilo eja jekjek jab in wot.

“Ilo ien etale eo an elap ilo naaj spring ak jino in 2015, College in ej aikuij in kwalok ke emoj an jerbale aolepen menin rejan ko an im raar loi ilo ien etale eo eliktata, na mejlan menin likjab ko an, innem ej kab naaj maron Tobar Jekjek ko Remenin Aikuij, ekkar nan Accreditation Standards im Commission Policies ko,” ak karok im jekjek ko iumin bok kile, Beno ear ba.

Leta eo an kora in ear kile bwe CMI emoj an jerbale elon menin rejan, botap ejjab maron in na mejlan aolep wawein im jekjek ko raar kajjitok kaki, elaptata ikijjen jaan.

Advanced Hypersonic Weapon Flight Test - 2 Hypersonic Technology Test Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/ Army Forces Strategic Command (USASMDC/ ARSTRAT) completed an Environmental Assessment (EA), prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA. The Advanced Hypersonic Weapon Flight Test - 2 Hypersonic Technology Test EA analyzes the potential environmental consequences that could result from test-related activities including the preparations, launch, flight, impact, and demobilization. The preferred alternative primarily uses facilities in Alaska and at the U.S. Army Garrison, Kwajalein Atoll.

Based on the information and analysis, the USASMDC/ARSTRAT determined that proposed activities are not expected to result in significant impacts to the environment. A final Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the EA can be viewed and downloaded from the internet (www.ahw-ft2-htt-ea.info).

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Kojjela Ikijeen Hypersonic Weapon Test 2 Hypersonic Technology Test im Environmental Assessment im Finding of No Significant Impact

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Ekkar nan ekkatak ko USASMDC/ ARSTRAT ej kwalok bwe eban wor jorraan enaj walok jen kamemel ko rej lomnak in kommani. Juon ekkatak eo naetan Finding of No Significant Impact eo eliktata im ej ba eban wor jorraan naaj walok, kobalok ippen EA eo rej pojok an jabdewot lali ilo kilan internet ilo www.ahw-ft2-htt-ea.info.

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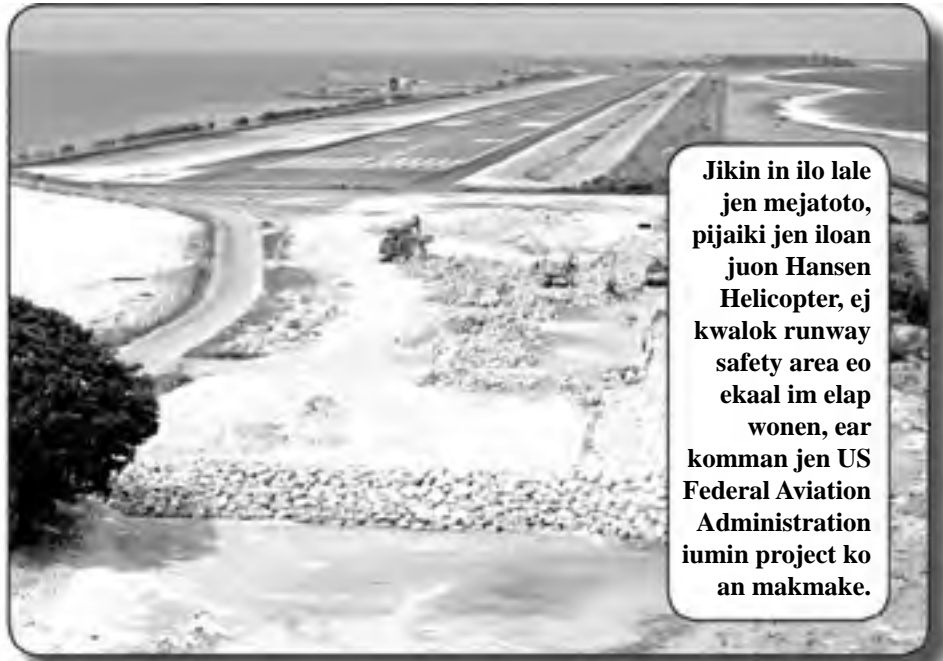
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Mottan jidrik emoj airport eo

Project eo ekilep tata an RMI Port Authority – eo im ej Amata Kabua International Airport Runway Safety Area im Road Realignment eo – ej kio tobar tok jermal ko an eliktata.

Jikin en kio ejino walok kejekjek in, ilo an contractor eo an PII, wonmanlok wot kin jermal ko ikijien. “Ne edredrelok project in enaaj kanuij in kokmanmanelok jonan bolel im bobrae jorrean ko ilo jikin in,” Jeremy Farrington, Senior Project Manija eo jen Beca, ear ba.

“Enaaj emmanlok nan wa ko enwot ke renaaj kanuij in ettolok jen jikin jok im kelok eo an baluun ko, elaplok an melak am kalimjeke iaal leplep eo, einwot ke emoj aer ukot jekjek in, im renaaj bareinwot elolo woror jimen ko itorerein iaal eo itujebar, ko im renaaj kejebarok jen ibweep in dren enetak jen lojet bareinwot.”

Kobalok ippen an laplok wawein bobrae jorrean nae waan ettor ko, project in el-lelok jekjek ko remman ikijien bobrae jor-

rean nan jermal in ek kake ilo Amata Kabua International Airport eo, ilo an Runway Safety Area eo – jikin in im jonan ej 500 ne drebakbak kab 1000 ne aetok kan, jen jabon nan jabon – innem melele in ej ettor kin jonak im karok ko an Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ikijien jonan bobrae jorrean. Laplok in jikin in ekomman bwe en laplok jikin an juon baluun ettor, elane enaaj jirilok im rumwij an jok, ekoba ilo an kadrikdrik lok jonan jorrean emaron kar walok nan waan ettor ko bareinwot. Elik-tata, jonan ettolok eo ikotaan iaal leplep eo an waan ettor, ejiban bwe wa ko ren jab jorrean jen kitwon baluun ko ilo tore ko rej iten kelok.

Aer piji iaal eo ear ijino ilo weekend eo. Jermal in piji iaal eo enaaj komman iumin allon kein maanlok, kin menin rutiej ro ilo Ports Authority rej kajjitok kin kijenmij eo jen waan ettor ko, ekoba bwe ren kanuij jojo kejebarok im lale oktak ko iloan wiik kein maanlok bareinwot.

Kwelok eo an aolep mayor

Eddreklok in jerammon jonan aurok in wot ejmour im jelalokijen, ej melele eo in an Marshall Islands Mayor Association President Rongelap Mayor James Matoyoshi, ilo an kar kwalok ilo ien kebelok eo an kwelok eo an aolep mayor im ear komman ilo alloñ eo lak ilo Majuro.

“Ijelokin ejmour im jelalokijen ebar wor jikin ko im rej aikuiji in wor wonmanlok ie ilo aelon ko likin im renaaj maron jiban komman wonmanlok nan aelon kein,” Matayoshi ear ba. “Jibarbar eo ad (einwot mayor ro) ej nan komman wonmanlok ilo aelon ko likin nan jonan en im menin wonmanlok ko rej make jutak lok iaer im jab aikuiji jiban ko jen ippen kien eo. Jibarbar eo bwe jen maron jutak lok iaad kin ne ko need make.”

Mene ej jibarbar eo an aelon ko likin kein, Matayoshi ear kile bwe ej melele in bwe etorein bwe jiban ko jen kien ren jermal, innem ear rejan bwe jaan im eddo

ko an kien nan lelok jaan nan program ko einwot outer islands development fund eo, kab fund ko jet nan lorlorjake food security ren bed wot nan jiban jukjuk in bed ko ilo aelon ko likin nan aer maron jiban lok project in wonmanlok ko.

Matayoshi ear kile bwe ewor menin jerammon rejjanin jermal im jejjanin jembali elaptata ikijien eonod kab ekkat mona.

“Elon ad oktak jen lal ko jet ilo be-laak kein kin kein jermal ko ipped,” lein ear ba. “Ewor ad maron iloan mwekan kein ikijien eonod kab taap eek ko, ekoba ekkat mona nan koj (enwot juon lal) bwe jen jino kelaplok jermal kein.” Kile bwe ewor aban ko jet im remaron in jelet jokkin mour, einwot social security kab oktak in mejatoto bareinwot im ekijkan an wawein kein maron jelet menin wonmanlok ko ilo aelon ko likin. Lein ear rejan ri tel ro bwe ren bar lemnak kin men kein ilo ien kwelok in bareinwot.

Pohnpei Micro Games results

Women's Division

• **Colleen Furgeson** 100m backstroke SILVER, 200m backstroke GOLD, 200m freestyle BRONZE, 50m backstroke GOLD, 50m freestyle BRONZE = Gold x 2, Silver x 1, Bronze x 2/Total 5

• **Ann-Marie Hepler** 100m freestyle SILVER, 50m butterfly GOLD, 100m butterfly GOLD, 50m breaststroke BRONZE, 50m backstroke SILVER, 50m freestyle SILVER = Gold x 2, Silver x 3, Bronze x 1/Total 6

• **Angela Kendrick** 50m butterfly SILVER, 100m butterfly BRONZE = Total 2

Men's Division

• **Giordan Harris** 100m freestyle BRONZE, 200m freestyle BRONZE, 400m individual medley BRONZE, 400m freestyle BRONZE = Bronze x 4

• **Troy Kojenlang** 200m breast-

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stroke SILVER, 200m individual medley BRONZE, 50m butterfly BRONZE, 100m butterfly BRONZE, 50m breaststroke SILVER, 100m breaststroke SILVER, 200m butterfly GOLD, 50m freestyle BRONZE = Gold x 1, Silver x 3, Bronze x 4/Total 8

Team events

Men 400m Medley Relay RMI SILVER **Ramel Alfred, Troy Kojenlang, Giordan Harris, Daniel Langinbelik**

Men 200m Medley Relay RMI BRONZE **Ramel Alfred, Troy Kojenlang, Giordan Harris, Joseph Kemem**

Men 400m freestyle RMI SILVER **Troy Kojenlang, Daniel Langinbelik, Keith Brady, Giordan Harris**

Men 200m freestyle relay RMI

BRONZE **Giordan Harris, Keith Brady, Daniel Langinbelik, Troy Kojenlang**

Women 400m Medley Relay RMI BRONZE **Molly Premo, Colleen Furgeson, Angela Kendrick, Ann-Marie Hepler**

Women 200m Medley Relay RMI BRONZE **Mary-Ruth Long, Colleen Furgeson, Angela Kendrick, Ann-Marie Hepler**

Women 400m freestyle relay RMI SILVER **Mary-Ruth Long, Colleen Furgeson, Angela Kendrick, Ann-Marie Hepler**

Women 200m freestyle relay GOLD **Molly Premo, Angela Kendrick, Colleen Furgeson, Ann-Marie Hepler**

Mixed 800m freestyle relay SILVER **Troy Kojenlang, Colleen Furgeson, Molly Premo, Giordan Harris**

Team medals
Gold x 1, Silver x 4, Bronze x 4



One of RMI's Kwajalein champion prepares to compete. Photo: Kaselehlie Press.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Men's Division

52kg (114lb)
Patterson River
GOLD x 3
62kg (136lb)
Peter Enoch GOLD x 3

Switon Batin, Jr.
BRONZE x 2
77kg (169lb)

Loir Tamare GOLD x 2, SILVER x 1
85kg (187lb)

Kabuati Silas Bob
GOLD x 3

94kg (207lb)

Mack Capelle
BRONZE x 3

Women's Division

48kg (105lb)

Lomina Tibon
GOLD x 3

53kg (116lb)

Marine Violet

Burns GOLD x 3

Chanity Lare SILVER x 3

63kg (138lb)

Mathlynn Sasser

GOLD x 3



RMI's Carthney Laukon Jr. wrestles on the beach. Photo: Juan Paulo Santos.

WRESTLING

Women's Division

69kg (152lb)
Ilania Keju Freestyle Senior, Freestyle, and Beach GOLD x 4

70+kg (154+lb)
Piolani Tartius Beach and Freestyle BRONZE x 2

Men's Division

59kg (130lb)
Carthney Laukon Greco and Freestyle SILVER x 2

65kg (143lb)
Fredrick Hesa Freestyle

SILVER x 1

71 kg (156lb)

Ring Clarence Greco SILVER x 1

85-kg (170lb)

86kg (189lb)

Waylon Muller Freestyle BRONZE x 1

Solomon Torejak Beach and Freestyle BRONZE x 2

97kg (213lb)

Dallas Milne Freestyle SILVER x 1

125kg (275lb)

Siaumau Filoitofi Freestyle

SILVER x 1

Way back when in '04...



Uliga Magic's pose for the Journal just before winning the final game last Friday at the ECC.

The Marshall Islands Journal — Friday, August 27, 2004

...we wrote: 'Uliga Magics are the best of the best'

Fast forward to 2014 and several of the basketball players represented the RMI at this week's 8th Micro Games taking the RMI into the championship round with Guam. They are Patrick Murphy, Lajji Maddison and Ranny Kattil, who fly home this week with their silver medal.



SOLICITATION OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATION TO BID

The Ministry of Public Works-Project Management Unit (PMU) seeks solicitation of interest and submits Quotation for the **Repair of DUD Kindergarten Roof** located at Delap, Majuro Republic of the Marshall Islands. Funding is provided by the Compact Infrastructure.

RFQ Documents for the above Works are available for review at the Office of the Ministry of Public Works, Majuro Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Letters of Interest will be accepted at MPW Secretary's Office starting July 31 –Aug. 1, 2014, closing @3:00PM. Any letters of interest received after the time and date mentioned shall not be accepted under any circumstances.

Quotation submission will be accepted at the Office of the Ministry of Public Works by Aug. 8, 2014, closing @3:00PM. Any quotations received after the time and date mentioned shall not be accepted under any circumstances. All prospective Contractors are required to submit quotations addressed to:

Secretary of Public Works
PO Box 1727, Majuro MH 96960
Republic of the Marshall Islands

OR e-mail to: architectpmurmi2005@gmail.com

Pre-bid meeting will be advised in writing by the Ministry of Public Works to all qualified Contractors.



Bok Melele

News updates from the:
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Science Summer Camp at DES

A one-week science camp during the week of July 14-18 was planned for students in grades 6-8 from the Majuro public schools.



It was an opportunity for elementary school students to do experimental and hands on activities, gain important foundations for studying science in general and learning more about Reduce Reuse Recycle (3Rs); EPA was an important partner in the science fair and helped students

better understand the 3Rs concept. There were 36 students from Majuro Public schools and 10 students from Ebon, Jaluit and some private schools. Six instructors and several staff from EPA made up the science summer camp team of teachers. The Camp was held at Delap ES.

A partnership to enhance Mathematics Education

This year JICA/JOCV Micronesian Mathematics participants from RMI were Tadashi Benejal from UES, Tom Kijenmej from RRES and Kimberly Elbon from LES. One of MOE goals is to let local teachers attain new knowledge and experience new things by attending workshops and training in other countries. MOE would like to express its gratitude to JICA office for giving our local teachers an opportunity to



Sitting front row, L-R: Tom Kijenmej, Acting Secretary Kanchi Hosia, Minister Dr. Hilda Heine, JICA Resident Representative Hideki Tomobe.

Back row: Mr. Tadashi Benejal and Ms. Kimberly Elbon visit Japan and to experience and learn new things from other teachers representing other countries at the Micronesian Mathematics conference. Kamol tata aolep.



Participants of Japan-RMI Annual Student Exchange Program 2014

MOE CONGRATULATES RMI Micronesian Olympian Athletes! Special JERAMMAN to MOE Gold Medal Winners: Ms Tricia Menkey, Mr. Rickiano Antibhaj, Brad Soram, and Rais Aho.

A busy Summer for MOE teachers & principals



Left, Early Grades Learning Assessment (EGLA) retreat training at ICC

Above, English Language Arts training at DES

Above, Marshallese Language Arts training at DES, and right, Math Training at DES

Above, BYU courses for Bachelor Diploma at MIHS



Kamto Jeffrey Andaya (tuanmiin) im baamle eo an Joseph Ilo Lae rej pija ippen bantuun kaal eo aer. Tuanmoon ej Project Leader Dustin Langidrik.

Lae Atoll emoot nien dren ko an

Lae Atoll ej jukjuk in bed eo kein kajuon ibwiljin emen jukjuk in bed ko, nan an ebok jaan ikijien project ko rejelet oktak in mejatoto ak climate change, innem kamolol ej etal nan USP-EU Global Climate Change Alliance eo kobalok jibarbar im kotobbar ko an Dustin Langidrik im kab Jeffrey Andaya.

Duston, eo im ear kadriwojlok jen RMI-USP im ear bar jikuul ruo year ko ilo Fiji School of Medicine eo, ear e eo ear jinoo project jab in. "Ilo tore in maro eo year eo lok, iaar jermal ippen IOM (International Organization eo ikijien Migration) eiwot juon ri etale dren im ejmour ilo elon iaan ene ko, ekoba ion Ailuk im kab Wotho," lein ear ba. "Ear dredrelok ao jermal ippen IOM ilo March eo innem iaar ron ke rej aikuij juon armij nan project in." Iaar kanne pepa nane im bok jermal in im ej emen alon aetokkan.

Lae ewor jonan in emaron 350 armij, im ra eo an project in ijin, National Project Advisory Committee eo (NPAC), ear kile ijin bwe ej juon iaan jikin ko emen im rellukkun in aikuij jiban ikijien jela kilen oktak, nan aer maron mijjia jen jorreaan ko rej walok jen oktak in mejatoto, eo im ekoba bwe en bwe jonan dren in idraak. Tamara Greenstone Alefaio jen USP Majuro, ear kemlele bwe NPAC ear kommane juon "jermal in etale eo elet ikijien jikin ko rejedmatmat, ekoba kenono ippen jukjuk in bed ko, jibarbare kumi ko, kab etale aolepen jikin ko bareinwot."

Kein jermal ko nan project in, ekoba 1,500 nien dren ko, raar ektaki ion wa eo Aemman im Dustin ear iuwe ion wa in jen Kwajalein. "Project carpenter eo, Jeffrey

Andaya, ear iuwe ilo wa jen Namu."

Juon iaan menin jermal ko ilo laajrak eo ej nan kommane juon kwelok an jukjuk in bed eo, kinke aolep armij ren melele kin project eo. "Armij ro, elaptata Mayor Anderson Kattil, kab Acting Mayor eo raar kanuij in rie jibarbar im kotobbar ko an project in," Dustin ear ba. "Aolep raar monono ke kimij kommane project in, im elon armij raar jiban kim im letok kijim mona bareinwot."

Mayor Kattil ear ba: "Elap am jeramon im utiej nan an maron jermal ippen team in jen USP." Kinke jibarbar eo an project in ej nan kelaplok jonan maron eo nan kakkwon dren, nien dren ko imoko, elon wot iaan moko im raar keleti nan boki nien dren kein rej em aaj ko. Jokalet in ear bedbed ion etale eo an IOM WASH (Water im Sanitation Hygiene Survey eo) "Imoko ewor ruo wawein aer jermal," Dustin ear ba, nan kejebarok bwe al en jab drete nien dren ko, ekoba nan aini dren ko ilo aer ke-jermal gutter kab pipe ko." Buntan ne eo kein karuo ej nan komman form nan ejake bedbed eo kin jimen. "Tank ko ruo raar drori iturin moko im ear bwe aer aetok, im ewor tin eoer."

Jikin eo juon nan bok project in jen USP GCCA project in enaaj Majkin ion Namu. "Kimij kejetdrikdrik bwe enaaj komman allon in," Dustin ear ba. Elkin, einwot ke ejjanin alikkar ia, enaaj komman juon project ilo Ailuk, im enaaj bar ikijien wawein ko rejelet oktak in mejatoto, ekoba juon project in water security ilo Jenrok Majuro.

"Inaaj bar jeblaak lok nan Lae im lale emman ke an men kein jermal," lein ear ba.



Assumption students enjoyed the Maryknoll volunteers visit ... and they learned a lot too! Photos: Isaac Marty



SolEr poWer noW at CoOp ScHoOl

HILARY HOSIA

When Amy Gates saw an online post for an opening for a principal in a school located in the middle of the Pacific ocean, she immediately knew it was something her colleague 'Dave' would love.

She was right. Dr. Dave Soler applied for the job and is now the new Majuro Cooperative School Middle and High School Principal.

Soler originally hails from New Jersey — where he was born and raised. But he left NJ to pursue his educational career goals in Connecticut and later became a scholar in the Hartford area, where he wore many hats in the academic arena: He graduated with a doctorate degree in educational leadership and served as both a teacher and administrator — namely as one of the directors for the Hartford School District. He was also a professor at Hartford University and later became a member of the New England Association of School and Colleges accreditation team (NEASC), an accrediting



Coop's Middle and High School Principal Dr. Dave Soler.

body similar to the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC), which Coop is accredited by.

As David comes to Majuro with 12 years of top-notch educational experience under his belt, Coop is sure to maintain the high stan-

dards it's known for. With Soler on board, future WASC visits to the school will not be the "Goliath" most schools in RMI portray WASC as being.

Soler's story embodies the aphorism: 'it only takes a spark to get the fire going.'

A visit to Guatemala, during a stint working as a member of FedEx's leadership team, ignited that spark to work internationally explains Soler. "I came to love teaching in international schools," said Soler. "For a brief moment of time, I served as a volunteer in a school in Guatemala."

Soler arrived in Majuro last month and he is looking forward to meeting the parents and school staff. He loves the people he's met so far and he loves the yachties. He is big on team building and we think he'll fit right with Coop's 'Co-operative' ethos.

"Team building is critical to solve problems," he said. "Team building is the vehicle Coop will ride this year."

Banking on scholarships



Bank of Marshall Islands' Ebeye Branch Manager Hermai Makroro (right) presents a scholarship check to Queen of Peace Elementary School Vice Principal Jessica Caleb. QPES scholarship recipients are: (front from left) Elwina George, Saiko Patrick, Anje Loeak and Mikiko Langrine. Missing is recipient Josephine Albert. Back row are parents and guardians of the scholarship recipients.

MarykNoll prOgram a sucCeSs

The 24th Maryknoll Majuro Mission successfully wrapped up its three-week program last Friday. The summer exchange program boosted math and English for incoming nine graders to Assumption and was pronounced "spectacular." The use of ice-breaking exercises was a self-confidence builder based on fun and learning. "It was really an eye opener," said Maryknoll's Eduardo Zabanal Jr.

He said it was a pretty good mission life experience for all of the six Maryknoll senior students. The Maryknoll team departed Majuro last Friday after presenting certificates, awards, and exchange hugs with 15 student participants and Assumption staff.



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SUDOKU



LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

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What we were saying way back when



Air force in capture bid

Journal 8/1/1975

P1 Poachers escape!

Majuro — They don't know for sure whether it was a Korean or a Japanese boat, but they do know that it got away clean after violating territorial waters of Micronesia off the coast of the island of Wotho in the Marshalls.

The incident was the first attempt of the fledging Marshalls air force to apprehend a foreign fishing vessel in the act of robbing fish resources from local islands.

P8 Safer diving now available

Through the generous donation by Mr. Oscar deBrum, TT District Administrator, of Oxygen cylinders to the Weather Service Office; and with the cooperation of Mr. O.K. Davis there will soon be in operation on Majuro, a cascade used in routine and emergency filling of Scuba tanks.

This will be a significant move forward in diving safety and convenience; considering that when filling off a compressor without a cascade the fill time is more than quadrupled.

Journal 8/4/1989

P3 Hawaii flavor for AMI jet

The long awaited Airline of the Marshall Islands jet deal is still being negotiated. But say government officials; the light is visible at the end of the tunnel, with the agreement in final form.

Chief Secretary Oscar deBrum said the new arrangement calls for leasing a DC-8 that Hawaiian Airlines will operate for AMI.

P2 RRE promotes Majuro as Mid-Pacific transshipment hub

Robert Reimers Enterprises made a strong pitch for Majuro to become a transshipment hub for the central Pacific during a presentation at a recent shipping conference in Guam.

Chief operations officer Wyatt McMillin presented a detailed proposal to representatives of the entire major Pacific shipping liens last month.

"The port of Majuro is located strategi-

cally at the center of the Pacific Ocean," he said, which "affords the opportunity for the Marshall Islands to become the hub for cargo movement through Micronesia and Polynesia."

Journal 7/31/1998

P1 Palau Heat by Giff Johnson at the Micronesian Games in Palau

"I thought Majuro was the hottest place on earth," said Jennifer Levy, one of the women's volleyball players representing Marshall Islands at the Micro Games in Palau. But since being in Koror for three days, she and other athletes have learned a whole new meaning of hot.

Koror is sweltering and the athletes are sweating even before they get onto the court. Even Palauan's are saying it's hot. "El Nino is still at work," said Micro games official Bill Keldermans. "There's no breeze in Koror it's very unusual."

P3 Local Gov'ts want more control

Twelve resolutions were passed during the 6th Marshall Islands Mayor Association meeting last week at the Royal Garden Hotel. Three out of 12 resolutions will ask Nitijela to give the local governments authority over:

The five mile zone — which will allow the local government to have control over water activities within five mile radius of the islands

- gambling issue
- ask Nitijela to postpone the Value Added tax resolution so that Nitijela could explain it.

P2 New Salt water rates anticipated

Majuro water and Sewer Company recently decided to increase user fee or salt-water hook-ups.

According to MWSC users with more than three toilets hooked up to service will be levied an additional 70% of the regular fee.

Regular salt waster connection is now tagged at \$7 per month the new rate will go into effect August 1.

\$30M nan pipe ko an MWSC

ISAAC MARTY

Juon jibarbar bwe en komman juon project in pipeline \$30 million, ekoba nan kokmanmanelok sewer system eo nan Majuro ej kio bed ilontata ippen kien eo an RMI, ekkar an Majuro Water im Sewer Company (MWSC) General Manija eo Joseph Batol (pija eo itu anmoon) ilo kar wiik in. Ekkar nan Batol, project in ear etal elmakwot in nan Japan elane emaron letok jaan nane. Lein ear ba bwe Japan ej itok limo in nan kommane project jab in, im bwe karok eo ikijien eliktata rej kotare wot.

Project in ewor jilu mwenan: 1) Kokmanmanelok jikin an itotak iaal in dren, ekoba jikin kotoor bwirej, (ilo aer kokaale pipe ko jen airport nan Rita); 2) Kelaplok maron eo kin jikin kakkwon dren, bwe en jutak bar juon jikin kakkwon dren ilo Ajeletake; im 3) kokmanmanelok jikin kotoor bwirej eo turlik in Delap.

Ej ke itok jiban ko aikuiji nan



project in? “Aet,” Batol ear ba, ilo an antoone bwe Japan enaaj kawepene jaan ko nan jibal laplap in ikijien dren im jikin kotoor bwirej.

“Jaan in jiban jen Japan enaaj bwe,” Batol ear ba. “Kien eo an RMI ear bareinwot jiron io bwe ebar ejjelok project en renaaj iten le imaan in menin.”

Batol ear kemlele bwe jibarbar eo ej nan kokmanmanelok dren eo, ad maron kakwone, im

Imon dren ekokaale tank eo an

Majuro Water im Sewer Company eo (MWSC) ejjanin jinoe jermal in kokkaal ko an nan juon iaan jikin kakkwon dren ko, elkin aer loe bwe ewor ettel ko ilo ejja jikin in wot.

MWSC General Manija Joseph Batol ear ba bwe jikin kakkwon dren nomba juon, eo im rej bareinwot kejbale nan dreore dren eo emoj aer likliki ie, ettel.

MWSC ear maron boktok juon ri kapeel nan etale ilo May eo, ejja ien in wot im raar maron in loe jorrean jab in.

Batol ear ba bwe project eo kio ej nan dreore lining kaal ko nan iloan jikin kakkwon nomba juon, eo im ej itok jaan nan kommane jen U.S. Menin ej komman elkin an dredrelok jikin kak-

kwon nomba jilu, emen im lalem, ko im rej kab maron dredrelok raan ko lok, ko im bareinwot ear maron itok jaan nani iumin Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change project eo.

Fabtech, ejja company eo wot im ear jerbale tank jilu, emen, im lalem, ekkar nan Batol, raar bareinwot kajjitok bwe en bar itok im jerbale jikin in kio.

Dren eo emoj aer likliki ilo jikin kakkwon nomba juon, ej kio naaj etal nan jikin kakkwon nomba jilu.

Kio nomba juon rej kejbale nan kakwoni dren ko rej itok jen airport terminal en mae September, ien eo rej kotmene nan naaj jinoe project jab in.

wawein leto letak bareinwot. Jibarbar eo kein kajuon ej nan kokkaale pipe in dren ko im kejbale pipe in raan kein ko.

MWSC ekanuij in lon jorrean ko rej walok jen ettel kab jorrean in koot dren. Jet iaan men kein ej

itok ripoot kaki, ak jet rejjab, lein ear ba.

Kin menin MWSC emoj an loe juon kilen bwe pipe ko an ren ekejeel ippen juon computer, eo im enaaj komman bwe ren maron elolo jadbrewot jen office eo elap.

System in emoj eiki bwe en maron elolo ettel, illegal hookup ko, kab jadbrewot wawein ko jet ikijien kajjeon rubi im drelone pipe kein. Project in enaaj bolen to kommane elane Japan enaaj erra nan letok jaan, Batol ear ba.



INVITATION TO BID CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON EBEYE

IOM • OIM No.: RMI/E/007/2014

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM), based in Pohnpei, is currently inviting bids for construction works under its Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Education (CADRE) project at selected school sites across the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI). This project, funded by the Government of Australia and implemented by IOM, seeks to raise awareness of climate change issues and to build the resilience of communities in coping with forecast changes. Part of the project provides for small scale construction works at schools: involving supplementation of water supply through rain water harvesting, increased numbers of toilets and waste water treatment, and some coastal protection. Works are being implemented under lump sum, fixed priced contracts & IOM now invites bids for Package 6 works across Ebeye.

Copies of the Invitation to Bid (ITB) documents can be obtained from the IOM office, located at **Suite 2G, Pohn Umpong Building, Nett Municipality, Pohnpei** (Tel. +691-320 8735/95, or contact by e-mail micronesiaenquiries@iom.int), or at **Suite 301, MIDB Building, Delap, Majuro**, RMI (Tel. +692- 625 4705). Post-qualification of bidders is also involved.

Bidders should register their company at the IOM Pohnpei office by e-mail before **August 1, 2014**. Bid documents can be collected at the IOM Majuro office between **9am to 1pm, August 1, 2014**.


Works are to be completed within 4 months of the contract award and IOM reserves the right not to award a contract based on funding availability. Selection on the basis of the lowest priced and qualified bid received will apply.

A Pre-Bid meeting is mandatory to all invited bidders and will be held on **August 7, 2014** from 2pm hours at the IOM Majuro office (located opposite Marshall Islands Resort).

Any queries should be submitted to IOM via email micronesiaenquiries@iom.int between **August 1 - 15, 2014**. Please note that all queries will be compiled and a standard response will be provided to all bidders by COB, August 15, 2014. **Bids close 10am (Majuro Time), August 21, 2014.**

IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any bids, and to cancel the procurement process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of Contract, without obligation to inform the affected Bidder/s of the ground for IOM action.

Authorised by Mr Ashley Carl, Chief of IOM Mission in FSM & RMI.



INVITATION TO BID CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON MAJURO & WOTJE

IOM • OIM No.: RMI/MW/006/2014

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM), based in Pohnpei, is currently inviting bids for construction works under its Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Education (CADRE) project at selected school sites across the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI). This project, funded by the Government of Australia and implemented by IOM, seeks to raise awareness of climate change issues and to build the resilience of communities in coping with forecast changes. Part of the project provides for small scale construction works at schools: involving supplementation of water supply through rain water harvesting, increased numbers of toilets and waste water treatment, and some coastal protection. Works are being implemented under lump sum, fixed priced contracts & IOM now invites bids for Package 5 works across Majuro and Wotje.

Copies of the Invitation to Bid (ITB) documents can be obtained from the IOM offices, located at **Suite 2G, Pohn Umpong Building, Nett Municipality, Pohnpei** (Tel. +691-320 8735/95, or contact by e-mail micronesiaenquiries@iom.int) or at **Suite 301, MIDB Building, Delap, Majuro** (Tel.692 625 4705). Post-qualification of bidders is also involved.

Bidders should register their company at the IOM Pohnpei office by e-mail before **August 1, 2014**. Bid documents can be collected at the Majuro office between **9am to 1pm, August 1, 2014**.

Works are to be completed within 4 months of the contract award and IOM reserves the right not to award a contract based on funding availability. Selection on the basis of the lowest priced and qualified bid received will apply.

A pre-Bid Meeting is mandatory to all invited bidders and will be held on **August 6, 2014** from 10:00 hours at the IOM Majuro office (located opposite the Marshall Islands Resort). An IOM Representative will be available to explain the scope of work.

Any queries should be submitted to IOM via email micronesiaenquiries@iom.int between **August 1 - 15, 2014**. Please note that all queries will be compiled and a standard response will be provided to all bidders by COB, August 15, 2014. **Bids Close 10am (Majuro Time), August 22, 2014.**

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Authorised by Mr Ashley Carl, Chief of IOM Mission in FSM & RMI.



EJJELOK AJRI EN TUM

Student: They told me to go outside because it's full. **Mother:** Okay, let's wait for next year because Timur will be running this school and he knows how to lead. **Student:** But it's open only to their friends and people they know.



WŌN AD LIKUTI REKA KO ILO PAK IN WAINI KO?

Woman: Chairman! We're better off using black magic to find out which island is putting the rocks in the copra bags rather than to continue talking nonsense kun ejjelok kain kamol!

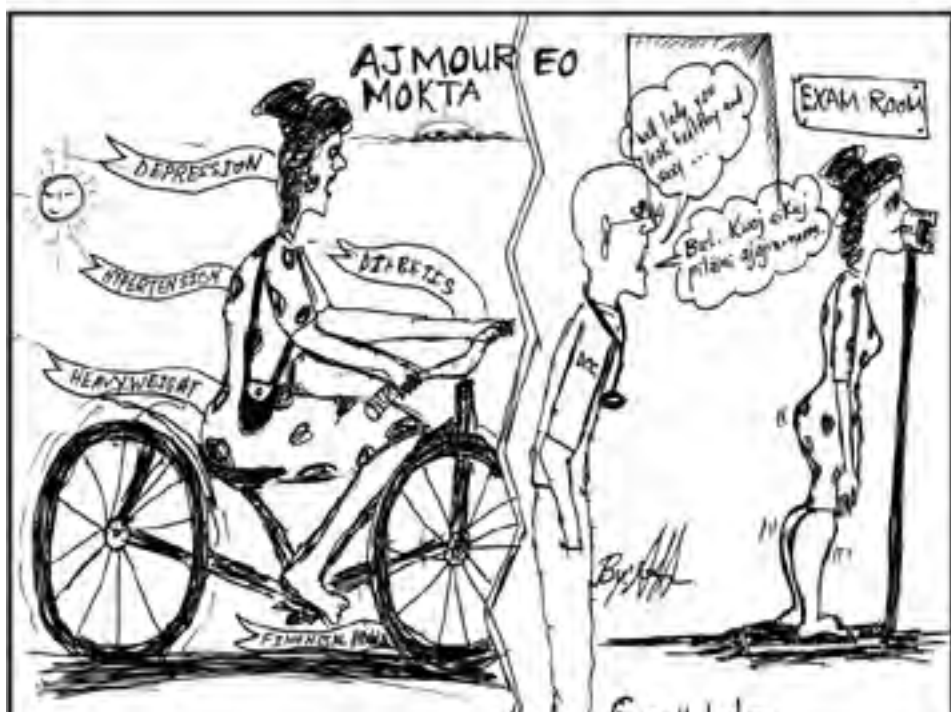


ILJU EO AN AILIN KAIN AD

Father (MOE worker): Ah neju, koknan ke jermal ñan MOE ilju im jeklaj? **Son (baby):** Jelimo! **Mother:** Ekar ba nan eo an kein ka juön!

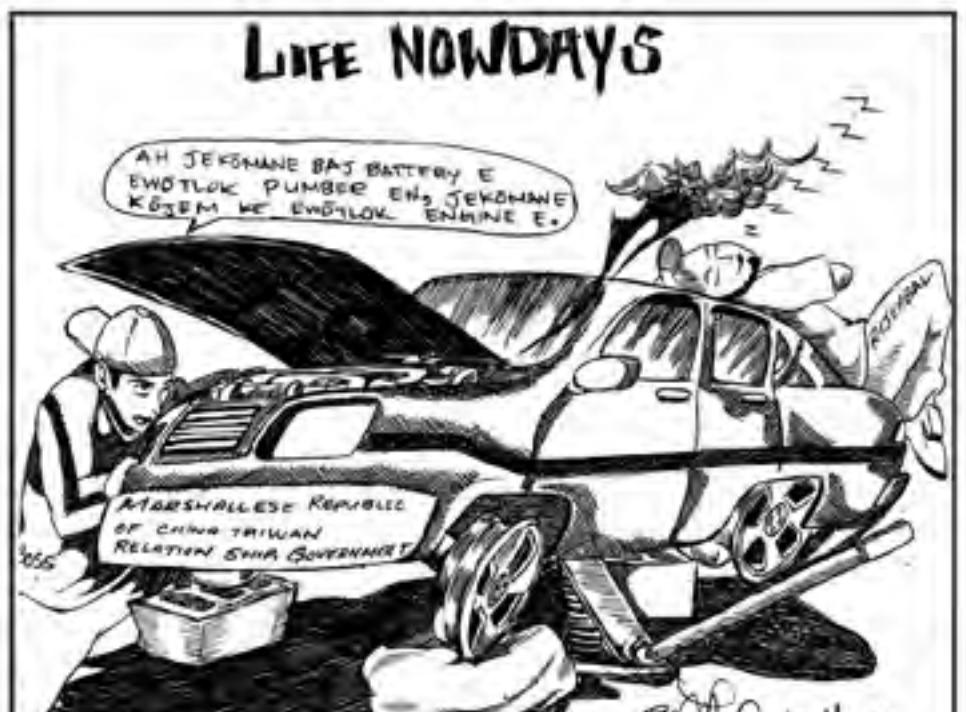


MOKTA. Woman: Mmm! Delicious! **Baby:** Whoa! What is that smell? Ija kamineneik ña bwe endain mour. **ELIKIN 16 IIO. Woman:** Whoa! Honey when did you start smoking? **Girl:** Since I was in your stomach, but don't worry, it's in our blood. **Woman:** Huh?



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LEFT. Girl with all kinds of non-communicable diseases. **RIGHT (Elikin 6 alloñ).** **Doctor:** Eluukun emman am mour im kwolukun deo ak you should tone down your calves.



MOUR RAN KEIN

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Responsible to: Manager Business Development

1. JOB PURPOSE

The BDS is responsible for providing assistance to the Manager Business Development (MBD). S/He will assist to secure the most cost effective medium for promoting and facilitating investment and export development. S/He will work with the Manager Business Development and other executives to develop and implement innovative strategies, plans, and policies to attract and facilitate the establishment of new, and expand existing investments and grow exports:

2. PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

Education Qualification:
• Degree in economics/development studies or a related discipline is essential.

Job title (No. 2):

Funding Specialist (FS)

Department: Investment Finance
Responsible to: Manager Investment Finance

1. JOB PURPOSE

The FS is responsible for providing investment financial analysis support and assistance to Manager Investment Finance (MIF) securing investment & project funding. S/He will assist with MIF administer-

ing financial assistance provided for OCI. S/He will work & assist the MIF to support other executives to develop and implement innovative strategies, plans, and policies to attract funding for investments in business enterprises, infrastructure, and other development projects.

2. PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

Education Qualification:
• Degree in economics/development studies or finance or banking or a related discipline is essential.

Job title (No. 3):

Policy Development Specialist (PDS)

Department: Policy Development
Responsible to: Manager Policy Development

1. JOB PURPOSE

The PDS is responsible for providing support for the Policy Development Department, which is responsible for policy development and the research for new and innovative approaches for increasing investments & expanding exports. S/He will work with the Manager Policy Development (MPD) and other executives to develop and implement innovative strategies, plans, and policies to improve domestic investment climate and make it attractive to local and foreign investors.

2. PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

Education Qualification:
• Degree in economics/development studies or a related discipline is essential.

It is important to note that the Remuneration of the above Job Title Numbers: 1, 2 & 3 are the same, and is shown below:

Remuneration package

Base salary: \$20,000-\$25,000
Super/social security: 8% of base salary
Health & life insurance: Health insurance covering local medical consultation, pharmaceutical benefits and overseas medical treatment (subject to certain conditions and financial limits) and term life insurance equivalent to three times the base salary.
Annual leave: 20 working days
Sick leave: 10 days
Estimated total package: \$25,000- \$28,000
Contract term: 3-yrs. with option for renewal

Job title (No. 4):

Executive Assistant (EA)

Department: Executive Administration
Responsible to: Managers & CEO

1. JOB PURPOSE

The EA Provides office services by implementing administrative systems, procedures, and policies, and monitoring administrative projects.

S/He will enhance executive's effectiveness by providing information management support and representing the executive to others.

S/He will assist with daily administrative office requirements, reception & customer care roles, will work & assist the other executives.

2. PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

Education Qualification:
• Diploma in Secretarial and Office Management studies or a related discipline is essential.

Remuneration package


Base salary: \$15,000-\$18,000
Super/social security: 8% of base salary
Health & life insurance: Health insurance covering local medical consultation, pharmaceutical benefits and overseas medical treatment (subject to certain conditions and financial limits) and term life insurance equivalent to three times the base salary.
Annual leave: 20 working days
Sick leave: 10 days
Estimated total package: \$18,000-\$20,000
Contract term: 3 yrs. with option for renewal.

If you are interested on the above positions or have any questions please call cell number: 456-6241 or send email to: ravunivadrau@gmail.com

All applications must be sent to the Chief Executive Officer.
Office of Commerce & Investment,
P.O. Box 898
Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

or email to:
ravunivadrau@gmail.com
by 4.30pm on August 8, 2014

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Date	Time	Ft.
3 rd Thursday	1:51 AM	-0.0
	7:13	4.4
	1:38 PM	-0.9
	7:34	3.3
1 st Friday	1:31 AM	0.1
	7:41	4.2
	1:58 PM	0.0
	8:06	3.8
2 nd Saturday	2:05 AM	0.4
	8:12	3.9
	2:27 PM	0.2
	8:43	3.7
3 rd Sunday	2:45 AM	0.7
	8:49	3.5
	3:05 PM	0.3
	9:30	3.5
4 th Monday	3:41 AM	0.9
	9:40	3.1
	3:58 PM	0.7
	10:41	3.1
5 th Tuesday	5:10 AM	1.2
	11:06	2.7
	5:22 PM	0.9
6 th Wednesday	12:22 AM	3.4
	7:10	1.1
	1:08 PM	2.7
	7:06	0.9
7 th Thursday	1:54 AM	2.7
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This notice is issued under Part V of the Land Recording and Registration Act 2003 and gives notice that an application has been filed to register an ownership of the land interests in All of Berang Island, Ailinglaplap Atoll. The land subject to this is defined on the Google Map (actual map will provide later) will be provided by Laro, Catherine Neimat Reimera with the application.
The parties making this application are:
Catherine Neimat Reimera (Laro)
N/A (Tapi)
N/A (Senior Dr-Jerbil)
The full application is available for inspection at the office of the Land Registration Authority, Marshall Islands Development Bank Building, Floor 4, Room 405/407, Majuro during normal office hours. Inquiries should be addressed to The Registrar, P.O. Box 5215, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands. Email: landreg@domar.mil. Tel: (692) 625-7171.
If any person wishes to object to this application on the grounds that he/she is the rightful holder of any interest described in the application, that person should file an objection with the Land Registration Authority before **Thursday, January 15, 2015**, which is the closing date for receiving objections.
Section 27(2) of the Land Recording and Registration Act 2003 specifies that the following information must be filed with an objection: Name and address of each objector; statement of objection and reasons; copies of any documents supporting the objection and honestly attested signatures of each objector by a Notary Public or a Community Court Judge, certifying that all statements made in the objection are true.
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The electrical utility bills for **JULY 2014** have now been processed and are ready for collection to all consumers who have not provided the Marshall Energy Company with a Post Office box number. Consumers should collect their bills between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.
All consumers are reminded that, as stated on their bill, services will be disconnected if the consumer is 30 days in arrears. Should a consumer have any questions regarding their account they should contact the billing staff at the Small Island office between the above mentioned hours or call 625-3827/3828.

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- Includes paid holidays.

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STORE/PROPERTY SECURITY GUARD
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Talk about Hawaii VAT is just that... TALK!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It is unclear to me why the Legal Advisor for MALGOV is making such a big deal about Hawaii's supposed experience with VAT some 80 years ago when obviously it is impossible for Hawaii to have implemented something that wasn't even invented until 20 years later. In spite of the Op-ed by the Legal Advisor in last week's issue of the MIJ, I still maintain that in 1930 Hawaii could not have possibly implemented a VAT Program similar to the Consumption Tax being proposed for the Marshall Islands. I fully agree with all that claim about first VAT type proposal emerging in 1920's and first recognizable VAT appearing in 1948. However this does not prove that Hawaii could have possibly implemented a VAT program.



Secretary of Finance Alfred Alfred Jr.

topic to be more credible.

The assertion that Government's primary intention for considering the proposed tax reform is to generate revenue by raising taxes is not totally true. Of course, there will

be some additional revenues collected but this will be realized mainly through compliance and broadening of the tax base.

Simply put, the additional revenue will come from compelling individuals and businesses who normally avoid taxes to pay their taxes. It's not coming from an increase in tax rate as the overall impact of the reform program will be a reduction in tax rate.

I agree with David Piper that we are wasting time "dancing" around issues that are "secondary" to the tax reform program. We should be weighting whether the current tax system or the proposed one is better than the other, focusing on equity, practicality, ability to pay, and other topics that will guide people to better understand the two tax systems.

Instead we are spending considerable time discussing the Hawaiian experience as we had done during the Mayors' Conference. I think we can do better than this and again invite the MALGOV Legal Adviser to talk to the Tax Reform Team.

Secretary of Finance Alfred Alfred Jr

Bye-bye Our Airlines, hello Nauru Airlines

Since 2006, Nauru Air Corporation has been trading as Our Airline and promoting cooperation among neighboring countries to improve airline services in the region. The strategy has seen new aviation initiatives and partnerships developed since 2006 that have provided new services, linked new destinations and delivered more affordable travel in the region.

"I believe the Our Airline initiative has served us well over the last eight years," says Geoff Bowmaker, CEO.

"However, also important is the very proud history behind Nauru's servicing

of its own, and the region's, air transport needs going back more than 40 years."

Bowmaker said effective August 1, the trading name of Nauru Air Corporation will be re-named to Nauru Airlines.

In His 46th Independence Day speech in January this year, Nauru President Baron Waqa foreshadowed this change, in conjunction with the impending arrival into service of a new all freight aircraft.

"I am pleased also to advise that the all-freight aircraft is set to commence services to Nauru on Friday August 1, bearing the proud external livery of Nauru Airlines," he said.



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Confidential Applications should be addressed to Mrs. Loreen Bigler, Corporate Services Manager, PNAO at loreen@pnatuna.com. Applications should include a comprehensive CV and at least 3 References. To find out more about the details of the position, please download the position specifications from our website www.pnatuna.com.

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Likatu of the week

THAT spotted at the College of the Marshall Islands was Julie Fanafal wearing her traditional grass skirt made in her home state of Yap in the FSM.
Photo by: Joelee Anni.



THAT, on a regular day, more than half the world's people eat rice?

THAT if you believe, like some do, that the most widespread word in all the world's languages is 'Amen,' then sit down, relax and have a Coca-Cola?

THAT despite Walt Disney's sporting a moustache, no Disney employees are permitted to wear one?

THAT paleontologists in Argentina say they have found fossils of the largest known dinosaur, a 66-foot tall herbivore?

THAT founder of Kodak, George Eastman, really hated having his picture taken?

THAT the highest number zip code in the US is 99950 for Ketchikan, Alaska?

THAT despite having available thousands of cartoon drawings at the Journal for Marshall Islands postage stamps, the people in charge of choosing stamps still think Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley are hot?

THAT about 162,000 people have been killed in the Syrian conflict?

THAT a new texting world record was set recently when a Brazilian teenager perfectly typed a 25-word message 18.19 seconds on his smart phone?

THAT a 34-year-old Texas woman allegedly posed as a 15-year-old high school student for an entire year ... go figure?

THAT the largest cell in the human body is a female egg?

THAT the smallest cell in the human body is a male sperm?

THAT moose spit has anti-fun-

ARE YOU AWARE?

gal properties?

THAT only 10 percent of DNA is doing something important?

THAT dogs get jealous?

THAT it's possible to charge a Nokia Lumia 930 smart phone using 800 apples and potatoes connected with copper wire and nails?

THAT .people are more likely to spend money when they feel nostalgic?

THAT 96 percent of adults engage in an internal dialogue?

THAT it's against the law in England and Wales to swallow and regurgitate goldfish, even if they survive, but it may be legal to do the same with an octopus?

THAT electric guitars use the same patterns of sound as the human voice?

THAT banded mongooses try less hard at motherhood after bringing up their first-born?

THAT all dinosaurs were either covered with feathers or had the potential to grow them?

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