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## Weaving a story for Guam TV

Expert weaver Susan Jieta is in Guam for the Pacific Festival of Arts with the 150-strong RMI delegation. Representing the USP-sponsored jaki-ed (finely woven clothing mats) program, she is demonstrating Marshallese specialized weaving techniques. In the photo she is being interviewed by Guam media. On her return to Majuro after the festival, Susan will be teaching the USP-sponsored "train the trainers" for the jaki-ed program that starts next month.

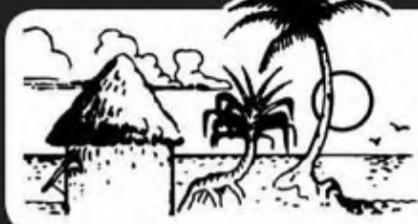
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### PII to the rescue! Ship refloated

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# Vicious attacks

## Taxi tag team robs sailors at knife point

American fishing captains are asking RMI law enforcement officials to put an end to ongoing assaults and robberies in Majuro of crew members from US-flagged purse seiners.

The navigator on a US-flagged purse seiner who was robbed at knife point in a Majuro taxi earlier this month and his captain filed a formal complaint with the Marshall Islands Police Department this week.

The Asian navigator from the US vessel FV Ocean Challenger was assaulted on May 9 as he was riding in a taxi.

The crew member "was assaulted and robbed by knife point while traveling in a licensed Majuro taxi," said Captain Mike Baker, who commands the FV Sea Trader, and last year reported similar assaults on crew members from two US purse seiners. "He was traveling back to Uliga Dock and transporting purchased provisions for the forthcoming fishing trip.

"This violent crime victimizing Asian crew aboard US flagged vessels follows the same pattern as the assaults and robberies reported to your office January 2015," said Baker in an email to Police Commissioner George Lanwi Tuesday. The complaint was also shared with the RMI Attorney General's office.

FV Ocean Challenger returned from a fishing trip to Port Majuro recently, and Captain Mark Guidi and the victim are seeking justice for the assault.

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## Grad<sup>n</sup> smile

The biggest graduation of the season is happening next week Thursday at Marshall Islands High School. Senior Kealynn Jorlang (pictured) will be among the 180 in this year's MIHS graduating class. See graduation class photo, page 20. Other graduations this weekend and next week: Co-Op School Saturday 4pm; AHS Sunday 3pm; SDA Tuesday 10am; Laura High School Wednesday 4pm; MCHS Friday 10am; MBCA Friday 2pm. Photo: Hilary Hosia.

## Nationwide health screening plan

The Ministry of Health plan to conduct a screening of the entire population of Ebeye for tuberculosis (TB) could expand into a broader program to screen for leprosy and diabetes, according to Health Minister Kalani Kaneko.

He said the aim is to tackle the TB problem head on by screening and treating anyone who is positive by taking a na-

tionwide approach, with Ebeye Island launching the program. However, when Kaneko met with US Centers for Disease Control on the plan last month, their suggestion was to incorporate "screening for everything," he said. "The Ministry of Health is brainstorming on this (expanded screening proposal)," he added.

Ebeye TB screening is esti-

mated to cost close to \$300,000 and US officials are supportive. "RMI is a gateway to the United States," he said. "If we don't treat (these problems) here, then they will have to be treated in the US."

Doing the screening program on Ebeye first will help prepare the ministry for continuing the process in Majuro and outer islands, he said.

Kaneko said the key question for the Ministry of Health is, "are we ready to treat people? If we find hundreds who are positive, are we ready to treat them?"

But, he added, he believes that if the funding can be identified, the ministry will be ready to get this health screening launched during the current fiscal year.

# Two Majuro men face series of assault charges

## Pink eye medicine available at pharmacies

Two Majuro men were charged with aggravated assaults for what appeared to be related to relationship problems with girlfriends of wives.

In the first, Taaka Tiem, 22, is facing aggravated assault, assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault charges for allegedly attacking Wilbur Anien, 26, causing him serious injury as well as breaking the windshield of his vehicle. The two-part assault — first on the vehicle and soon after on Anien's person — is said to have developed over an issue involving Tiem's girlfriend. The incident is reported to have happened on March 6 at Peace Park. Police said Tiem broke a glass vodka bottle over Anien's head and then repeatedly slashed him with the broken glass. Anien was knocked unconscious and later transported to Majuro hospital's emergency room for treatment.

The charges were filed by Assistant Attorney General Falai Taafaki Monday and High Court Chief Justice Carl Ingram held an initial hearing Tuesday. Tiem, through his attorney Chief Public Defender Russell Kun, waived a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to the charges. Ingram set the trial for November 15 and released Tiem on his own recognizance with the provisos that he turn in his passport, not consume alcohol and be a law-abiding citizen.

In the second case, also filed Monday by Taafaki, Atera Nataia, 32, is facing aggravated assault, assault with a dangerous weapon and assault charges for allegedly attacking a 37-year-old woman with a pick axe, causing a deep wound in her knee that required hospital treatment. The incident occurred on March 1.

Nataia is represented by Kun, and both waived a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to the charges. Ingram scheduled a trial for November 11. He released Nataia on his own recognizance with the provisos that he turn in his passport, not consume alcohol and be a law-abiding citizen.



## Join the team that makes a difference

Lions Club of the Marshall Islands is starting up a new year. If you are interested in joining stop by Majuro SuperMart's deli this Thursday at 7pm for a quick meeting to get the officers nominated for the new 2016-2017 year. The Lions are interested in providing FREE eyeglasses to all 3rd graders who have poor eyesight. Third grade was picked because this is when school

work starts to get more difficult and reading the blackboard is a necessity. So come make a difference in our community. The dues are the highest on the island, but the ability to better the lives of the children here is priceless. Pictured (from left): Brett Schellhase, Dr. Alex Pinano, and newest Lion Chloe Knowling. Chloe is a teacher at Assumption. **Photo: Akisi Lewatu.**

Two of the three pharmacies on Majuro had pink eye medication in stock earlier this week.

Dr. Alex Pinano's Majuro Clinic was the first to receive supplies a week ago Monday, but the deluge of demand from patients with pink eye wiped out his supply as of earlier this week. Because of high demand, Pinano made another emergency purchase and was expecting shipment at the end of last week but nothing showed up. He's hoping to receive medicines by this week.

In the meantime, both MediSource and Majuro hospital pharmacy are stocked for pink eye prevention. "We are good on meds and we're still receiving patients," said MediSource owner Sandy Alfred.

Hospital officials said they received three shipments in the past week and now have plenty of pinkeye medicines on stock.

## May rain back to normal levels

The El Nino-inspired drought, at least as far as Majuro is concerned, appears to be history. With 10 inches of rainfall through Wednesday, Majuro has been blessed this month with an above normal level of rain for May. The monthly average for May is 9.86 inches, according to the Majuro Weather Service office.

It also exceeds US Weather forecaster's benchmark of eight inches, which has been determined to be the amount needed each month to maintain Majuro reservoir levels.

After dipping as low as 13 million gallons the first week of May, the airport reservoirs have nearly doubled their water supply to over 25 million gallons as of earlier this week.

## Sherwood, Deborah lead the basketball federation

What happens when you place many high-projectile individuals into one group? High projection! That is exactly the case during the selection of the new officers for the Marshall Islands Basketball Federation last Thursday at the Bokanake hut at Robert Reimers Enterprises.

The meet was by far the shortest official forum witnessed by Journal reporters: started on time and on point.

The end result: Majuro Senator Sherwood Tibon was named President for the Federation while Deborah Shoniber was re-elected as the Secretary

General. The rest of the seven-member board: Senior Vice President Joseph Bigler, Vice President for Women's Development Lucyann Peter, Treasurer Melu Wase, and Members at Large Alber Alik and Robert Pinho.

Attendees had to pay a \$5 membership fee prior to casting their votes. The nominees all won by unanimous decision.

The new officers immediately convened shortly after the election to tackle major events ahead like this year's upcoming 16th Ralik Ratak Shootout tournament.



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Majuro	22-23 Apr	11-12 May	20-21 Jun	20-21 Jul
Tarawa	24-26 Apr	14-15 May	22-24 Jun	23-24 Jul
Pago Pago	30-2 May	20-21 May	27-28 Jun	27-27 Jul
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## Captains angry at repeated attacks

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"I alert you to Captain Guidi's intentions and supply you with the past information of 'copy cat crimes' involving violent robberies that incorporate the use of licensed Majuro taxis in the hope that you can aid our USA crews in achieving justice, and help prevent future assaults to our crew during their procurement of supplies for forthcoming fishing trips," Baker said to Lanwi.

Last year, several separate incidents involved assaults and robberies of four crew members from the FV Ocean Conquest and FV Ocean Expedition, both US-flagged fishing boats that regularly use Majuro for transshipment of tuna. In last year's incidents, a taxi driver worked with other local men to drive the victims to dark areas along the ocean side road between the courthouse and MIC where they assaulted and robbed crew members.

# Attorneys group backs nuclear activist team

**Taxi driver saves two women**

**ISAAC MARTY**

A \$500 check was donated by the Marshall Islands Law Society (MILS) to the Radiation Exposure Awareness Crusaders of Humanity – Marshall Islands (REACH-MI) last Friday. MILS President Witten Philippo said they are supporting REACH-MI on its worthwhile objectives to promote awareness about the nuclear testing legacy in the RMI on their 2017 tour to the United States.

“The problem in the US is that the government people who knew and understand very well about the nuclear testing have either passed away or moved from their posts and so this is good awareness for the government and the communities,” he said.

MILS was established in November 2008. It was previously known as The Marshall Islands Bar Association. MILS is a voluntary group and has over 20 members.

REACH-MI President Rosania Bennett confirmed that they are expecting to tour all 50 US states to raise awareness on nuclear testing and the RMI’s legacy. In preparation to the tour, REACH-MI will participate in a US-RMI Nuclear Summit in Salem, Oregon on May 28. Dr. Holly Barker of the University of Washington (who had been working with the RMI for a number of years in the past) will be the summit’s key speaker. REACH-MI members Desmond Doulatram and Valerie Ysawa will participate in the summit.

Meanwhile, another REACH-MI member Lani Kramer departed Majuro last Friday for a Humanitarian Summit in Turkey.

REACH-MI was established last year and since then has been engaging in a number of activities. “Our obligations are escalating,” said Bennett. “And it matters because it is a good cause for our country.”



At the donation handover, from left: Jack Jorbon, Meuton Laiden, Claire Loeak, Cutty Wase, Witten Philippo, Rosania Bennett, Marcus Bennett, Anram Chichi Kemem. Photo: Isaac Marty.

**HILARY HOSIA**

A taxi driver went above and beyond his normal duty to prevent a possible assault from taking place last Saturday night at Jenrok across the Jeramon store.

The driver was dropping off two female passengers around 9pm he had picked up from town when all of a sudden two drunks appeared and grabbed the girls’ hair and started to pull them away from the parked taxi.

“The scene looked like those kidnapping scenes,” the driver told the Journal. “One of the girls ran towards Uliga while her assailant ran behind her. The other girl jumped back inside the shotgun seat and grabbed onto the clutch screaming, “please help me!”

“As I got out of the car, I heard the assailant yelling “what are you getting off for huh?” the driver said. “The guy circled around the car and came towards me.

“I landed punch straight on his forehead and down he went. The other guy saw me attacking his friend so he started to charge towards me. I grabbed him and slammed him on the street. Throughout the whole commotion, the neighbors had already called the police.

“One of the assailants took off while I restrained the other on the ground. Cops came and thanked me for being more than a taxi driver.”

## Ruling in favor of Helena

The Traditional Rights Court issued an opinion recently in a high-profile land dispute involving the Muller family and local attorney James McCaffrey.

The TRC confirmed that Helena Myazoe is older than Charles Muller and therefore she is the rightful alap (clan head) for Kemman Island and not Charles Muller. This declaration was based on the Muller family tree. TRC also confirmed that Lawrence Kumtak is the senior dri-jerbal (senior commoner) and not Charles Muller.

Helena, who is now deceased, and her relatives filed suit against Aelon Kemman, LLC, James McCaffrey and the Estate of Charles Muller.

TRC explained that Kemman Island in Majuro Atoll belongs to the “bwij,” the whole family. In the bwij, the eldest woman in the family tree holds the alap title, and eldest man in the family tree is the senior dri-jerbal. An alap will hold the title

regardless of age or health, until he or she dies. “Bwij” land cannot be given away by any individual without the approval of the whole bwij, as Charles Muller did in signing a lease with Kemman Island LLC and James McCaffrey for use of the island, said the TRC. Charles could only receive the “Manmaronron” title if the alap grants it in order to carry out the wishes of the alap.

The titles of alap and senior dri-jerbal can be given to an adopted child if members of the bwij allow it and do not contest it.

The TRC also disagreed that Harry Ueno — who intervened in this land dispute — should hold the “iroijedrik” title over Terren weto and Lajaurok weto.

The opinion was issued by Presiding Judge Walter Elbon and Judges Nixon David and Grace Leban. It followed a series of hearings held at Majuro courthouse from January 19 to 25.

## Correction

An article in last week’s edition stated that MIMRA had not sold 30 fishing days for 2015.

The correct number unsold was 22 days, not 30. Last week’s Journal article used information provided to us by a government official.

## Healthcare change in Oregon

Oregon Governor Kate Brown signed into law this week new legislation that will provide citizens of the freely associated states living in Or-

egon health care coverage. The legislation was approved by the Oregon State Legislature earlier this year. Marshallese and Micronesians resident in Or-

egon were on hand at the state capital for the signing ceremony Wednesday. The health care provisions go into effect in January 2017.

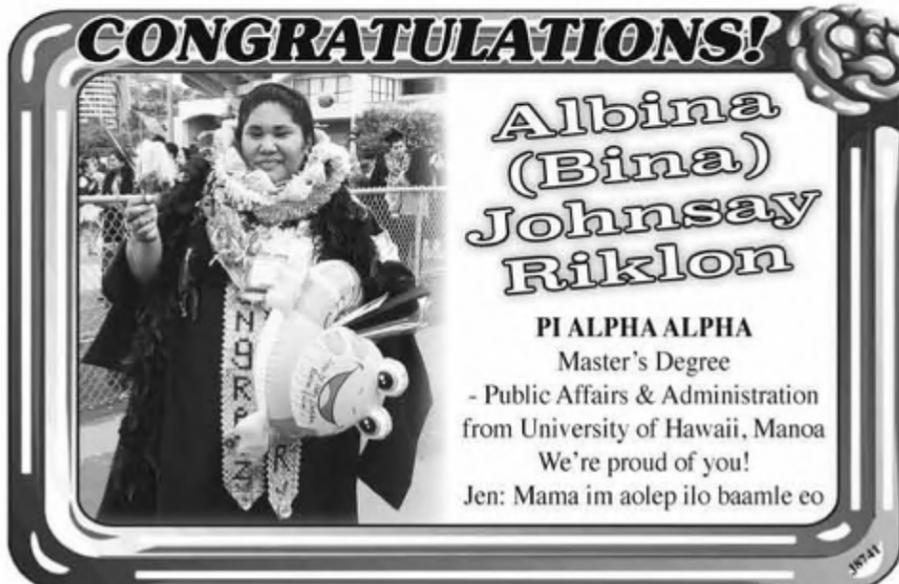
## Memorial for Neshi and fond farewell to Agatha

At a memorial for Anicia A. “Neshi” Cristobal late last month at CMI, a testimonial was given by GED teacher Agatha Rollis who had a dream of Neshi a week before. Neshi had left last June for a general check up in the Philippines where it was discovered she had stage three cancer. After chemotherapy she celebrated her 50th birthday in December, but her health went downhill afterwards. She passed away in late April.

Agatha delivered her eulogy about Ani-

cia at the CMI memorial event, and then sat down apparently because she herself was experiencing a health problem. Willy Cristobal noticed Agatha was having trouble and asked for someone to call the ambulance.

The ambulance, unfortunately, was out on the road. Friends at the CMI memorial helped her out of the CMI Old Library room and into a car, which rushed her to the hospital. She died a short time later at the hospital.



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Minister John Silk, First Gentleman Tommy Kijiner, Jr., and President Hilda Heine give Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen a handicraft depicting the friendship between the two countries.

# Presidential meeting high point of ROC, Guam tour

President Hilda Heine and First Gentleman Tommy Kijiner, Jr., left Majuro earlier this month with a delegation to attend the inauguration of Republic of China/Taiwan's first woman President, Tsai Ing-wen.

The RMI delegations visited Taiwan from May 16 to 21. President Heine and delegation also participated in bilateral meetings and other events while in Taiwan.

After the Taiwan visit, President

Heine was on Guam on May 22, where she was the guest speaker at the University of Guam's graduation ceremony. During the brief visit to Guam, President Heine also visited with the RMI's delegation to the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts scheduled from May 22 to June 4.

Accompanying the President on this trip was RMI Foreign Minister John Silk and his wife Mary, Marshall Islands Mayors Ione deBrum of

Ebon, Rufina Jack of Ailuk and Veronica Wase of Likiep, Consul Neijon Edwards of RMI Honolulu Consulate, Chris deBrum, Chief of Staff of the President's Office, and Evelyn Lanki, protocol officer for the Office of the President.

The delegation returned to the Republic on May 23, in time for President Heine to deliver her remarks at the College of the Marshall Islands' graduation Tuesday afternoon.

# Island leaders in Turkey for Humanitarian Summit

Minister-in-Assistance to the President Mattlan Zackhras joined global leaders at the first-ever World Humanitarian Summit where the region's experiences in responding to disasters and climate change will be high on the agenda. The Summit is set to take place from May 23-24 in Istanbul, Turkey.

Almost 200 humanitarian partners from across the Pacific will be attending.

A total of 15 Pacific governments have signaled their commitment to send high level delegations to Turkey including heads of government from Fiji, Tuvalu, the Cook Islands, Nauru and Vanuatu.

"With 6,000 people coming together, the World Humanitarian Summit is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the Pacific to help re-shape the humanitarian system. It is encouraging to see such a high level of regional representation in Istanbul and this reflects the importance of these issues to Pacific islanders and their governments," said Sune Gudnitz, Head of the Pacific UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

"The Pacific is leading the way in forging new approaches to disaster preparedness and response, maximizing local capacities and prioritizing long-term resilience building.



Minister-in-Assistance Mattlan Zackhras discusses further cooperation for drought recovery with New Zealand Foreign Minister Murray McCully in Istanbul. Below, the Marshall Islands delegation.



The Pacific has vast first-hand experience to share in terms of applying these approaches to the all-too-frequent disasters which impact on the region and I know these insights will be well received in this global forum," Gudnitz said.

"Recent disasters such as Cyclone

Winston have been a stark reminder of the kind of intense weather events we are likely to see more of as a result of climate change. Now is the time for the region to prepare for the humanitarian impacts of these changes, including the risk of climate change-induced displacement," Gudnitz said.

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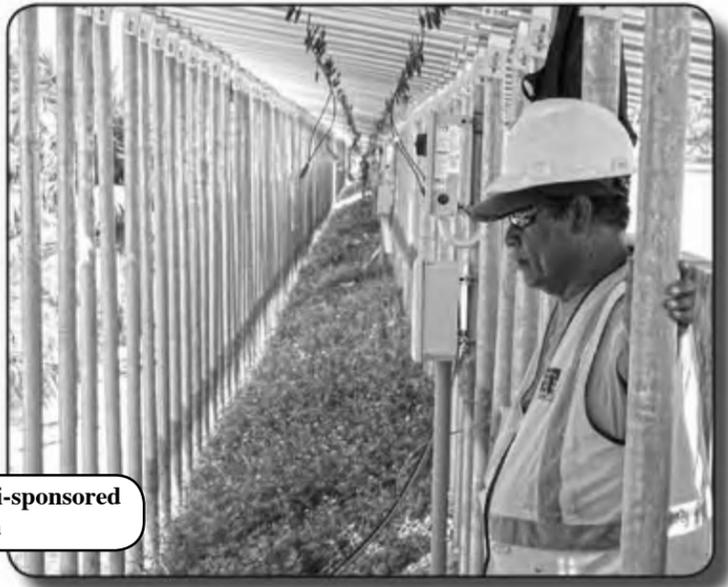
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# Abu Dhabi's gift of power

## New book covers Pacific politics and global relations

A new book about the politics of the Pacific includes a chapter about the Marshall Islands' government, politics, parties, elections and international relations.

The book also includes chapters about the FSM and Palau, as well as about territories linked with the United States, including Guam, the Northern Marianas and American Samoa as well as the rest of the Pacific.

Pacific Ways, just published, contains an up-to-date chapter, including results of January 2016 parliamentary votes bringing Dr. Hilda Heine to power as the country's first woman president.

The chapter was written by David W. Kupferman of the University of Hawaii.

Edited by Victoria University of Wellington's Professor Stephen Levine, the book includes contributions from Pacific scholars from across the region.

The book covers all regions – Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia – and all countries, irrespective of their size or political status.

The contents mirror the diversity of the Pacific, with chapters about an array of island nations whose politics receive relatively little media or scholarly attention. An earlier version was published in 2009.

This second edition has been written by an almost entirely new team of authors, offering their own perspectives on the Pacific's problems and prospects.

Abu Dhabi's Masdar renewable energy company has completed five new solar and wind projects in Pacific island nations as part of the UAE-Pacific Partnership Fund (UAE-PPF), helping the countries save more than \$1 million in diesel fuel imports. Majuro is one of the five.

The projects signify the completion of the second cycle of the UAE-PPF, a \$50 million initiative that finances renewable energy projects across the Pacific. This is done using grants from the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), with the projects delivered by Masdar in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

"A core part of our mission is to help countries achieve sustainable development," said Mohammed Al Suwaidi, the director general of the ADFD. "In the Pacific islands, securing a stable and efficient supply of clean energy is a critical pillar of each nation's growth strategy."

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) said the fund helped the islands pursue diversified energy strategies.

"The falling cost of renewable energy offers an opportunity for islands to rethink

their energy strategies and implement programs that create jobs and economic opportunity, all while delivering more reliable electricity services," said Adnan Amin, IRENA's director general.

The latest projects include a 600 kilowatt solar photovoltaic (PV) plant in the Marshall Islands, a one MW solar PV plant in the Solomon Islands, a 500 kilowatt solar PV plant in Nauru, and a 600kW solar PV plant in Federated States of Micronesia.

The solar array in RMI is located around Majuro's airport reservoirs, where hundreds of solar panels have been installed and linked into the Marshalls Energy Company's power distribution grid. Palau, which consists of 250 islands, had three projects including two solar-diesel hybrid plants totaling 450 kilowatts as well as 1.7 kilowatts in solar home systems installed across 100 residences. "Each project was highly customized to the needs of the local community, reflecting Masdar's core belief that renewable projects must be innovative – and in some cases multipurpose – and developed through strong collaboration with local counterparts," said Mohamed Al Ramahi, Masdar's chief executive.

## Loeak: Con-con issues include lifting sitting fees

Ailinglaplap Senator Christopher Loeak, who chairs the Pre-Constitutional Convention committee, and the members of the committee met with the President Hilda Heine and the Cabinet earlier this month to update them on plans for the Constitutional Convention.

October 11 has been set as the date for an election to select representatives to the Con-Con.

Key dates leading up to the Con-Con include:

- July 15 – Filing of nomination opens
- August 15 – Closing of nominations
- October 11 – Election of Con-Con members
- November 11 – Declaration of members of Con-Con
- December 11 – Official announcement of delegates.

The convention is proposed to be held

one month after the election, but the Con-Con committee is proposing this be delayed to 60 days after the vote.

Chairman Loeak highlighted other issues, including the consideration of 12 Iroij representatives to be decided by consensus of the Iroij domain, raise the sitting allowance of Con-Con members from \$75 per sitting day to \$100, increase the 30 sitting days for Con-Con to 60, allocate \$100,000 for the Pre-Con-Con Committee for preparation for the Con-Con, to increase from 30 to 60 days the time period between the election and the holding of the Con-Con itself, and to provide in the Act a provision for hiring of government employees to get leave with pay to assist the work of the Con-Con.

The timetable for holding the Con-Con is still under consideration, according the Cabinet.

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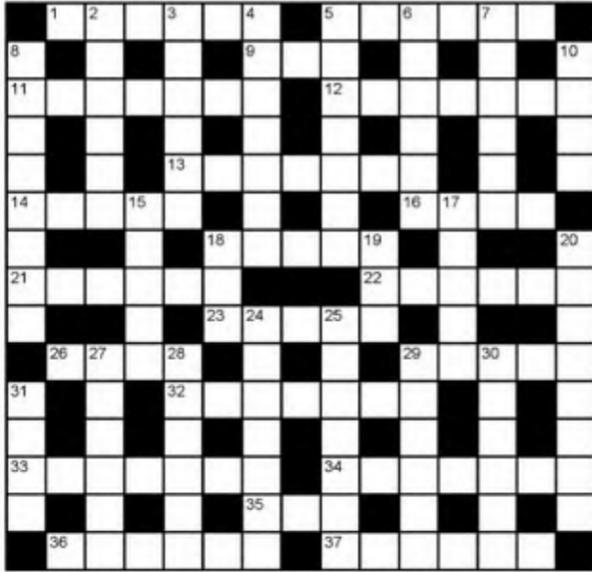
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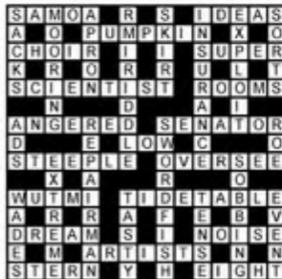
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- ACROSS**
- Word above!
  - Dwell.
  - Doll or ball.
  - US musician Frank Zappa wrote: "You can't be a Real Country unless you have A BEER and an ----- . It helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a BEER."
  - Refuge.
  - Relatives.
  - Rhyming 'stories'.
  - Found on each side of your face.
  - Bread element.
  - Say no to trash!
  - Savory fruits.
  - Bit of an act.
  - Grew old.
  - Right, acute, or obtuse.
  - Cleaning up text.
  - Matt Zackhras' home.
  - Finders of food.
  - Adam's beau.
  - On the job trainee.
  - Skin eruptions.
- DOWN**
- Sphere.
  - Sad vegetables.
  - Church point.
  - Mollusks.
  - Cheddar or parmesan.



- Answers to Riddle No. 608
- Ceramic bowl 'builder'.
  - Travel document.
  - Majuro's mate.
  - Computer's mate.
  - Foreigner.
  - Aet.
  - Fraction of a foot.
  - \*
  - Fowl.
  - Nor's mate.
  - European.
  - USP student's goal.
  - Representatives.
  - Mourn.
  - Rifle and pistol.



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



**Pool makes a splash at CMI**  
Berley Keimbar takes his turn on the new College of the Marshall Islands pool table in the student rec room.  
Photo: Isaac Marty

# Tasty tid-bits in government audit

The RMI government's fiscal year 2014 audit contains a wealth of financial data on government. Among the information contained in the 2014 audit:

- MIMRA, which owns a 49 percent share in a joint venture fishing boat with Koo's Fishing Company, earned \$1,150,490 from the vessel in FY2014.
- MIMRA holds about 15 percent of NTA's stocks, totaling \$980,000.
- The RMI government listed a \$552,960 loss for MV Langdrik, which at the time of audit was "sitting idle." It also recorded an "impairment loss" of \$2.5 million for the capital building, "which is currently in a state of disrepair."
- The RMI government wrote off a multi-million dollar loss as a "special item" representing nearly \$2.4 million spent for design work on a new Majuro hospital before the contract was terminated.
- The RMI government owed government workers nearly \$10.8 million for accumulated unused sick leave.
- The RMI purchased Ann's Palace for \$1.5 million in 2013 with a downpayment of \$300,000 and quarterly installments of \$100,000 due. As of September 30, 2014, it still owed \$800,000.
- The RMI bought the Long Island Hotel for \$3.8 million in 2014 so the hotel could be used by the University of the South Pacific. The purchase required a downpayment of \$2 million. The balance due, \$1.8 million, was paid in full in 2015.
- A savings account held \$62,589 as collateral for an RMI government credit card.
- During the fiscal year, the RMI government appropriated \$949,567 to pay for leases with various landowners.
- As of September 30, 2014, Air Marshall Islands was delinquent in social security payments for its employees totaling \$1.2 million.

This followed a 2012 High Court ruling ordering AMI to pay MISSA \$1.4 million for delinquent employee and employer social security taxes.

In August 2014, AMI agreed to buy a Dornier 228 plane for \$2.1 million.

# RMI and agencies owe over \$100m in debt

Loans owed by the Government of the Marshall Islands and its agencies amounted to over \$100 million, according to the FY2014 RMI government audit.

- The RMI owed loan principal and interest to the Asian Development Bank totaling \$69.9 million due in annual increments through 2037. The FY2015 loan repayment to ADB was \$3.4 million.
- Marshall's Energy Company owed \$6.5 million to the US Federal Financing Bank through the Rural Utilities Service with pay-back to be completed by 2021.
- Marshall Islands Development Bank had three separate loans (from 2012 and 2013), two for funding housing construction and one for Air Marshall Islands. The three totaled almost \$4 million.
- The National Telecommunications Authority owed Rural Utilities Service \$27.3 million.
- RMI Ports Authority had two bank loans (2012 and 2013) to support capital improvement projects, with total amount due of nearly \$1.4 million through 2019.
- Majuro Atoll Waste Company owed \$93,561 for a \$120,000 bank loan taken out in 2013 to fund various operating expenses. The loan is scheduled to be paid off in 2017.
- Tobolar Copra Processing Authority took out a bank loan in 2013 of \$300,000 to fund capital improvements and was scheduled to pay off a total of \$470,000 by 2029.

The FY2014 audit showed that RMI government paid nearly \$2.5 million for its loans from ADB in 2014, which reduced its debt to ADB from \$64.7 million in 2013 to \$62.2 million in 2014.

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**Wānōk im illu**  
**Naan Ko Re Jouj**

Rom 1:17 ej ba bwe wānōk an Anij ej waļok jān tōmak nān tōmak. Innām 18 eoon ej ba, Bwe illu an Anij e waļok jān lañ ñae jerōwiwi otemjej im nana an armej. Ruo men rej waļok: wānōk an Anij im illu an Anij.

Men kein ruo rej ippān doon kōnke eļaññe e wānōk Anij, Ej aikuj illu ñae jerōwiwi. Eļaññe Anij ear kajekdoon jerōwiwi ak leļok jidik wōt ekajet, innām armej renaaj kar ba E jab wānōk.

Kōn an Anij wānōk, Ej aikuj illu ñae jerōwiwi, im Ej aikuj kajek nana. Exodus 34:7 ej ba bwe Anij e jāmin kowānōk ro ri nana. Eita, e nana Anij ke? Jaab. E jimwe ilo An ekajet. Ilo Rev. 16:5 juon enjel ear kōnono kōn an Anij kōkkure armej ilo jemļoken laļ in, im ear ba, Kwō wānōk ... bwe Kwaar ekajet āindein.

Anij e wānōk, im kōn men in, oñean jerōwiwi mej. Ro rej jerōwiwi,

Since God is righteous, He has to be angry at sin. If God were to treat sin lightly or ignore it, people would say He is not righteous. But because He is righteous, He punishes sin.

Exodus 34:7 says that God will by no means clear the guilty. We are all guilty because we are all sinners. Therefore God is angry with all of us, and we deserve to go to hell. In Rev. 16:5, an angel says that God is just for punishing people in the last days.

This is why Jesus died on the cross for us and why God turned away from Him when He was on the cross. Someone had to pay for our sin, either us dying eternally or Jesus on the cross.

God is righteous. He does not let sin go. But Jesus took our punishment so that God could accept us.

Ear toto ion debwāal eo. Im eñin unin an Anij maroñ joļok ad bōd - bwe emōj kōllā oñean ad nana.

English

Romans 1:17 says that God's righteousness is revealed from faith to faith. And in verse 18 it says His wrath is revealed against sin. These two things go together: the righteousness of God and God's anger.

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**Office of Commerce & Investment (OCI)**

**Taking steps to improve investment and private sector development**

**Meeting – Wednesday, May 18, 2016**



facilitate investment and private sector development.

The Office of Commerce and Investment (OCI) hosted the latest in a series of consultations last week with government and business representatives to improve and streamline government processes to

as listed in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business annual report and the Data Harmonization plan that is moving toward establishing a "single window" for national and local government duties and taxes at both Majuro and Ebeye. Key government agencies that provide services to the private sector participated in last week's discussions. Prior to this consultation, OCI has been engaged with individual agencies to see how the RMI can improve its ranking in the World Bank Ease of Doing Business report.

Important topics on the agenda included reviewing the "worst attributes"

**Ease of Doing Business**

Last week's meeting provided a summary of meetings with entities directly connected to five worst attributes in the World Bank report, which included:

- Registering Property – LRA
- Paying Taxes – Tax and Revenue
- Fisheries, i.e. MIFV – Trading Across Borders
- Getting Electricity – MEC
- Protecting Minority Investors & Resolving Insolvency – Attorney General's Office.

This process facilitated by OCI opens dialogue between private sector and government sector on matters affecting the investment climate. It is also providing updates on upcoming changes in investment processes and is addressing discrepancies between data contributors' perspective and government sector's perspective.



*OCI workshop participants (above and below) listen and react to presentations on improving the ease of doing business in the Marshall Islands.*

**The Universal Form**

The meeting also looked at the updated draft Universal Form, which is designed to include all business investment information requirements in a single form. It is now in its fourth draft. A memorandum of understanding to implement the Universal Form has been drafted and submitted to the Attorney General's office.



*Representatives of many different government offices that relate to the private sector were represented at the workshop held last week at the Marshall Islands Resort.*

**Data Harmonization Project**

**Single Window**

OCI is working with national and local authorities in both Majuro and Kwajalein on data harmonization and to establish a "Single Window" that streamlines the payment process for the private sector. The aim is that a single payment made at the bank in relation to a consignment of goods will automatically pay duties, taxes and fees of national and local governments and service providers such as Stevedores and Ports Authority.

The Oceania Customs Organization (OCO) is providing technical assistance on the Single Window process. OCO's role is to assist in the development and modernization of its member administrations.

The RMI has requested the following assistance from OCO:

- Formal endorsement/support from OCO for the Single Window project.
- Building up our business case (formal submission) to Donor Agencies.
- Matchmaking with potential Donor Agencies.

OCO is planning a mission to RMI next month, which will include assistance on these issues.



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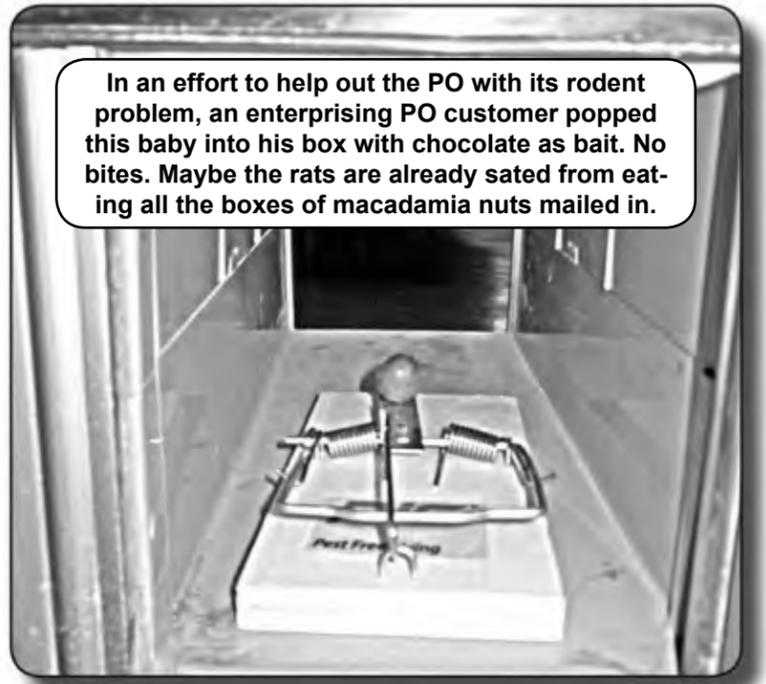
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## AROUND TOWN

### Danger of the week

A reader of the Journal wrote us a note recently lamenting the fact that while she appreciated the 'question' format, she had her own idea of an item for weekly insertion to accompany our usual question feature. "Like what?" we asked, feeling confident that she would be stymied. But we were wrong. She did have a good idea. She suggested we start a "Danger of the week" column and begin with a photo of what drivers see when they come to an intersection. "Do you know what it is?" she asked. Stumped, we resorted to humble silence. "Nothing!" she shouted after a brief delay. Then she explained that what she would like to see are before and after photos of intersections such as the one at Kirt Pinhos, of even Payless where you can't see on to main-road traffic if a car or truck is parked in Payless's corner stall. "Bang!" we shouted, spooking the woman's complacency. "Why you do that?" she asked. "To pretend there was an accident. Pretty smart, eh?" Meantime readers drive slowly and think about doing away with dangerous intersections. They scare everyone.



In an effort to help out the PO with its rodent problem, an enterprising PO customer popped this baby into his box with chocolate as bait. No bites. Maybe the rats are already sated from eating all the boxes of macadamia nuts mailed in.

### PACER point

'Australia especially and New Zealand keep trying to shove PACER (Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations) down our throats. Australia funds the consultant at R&D who is relentless in pushing PACER.' —Member of local private sector commenting on recent story in the Journal headlined: "Private sector presence lacking at PACER talks"

### Hundreds fly off on junkets

These past couple of weeks, seemingly just about everyone in government was off-island. What with the Pacific Festival of Arts on Guam, Presidential inauguration in Taiwan, Global Humanitarian Summit in Turkey, World Health Organization annual meeting in Geneva everyone who was anyone had a ticket and per diem, and were out the door. One hundred and fifty RMI reps are in Guam, the President had an entourage to Taiwan, a dozen or so in Istanbul, and a handful of reps in Switzerland...this doesn't include those dispatched to rep the RMI government in Springdale, Oregon and other locations celebrating Constitution Day this weekend. Let the good times roll!

### Difficulties of being

He had a unique title for his being a man of rather low stature in his community. After all, being "an Iroij", some of the islanders were at a loss as to how to greet him. Should it be, 'Hi, Iroij!' or 'Hi Iroijlaplap.' Or possibly just 'Hi Iroijerik'?

It turned out that this guy was so unique that a wise guy from the community came up with a label that just about everyone accepted: they called him 'Iroijiolap', and explained his uniqueness (in hushed tones, so they wouldn't be accused of playing loose with royal titles) as not so much good or bad with reference to iolap-ness but rather to make sure that it wouldn't get mentioned on facebook as impinging on the reputation of well-liked eriks and laplaps.

You see, we hope, this guy was a pretender to be an Iroij and actually got some people around town believing he was a member of the Council of Iroij when he wasn't even aware of where the Council of Iroij was located. Suffice to say, this iolap (or middling if you prefer) was a real shyster and the kind of guy who wouldn't be invited to an induction ceremony to swear him in as a low ranked rijerbal. "Or alab," commented one gray-haired oldster over a cuppa down by the bowling alley.

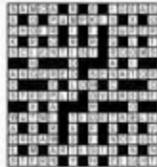
You see, this Iroijiolap was a consummate liar, a cheater at jekup, a show-off and general scoundrel. And, as if this wasn't enough, he had bad breath and exhaled his fetid wind into the face of whomever happened to be available, trying to intimidate and things like that. As a matter of fact, it was his penchant toward intimidation that brought him into this story of malfeasance featuring a really nice guy who also shared the same community as Iroijlaplap **Wexley**, the antagonist of this piece.

The nice guy, **Thomas**, was mainly shy and could often be seen lagging behind someone else. Always alone, it was as though he shunned intercourse. And it was this trait that brought out the general niceness of the people in their little gatherings. One or another of the people would see Thomas coming along the walkway and call out, "Hey! Thomas! Whyun't join us, have a chat!"

And Thomas would more often than not reply, "Oh, that's o.k., I'm alright." And damned if he didn't look alright, just as pleasant as could be with a weak smile apparent as he mumbled, "I'm just keeping an eye out for good things, like maybe find a quarter on the road, or maybe run across a friendly dog to pet, or maybe a piece of discarded candy wrapped up protectively in

# AROUND TOWN

## Winners of Stardom 4 Wisdom



Don (the Rid- dler from Down Under), Rebecca Lathrop, Mailon Kilon, Team Sturdivant, Bonny

Taggart, Almira Angelito, and Tess Cristobal all turned in perfect puzzles this week so their names will go into the hat for the May Flame Tree Pizza, which will be drawn next week.

To join the competition, fill in the crossword on page eight and get it to the Journal by 5pm Tuesday. Good luck!

## Milestone

With the filing of two criminal cases in the High Court this week, the RMI Attorney General's office has for the first time this year got more criminal cases filed (six) than months to date.



Kylie Moloney and Ingrid Ahlgren spent a week digitizing the Journal's collection of newspapers from the 1960s to the 1980s — most of which exist nowhere else on the planet — as part of a Pacific Manuscripts Bureau, Australian National University-sponsored project. Photo: Hilary Hosia.

## Pothole pandemic

'Very clever. They fixed most of the potholes from the airport to my house in Ajeltake, so I stopped complaining. I assumed they had fixed the road all the way to Laura. Then the other day I go to drive to Laura, the roads are a total mess, really bad. It just goes to show you that when no one complains NOTHING gets done.'

—Ajeltake resident Jack Niedenthal.

# No women, no progress

The FSM was paid what can only be termed a significant milestone visit in relations between the Nordic countries of northern Europe: In April, according to Kaselehlie Press, Sweden's Foreign Minister, **Margot Wallstrom**, paid a singularly noteworthy visit to Pohnpei in an aircraft solely designated for the bi-lateral visit.

The two-day visit to FSM was ostensibly aimed at obtaining FSM's vote to help Sweden get a

seat on the UN's Security Council. Wallstrom, however touched bases on bi-lateral cooperation on issues such as climate change, effect of rising sea levels, human rights and undeniably a huge effort to confront the status of feminism.

The portion of time spent in conversation with FSM's **Lorin Robert** during the two day visit was focused on the issue of feminine issues, seeing the goal of gender

equality as a paramount objective.

In a startlingly frank comment, a Swedish government website was quoted as describing Sweden as the world's first feminist government, explaining that input by women is necessary to guarantee a permanent status of improving conditions toward gender equality worldwide. Foreign Minister Wallstrom left

Pohnpei headed for a stop over in Palau, according to KP.

# culturally correct

a piece of wax paper. Good things like that."

Well, Thomas' talking like this made people snigger behind his back. Townspeople would ruminate on Thomas being an incredible optimist. "He sees nothing but good everywhere. In a way he makes me happy," commented one guy.

So, it was only a matter of time before Thomas and Irojilaplap Wexley crossed each other on the road. Thomas saw the Irojij coming his way and, in a reflex, bowed his head a discrete centimeter or two to exhibit respect while he slackened his pace.

It was like he didn't want to raise dust that might bother the approaching royal pretender.

On this day of potential infamy, things didn't go well for Thomas. As the pseudo irojij approached, Thomas unfortunately spewed a half-mouthful of sputum right there on

the ground in front of Irojij Wexley.

"What!" declared Wexley with an exclamation mark at the end of his interrogative.

"Oh, oh!" exclaimed Thomas, "I am sooo sorrowful Irojij! But don't worry for I will see to it my spitting is removed. I'll get a broom and dustpan."

"Broom and dustpan, like hell, said Wexley, No! By the Lord you will get down on your knees and lap the sputum up from the road and swallow it while I stand here. You have insulted me beyond normal expectations!"

At this, Thomas did as he was bidden and immediately went to his knees and slurped up the sticky ball of spit warming on the afternoon heat of the road. "Now swallow," commanded the ill-tempered Irojijlaplap.

"Gulp." went Thomas obediently. Then Wexley continued on his way,

apparently appeased.

All of this was witnessed by a cadre of coffee drinkers. They were ashamed of Wexley's behavior, and at the same time sorry for the ri-jerbal.

"Thomas," one of the men said in a soft voice, "You didn't have to remove the spit just because Wexley ordered you. You could have simply refused. There is no need for you to do something simply because he orders you."

"Yes, I know," said Thomas, "But I believe all things are good. His telling me to lap up the sputum from the road must be a good thing for the Lord has permitted it. I am happy."

"You mean to tell me you find happiness in slurping up a ball of spit from the hot road?" he was asked.

"Oh, most assuredly. Especially since it was my own spit."

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# A bird in the hand...

A number of savvy individuals who deal regularly with Washington have learned over the years that when the US Congress or a government agency puts some money on the table, take it, and don't be shy to turn up the following year to ask for more (or what you really need).

A bird in the hand is worth more than two in the bush is the old axiom that supports this theory of dealing with Washington largesse.

The Marshall Islands government is hoping that two in the bush, in the form of water projects possibly funded by Japan, will be an improvement over one in the hand (a USDA government matching grant). In the mix is the undisputed fact that over the past few years, the government's infrastructure program has been bottlenecked, with millions of dollars in US construction money tied up, possible Japan-supported projects going nowhere, etc. All this has negatively impacted the RMI economy because construction projects have not been going out to the private sector, more workers have not been hired, and tax revenue that would result has not materialized.

We can't fault Minister of Public Works Tony Muller and the government for moving to get its infrastructure construction program sorted out, setting priorities, and deciding which projects to ask which donors to fund.

Nevertheless, we hope the government can look at ways to either maintain the recently approved USDA grant funding for sewer and water improvements in Majuro or alternatively smooth relations with the US agency so future funding is not affected. The USDA funding — which came with a \$1 million matching grant requirement — was a bird in hand and would likely have led to a faster response to the serious problem with sewage outfall in Majuro. The Japanese may ultimately fund water improvements in Majuro, but it will require more attention to detail than the RMI side has evidenced lately to close the deal with Japan.

Hope springs eternal.

# Can we afford social security?

Confronted with an impending collapse of money availability to pay benefits for beneficiaries of the RMI Social Security system has set the program's administration in a dither. Several "austerity" measures have been suggested and although they are ugly choices, they must be considered, weighed, and tested. A primary fact regarding Social Security is that the program is basically a 'ponzi' scheme, and it is thus even though the intentions of the program are meritorious and well meaning. Unfortunately, good intentions have as many pitfalls as bad intentions. Necessarily we must look outside the box that has so far been coloring reaction to the fact the system is fast submerging into bankruptcy. A list of suggestions currently being addressed, as possible solutions to Social Security's dilemma are 1. Decrease benefits; 2. Increase age requirement for qualifying beneficiaries; 3. Close out loopholes; Legislate funds from Nitijela; 4. Increase taxes. These measures are fine as far as they go and do deserve consideration. However there are additional options not yet on the table, measures such as creation of a land tax. What about MISSA's involvement in the national health plan? Is it a cost or a profit center? Supplemental health, a benefit or a liability? The point here is that additional thought ought to be given to first, identify options and two, determine realistically the answer to the question: can we afford social security?

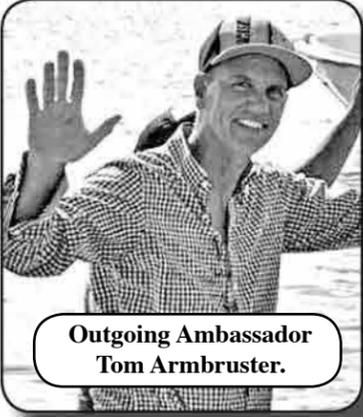


# US Ambassador moves on, leaving many friends behind

Tom Armbruster was scheduled to depart Majuro Wednesday this week, his last day as the US government's ambassador to the RMI.

New Ambassador Karen Stewart was confirmed by the US Senate last week, which green lighted Armbruster to make reservations and go "wheels up" as he heads to San Antonio, Texas to join his wife Kathy, who left several months ago.

"It's been an honor to represent the United States in the Marshall Islands," he said Tuesday. "I'm pleased to have been a friend of the Marshalls since August 2012. The US will rightly be seen as successful if the Marshall Islands is successful. As a major development partner, we want to see the Marshalls continue on a path towards prosperity and greater independence with a vibrant, healthy, well educated population. I know you will warmly



**Outgoing Ambassador Tom Armbruster.**

welcome Ambassador Karen Stewart who brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to this great assignment."

Normally, US ambassadors are on a three-year assignment. But the "normal" went out the window last year when President Barack Obama's first

nominee to replace Armbruster pulled out of consideration, substantially delaying the process. Stewart was nominated late last year and went for a confirmation hearing earlier this year before the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Like Armbruster, she is a career diplomat. Unlike the outgoing ambassador, Stewart is a veteran of two previous ambassadorial assignments.

"There are many Americans, like me, who have been touched by the people, the history, the culture and the beauty of the Marshall Islands who will remember your smiles, your sunsets, and your rich ocean home," said Armbruster. "Kathy, Bryan, Kalia and I especially thank you. To my friends at USAG-KA, my utmost respect. To the Small But Mighty Embassy, you all are the best. Kommol, im bar lo kom. Whirlwind out!"

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*‘Seeing an artist like Tiem transform a 30-foot log into a full-size outrigger is something very few people will ever see. People here will now have that opportunity.’*



Canoe men, from left: Master builder Tiem Clement from Namdrik Atoll, Robert Anjain of Rongelap, Jesper Angelo of Denmark, and David Anderson, Peace Corps Volunteer in 1975 at Ujelang.

# Blessing of Living Islands canoe

A Marshallese outrigger canoe will be unveiled and blessed by Marshallese and Native American elders at a ceremony later this week in Portland, Oregon.

This past year, the Lake Oswego-based nonprofit organization Living Islands teamed up with Portland State University, the Native American Student and Community Center, and one of the few remaining master builders from the Marshall Islands, Tiem Clement to build the outrigger using traditional techniques of the Mar-

**Native American elders join Marshallese in celebrating a cultural success**

shall Islands.

“This unique partnership resulted in the construction of a full-size traditional Marshallese

outrigger canoe that was built on the Portland State University campus,” said Living Islands founder and Executive Director Kianna Angelo.

On May 26, the canoe will be unveiled in its final form during a multicultural blessing ceremony at the Native American Student and Community Center.

In addition to witnessing traditional blessings by Marshallese as well as Native American elders, guests of the blessing ceremony will have the chance

to experience and enjoy a range of traditional Marshallese food, song, and dance.

The confirmed guest list for this event includes President of Portland State University Wim Wiewel and Marshall Islands Foreign Minister John Silk.

“This project has been more than a year in the making, and finally everything is coming together,” said Angelo.

The event will show the “unparalleled craftsmanship” of the Marshallese people to Portland

for the first time, she said. “Seeing an artist like Tiem transform a 30-foot log into a full-size outrigger is something very few people will ever see. People here will now have that opportunity.”

Living Islands is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote cross-cultural understanding and education of and for the Marshallese people.

Living Islands supports a number of cultural and educational projects in the RMI and in the Pacific Northwest region of the US.

# Week of fun for Oregon islanders

Like many states with large populations of Marshallese, Oregon is rolling out a Constitution Day celebration that runs from Tuesday through the US Memorial Day holiday coming up this weekend.

Head of the Oregon Marshallese Community David Anitok said they expected a large group of Marshallese, Micronesians and Palauans resident in Oregon to join together at the state capitol building on Tuesday this week “to thank Oregon legislators and Governor Kate Brown for approving legislation for Healthcare insurance to our Compact of Free Association (COFA) Pacific islanders in Oregon.”

Brown is scheduled to sign the COFA legislation on Tuesday.

The week will then segue into lots of sporting competition and the unveiling of the newly built Marshallese outrigger canoe at Portland State University Thursday.

Friday’s opening ceremony for RMI Constitution Day has Governor Brown scheduled to deliver the keynote speech. They will be giving out awards to “champion legislators” as well as enjoying food, dance and music. Friday’s program will conclude with the showing of “Land of Eb,” a film about Enewetak islanders adjusting to life on the Big Island of Hawaii. Enewetak was the site of 43 US nuclear

weapons tests.

Saturday will feature the first “Nuclear Legacy Summit” with stories from survivors of the 67 nuclear bomb tests conducted by the US in the Marshall Islands from 1946-1958. Keynote remarks will be offered by Dr. Holly Barker, an archaeologist and author who played a key role in assessing formerly classified US government records of the nuclear testing. The summit will also include participation from the younger generation now becoming active on the issue. Desmond Doulatram, a representative of the recently founded REACH-MI nuclear awareness group in RMI, is scheduled to participate in the summit, which is being held at Chemeketa Community College auditorium.

On Sunday evening at Adam Stephens Middle School, the Oregon Marshallese Community Youth Worship and Fellowship group is sponsoring a workshop on “What it means to be a Marshallese Youth in this society, and how to work together as one community, ethnicity, and as Christians. Performances from the youth groups of music, dances, and drama are expected.

Saturday and Monday are big sports days for the Marshallese community, with prizes to be awarded at Monday night’s closing program.

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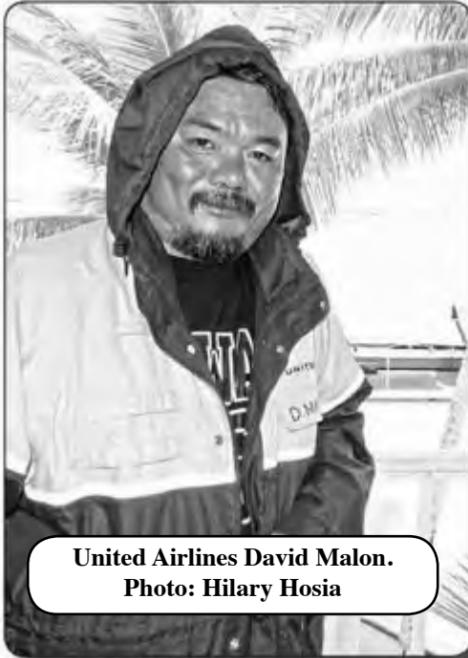
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**BUSINESS DIRECTORY**



United Airlines David Malon.  
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**United flies in substitute workers**

United Airlines in Majuro flew in three employees from the Federated States of Micronesia to compensate for local employees affected with pink eye (conjunctivitis). The Ministry of Health announced last week that the Marshall Islands was experiencing an “epidemic” of pink eye, largely as a result of the extended drought.

The employees, two from Chuuk and one from Pohnpei, are housed at the Marshall Islands Resort.

Pictured is one of three FSM

cargo employees David Malon from Chuuk at his balcony room at MIR. Malon is more than a substitute UA worker — he has ties to the Marshall Islands.

Last month, Malon, his wife Lona and son David Malon Jr. visited Majuro to join the funeral of late Alap Mike Torejak from Mieco.

As it turned out, David Jr. became blood brothers with Mike’s son Solomon Torejak during their tenure at Xavier High School in Chuuk.

**Tech store opens Ebeye branch**

Majuro Computer Services (MCS) has expanded to include a new branch on Ebeye, Kwajalein. MCS Senior Manager of Operations Matthew “Attu” Fitzpatrick confirmed MCS Ebeye officially open on April 14.

It is located at Mid Corridor area

on Ebeye and is managed by Roselle Donre. Donre was working with MCS Pohnpei Manager Cynthia Martin before being promoted to her new post on Ebeye.

The MCS Ebeye “crew” includes Donre, a technician, and two sales representatives.

Fitzpatrick said many of MCS’ customers on Majuro were people from Ebeye. The opening of MCS Ebeye has proved its worth, as more than 50 computer devices were brought in for repair services since last month. MCS is happy to provide its services on Ebeye, said Fitzpatrick.

**Another milestone for ship registry**

The Marshall Islands ship registry has surpassed another milestone by hitting the 131 million gross tons (GT) mark in March. Just two years after breaking 100 million GT, the RMI registry continues its phenomenal growth.

The January 2016 issue of Clarksons Research’s World Fleet Monitor reported the registry had a 12.5 percent increase in GT in 2015, the largest percentage growth of any of the top 10 registries. This growth is due in large part to IRI’s model of decentralization which allows worldwide registry personnel to provide services around the clock from its 27 offices. With the opening of IRI’s second office in Hong Kong in 2014 and new office in Manila, Philippines in late 2015, the registry is able to support increasing seafarer applications for those serving on RMI flagged vessels, say registry officials. Over 35 percent of RMI Seafarer’s Identification and Record Books are issued to Philippine seafarers, making IRI’s Manila office a key location for this documentation.



**The Village idiots**

For 40 years, The Village Hotel in Pohnpei was a globally known icon of tourism in the Federated States of Micronesia. It attracted a steady stream of visitors and local residents alike to enjoy the splendid view from mountain side facility. This was all possible (above) until two years ago when land disputes derailed extension of a lease for the successful business, forcing its closure and offering this before and after view. Support the private sector indeed! Photos courtesy: Mitchell Hagerstrom.



## BUSINESS DIRECTORY



**Above:** The Taiwanese purse seiner Fong Seong 666 ran aground on a reef in Majuro Atoll overnight May 12 as it was waiting for daylight to enter the pass to transship its cargo of skipjack tuna.

**Left:** The Fong Seong 666 being towed off the reef at Majuro Atoll May 20 by Pacific International Inc. tugboats. The 264-foot purse seiner had been grounded on the reef for over a week when it was rescued by PII.

Photos: Pacific International Inc.

# PII proves it can help grounded fishing ships

Majuro-based firm Pacific International Inc. led the successful salvage of a large Taiwanese fishing vessel that had been stuck on a reef in Majuro Atoll for over a week.

The 264-foot purse seiner Fong Seong 666 ran aground on a reef along the northern part of Majuro Atoll overnight Thursday May 12 as it was waiting for daylight to enter the nearby pass. Initial efforts to pull the boat off the reef were unsuccessful and were complicated both by tuna tonnage on board and low tides.

“About 3:30pm Majuro time Friday, we completed the rescue of the purse seiner Fong Seong 666 and its skiff,” said PII CEO Jerry Kramer. “In the marine world this was a very significant feat.”

PII employed tugboats to remove the vessel from the coral reef where it was lodged for over seven days. “It wasn’t just a matter of yanking the boat off the reef,” said Kramer. “There were a

bunch of preparatory steps that had to be taken to cause the least damage to ship, protect the crew, save the cargo, and limit environmental damage.”

Rescue work was initially planned prior to May 20, but representatives of the Kaohsiung, Taiwan-based Fong Hong Fishery Co. Ltd., which owns the vessel, asked to delay it until week’s end so a company official could fly to the Marshall Islands to be onsite for rescue efforts.

The Fong Seong 666, a Vanuatu-registered vessel, was returning to Majuro to transship its cargo of skipjack tuna to a waiting carrier vessel when the accident happened.

Before the vessel could be dislodged from the reef, it involved coordination and communication with the owners, insurance agents and salvage experts in Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong and London, said Kramer.

He added that it was obvious from the pre-rescue communications with

the many business people who were following the situation that they were “surprised at our capability.” But, he added, “We have a professional staff and have accomplished this several times. We have a 100 percent success record (with getting boats off the reef).”

The Majuro-based company’s marine salvage and rescue expertise is an essential service that gives vessel owners additional confidence in using this western Pacific nation as a port of call, Kramer said.

“Time and again (outside owners and insurance agents) have suggested getting the big boys to take over, and we have outpaced their concerns with accomplishments,” said Kramer.

“It’s important that the marine industry, fishing vessels, carriers, cargo vessels, and tankers know that such capability exists in the Marshall Islands. It’s a consideration for them in planning stops and routes.”

## Lagoonside HQ for MIMRA

Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority is expected to break ground for a new headquarters facility in Delap in the near future.

Architectural designs are being completed now, and as soon as these are done, groundbreaking will happen followed by the start of construction. The new MIMRA HQ is to be built lagoon side of the Ministry of Re-

sources and Development on the site of the old MIMRA fishing dock area adjacent to Sea Patrol.

“We expect to break ground soon,” said MIMRA Director Glen Joseph.

The government last year purchased the Won Hai Shien/Jemenei Corporation complex with the aim of turning it into the office for the Parties to the Nauru Agreement. PNA is cur-

rently housed next to the JICA office in a PII facility in Delap.

“We briefed the PNA annual meeting in Kiribati about this,” said Joseph. “We’ll do a costing and take it to the ministers’ meeting at Christmas Island in July so we can move ahead.”

He said the Ministry of Public Works Project Management Unit is managing these projects.

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Pictured are DES 1A with teacher Lilly Abon during their 90 Minute Marshallese Language Art.

90 minute of English Language Arts and Marshallese Language Arts was introduced last year. This year several schools have piloted the 90 minute English Language Arts and 90 minute Marshallese Language Arts.



The changes made were to extend the contact hour from 60 minutes to 90 minutes due to the fact that students continued to fall behind their grade level expectations both in Marshallese and English literacy. The extended time from 60 to 90 is still a challenge to a lot of teachers. Throughout the school year, several trainings were conducted around the 90 minute block. More trainings are scheduled this summer for outer island teachers. Another problem teachers are facing during 90 minute Marshallese Language Art are the resources. Most of the centers are primarily in English. Although most stories and activities are written in English, our teachers utilized resources that are available: creating their own stories, writing sentences in Marshallese. This summer teachers will work with ISC Media to record

stories in Marshallese so that the students will listen to more stories narrated in their native tongue.

Every day, students spend 90 minutes in either English Language Arts and 90 minutes in Marshallese Language Arts. Students, based on assessments, are split in groups and assigned to work in a center. There are several different centers: reading center, listening center, writing center, spelling center, and sentence-building center. Each group spends fifteen minute on a center. Towards the end of the 90 minute language block, the students come together so the teacher can assess what they learned. Instruction and activities that are well-planned and organized are delivered most successfully.



**WASC visit to Laura High School**

**Honor Assembly/Graduation Dates for Majuro Public (Primary) Schools**

Raan	Jikuul	Awa
Mae 26	LAURA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-7) .....	10:00 AM
Mae 27	MAJURO DEAF EDUCATION CENTER .....	9:30 AM
Mae 30	AJELTAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL .....	4:00 PM
Mae 31	RITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Cluster 1) .....	9:00 AM
	DELAP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Cluster 1) .....	9:30 AM
	LAURA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grade 8).....	10:00 AM
Jun 1	DUD KINDERGARTEN .....	10:00 AM
	EJIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....	10:00 AM
	RITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Cluster 2) .....	9:00 AM
	ULIGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....	10:00 AM
	DELAP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Cluster 2) .....	9:30 AM
	MAJURO MIDDLE SCHOOL* (* Exit Ceremony) ....	9:30 AM
Jun 3	LONG ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....	10:00 AM
	RAIROK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....	3:00 PM
	WOJA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....	6:00 PM

**CMI wins grant for coral reefs**

The College of the Marshall Islands has been awarded another grant under the Coral Reef Initiative program of the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. The grant of \$124,963 will fund phase two of "Decision-Support Tools for Conservation and Coastal Protection in the RMI — Rural and Urban Technical Guidelines."

Phase one of this project is to establish a publicly accessible national spatial analytics facility on the CMI campus to build national capacity in participatory GIS through coursework at the national college.

This new grant will allow continuation of the project with the following activities:

- Use the National Spatial Analytics facility being established by CMI to assess the current "State of the Coastline" by estimating vulnerable versus protected shorelines fronting infrastructure and areas of ecological, cultural, and economic significance.

- Develop technical guidelines on coastal protection that include conceptual drawings/cross sections of undisturbed and fortified/modified atoll coral, provide guidelines for coral reef conservation as the first line of defense, and provide guidelines for adaptation in dynamic coastal environments.

- Conduct workshops on Majuro to communicate the guidelines developed above to landowners and decision makers.

The grant to CMI was part of over \$1 million in grants issued by the Interior Department for coral reef protection in many

US-affiliated islands. "I am pleased to support these coral reef projects that focus on understanding and reducing the effects of climate change on coral reef ecosystems," said Assistant Secretary Esther Kia'aina. "These grants are especially timely as we witness the devastating effects on our coral reefs from this year's record-breaking warm ocean temperatures. These funds will help insular area governments and communities take measures to increase the resilience of these critical resources in the face of the significant threats posed by climate change."

Many partners are involved with CMI, including Lyon Associates, Murray Ford, School of Environment, University of Auckland, Marshall Islands Conservation Society, RMI Environmental Protection Authority, CMI Land Grant, RMI Ministry of Public Works, Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority, RMI Ministry of Resources & Development, and Karl Fellenius, UH Sea Grant Extension Agent.

Among results expected from the grant are: awareness by landowners and decision-makers of the value and power of robust planning and engineering tools for the management and protection of atoll shorelines, commitment by landowners and decision-makers to use the coastal protection guidelines for submitting and evaluating earthmoving applications, and commitment by landowners and decision-makers to use the coastal protection guidelines for preparation before, and mitigation during wave inundation events.

**Observation about CMI and MIMRA**

A partnership between the Marshall Islands fisheries department and the College of the Marshall Islands is ramping up training of fisheries observers with the goal of nearly doubling the current level of about 60 observers.

With fisheries management rules requiring trained fisheries observers on all of the 300 purse seiners when they are fishing in the western Pacific region, as well as being onboard tuna vessels during lagoon transshipment operations, coupled with the Parties to the Nauru Agreement plan to roll out increased observer coverage of the 3,000 longliners in the region, there is a growing job market for fisheries observers, said Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority Director Glen Joseph.

CMI partnership, an SPC-certified observer trainer has been hired to deliver on-island trainings. In the past, MIMRA and CMI had to wait on SPC to provide trainers and this often meant because of heavy demand in the region for observer trainings that the RMI waited a year or more for an observer training.

Instead, with John Still, the SPC-certified trainer from the Solomon Islands, who has now been hired, CMI's Arrak Campus has scheduled three trainings for 2016. The first one is currently in progress, according to Edward Adiniwn, the Arrak Campus manager.

"We have about 12 trainees who have gone thru the sea safety course and are going through the SPC Basic Observer Course now," said Adiniwin. "They are

also taking refreshers in math, geography, English and computer classes."

This course started March 21 and is scheduled to finish Friday, May 27.

CMI's Arrak Campus has scheduled seven sea safety and three observer trainings for this year — the most in one year ever, as it moves to meet the demand for fisheries observers. The schedule depends on the number of trainees who sign up.

"If we wait for SPC, the most we can expect is to get one training every year or two," said Joseph. The demand for SPC-run observer trainings in the region exceeds SPC's capacity, he said. "We're trying to get our numbers up there with Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands" (which together have hundreds of observers working in the region).



# HuGe tuRn out for PeaCe rUn

A four-member team from Peace Run partnered with the RMI government and local people to forge international friendship and understanding as well as echoing their message of peace and goodwill in run/walk events that took place on Majuro from May 13 to 17.

Ministry of Internal Affairs' said the Team has now traveled to over 38 countries. Team members included Stacey Marsh, Nurari Merry, Uddyogii Hall, and Varunavi Sonia Klabnikova who are from Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Slovakia.

Following a welcome ceremony to introduce the team to the people of the Marshall Islands held May 14 at Delap Park, students from private and public schools, community members, and government representatives participated in a Peace Run/Walk event with the Peace Torch and the RMI flag leading the way around the Delap area.

Special attention was given to Lemeyo Abon, the chosen recipient of the Torch-Bearer Award. The award is given to an individual who is selected by the community. Community members acknowledge and celebrate the individual's talents and energies in self-giving, service, and sacrifice to the cause of peace.

Lemeyo is recognized at home and abroad as a steadfast advocate for a nuclear-free world. She is a powerful voice of peace for the Republic of the Marshall Islands. She is the newest member of an internationally, recognized group of individuals who have positively impacted their society and set a standard of life-changing legacy.



Internal Affairs and a team from the Peace Run organized a big walk/run earlier this month. They recognized Rongelap Bravo hydrogen bomb test survivor Lemeyo Abon (right holding torch), and involved community members and students from many schools.



"She is among the Torch-Bearer alumni greats including Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, and Pope Francis," said the Peace Run team. "We are grateful to Lemeyo Abon for standing on the frontlines and pioneering a local and global path of peace for RMI people to follow."

Early Saturday morning, the Peace Run team ran the global torch relay through Majuro neighborhoods covering the areas between Rita and Marshall Islands Resort (MIR). The team completed their relay the following morning, starting at Laura and finishing at MIR. Members of the communities showed their support by cheering and joining in the torch run.

On Monday, May 16, the Peace

Run team visited Long Island, Rairok, Delap, and Uliga elementary schools and Majuro Middle School. The children interacted with the team who demonstrated through skits, songs, and moment of silence the importance of peace. Each child carried the Peace Torch and passed it on to the next child, symbolizing that everyone plays a significant role in peace. The school programs closed with the children echoing the Peace Run motto: "Peace begins with me."

Appreciation was offered to all the students, schools, community members, and government and non-government organizations who participated in the Peace Run events.



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# RMI loses \$4.7m funding

Journal 5/30/1975

**P1** Micronesia may get 200-mile rights from LoS conference

Micronesia represented itself at the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference recently in Geneva, Switzerland. The Micronesian delegation was headed by Marshalls Rep. Charles Domnick. Also at the meeting were Special Consultant Frederick Wyle, Special Advisor Andon Amaraich and Truk Senator Nick Bossy.

**P2** A 'Port Pacific' at Palau?

Palau has been described as a "new, central energy distribution and anchorage port" which represents a "most appropriate and economical solution to the requirements of the Western Pacific Nations," according to a report released here. Titled "Port Pacific at Palau," the 33-page report envisions \$300 to \$400 million supertanker port



tries facing big budget cuts

The Marshall Islands government is bracing itself for major money cuts as a result of a big drop in Compact of Free Association funding for next fiscal year. Beginning October 1, the Marshalls will lose about \$4.7m a year in government operations funding from the Compact.

Journal 6/2/2000

**P6** Unique ladies

Pacific Unique Travel staff were recognized recently with a Silver Elite Award from Continental Micronesia for being in the top 10 sales within Micronesia for 1999. The award included free tickets. The happy staff are Deborah Shoniber, Ann Sualau, Cathy Silk Ralpho and Valentine Lemae.

**P11** Local students recognized

Telbi Lanej, Helon Zedkaia and Cantina Lokiar were honored by Outrigger Marshall Islands Resort staff recently. The three MIHS seniors worked at Outrigger for three months as part of the School-to-Work program before graduating this week. Honoring them were Outrigger staff Bill Weza, Naomi Maitinnara, Erak Erakdrik, Dolores deBrum-Kattil, and Robert McConnell.

## What we were saying way back when

on northern Babelthuap, the largest island in the Trust Territory, capable of storing 3.4 million tons of oil. A large refinery is also mentioned. The report was prepared by Robert Panero Associates of New York.

**P7** None from Marshalls

Twenty Micronesians graduated from the University of Guam earlier this month, representing all districts but the Marshalls: 9 from Marianas, 5

from Truk, 4 from Yap, 2 from Palau and 1 from Ponape.

Journal 5/31/1991

**P3** RMI to open PRC embassy

The Marshall Islands government will soon open its first embassy in the People's Republic of China with Lawrence Edwards as ambassador. The two nations established diplomatic ties late last year.

ter, many elders showed off their talents: Kainok Atwel from Laura showed 14 year old Betty Amanu how to weave palm fronds; Kaleb Noah worked on finishing a fishing net; Johnni Tipes from Laura worked on making island 'rope' from coconut fiber; and Mojin Jablotak demonstrated how to weave jenaes.

**P21** Continuing education

A computer workshop held at the College of the Marshall Islands saw a number of government men furthering their education. Participating were: Robin Kios, Mass Hermon, Benta Jonaie, Xavier Myazoe, and Teruo Kaminaga.

**P12** Elders show old skills to young

During a craft demonstration at Gibson's shopping cen-

**P23** Government minis-

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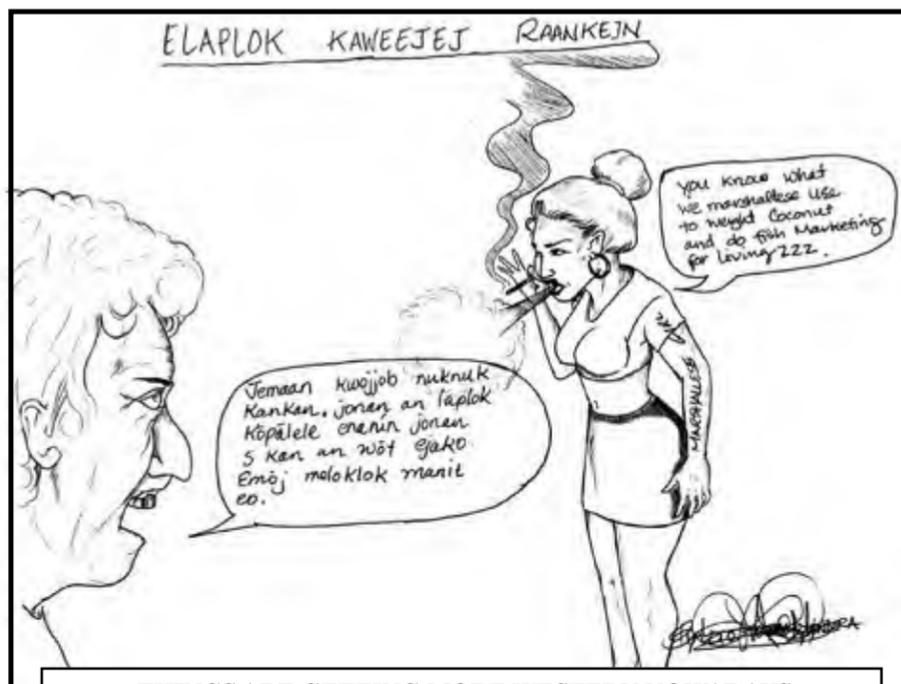
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**ELAPLOK MARON NE AM JEN AM LOMNAK**  
**Guy sitting by the tree:** What can I do? I'm hungry. **Voice from Heaven:** Don't say you're hungry. Go fish or I'll punish you!



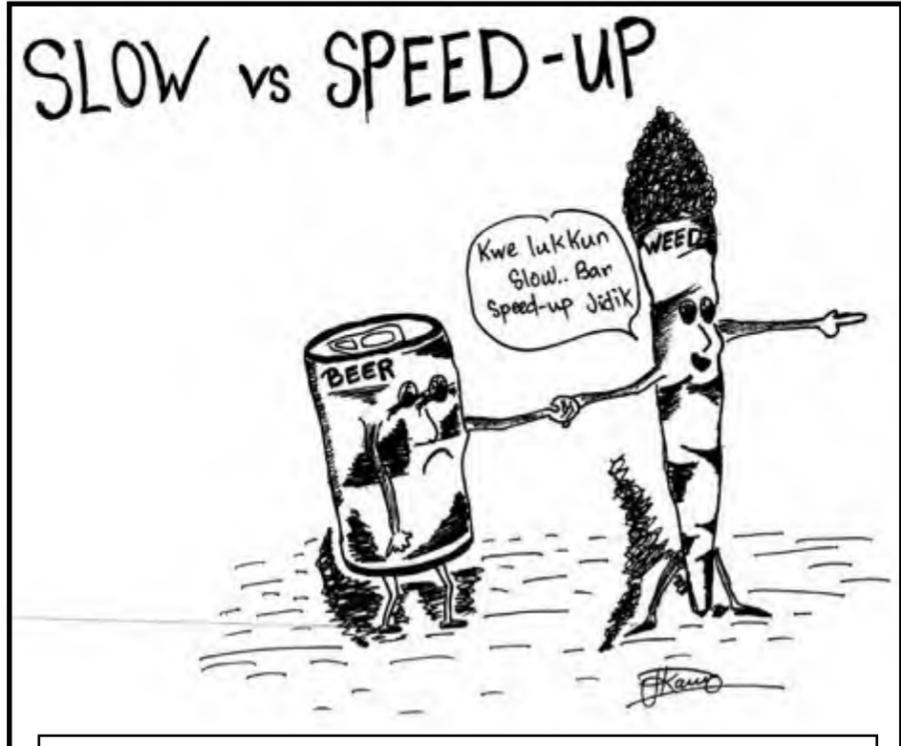
**THINGS ARE GETTING MORE WESTERN NOWADAYS**  
**Man:** In the past, clothing wasn't tight. Everything's becoming more westernized, even the 's' sound is always there. The culture has been lost. **Woman:** Kwojela ke ta ko kim Rimajol rej kojorbal nan paun waini im ek nan am mour.



**MONEY IS LOVE**  
**Boy standing:** Mom, I'm hungry. **Mother:** B...? Eat Bingo! **Woman sitting in crowd:** My cards stink. When I go home I'll beat up my husband.



**BIAS**  
**Jobless guy sitting on the left:** I heard there's a job opening here and I was wondering if I can apply. **Employer:** Sounds good but your resume doesn't say we are related?



**RUMWIJ NAE MOKAJ**  
**Weed:** You're too slow. Speed up a bit.



**EJ KAB WOT**  
**Pig:** Ekwe jen aolep etal im tutu bedkat (take a bath in the mud puddle).

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Hip, hip, hooray: It's the Marshall Islands High School graduating class of 2016. Photo: Hilary Hosia.

# Hope that special bags to solve garbage problem

Representatives from government and community organizations discussed a communications and public engagement plan for new waste management initiatives to make rubbish collection more equitable, accessible and self-sustaining.

Majuro is the selected site of a "pilot integrated atoll waste management component" of PacWaste – a four year project funded by the European Union and implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP) to improve hazardous waste management across the Pacific.

The centerpiece of the atoll waste management project is implementation of a pre-paid collection system using specially designed garbage bags that will be available to purchase for a small fee. A proportion of the sale of the bags will go to Majuro Atoll Waste Company (MAWC) to pay for the collection and disposal costs. The revenue generated will allow MAWC to expand services to Laura while increasing financial sustainability of the waste system.

Speaking at the opening of the workshop, SPREP's PacWaste Communications Officer Amber Carvan said public engagement is essential to the success of the initiative. "Pre-paid garbage bag systems have been used to great effect across many countries, but in the Pacific region there have only been a handful of success stories," she said. "In evaluating the lessons learned from similar projects, it is abundantly clear that successful implementation hinges on strong public engagement and effective communication."

Participants from MIVA, WUTMI, MALGov, MAWC, PSS, EPA, and FAO worked with the PacWaste team to identify key audiences and the best methods of contacting them. They also discussed some of the barriers to successful implementation and role played different arguments and counter-arguments, for each target audience group.

Bryant Zebedy, who volunteers as an Earth Champion with the NGO Jo-Jikum, acknowledges the challenges ahead, but feels optimistic about the

outcome: "The workshop was fantastic in terms of sharing ideas to tackle the issue of waste on Majuro. I believe that it will be challenging to engage the general public to take up the use of the pre-paid bags but Jo-Jikum is well placed to assist with convincing people to use this system which, ultimately, encourages good waste behavior and benefits the planet."

"I'm excited about being able to assist with this project however I can," said Anfernee Rynold Kaminaga from MIVA. "For example, MIVA has a beautification program so if we could ensure that we use the pre-paid bags instead of regular bags when we are doing community clean-ups, it would be a step in the right direction."

The PacWaste program will be working with communities and organizations in Majuro to introduce the pre-paid bag system over the coming months. The scheme aims to expand waste collection services for all households in Majuro. It will also promote the segregation of green waste and institute a used lead acid battery buy-back scheme.



**Run and fun**  
 Members of KIJLE compete in various fun events at Delap Park earlier this month. Looks like fun was had by all.

# Good luck, Mattie!

Mathlynn “Mattie” Sasser of the Marshall Islands is anticipating tough competition in the Oceania Weightlifting Championships this week in Suva, reported the Fiji Times.

Mattie, although in her final year as a junior competitor, will be competing in the senior women’s 58Kg category.

“This is my last year of junior and I have been preparing for this for almost four and half years. I think it’s going to be tough, but all I have to say is I have to do my best,” she said.

She will be competing against Fiji’s Ulina Sagone in the same category and considers Tia-Clair Toomey of Australia and Jenley Tegu Wini of the Solomon Islands the major contenders to win the category.

Marshall Islands national weightlifting coach Terry Sasser, Mattie’s father, said while the Solomons and the Australians were top contenders, they weren’t ruling out possible upsets. “She’s been in the last year of her junior and transitioning to senior. Her focus is to compete against these senior levels and she has been putting a lot of time and effort and I think there will be some surprises,” he said.

# Surprise on Long Is. court

Third week of the NTA-sponsored Chicken-Run Tennis Tournament got going with Charley Sell winning his first title. The new-kid-in town and his partner, Achien Lin of True Value gutted out a tough come from behind victory, 7-5. In other matches Francis Heine/Dennis Momotaro defeated Al Hanchor/Antari Elbon for 3rd place. The first round featured a surprising early exit by Damien Milne/Mori Kabua who lost to the eventual champion Charley/Achien 6-0. In the semi-final round Dr. Ghali/Wilbur Allen also scored a 6-0 thumping of Al/Antari. Tennis officials recognized NTA and General Manager Tommy Kijiner, Jr. for sponsorship.



Mattie Sasser.

# Anthony Capelle dies while spearfishing off Ebeye Island

A high school senior who was just days away from graduating apparently drowned last week while spearfishing off Ebeye. No trace of Anthony Capelle, 17, or his diving gear was found the day after he went spear fishing with a friend last week.

The Kwajalein Scuba Club posted an announcement ex-

pressing “sadness and a heavy heart (that) Kwajalein Atoll has lost a diver.”

Capelle was a senior honor student at Father Hacker High School, and was scheduled to graduate with his class June 5.

Local residents said Anthony went diving with a friend who lost track of Anthony during their

spear fishing and thought he had simply returned to Ebeye. That he was missing apparently was not known until the following morning when people asked the dive partner where Anthony was. The lagoon current from Ebeye leads to the pass on the western side of the atoll between Enneboj and Carlos islands.

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## IN THE HIGH COURT

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
In the Matter of the Estate of ) Probate Case No. **2016-001**  
**Kunio D. Lemari,** )  
Decedent, ) **NOTICE OF HEARING**  
By: **Christina M. Lemari,** ) **ON THE PETITION FOR**  
Petitioner. ) **APPOINTMENT OF AN**  
 ) **ADMINISTRATRIX**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all persons interested in the above-mentioned estate of the above-named decedent that the hearing on the Petition by **Christina M. Lemari** for her appointment as **administratrix** for the estate of **Kunio D. Lemari** will be held at the Majuro Courthouse the **20th day of June, 2016 at 10:00 am.**

Any persons or creditors having any objection to the petition must file a written statement with the Clerk of Courts, P.O. Box 378, Majuro, MH 96960, and send a copy to Micronesia Legal Service Corporation, P.O. Box 198, Majuro, MH 96960. If no objection or claim is filed by 5:00 p.m., on the **17th day of June, 2016,** the court will then appoint **Christina M. Lemari** as the **administratrix** for the above-mentioned estate of the above-named decedent.

Ikijien Men Ko Mweien ) Probate Case No. **2016-001**  
**Kunio D. Lemari,** ) Kojella kon ien Ronjake  
Decedent / Eo Emej, ) eo bwe Court en jiton  
Jen: **Christina M. Lemari,** ) **Christina M. Lemari** nan  
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 ) **Kunio D. Lemari**

**KOJELĀ ÑON JABDEWOT ARMIJ** eo ej kile bwe ewor an maron ilo Men Ko Mweien **Kunio D. Lemari,** eo ejako, bwe ien ronjake eo kon Petition eo an **Christina M. Lemari** nan an Court jitone bwe en e eo ej Dri-Lolorjaki Men Ko Mweien armij in, enaj komman ilo **20 ran in June (Jun) 2016 ilo 10:00 awa jibbon** ilo Courthouse eo ilo Majuro atoll.

Jabdewot dri-jumae, eaikej dror an naan ilo jeje im kadrelone ibben Clerk eo an High Court, P.O. Box 378, Majuro MH 96960 im jilikinlok juon copy nan Office eo an Micronesia Legal Services Corporation ilo P.O. Box 198, Majuro, MH 96960. Elane ejellok naan in jumae enaj dreton mokta jen 5:00 awa jota ilo **17 raan in June (Jun), 2016,** innem Court enaj etal wot im jiton **Christina M. Lemari** nan lolorjake im ajeji Men Ko Mweien armij in ejako.

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Professional Consulting Services  
for the  
**SMS Program Development and Implementation**  
for Amata Kabua International Airport

## NOTICE

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Ports Authority (RMIPA), a public corporation of the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (GRMI), hereby solicits proposals from a qualified consulting firm to provide professional services for the development and implementation of an airport Safety Management System (SMS) Program for the Amata Kabua International Airport (AKIA), to also include the provisioning of a Safety Management System (SMS) Software. The SMS Software to be provided shall be capable of integrating with/to the RMIPA's existing GIS-centric Airport Condition Monitoring System. RMIPA's Airport Condition Monitoring System utilizes ArcGIS Online and Collector for ArcGIS to provide an easy to use mobile environment for RMIPA inspectors to report the condition of airport infrastructure or assets in a connected or disconnected environment.

This work will be performed and partially funded under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants issued respectively to the GRMI.

The selected consultant will be tasked with developing the SMS Program for AKIA which will require scalable implementation strategies, to include tracking and reporting hazards and deficiencies; airport personnel roles and responsibilities; staff training and skills development; software systems integration; integrated forms; processes; and procedures. The required SMS Program shall be consistent with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 14, Aerodrome Standards, Annex 19, Safety Management (First Edition, July 2013) and ICAO Doc. 9859, Safety Management Manual.

Further details of this RFP may be obtained by submitting written interests to the following contact, or via email to [jack.chonggum@rmipa.com](mailto:jack.chonggum@rmipa.com) with the subject heading, “**SMS Program Development and Implementation for Amata Kabua International Airport**”:

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Majuro, MH 96960-0537

Statements of Professional Proposals must be submitted to the above contact no later than **4:00pm Majuro, Marshall Islands, local time, Monday, July 4, 2016,** in order to be considered.

This Request for Proposals does not commit RMIPA to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal based on this request, or to procure or contract for services. RMIPA reserves the right to reject any and all Statement of Professional Proposals submitted for any reason, if in RMIPA's sole opinion to do so would be in RMIPA's best interest.

Head Office in Delap  
Tel: (692) 625-8805/8269/7613  
Fax: (692) 625-4269

Amata Kabua Int'l Airport  
Tel: (692) 247-7612/3113  
Fax: (692) 247-3888

## TIDE CHART

Date	Time	Ft.
26 Thursday	1:02 AM	0.1
	7:24	4.5
	1:51 PM	0.0
	7:51	3.4
27 Friday	1:39 AM	0.4
	8:04	4.2
	2:36 PM	0.2
	8:38	3.2
28 Saturday	2:25 AM	0.6
	8:53	4.0
	3:31 PM	0.5
	9:41	3.0
29 Sunday	3:28 AM	0.9
	9:57	3.7
	4:43 PM	0.6
	11:05	3.0
30 Monday	4:57 AM	1.1
	11:22	3.5
	6:06 PM	0.6
31 Tuesday	12:36 AM	3.3
	6:38	1.0
	12:51 PM	3.5
	7:21	0.4
1 Wednesday	1:49 AM	3.7
	7:59	0.6
	2:05 PM	3.7
	8:21	0.1
2 Thursday	2:46 AM	4.2
	9:01	0.2
	3:05 PM	4.0
	9:12	-0.2
3 Friday	3:35 AM	4.7
	9:54	-0.2
	3:56 PM	4.2
	9:57	-0.4



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**\$4,500**  
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**JOB OPENING**  
**INVENTORY CLERK**  
Must be computer literate in Excel & Microsoft Works. Fill out application with Rose at Micronitor. Full time job. No phone calls please.

**JOB OPENING**  
**DESIGN & LAYOUT POSITION**  
Experienced in doing page layout (InDesign preferred). Apply at The Marshall Islands Journal office in Uliga during business hours, phone 625-8143 or email: marshallislandsjournal@gmail.com

**Pan Pacific Foods Inc. JOB OPENINGS**  
**PPF • Quality Manager**  
**• Supervisor Production**  
30-45 years of age, local hire only. Must have experience.  
**• Cook** Must Speak Chinese  
To apply call 625-7730 or 455-7731

**JOB OPENING**  
**RRE** is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:  
**-Tide Table Restaurant and Lounge Manager**  
**-Mechanical Engineer**  
Email to: hr@rreinc.com

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**BUSINESS / RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS**  
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**Pacific International Inc. JOB OPENINGS**  
**Mechanic**  
**Auto Electrician/Motor Re-winder**  
**Auto Dentor/Painter**  
**Master Electrician** Must have current electrician's license or identification card to meet governmental regulations.  
**Welders/Fabricators** (Stick, TIG, MIG)  
**Mason**  
**Carpenter**  
ALL POSITIONS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE.  
Resumes can be sent to info@piimajuro.com

**Island Café** is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:  
**Cook Assist / Counter Help (FT / PT)**  
**Qualifications/Requirements:**  
1. Minimum High School degree is required  
2. Must speak fluent English and some Marshallese preferred.  
3. Excellent written and communication skills  
4. Health Clearance Mandatory  
5. Police Clearance Mandatory (Submit w/ Application)  
**Accountant Assist / Asst. Manager (FT)**  
**Minimum Qualifications/Requirements:**  
1. Bachelors Degree / AS degree in Accounting or Finance  
2. Bachelors in Business Administration  
3. Must speak fluent English and some Marshallese Preferred.  
4. Health and Police Clearance Mandatory  
5. Proficient in MS Office, POS and Adobe Acrobat  
6. Police & Health Clearance Mandatory (Submit w/ App)  
Qualified individuals may stop by and Drop-off resume and other credentials or mail to: P.O. Box 330, Majuro, MH 96960. **Absolutely no phone calls!** Island Café located: Grd. Level,

**Apartment For Rent @ Uliga**  
- fully furnished, with air conditioning, one bedroom.  
Contact Rose @ 6253251.

**NOTICE TO ALL MEC Electricity Consumers**  
The electrical utility bills for **APRIL 2016** have now been processed and are ready for collection to all consumers who have not provided the Marshalls 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.

**Nan Ro Otemej Im Rej KEJERBAL JAROM**  
BILL IN JAROM KO AN **EBRÖL 2016** EMOJ AIR DREDRELOK, nan ro im ejelok air Post Office box joij im itok nan Office eo an M.E.C. nan buki bill kein ba kaki ikotaan awa in jermal ko 8:00 jibon im 4:00 awa jota, Mandre nan Blaidre. Kakemijmij aolep customer ro bwe ilo bill in jarom ko emoj kalikare bwe bill ko aikuij in kolla iumin wot 30 ran. Im ne ewor kajitok naj bill ko bar einwot aikuij in kebaak Office eo ilo eja awa ko wot ba kake ilo ak call e telephone nombra 625-3827/3828.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING**  
**THE FLAME TREE BARTENDER**  
Must be 21 years or older. Application forms available with Isaac at Flame Tree.  
**NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE**

**NOTICE TO MEC SUBSCRIBERS**  
Title 21 Marshall Islands Revised Code, Chapter 1, Section 60 makes it a crime for anyone to hook up to any electrical line or receive electricity by any means other than through a MEC authorized hook up or to tamper, alter or tamper with any electrical meter. If convicted of any of these offenses a person may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 6 months and/or fined up to \$100.00.  
Effective April 1, 1989, MEC will refer all instances involving tampering or altering meters and theft of electricity to the REP/MAR Attorney General's Office and the REP/MAR Police Department for prosecution. In addition MEC will disconnect the power where MEC determines a meter has been altered or tampered with or where there is an unauthorized hook up.  
If any person has any information relating to theft of electricity or meter tampering or has any questions about this announcement please contact MEC at 625-3827/3828. Thank you.

**KÖJELA NAN RO REJ BÖK AIR JAROM JEN MEC**  
Ewöt an wotok ilo Title 21, Marshalls Islands Revised Code, Jöpla 1, Sektion 60, lwa se jüb jübin menn kaje nan jabrewot (o renaj nake köllak air jarom ilo jabrewot line in jarom ko ak bok air jarom ilo jabrewot wäwen im jeb jen mjäm in köllak ak wäwen kömadmöt ko jeb jen MEC. Jabrewot eo naj jöwe an kömmari wäwen kein öyellat köllak in naj bed ilo kabuj an jeb je jen ö allon jöak naj bakolli \$100.00 dala.  
Jebf ilo kie Epril 1989 eo, MEC önj jöllök aolep ro renaj bok jen an kömmari wäwen kam öjjen jarom öben to jeb ak uköl mla ko im kööl jarom nan öjje eo an Attorney General ac an REP/MAR in Department eo an REP/MAR Police nan an kömmari jermal in kaje ko air. Baewimöl MEC, önj kölj jarom jen jöwe im MEC öjje ko ke jarom ko ke ke kömadmöt an öjje köllak jarom ro.  
Jabrewot eo ewöt an msteki ün wäwen in öjje kööl jarom ak ewöt an kajitök ün köjela in an öjje im kebaak MEC öjje 625-3827/3828. Köm Emmöl.

Are you interested in HEALTH & FIRST AID?  
Would you like to work with the **MARSHALL ISLANDS RED CROSS SOCIETY?**  
We are a not-for-profit, independent, humanitarian organization working to strengthen and build capacity in our communities, focussing on the most vulnerable. Our programs include disaster preparedness & response, first aid training and health, and services to the armed forces.

We are looking for a full-time **First Aid Course Coordinator**  
**You will –**  
• Be interested in promoting safe and healthy living  
• Be responsible for MIRCS' first aid training program – marketing courses, organizing venues & participants, administration, record-keeping, etc.  
• Be an organised and confident person and have good communication skills  
• Be a high school graduate, ideally with an associate degree or equivalent  
• Preferably have previous work experience in a health role  
• Co-ordinate and work with MIRCS volunteers

If you are interested, please email [telbi.jason@ifrc.org](mailto:telbi.jason@ifrc.org) with cover letter, resume and names of 2 referees. Closing date for applications 10 June 2016. For more information and a copy of the Job Description, please contact:  
**The Marshall Islands Red Cross Society**  
Rm 156, Marshall Islands Resort, Phone 625-0340





## SOLICITATION OF INTEREST AND SUBMIT QUOTATION

The Ministry of Public Works/Project Management Unit (PMU) seeks solicitation of interest and Qualification to Bid for the following Project;

- 1. Education Maintenance (Outer Island Schools)**
- 2. Health Maintenance (Outer Island Health Centers)**

Letters of Interest will be accepted starting from May 27-June 3, 2016. Any letter of Interests received after the time and date mentioned shall not be accepted under any circumstances. All prospective Contractors are requested to submit letter of interest addressed to:

**Secretary of Public Works**  
**PO Box 1727 Majuro MH 96960**  
**Republic of the Marshall Islands**  
**OR e-mail to: architectpmurmi2005@gmail.com**

Contractors who are qualified to bid will be notified by PMU and shall be provided with the Bid Documents for the Project.

Pre-Bid Meeting will be advised in writing by PMU to all qualified Contractors.




## JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE  
**REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**  
 Post Office Box B • Majuro, MH 96960 Marshall Islands  
 Phone: (692) 625-3201/3297 • Fax: (692) 625-3323  
 Email: Marshall.Islands.Judiciary@gmail.com

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Judicial Service Commission for the Republic of the Marshall Islands ("the Commission"), is accepting applications for the position:

### ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT

The Commission is constitutionally responsible to recommend candidates for judicial appointment by the Cabinet, subject to confirmation by legislative resolution.

The High Court is a superior court of record having general jurisdiction over controversies of law and fact in the Marshall Islands. Justices of the High Court may also be appointed as temporary justices of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Supreme Court.

An Associate Justice receives compensation provided by statute, including an annual salary of USD\$80,000, monthly housing allowance of \$750, monthly electric allowance of 750 kWh (currently \$259.50), and travel and moving expenses from the point of hire and back, plus use of a car for official business. The term of service is for two years with the Government's option to offer a two-year extension. The responsibilities of an Associate Justice include deciding cases in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the Republic and performing such other functions, including administrative functions, as directed by the Chief Justice of the High Court.

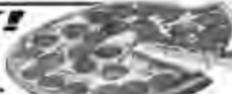
The Commission will consider applications from individuals who (i) are licensed to practice law in a common law jurisdiction and in good standing for at least five years, (ii) have significant judicial and/or litigation experience, (iii) have a history of superior work ethic and job performance, (iv) have a record of conduct, both professional and personal, that is above reproach, (v) have an interest in, and consideration of, cultural and development realities of the Marshall Islands, and (vi) are otherwise qualified by education, experience, and character to carry out the responsibilities of an associate justice. All applicants must disclose any disciplinary proceedings of which they have been a subject.

Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, two letters of reference, and two writing samples to the Office of the Clerk of the Courts at P.O. Box B, Majuro, MH 96960 or by email to Marshall.Islands.Judiciary@gmail.com not later than May 31, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. (MHT).

This announcement does not constitute an offer of employment.

Date: April 11, 2016.

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**NO EXCUSE.** Just take a walk to  
**The Flame Tree (625-8733)** in Delap and  
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## U.S. EMBASSY MAJURO JOB OPENING

The Embassy of the United States of America is announcing the opening for the full-time position of:

### Administrative Management Assistant FSN-105-8\*; FP-6\*\*

This position is only open to U.S. citizens who are eligible to receive a U.S. security clearance

**EMPLOYMENT LENGTH:** This position is temporary and will not exceed two years from hire date.

**(Starting salary for OR- Ordinarily Resident is US\$ 18,343 per annum)**

Ordinarily Resident – U.S. citizen who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

**(Starting salary for NOR- Not Ordinarily Resident is US\$ 39,558 per annum)**

**Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington**

Not Ordinarily Resident – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

The job holder reports to the Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM). S/he manages daily activities for the Ambassador and the DCM. The job holder develops public affairs programs in conjunction with the DCM and the Cultural Affairs Assistances, provides guidance and support to the Receptionist/Media Assistant and serves as the primary grants officer. The job holder maintains confidential communication in person and over the telephone between the Ambassador, the DCM, post personnel, host government officials, the Diplomatic Corps., U.S. and private RMI citizens and the press.

**Qualifications required for this position are:**

- Completion of two years of college, with emphasis on Management Administration, Social Science, or Liberal Arts is required.
- A minimum of two years of administrative or general clerical work is required.
- Level 4 (Fluent) English language Speaking and Reading is required. Language proficiency will be tested.
- Must have a basic working knowledge of Microsoft programs--such as Word, Outlook, Excel, and PowerPoint is required.
- Good working knowledge of office procedures and administrative functions is required. A working knowledge of the Republic of the Marshall Island's government and social structure is required.
- The candidate must be able to obtain and hold Secret Clearance.

Interested applicants must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174); or
2. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 - 24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet, or
3. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Appendix B below for more information); plus
4. Candidates who claim U.S. veteran must provide a copy of their form DD-214 with their application.
5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position listed above.
6. Offers of employment are subject to medical and police clearances.

Applications are available at the U.S. Embassy Majuro in Long Island, M-F, 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.

Forward completed applications to the attention of Financial/Administrative Assistant.

Closing date for accepting applications is at **5 p.m., June 3, 2016.**

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Send your hysterical, gripping, or insightful Are You Awares? to [journal@ntamar.net](mailto:journal@ntamar.net)

**THAT** one-third of dog owners talk to their dog on the telephone?

**THAT** the top three situations that require witnesses are: 1) Crimes 2) Accidents 3) Marriages ... Need we say more?

**THAT** soap and deodorant are the most frequent items redeemed with coupons?

**THAT** when a pal of ours wants to hold a family meeting, she turns off the house wifi and waits for them all to come running?

**THAT** the Platinum Eagle worth \$100 is the highest value coin in the US?

**THAT** both lobsters and people like to eat lobsters?

**THAT** the typewriter was invented before the fountain pen?

**THAT** months that begin on a Sunday will always have a Friday the 13th in them?

**THAT** the average graph-

ite pencil can write a line about 35 miles long, or approximately 45,000 English words?

**THAT** the average person spends six months of their lifetime waiting on a red light to turn green ... however this is not true for people in RMI?

**THAT** the largest re-

corded snowflake was in Keogh, MT in 1887 ... it was 15 inches wide?

**THAT** the Matami Tribe of West Africa plays their own version of football, but instead of using a normal football they use a human skull?

**THAT** in 1386 a pig in France was executed by

**THAT** German Wolfgang Dircks died while he was watching television and was discovered 10 months later as a skeleton when his landlord tried to collect overdue rent?

**THAT** you know that you're playing with an Italian deck of cards because there are no queens?



**THAT** Batman and Mook were recently seen praying in readiness for a feast of sashimi in Long Island's Rairok area? Photo: Hilary Hosia.

public hanging for the murder of a child?

**THAT** a single cloud can weigh more than one million pounds ... so it's handy they don't fall from the sky?

**THAT** in Japan, surgical masks are used for fashion, warmth, and avoiding conversation with strangers?

# ARE YOU AWARE?

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<p><b>Boy's Dress Pants</b>    <b>\$15<sup>95</sup></b>, <b>\$14<sup>95</sup></b>, <b>\$24<sup>95</sup></b>, <b>\$12<sup>95</sup></b></p> <p><b>Choose from our many assorted designs, colors &amp; sizes</b></p>	<p><b>Ladies' Sandals</b>    <b>\$18<sup>95</sup></b></p> <p><b>Ladies' Slippers</b>    <b>\$12<sup>95</sup></b></p> <p><b>Italia MODA</b></p>

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