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Ministry of Internal Affairs officials and National Police got together Tuesday to burn the ballots from the 2007 election in Alwal.

From left to right, Captain Remen Bakol, Fritzad Jack Reiher, Sweetland Note, Baron Abraham, Nobert deBrum, and officer Moses Lautej. Photo: Isaac Marty.

Tony blasts 'lack of action' on fraud

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Kwajalein Senator Tony deBrum said this week that RMI Cabinet leaders have allowed the investigations into government fraud and theft to virtually collapse for lack of staff in the AG's office and few police investigators. In an attack on government leadership, deBrum said this problem has occurred despite the government's leaders saying everything was under control.

But three Cabinet Ministers — Brenson Wase, Jack Ading and John Silk — got together Wednesday to respond to deBrum's allegations, saying the RMI-led investigations are continuing and plans are in motion to bolster the Attorney General's office.

Brenson, John, Jack say deBrum is misleading

Reading the article in last week's Journal that the Acting AG Tubosoye Brown is the only attorney in the AG's office and there is only one national police investigator currently on the fraud probe prompted deBrum to level criticism at the government. He also said at recent Public Accounts Committee hearings the committee members had specifically asked whether the RMI has the people to conduct a thorough

investigation of the fraud.

But Justice Minister Wase said Brown, who was recently named Acting AG, is the official who has been leading the fraud cases from the beginning and is continuing forward with the investigations and prosecutions. "The investigation is ongoing," said Finance Minister Ading who made the additional point that High Court trials

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Campaign 2011: Kwaj-Majuro split

With one month left to the November 21 vote, campaign activities are hitting high gear.

This year's campaign, up to recently, has appeared to be less party oriented than any election since before 1999 — with various party groupings that were central in earlier elections having been abandoned for the 2011 vote. It's looked like an every man and woman for themselves election.

In the last few days, however, a new group calling itself KEA — Kien Eo Am (Your Government) — has

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Fraud fracas: Tony deBrum, Brenson Wase, John Silk, Jack Ading.

Jack: Investigation is moving forward

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are scheduled for January, February and March in various prosecutions. Brown also told the Journal last week that he is pursuing investigations and opening new investigations.

Wase said earlier this year, he, Ading and Silk had met with US officials and arrived at an agreement that the RMI would lead the investigation, with then AG Frederick Canavor, Jr. as the point of contact with the US government, while Chief Prosecutor Brown was in charge of the prosecutions. "We agreed on how to address the fraud issue with the US," Wase said. "Fred Canavor had experience in Guam and the FSM so we put our confidence in the AG." The US offered assistance as needed, and in fact both the Interior Department and the Government Accountability Office have sent officials to RMI in recent months, Wase said.

But deBrum emphasized the fact that President Jurelang Zedkaia, Wase and Ading had claimed earlier this year that the RMI government had the staff to properly investigate the theft from the government. But with the current situation in the Attorney General's office this has now been proved to be false, and has created a "totally intolerable" situation for the Marshall Islands, deBrum said.

Wase and Silk said they have discussed the options of bringing in attorneys from Foreign Affairs and Resources and Development to bolster the AG's office over the next few weeks for both the fraud work and the election.

Wase said the government is working quickly to address AG office needs. He also said former RMI AG Philimon Manoni has been asked to return to the

Campaign fever

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coalesced and is comprised of a number of Cabinet ministers and senators associated with the current administration of President Jurelang Zedkaia. Kwajalein is the center of a brewing opposition group that is supporting candidates in both Ralik and Ratak chains seeking to gain a majority to oust the current government when Nitijela convenes in January.

An example of the Kwajalein support was the small fleet of boats that motored down to Jaluit last weekend

to mark Jaluit Liberation Day.

An interesting feature of election developments is that there is no unanimity among iroij who are the key players both up front and behind the scenes in the current election campaign. Forces aligned with Kwajalein iroij are pushing to get a majority of "their" candidates elected so that they can form a government in January, while the KEA party, which is aligned with Zedkaia, are working to maintain and increase their majority.

AG post as soon as he completes his PhD requirements, which is expected to be in the next several weeks. "We hope to have him in before the election," Wase said.

Ading said one of the two police investigators — Parker Wilson — is off-island on a short-term training, and will be back shortly.

Meanwhile, the lawyer shortage at the AG office is because two are on leave for the election, one resigned, and one was given leave at an inappropriate time, Wase said.

DeBrum said he had introduced a resolution in Nitijela early this year to invite US investigators to assist RMI. But this resolution, which was deferred by the Nitijela, was "fought by the President, Brenson and Jack," deBrum said.

"They said the RMI didn't need anyone to help in the investigation in spite of the Attorney General's loud

request for help."

Now, deBrum said, the Acting Attorney General has stated he has no legal staff and only one investigator to pursue these important investigations into theft from the RMI government. "Now the US government can fairly say that the RMI is not pursuing the investigations and can hold up funding," deBrum said. "It's a totally intolerable situation."

Silk said he also objected to deBrum's resolution, saying it was the Nitijela as a whole that decided against the resolution, not one person. All three ministers said they objected to the resolution because it was "misleading" in that it claimed the RMI had rejected a US offer of investigative assistance. Ading said at the time the US had not offered any assistance so there was nothing to reject.

He stated that a meeting with US officials in Hawaii early this year on the matter led to cooperation and the okay from the RMI for the US to send investigators as needed. "Subsequent to that meeting, Interior sent in investigators including from the GAO office from Hawaii," Ading said.

Silk said the investigation and prosecutions have been conducted in a transparent manner.

\$2.6m check for RMI

The Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) office will hand over a \$2.6 million check to the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority on Thursday this week for fishing days

sold to Solomon Islands and other PNA members.

This follows on a \$1 million sale of fishing days to Papua New Guinea last month. **More fisheries stories: P18.**

US cut will hit public health

A United States-funded health program that was called “transformative for the (Pacific) region” is expected to be eliminated this year, following a US House of Representatives plan to cut the program contained in the US FY2012 budget plan.

The US Congress’ plan to eliminate funding for the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program has sparked concern not only from College of the Marshall Islands Interim President Carl Hacker but also from officials in other US-affiliated islands.

Dr. Greg Dever, who directs the Palau AHEC that is based at Palau Community College, said eliminating AHEC will hurt a range of public health and nursing degree programs in the region.

“This will adversely impact on the development of the associate of sciences degree in public health at Palau Community College, the college’s local nursing program and retard any development at the College of the Marshall Islands in the associate of science degree in public health program,” Dever said. “It will also definitely lead to adverse cuts in the now-accredited associate of science degree in public health program and new accredited nursing program at the

Island bank holds first Majuro meet



Pacific Island Development Bank board held its first meeting in Majuro on Wednesday this week, delivering on a promise a month after the RMI government joined with an initial investment of \$250,000. Officials said the RMI membership brings all US-affiliated islands into the Guam-based bank, increasing opportunities for accessing capital. Bank President Aren Palik said they are waiting for the RMI to issue a special certificate so that it can begin lending in the next few weeks. “We’re excited to begin in the Marshall Islands,” said Palik. Board members in Majuro this week, sitting from left: Diego Benavente (CNMI), Ilai Abraham (Kosrae), Rosa Weilbacher (manager administration). Back: Aren Palik (President), John Masiwemai (Yap), Thomas Pablo (Pohnpei), Secilil Eldebechel (Palau). Lou Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam President, is Guam’s representative but wasn’t able to make the Majuro meeting.

College of Micronesia in Pohnpei, as well as nursing programs at the University of Guam and Guam Community College.” These US-affiliated islands have struggled with developing preventive health programs to address an epidemic of lifestyle-related diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, as well

as communicable diseases such as TB and leprosy at least in part because of a shortage of trained public health workers. The AHEC funding focuses largely on developing high school and college-based training program for nurses and public health workers. “AHECs have been transformative in the region,” said

Dever of the public health training work launched through the program at local colleges.

Dr. Kelley Withy, the Executive Director of the Hawaii-Pacific Basin AHEC who is based at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii, said a visit to Washington, DC last week did

not improve chances for retaining the program.

“I just returned from DC and it is very frustrating,” he said this week. “They (Congressional officials) don’t seem to realize that if they cut a program like this, they can’t just start it back up when money becomes available.”



EPA, CMI help fix Kili water

CMI Land Grant’s water quality agent Jina David (pictured above) joined RMI EPA representatives from Kili Island to test about 100 water catchments earlier this month. Sixty-seven showed contamination. When treated with Clorox, the retested tanks showed they were safe. “I strongly recommended the Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government encourage the two RMIEPA representatives for Kili Island to continue with the testing and treating of the catchments, and report their work to RMI EPA and CMI Land Grant, and also the KBE Government to provide Clorox so they can continue with treating of the contaminated catchments,” said David and Land Grant Dean Biuma Samson.

T&C still reviewing boating rules

Nearly 20 years after a Domestic Water Crafts Act was passed by Nitijela, the government has not written and promulgated regulations to enforce the law.

The law government safety and related issues for boats and ships operating in the RMI was adopted by Nitijela in 1992, and came into law on September 30 that year.

Although the law requires that “The Minister” of Transportation and Communications “prepare for the approval of the Cabinet any and all regulations necessary and proper to implement” the

many sections of the 1992 law, none have been prepared or approved by Cabinet through successive government administrations.

According to Ministry of Transportation and Communications staff Smith Williams, a set of regulations was provided to the Ministry by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in 2003.

“The ministry is still in the process of reviewing the new regulations carefully, which would take some time,” said Williams.

Asked about the tragic incident last year in Arno, when four people drowned during a boat

trip to Majuro, Williams responded, “we do radio net conference twice a month to remind people of safety measures and regulations. We also take questions.” Williams added: “People need to prepare themselves before going out to sea.”

Meanwhile, Transportation Secretary Phil Philippo confirmed that the ministry is still in the review stage.

“We’re still reviewing the generic water craft act to see if we can amend the act with new rules and regulations. And we’re trying to have this ready for the upcoming Nitijela,” said Philippo.

\$35.5m went to RMI wages

The RMI government spent \$35.5 million on salaries in fiscal year 2010, according to the Deloitte audit provided to the Nitijela.

This amounts to 34 percent of the FY2010 national government spending of \$104.2 million.

The two other largest items in the RMI government spending in 2010 were “grants and subsidies” that amounted to almost \$18.3 million, and “capital” spending for infrastructure

of \$12.5 million. Contracts cost the RMI government \$5.6 million, while utility costs were \$5.2 million in 2010.

Some other RMI government spending items included (note, the amounts are rounded to the nearest hundred thousand):

- Medical supplies, \$4.5 million
- Travel \$3.3 million
- Loan repayments, \$2.4 million
- Allowances, \$800,000.

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Yokwe to new Turkish envoy

The new Ambassador to RMI for the Republic of Turkey Oguz Özge presented his diplomatic credentials on Wednesday to President Jurelang Zedkaia, while members of the Cabinet joined in the ceremony. Photo: Bruce Kijiner.

Ataji says Electoral misled him

Kwajalein Nitijela candidate Ataji Balos, who has been removed from the ballot for the November election, said he was misled by electoral officials.

In an October 12 letter to Chief Electoral Officer Joseph Jorlang, Balos said on instructions and approval by Patrick Bing, Ebeye's Electoral officer, "I gave power of attorney to Edward Jeadrik to sign my nomination petition form on my behalf."

He said he was in constant communication with Bing on what was the proper



Kwajalein Nitijela candidate Ataji Balos.

Balos taken off ballot per advice from AG

Kwajalein Atoll candidate Ataji Balos has been taken off the ballot, according to the Electoral office. The reasons provided include:

- Ataji Balos was not the one who signed his nomination petition papers.
- His agent who helped him on

his nomination papers did not have his power of attorney notarized.

• His agent put his signature in the wrong place, which is the witness' section.

"This information was given from the Attorney General's office," said Amram.

procedure "I needed to follow for Edward to sign my nomination paper on my behalf and I did every in accordance to his instructions.

Following the submission of the form I called and talked with Patrick again and he said that everything was in order and he said it was. I

also sent my paper work to you Mr. Joseph Jorlang for you to review them. Both of you told me everything was okay." Balos, who was a long-time Kwajalein senator until he lost a reelection bid in 2003, said he believed the two election officials "because both of you have done this job for years, you have experience and you know the rules." He said it was clear that they both recognized he did everything correctly because they named him as a candidate when the announcements were released to the public

"Why did it take so long for me to learn that I wasn't a viable candidate because of my paperwork?" Balos said. "I filed on July 27 and by October 9, I started to hear rumors that my paperwork was questionable. Mr. Jesse Riketa filed his complaint on August 25 then finally on October 10, I received a letter from your office." He told Jorlang he is awaiting "further instructions from your office."

Postal absentee ballot count

The Electoral Administration reports that it has already received 280 postal absentee ballots through the Post Office for the November 21 national election.

As of Tuesday, Electoral officials had mailed out 2,044 ballots to registered voters living off-island.

Wotje and Mejit complaints removed

Recent complaints filed against a number of candidates running for Mayor for Wotje Atoll and Jabat Island have been rejected by the Attorney General's office. Meanwhile another complaint that was filed against a candidate running for the Alap seat in Mejit was also rejected by the Electoral office.

According to Wise Amram, the Mejit candidate was disputed by the atoll's Leroij and Iroij who stated that the candidate had no right to run for the seat because he has an older brother. "The petition papers showed the 'older brother' being included," said Amram.

More trainings as election date nears

The Electoral office is gearing up for the upcoming vote next month and have acquired staff from government departments to be members of the team working in the election. "We've also hired people who worked in the previous election," said electoral official Wise Amram. Another workshop for all the people who will be working in the election has been scheduled for November 1-2. The previous workshop took place early this month. On the other hand, Ministry of Internal Affairs gave out letters to news media outlets last week requesting names of representatives who will be reporting on the election. "The purpose of this is to streamline the release of outgoing election information results," said Acting Secretary Wallace Peter. The media group will be recognized with an identification badge processed by the ministry, said Peter.

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Three cheers for Juren Ae graduates

The women's group Juren Ae concluded its handicraft skills training at the International Conference Center last Thursday in graduating 21 young women participants.

Speakers at the event heaped appreciation on donors, the RMI government and other individuals that supported the

program. According to Foreign Minister John Silk, who spoke on behalf of RMI President Jurelang Zedkaia, "the skills that these students learned are skills from our own country."

This is part of our culture and was passed down from our ancestors through the gen-

erations, said Silk. "Our skills have not disappeared, we need to share them and pass them on," said Silk.

"These girls can advance to learning how to make 'jaki-ed' (mats) which is the highest level of weaving mats," said Althea Bing (right).



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CMI prepares 19 interns

College of the Marshall Islands students are already preparing for an internship program for the Fall (August) Semester. Pictured are some of the 19 interns who will be placed at CMI, the Environmental Protection Authority, Marshalls Energy Company, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Public Works, National Telecommunications Authority, Youth to

Youth in Health, and Women United Together Marshall Islands. They got together for an orientation session.

The internship program will see students spending two hours a day at the work place, keeping journals and learning about possible careers. CMI's aim is to "enhance our students' educational experience as they prepare for life after graduation."

LRA: We'll fix audit issues

Auditors listed four "findings" (problems) in their FY2008 audit of the Land Registration Authority, three of which were said to be "material weaknesses" (serious problems).

Three of the four problems found had been pointed out in previous year audits and not corrected.

In addition, while most agencies were on their FY2010 audits, LRA was two years behind as the FY2008 was included in the RMI Auditor General's 2011 report to Nitijela last month.

In a March 24, 2011 letter to LRA Registrar Helkena Anni, Auditor General Junior Patrick raised questions about LRA's handling of

cash. "Cash is being received without cash receipts issued," he said. "We recommend that cash receipts be issued for all cash received."

He also pointed out that LRA was not backing up its computer-based records. "We noted that the accounting system was updated and changed after the financial statements were provided for audit," Patrick said.

"However, updated financial statements were provided for the changes made as all accounting data in the accounting system were inadvertently deleted. No backups were available to assist timely recovery of accounting data, thus

AUDIT NEWS UPDATE

the accounting records were constructed manually by a consultant using the Excel program rather than utilizing the existing accounting system that LRA previously paid \$2,000 for another consultant to maintain."

He urged LRA to set up a policy to routinely back up accounting data.

The audit also pointed out that more than half (22) of 39 purchases that were checked did not have required documents to show that RMI law for purchasing supplies and equipment were followed.

The amount of the 22 problem

purchases was over \$15,000 and included

spending ranging from a low of \$168 for repairs and maintenance to a high of \$2,000 for computer training and software. "Lack of adherence to established (RMI) procurement standards was reported as a finding in audits of the Authority for 2005 through 2007," the audit said.

"We will follow the RMI's procurement code and the recommendation by the Auditor," said the LRA management in response.

The audit also pointed out that board minutes were not available for two of the four quarters in 2008, and this presented the pos-

sibility that board directives are not properly disclosed or recorded. This was also a problem left unfixed from 2007.

"The policy and procedure for maintaining the minutes of the meetings of board is to scan the minutes into PDF forms and also filed them in an audit folder for the fiscal year to be audit," said LRA management.

The audit shows that in 2007, LRA had total operating revenue of \$48,237 and this declined to \$33,548 in 2008. It had expenses of \$34,224 in 2008, overspending its 2008 revenue slightly but because it had carryover money from previous years, it ended 2008 with net assets of \$87,105.

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Mili Senator Kejjo Bien is attempting to revive World War II-era claims.

Kejjo to revive WWII-era claims?

Mili Senator Kejjo Bien is working with international lawyer Jonathan Levy in an effort to revive decades old claims for property damage, environmental destruction and loss of life.

In a press release, they said that up to now diplomatic issues involving the US and Japan, the United Nations' professed immunity from its neglect during the trusteeship era, and the lack of interest by the US Congress have blocked resolution of World War II-era claims.

"Now a solution is being formulated," said Levy. Instead of abandoning these claims that are in some cases more than 60 years old, "a plan is being floated to estab-

lish a RMI Historical Claims Commission to gather all colonial era, wartime, trusteeship and nuclear claims together, document them and release a recommendation to the government for their final resolution."

Levy and Bien said this would combine all claims into a single package for the RMI to address in a unified and orderly manner.

"The entire process should take no longer than a year and will result in a quantifiable 'super claim' that can be more easily dealt with by the RMI government and fairly apportioned for the benefit of all the affected citizens," Levy said. Bien expects other government members will see the logic of the process and to support it.

Agencies focus on Laura lens

A third seminar on the conservation and management of the Laura freshwater lens to share information from a Japanese-supported study with the concerned organizations was held on October 14 at the Marshall Islands Resort's Melele Room. About 30 people from Resources and Development, EPA, the Water Task Force, Majuro Atoll Local Government, CMI, the Secretariat of the Pacific Geoscience Program, Freshwater Lens Committee, Majuro Water and Sewer Company, Majuro Atoll Waste Company, National

Institute for Rural Engineering in Japan (NIRE), Embassy of Japan, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) took part.

Japan officials reported the counter-measure against the saltwater intrusion and initial model simulation, NIRE officials showed the cross sectional view and storage volume of the freshwater lens based on an electromagnetic survey, and the water quality analysis. Ministry of R&D officials talked about water saving agricultural methods. After a question and answer session, EPA

reported the output of a recent JICA training course in Okinawa.

Secretary of R&D Tommy Kijiner, Jr. said "As we can recognize the importance of conservation and management of the freshwater lens, we would like to share the information on the present situation of the freshwater lens."

As the final year comes for the project focusing on water resource use in atolls, the manual for the conservation and management of the freshwater lens will be submitted to R&D by Japan officials in March, 2012.



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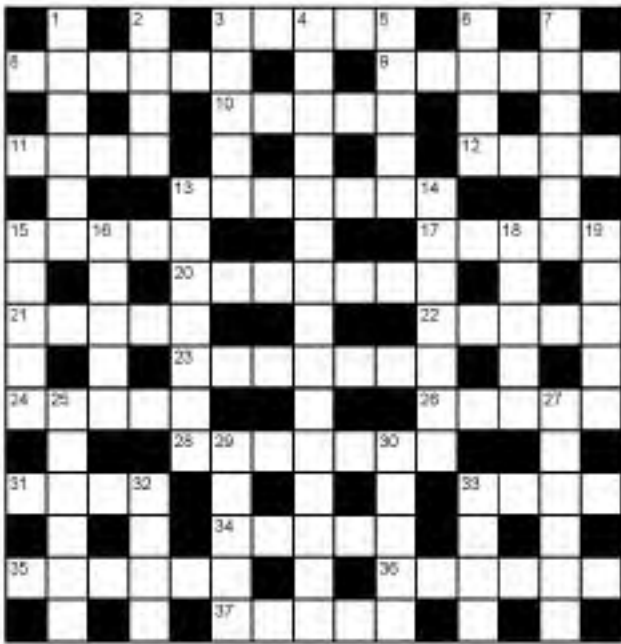
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On that note, Ambassador George T.K. Li extends special thanks to H.E. President Jurelang Zedkaia and the First Lady, Traditional Leaders, Members of Nitijela, Members of the Cabinet, Government, Business and Community leaders, and the overseas Taiwanese here in the RMI who participated in and contributed to the celebrations of the 100th National Day of R.O.C. in 2011.

The RMI Riddle No. 370: Sponsored by CopyMasters

- ACROSS**
3. Night clicker.
 8. Bird country.
 9. Grain and stone meet in village.
 10. Whistled and trickled.
 11. Fry, sleep, or freeze.
 12. Clap for drink!
 13. Shellfish.
 15. Hot craze.
 17. Abode.
 20. Post HS?
 21. 0°.
 22. Physicist G.C. Lichtenberg wrote in the 1700s: "I have remarked very clearly that I am often of one opinion when I am ---- down and of another when I am standing up . . ."
 23. Judicial inquiry.
 24. Weapon.
 26. Used to play in an accurate fashion.
 28. Not as big.
 31. Hitch, moon, or way.
 33. Veggie found on toe?
 34. Posterior parts.
 35. Entertaining Japanese woman.
 36. Use.
 37. Lawful.
- DOWN**
1. Muller, McCarthy, or Dujmovic.
 2. Hop along, Jack!
 3. Nomad.
 4. EDIFICE. (7,8)
 5. Logical arrangement.
 6. Tricky business.



7. Carnivorous mammals.
13. Alternative children in the garden?
14. Hut.
15. Money.
16. Sixth sign.
18. Village.
19. 11111111.
25. Beasts of 11 Across.
27. Fuentes or Domnick.
29. Electropositive element.
30. Artist's accessory.
32. MBC target.
33. Duplicate.

Answers to Riddle No. 369



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



First Lady Hannah Zedkaia, who is headed to the outer islands this week.

First Lady to do series of island visits

First Lady Hannah Zedkaia was aiming to leave Majuro this week on a trip to four outer atolls to donate goods provided by Americans and also to inaugurate new call centers.

The visit is to the islands of Woja, Ailinglaplap, Namu Namu, and Likiep and Wotje's main islands.

Once she completes this one-week trip, she plans later in the month to visit Arno and Mili.

This is part of her program of getting donations of children's clothing from the US and delivering it to needy families. The call centers are being established by NTA.

Landowners' anxiety over late payment

The first Kwajalein land rental payment of the new fiscal year was four days late, causing concern within the landowner community.

The more than \$6.5 million payment was expected on Monday, but was not issued by Ministry of Finance until late afternoon Friday after it was received from the US government. The delays were on the US government side.

The concern led Kwajalein senators to ask the RMI government to seek release of the delayed rental payment, but Friday's release solved the problem.

US Ambassador Martha Campbell said the first payment of the new fiscal year "was slightly delayed because of US Congressional budget approval requirements for the new fiscal year and the setting up and implementation of a new financial management system within the Department of the Interior. DOI successfully got the first quarter Kwajalein landowner payment released only a few days late, in spite of the fact that the first business day of the new fiscal year was October 3 and October 10 was a US holiday."

The October payment is traditionally the largest of the four rental payments that the landowners received each year. Because the land use agreement was signed in May, the quarterly payments now include the entire amount of land rental agreed to in the Compact of Free Association.

The approximately 90 landowners will receive more than \$17 million in rental in fiscal year 2012.

How Kwaj rents work

Kwajalein landowner payments are made on a quarterly basis.

The first quarter payment covers October through December.

The first quarter payment also includes the entire inflation adjustment amount for the fiscal year, one reason that this payment issued last Friday is the largest of the year.

By request of the landowners, the quarterly payments are paid out on a 30 percent, 30 percent, 20 percent, and 20 percent basis, according to the US Embassy.

The first quarter payment for FY2012 was \$6,510,000, which is comprised of 30 percent (\$4,500,000) of the \$15 million rental base and the FY2012 inflation adjustment amount of \$2,010,000.

The second quarter payment in January will again be 30 percent of \$15 million or \$4,500,000. The third and fourth quarter payments in April and July, respectively, will be 20 percent of \$15 million or \$3,000,000 each.

The total payment for FY2012 will be \$17,010,000, according to the US Embassy.

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Ewor ke juon Anij?

Enañin aolep ilo aelōn kein renaaj ba bwe ewor juon Anij. Ak ilo Sam 14:1 ej ba, *Ri bwebwe ear ba ilo būruon, "Eijelōk Anij."*

Bōlen jet rej lõmṅak bwe eoon in ej kōnōno kōn armej ilo la! ko jet. Ak bōlen ej kōnōno kōn ro ri nana me re bwebwe.

Bōtab, āindein elōn armej ilo mool. Lale Sam 14:2,3: *Jeova ear reitok jān lañ ko ñan ro nejin armej bwe En lo eļaññe jabdewōt eo e mālōlōt, im pukot Anij. Er otemej re bōd, rej jirnor im nana; eijelōk juon ej kōmṅan emṅan, eijelōk juon.*

Anij ej ba bwe eijelōk juon armej ej kōmṅan emṅan. Je kijoñ in lõmṅak bwe jej kōmṅan emṅan. E alikkar bwe e oktak wāween an Anij lõmṅak jān wāween ad lõmṅak.

Jej lo bwe ilo 1 eoon, armej in ear ba men in ilo būruon, jab kōn lõñin. Ilo Bible, "ri bwebwe" ej jet iien jutak kōn juon eo e jeļā kōn jīmwe, ak ej abwin kōmṅane. Armej rot in e maroñ in ba kōn lõñin bwe ewor juon

Naan Ko Rejouj

Anij, ak ilo būruon ej ba eijelōk. Ej ba juon men, ak e oktak wāween an mour. Im e jab emṅan an mour.

Meñe jej ba bwe ewor juon Anij, jet iien jej mour ainwōt eijelōk Anij.

Je jab pukot ankilaan kōn mour ko ad. Jej inepata im ainwōt aolep

men re jab pād ilo pein Anij. Jej illu im dike im pād ainwōt eijelōk Anij ej lo kōj.

Etke elōn rej ba, "Moktata I kōñaan kamṅoolol Anij kōn iien in emṅan," ak re jab koutiej Anij ilo mour ko aer? Etke jet rej nooje jikka ke ri kaki ej itok, ak re jab nooje jān Anij?

Etke armej rej bubu im kōkkure meñe Anij ej ba jab kōmṅane?

Armej rej mour ainwōt ewor tepij im timoñ. Re jab rakije wuliej ko. Rej kajerbal kein karwaan. Rej abwinmake ilo boñ. Ñe re nañinmej, rej lõmṅak ej kōn an armej kōkkure er.

E alikkar jān wāween aer mour bwe rej tōmak ilo timoñ im kajoor ko an timoñ. Im e alikkar jān wāween aer mour bwe re jab lõmṅak kōn Anij.

Jej tōmak ke bwe ewor juon Anij e kwōjarjar me Ej lo kōj aolep iien? Ewor ke juon Anij me Ej yokwe kōj im Ej irooj loon men otemej? Ewor ke juon Anij me jenaaj aikuj jutak imaan mejān juon raan im uwaak kōn kōmṅan ko ad?

Je jab maroñ lo Anij, bwe E Jetōb. Bōtab ewor juon Anij. Ekkar bwe jen mijak E, bwe E kanooj kajoor, im e jīmwe. Je jab maroñ wiaik būruon kōn jerbak ak jān ko ad. Eļaññe jej tōmak bwe ewor Anij, enaaj jelōt mour ko ad.

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Corruption is bad?

The Marshall Islands Nitijela, before it recessed, agreed that corruption is a bad thing and ratified the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

“The diversion of scarce resources through corruption affects the government’s ability to provide basic health and education services to iuts citizens and to encourage sustainable economic, social and political development,” said Resolution 88 that directs Foreign Minister John

Silk to execute and transmit appropriate documents to the UN Secretary General.

“Throughout the world, there is a growing concern and awareness of the need to combat corruption,” said the Nitijela resolution.

The UN Convention Against Corruption came into force in 2005. In the Pacific, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Palau have already ratified it, along with 145 other nations of the world.

They don't MISSA beat



MISSA Administrator
Saane Aho.

The Marshall Islands Social Security Administration’s 2010 annual audit is another example of an A+ performance in accountability.

The Deloitte audit said MISSA had “no instances of non-compliance or other matters” that need to be reported.

In terms of “internal control” over finances, MISSA has no problems. “We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses,” the audit said.

Deloitte also said there were “no unresolved findings from prior year audits of MISSA.”

Since the early 2000s, MISSA management has produced spotless audits, the only RMI government program with this impressive record of accountability.

“According to our records, MISSA has been given A+ grades (no findings) since FY2002 audit reports,” said Bryan Edejer, MISSA’s Tax Compliance Manager. “In other words, MISSA has earned straight A+ for nine consecutive years.”

Retirement fund shrinking by the day

The fiscal year 2010 MISSA audit confirms the increasingly precarious long-term outlook for the retirement fund.

The audit shows that in 2009 and 2010, tax revenue was lower than in 2008 while benefit payouts continued to increase.

In 2008, the \$13.5 million in tax revenue was more than enough to cover the \$12.5 million in retiree benefits. But that is the last year the MISSA has had a positive balance.

In 2009, tax revenue declined to \$12.6 million while benefit payments rose to \$13.6 million, forcing MISSA to begin withdrawing funds from its investments to cover the payments. Last year, tax revenue rebounded slightly to \$13.1 million, but beneficiary payments continued to rise, topping \$14.5 million — again forcing withdrawal of funds from investments to meet required payments.

During the 2008 to 2010 period, MISSA management cut its annual administrative costs from \$1 million to \$885,000.

“These cash shortfalls are evident in

the Administration’s latest actuarial report which gave the Administration’s life expectancy of just a little more than 10 years if no reforms are enforced in the present social security system,” MISSA said in the FY2010 audit report.

Looking at its main sources of tax revenue, MISSA commented in the report: “The Marshall Islands government continue to be the main revenue driver in the past several years together with the Majuro Atoll Local Government, which has paid \$3.4 million since January 2008. The Kwajalein Atoll Local Government also signified its intention to lessen its debts to MISSA when it agreed to assign to the Administration 60 percent of the 40 percent on the three percent Immovable Property Tax in Kwajalein. The top 20 employers remained consistent in their quarterly remittances and with the aggressive legal assistance being provided by MISSA’s legal counsel, delinquency cases will continue to be filed against delinquent employers.”

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AROUND TOWN

Big and bright

Candidates need a 'hook' to catch the attention of voters. So, for example, Uliga Council candidate **Calvert Muller** recently put up what appears to still be the biggest billboard out there advertising his platform for passers by to check out. Another "first" that we noted Monday evening while driving by the Momotaro area is a new campaign sign that went up for candidates **Alvin Jacklick, Marilyn Kabua** and **Bila Jacklick**. This one isn't too big and it's not too small. But it is the first campaign sign to come with its own electricity and light bulb, so even at 3am Jaluit voters cannot miss it.

Hello?...Hello??...X@&!!*#@!
 — Frequently heard words around town as NTA's cell phone service declined in recent weeks.

No such thing as a free ride

We had a ride the other day with an opinionated taxi driver. He had an interesting observation to make as we were riding from town to Batkan. He got to talking about the different rates taxis charge for students and adults, which led him to talking about one of the public schools that charges students 25 cents each to ride on the government bus. He said parents want to know why a public school is charging students to ride on a government bus. "I know the Ministry of Education gets a big budget," he commented, and one passenger responded, "yeah, I read in the paper that this year's budget is over 20 million dollars." "See?" the driver said. "Why do the students have to pay for the ride," he said. "Shouldn't the government provide both the bus and the fuel?" These comments segued to his observation that next month's elections "will see voters make changes."

So it goes...

Some wives of candidates were unhappy this week with the Attorney General's office. "Oh yeah?" we asked. Why would the ladies be thinking about the AG's office? Well, the AG issued an opinion that even though a candidate doesn't live on the outer island for which they are running for mayor or council, it's still okay for them to run. Turns out the wives, who are in Majuro, miss their husbands who are out shaking hands, delivering bags of rice and construction materials, and generally carrying on with voters on remote outer islands. "I wish the AG had ruled my husband couldn't run since he doesn't live out there permanently," said one wife who had recently dropped her husband at the dock to catch a ship to the outer islands for campaigning. "Then I could call him up and tell him to get back here and get back to work."



Brawl boys

The back road in Uliga has gone through weeks of late afternoon "kobata." In contrast to earlier years when mostly the boys yelled at each other and postured without doing much actual fighting, the gang-related activity has become more intense of late. The kids are throwing rocks and also getting into hand-to-hand combat with "swords" made out of heavy cardboard cut from boxes and sometimes more lethal weapons. It also is a gender-specific activity: we haven't seen any girls involved. Photo: Isaac Marty.

Smart casual?

You know, we get invitations now and then, and they usually tell you how the host wants you to dress. To wit, some VIP type gatherings will say "island formal" or even go so far as to direct the invitee to wear "Nitijela formal" (meaning, for guys, necktie or safari shirt). Sometimes they say "island informal," which we take to mean what you'd show up in on your way to get on a boat to En-emanit. This week, USP Majuro Campus broke new ground in the matter of suitable dress for island occasions. In a notice for the Australia Pacific Technical College graduation (happening November 8 at MIR Melele Room), the section entitled "dress" says: "smart casual." We'll have to show up just to see how people responded to this new directive.

AROUND TOWN

Get ready, get set, GO!



Next MBYC event: Learn to Sail Day on October 30.



The four finalists in the MBYC beer can race. Left, winner Mentil Laik is presented with a T-shirt by Quartermaster Eugene Dujmovic.

Mentil wins MBYC race

Proving his skill in watersports, Waan Aelon in Majel's (WAM) master canoe builder **Mentil Laik**, took first place in the recent Mico Beach Yacht Club 'Beer Can Race.'

The afternoon event, held near the 'big tree' at the Marshall Islands Resort, started when a couple of WAM guys began testing the little boats. Trainees **Turner Langibelik** and **Henty Juano** quickly discovered, much to the amusement of the growing crowd, that some of the miniature vessels were likely to sail off to Enemanet unless one of the guys was at the finish line to catch them in the act.

Shortly after four, the races began in earnest, with three captain's competing

in each heat and the last one across the line being eliminated. After an hour or so of racing, it was down to four finalists: Mentil, **Cary Everts**, **Zoey Meyers**, and WAM trainee **Jeffery Rison**.

Following two more eliminations, the final race was between Mentil and Cary. "On your marks! Get set! Go!" came the cry from an official. The little boats fluttered and began their voyage, with Mentil's boat soon taking the lead and — ta-da — taking out the winning spot for the day.

Yacht club Quartermaster Eugene Dujmovic presented Mentil with a club T-shirt and then it was time for food and beverages and tall stories of the day's racing.

114 ÷ 2 = 57

Back in June an old salt, going by the name of **John Davis** and sailing on his good ship Radiance II, had problems with a sail as he voyaged north from Majuro to Alaska.

After seeking permission through the daily Yokwe Net (single sideband 6.236 at 7:45am), he went into Utrik Atoll, where he was given wonderful help and friendship by the locals.

With the help of **Tom Vance** of the yacht Vanessa, who was installing some smart energy on Utrik at the time, John fixed his sail and set off on his long voyage.

To thank the people of Utrik, the Mico Beach Yacht Club purchased a case of 114 coffee (a favorite, apparently, on that northern isle) and delivered it to Air Mar-

shalls' freight department at the airport. The weeks slid by. No coffee for the Utrikans. Then, just this past week we got word that the coffee had arrived! Yippee!

Only half of the case, mind you. But still, some 114 is better than none.



John with two Utrik children.



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PUBLIC NOTICE / KOJELLA

MAJURO:

The U.S. Department of energy is pleased to announce the visit of the new interim medical contractor; International Outreach Services (IOS).

There will be a meeting for the Utrok and Rongelap patients on October 26, 2011 at 7:00pm, at the Marshall Island Resort Melele room.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss improvements and staff changes in the special medical care program.

U.S. Department of energy emonono in kojella lotok eo an International Outreach Services (IOS). IOS ej medical contractor eo im enaj bok eddo in jermal ko ikijien ejmour ilo ien in.

Enaj wor joun kwelok nan rinañimij ro jen Utrok im Rongelap ilo 7:00 awa jota, Oktoba 26, 2011 ilo Marshall Island Resort Melele Room.

Wunin kwelok in ej nan kwalok weepan ko kijien janij ko im njerbal ro an burookraam in ejmour in.

EBEYE/KWAJALEIN:

The same meeting will also be held at Ebeye on October 27, 2011 at 7:00pm, at the Ebeye hospital outpatient waiting room.

Kwelok in enaj bar bok jikin ilo ebeye ilo 7:00 awa jota, Oktoba 27, 2011 ilo Ebeye hospital outpatient waiting room (jikin kottar an rinañimij).

ANNOUNCEMENT: KBE Constitutional Referendum in November of 2011

Ijin ilal ej Jemen E eo an Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government im aikuj bed ilo referendum. Referendum in enaj bed ilo ballot ko jimor an Ejit Island im Kili Island ilo ekelel in ej itok ilo November 2011.

Below is the referendum to ratify the Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government Constitution. This referendum will appear on both the Kili Island and Ejit Island ballots for the upcoming November 2011 election:

MARSHALLESE:

Ilo S. Ct. Appeal No. 2010-001, Supreme Court eo an Marshall Islands ear ebebe im drepdrep wot im jab kommane jemlok eo an ilo an kotlok bwe armij in Bikini (*K/B/E*) ran kelet Jemen E eo aer ekaal ilo juon referendum eo enaj komman ilo November 2011. Jemen E eo im armij in Bikini rar mour iumin ejanin kar weppen jen kajojo armij in Bikini im ear bareinwot wor jet idaaptok ko ilowan.

- () Aet, elane kwøj erra ilo Jemen E in.
- () Jab, elane kwøjjab erra ilo Jemen E in.

ENGLISH:

In S. Ct. Appeal No. 2010-001, the Marshall Islands Supreme Court held the appeal in abeyance to allow the people of Bikini (*K/B/E*) to approve of a new Constitution at a referendum to be held in November 2011. The Constitution under which the people of Bikini were operating had never been approved by the people of Bikini and had several conflicting provisions.

- () Yes, indicates a voter's approval of the proposed Constitution.
- () No, indicates a voter's disapproval of the proposed Constitution.

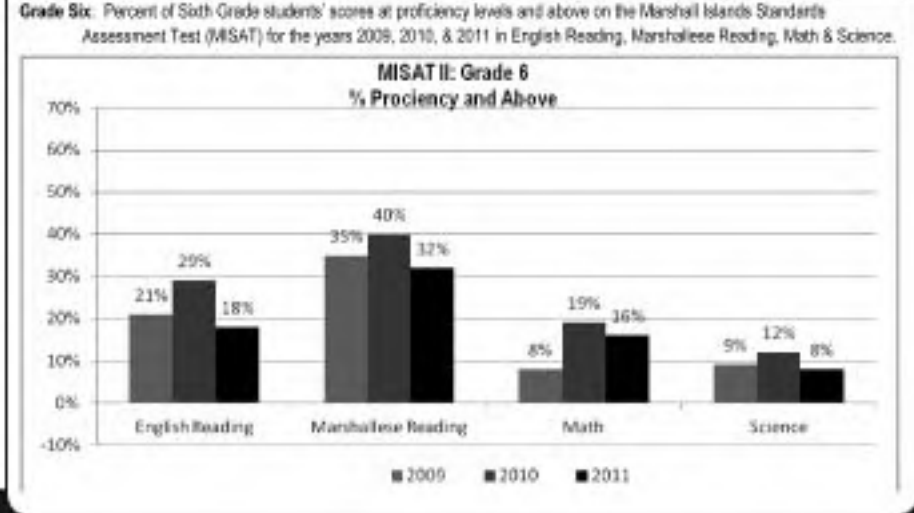
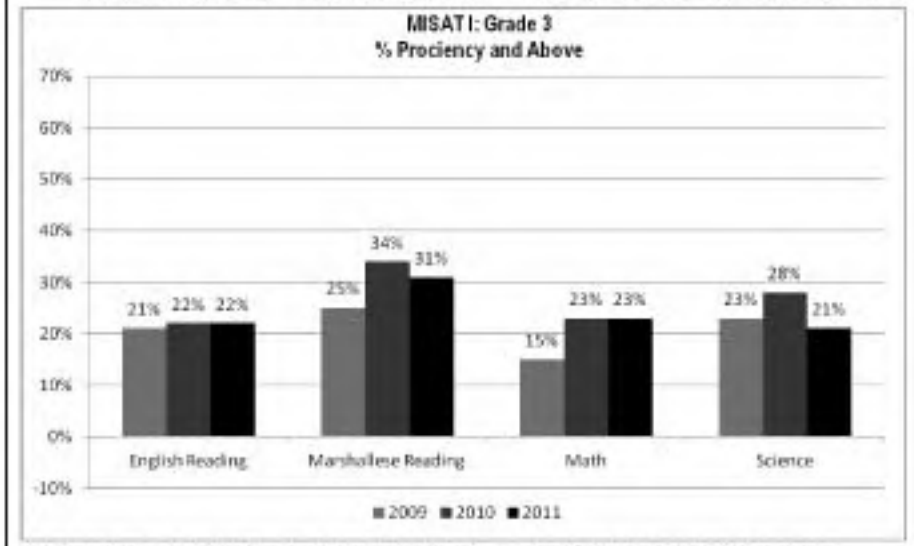
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Copies of the KBE Constitutions in both English and Marshallese, and the Ejit Island and Kili Island specimen election ballots are available at the Bikini Atoll Town Hall and they also can be download from this website: <http://www.bikiniatoll.com/govt.html> If there are any questions please email Bikini Trust Liaison Jack Niedenthal at bikinijack@gmail.com

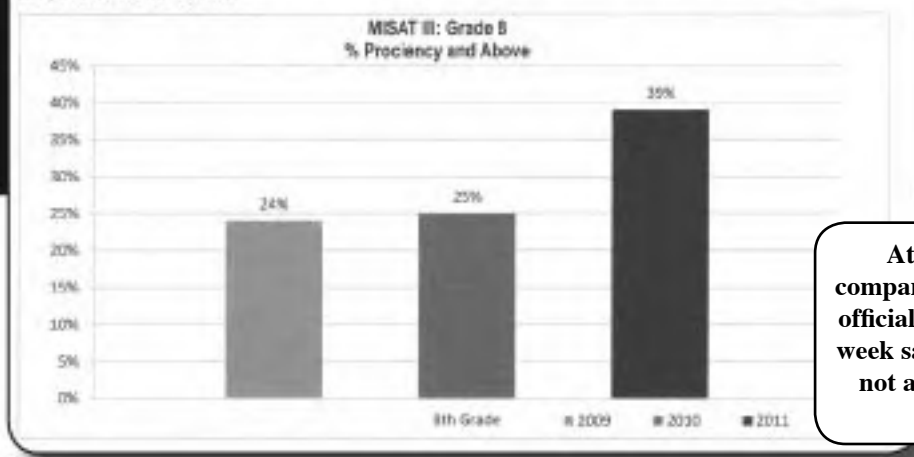
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Gary Ueno: 'Trends from 2009 to 2011 showed some improvements'

Marshall Islands Standards Assessment Tests: Grades 3, 6 & 8
Summary for 2009, 2010, & 2011



EIGHTH GRADE: Percents of Eighth Grade students' scores at proficiency levels and above on the Marshall Islands Standards Assessment Test (MISAT) for the years 2009, 2010, & 2011. The scores represent the combined total in English Reading, Marshallese Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies.



At left is the eighth grade 2009-2011 comparison chart that Ministry of Education officials would not release to the Journal last week saying the 14 percent jump in 2011 was not a credible result because of problems with test administration.



Test scores show MOE progress

In the October 14 issue of the Marshall Islands Journal, you stated on the front page that students' MISAT scores were worse in 2011 than 2010. This is true but this is just the only part of the picture.



Secretary of Education Gary Ueno.

The Ministry of Education provided you with tables and graphs showing student results from 2009, 2010 and 2011. These graphs show that between 2009 and 2011, student results improve in third grade English reading, Marshallese reading, math, and dropped two percentage points in science. In the sixth grade, results dropped slightly in English reading, Marshallese reading and science, but improved in math. Results for eighth grade

also showed improvement. So overall, the trends from 2009 to 2011 showed some improvements and some declines in student scores. We regret that the graphs and table we provide were not printed for the public to make its own interpretation. Instead, a single point of view was published.

Gary Ueno
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‘Candidates allowed to live anywhere’

Local government constitutions that require candidates to live on the islands they are running from are illegal, the Acting Attorney General said in a legal opinion issued on Monday.

The opinion by Acting AG Tubosoye Brown was issued to Chief Electoral Officer Joseph Jorlang in response to a series of challenges various incumbent local government mayors or council representatives have filed with Electoral regarding candidates in next month's election.

Brown pointed out that several local government constitutions require that people must reside on the islands to be eligible to run in an election. These provisions, said Brown, "are unconstitutional, unlawful, invalid and void."

He said these provisions "infringe on the constitutionally guaranteed right of citizens to participate in the electoral process as voters or candidates for office."

Brown said these local constitutional residency requirements are illegal because they violate the RMI Constitution, the Elections and Referenda Act and the Local Government Act.

While the Local Government Act empowers local governments to write their own constitutions and pass ordinances, it specifically requires that these be "not inconsistent" with the RMI Constitution and national government laws.

"When the provisions of local government laws fail to pass this test of consistency, such provides — like the residency provisions in their constitutions — are unlawful, invalid and void," Brown said in his three-page legal opinion.

The RMI election law qualifies a person to run for office in a local government jurisdiction if they are a registered voter. "If a person qualifies as a voter within a local government area, and has been registered as such, that person is eligible to contest an election within that local government area," Brown said. "In other words, a candidate's qualification to contest election in a local government area is solely dependent on whether he possesses the qualification to be a registered voter there and has actually been registered there to vote."

Citing the Local Government Act, Brown said it requires a person have either residence or land rights to vote or run. "The law does not require that the person should possess both residency and land rights — any one of the two is sufficient," he said.



Electoral Officer Joseph Jorlang.

Advisor suggests constitution review

A local government advisor is recommending that a legislative review of all local government constitutions be conducted to resolve conflicts and inconsistencies with the RMI Constitution and national government laws.

Commenting on this week's legal opinion by the Attorney General's office, Lowell Alik pointed out the need for a "major legislative review of all the Local government constitutions" with the useful goal of developing unified constitutions. Alik, who works at EPA, is an advisor to Wotje Mayor Ninwoj Lakjohn.

"Since most local governments have a their own constitutions, and some have been practicing them for many years, does the AG's Office have any plans in the future to work with Ministry of Internal Affairs and the 24 local governments to review their constitutions?" he asked.

He notes that all local constitutions went through a review and approval process by the national government before they were actually implemented.

He recommends a local legislative review to avoid these kinds of issues in the future, noting that the constitutions "all have their own uniqueness."

Brown criticized local government constitutions for attempting to "de-emphasize the supremacy of land rights over physical residency in the Republic."

He points out that even a quick reading of the Constitution reveals that the writers of the Constitution did not attach great importance to the issue of "residency." However, "land rights is accorded such a high pedestal that it even defines whether you are a (biological) citizen or not," he said.

Land rights cannot be replaced in importance by residency, he said.

"Candidates who have land rights at such local government and are registered voters are eligible to contest elections whether or not they are resident in the local government areas," he concluded.



Not running

Candidates who have withdrawn from the November 2011 election since early September include the following:

- Ruman Jerbal, Nitijela, Arno
- Harris Joel, Council, Utrik
- Kanej Katuon, Council, Utrik

- Jeiar Juano, Council, Woja, Ailinglaplap
 - Peter Anjain, Council, Rongelap
 - Kesta Kilma, Mayor, Namu.
- This information was provided by the Electoral Office.

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Notice is hereby given to members of the general public to solicit comments on the proposed dredge site for the Airport Road Realignment at Amata Kabua International Airport on Majuro Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands. The Road Realignment will realign the roadway outside of the RSA, to comply with the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety standards.

A public hearing regarding the proposed dredge site for the RSA Project will be held at the **Nitijela Conference Room at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 25th of October 2011.**

Copies of the following are available at the RMIEPA Headquarters on Majuro in electronic format:

1. RSA Environmental Impact Assessment (2007)
2. Environmental Management Plan with Proposed Dredging Options and Sites
3. Report on characterization of the eco-sedimentological zones and analysis of surficial sediment within the airport lease area.

Interested persons are invited to present written views to RMIEPA at any time during the thirty days commencing on the 13th of October 2011 and ending on the 11th of November 2011.

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Kojela nan jabdrewot ro im ej wor aer itok limo nan bok melele ikkijen jikin eo im naj komman jermal in kop ie nan kokmanmanlok ial eo ilo Amata Kabua International Airport ilo Majuro Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands. Jermal in enaj kokmanmanlok jokjokin ial eo ilkin RSA eo, bwe en jejjet ekkar nan karok ko non kejparok mour iumin United States Federal Aviation Administration eo ak (FAA).

Enaj wor juon len ronjake ikkijen jikin in im naj komman jermal in ie nan RSA Project eo, im enaj komman ilo **Nitijela Conference Room eo ilo 7:00 awa jota ilo ran in Tuesday, Oktoba 25, 2011.**

Ewor copy kein im rej bed ilo electronic format ilo office eo an RMIEPA ilo Majuro:

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2. Environmental Management Plan koba Proposed Dredging Options im Sites;
3. Report in etale ko im rar komman ilo jikin in im naj komman jermal in ie ilo airport eo.

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Dispute over Eru payments

Patrick Korok and Netwa Korok Iosia have filed suit against Charles deBrum and Secretary of Finance Alfred Alfred, Jr. saying a Kwajalein dri jermal (commoner) payment should not be going to deBrum.

The dispute centers on Eru Island in Kwajalein Atoll, and involves US land rental payments of \$63,679.35 in 2011. Patrick said the dri jermal title should be with him, but after the death of his older sister Namiko, Charles, who is Namiko's son, claimed the title.

Patrick and Netwa said they attempted unsuccessfully to resolve the problem. They pointed out that in 2009, Iroj Anjua Loeak confirmed Patrick as the correct person for senior dri jermal title on Eru Island.



ALRO's Chief Executive Officer Alvin Jacklick, who is also Speaker of the Nitijela.

Alvin: 'BOMI suit political'

Bank of Marshall Islands has filed suit against ALRO Associates and Speaker Alvin Jacklick in what the Speaker calls a "politically motivated" case.

Bank attorney David Strauss filed the case against Ebeeye-based fuel company ALRO Associates, Jacklick, Johnny D. Lemari and Ben J. Jacklick that says the company and its guarantors owe \$446,906.30 in a delinquent loan. Jacklick is CEO of ALRO.

According to a February 2011 loan agreement, ALRO and its three guarantors agreed to repay a \$637,474.10 loan with monthly payments of \$14,798 starting from March 31, the suit says.

ALRO made a \$200,000 payment (equal to more than 13 of the monthly payments)

in mid-March, but thereafter did not make monthly payments, the bank's suit says, acknowledging that the large payment did reduce the balance and interest payments.

Strauss said the bank sent ALRO a letter on September 21 proposing a means of solving the problem but there was no reply.

Jacklick, however, said that he and his attorney Gerald Zackios had asked the bank to wait until the Nitijela session concluded at the end of September "so we could talk. But the bank decided to file before we could talk and address how to proceed."

Jacklick said in December 2008, he had been urged to sue the bank after it withdrew over \$400,000 from ALRO's jet fuel account without his knowledge from an account that required two

signatures. This is when Marshall Islands Service Corporation was managing ALRO under contract.

"Because of my close relationship with people working at the bank, I decided not to file suit," he said. What the bank did to ALRO three years ago is significantly worse than the current loan default situation. "ALRO and I have violated a contract, not a law," he said. "But the bank violated a law."

Jacklick said he makes good on his debts. "I have signed an agreement guaranteeing that I will pay," Jacklick said. "My record of paying bad loans at BOMI is the best in the country. I've paid over \$100,000 in people's bad loans, so there was no reason to file the suit."

But, he added, "with the election around the corner, I believe this is suit is politically motivated." Jacklick said there are many people who want to destroy or take-over the company, but he won't let that happen.

Jacklick said that he is working with a BOMI board member to draft a plan to clear the loan that will be put to the board soon.

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Not enough staff

The lack of people power in the AG's office is showing in a drop off of criminal cases filed in the High Court.

Through mid-October, 45 cases had been filed. But none were filed in October up to the 18th and only three new cases were filed in September.

From January to August, the AG's office averaged nearly six new cases filed per month.

Mary sues AG, MOF, Nack family

Mary Chen filed suit against the Attorney General, Ministry of Finance, Jaybol Anni Nack and the beneficiaries of the estate of Zedkaia Nack for what she claims is a large unpaid debt.

The suit, filed October 7 by attorney Gordon Benjamin, is attempting to collect money paid to a Kwajalein landowner family.

The suit is asking the High Court to prevent the distribution of quarterly payments to Nack's family.

In her suit, Chen said that prior to his death in 2010, Zedkaia Nack gave her power of attorney to receive his January and April 2007 quarterly Kwajalein payments to pay for her advancing money for him to travel and stay in China for a nine month period in 2006. But Chen said despite these agreements, she didn't get a penny from these 2007 payments that instead were released by Finance to Bank of Marshall Islands.

Although Nack made a payment to reduce his debt in 2007, he then stayed at Chen's

Canton Hotel in Majuro for many months increasing what he owed to \$29,751, the suit said. In 2008, she asked him to clear his debts with her so she could pay for his mother's medical treatment costs of \$25,000 in China. But she ended up lending him more money, she said.

In 2009, she said she engaged attorney Rosalie Konou to collect the debt. Nack told her Konou collected the October 2009 quarterly payment of \$43,000, but Chen said she again didn't receive any money from Nack, Konou or BOMI.

She then turned to attorney and former Vice Speaker Alik Alik to represent her, and Alik got \$5,000 from Konou for Chen, the suit says.

Prior to Nack's death in late 2010, he rented a room at Canton on credit and on his death, he owed \$42,857.

Chen wants Finance to put the quarterly payment, which now goes to Nack's heir Jaybol Anni Nack, into escrow until the debt is repaid.

Can Brown approve himself?

RMI Chief Prosecutor Brown was hired into his current post in late 2010 with a contract that he signed as employee and also approving the contract as to form as the Acting Attorney General.

A government contract for current Acting Attorney General Tubosoye Brown appears to have been signed by Brown both as the “employee” and as the RMI government’s AG office representative approving the contract.

The contract, provided anonymously to the Journal this week, was signed in late September last year by various RMI officials.

PSC Chairman Cent Langidrik and the two Commissioners, Raynard Gideon and Lomes McKay, Justice Minister Brenson Wase, and then-Secretary of Finance

Jefferson Barton signed. Under “employee,” Brown’s signature appears. This same signature also appears under the section, “Republic of the Marshall Islands, Approved as to form” and over the title “Attorney General” with the word “Acting” handwritten in front of the typed “Attorney General.” The RMI contract hired Brown from August 1, 2010 to July 30, 2012.

The signature section of Tubosoye Brown’s contract.



Rita festival full of fun and solutions

In recent memory, the RMI has experienced destructive storm surges, extended droughts, and record breaking tides that warn us of the adverse impact the upward trend of global greenhouse gas emissions will have on our island economy, society, and environment.

In response, a project of the Office of Environmental Policy and Planning Coordination (OEPPC) funded by the Asian Development

Bank (ADB) in partnership with the Ministry of Finance and in collaboration with the Marshall Islands Conservation Society (MICS) has been working with the Majuro Atoll Local Government to prepare a “Reimaanlok” (forward looking) community-based approach to climate adaptation.

The launching of this initiative will happen at the Rita Community Festival on October 22. The event will target the approximately 7,000

inhabitants and 23 wetos (land parcels) of the Djarrit district. Future festivals are also being planned for Uliga, Delap, Rairok, Ajeltake, Laura, and Aeto districts.

Activities this Saturday will include a “banner parade” in which schools, churches, and members of the Djarrit community will compete for “best banner” starting at 7am, a three-mile “Race Around Rita” at 8:30am, an official opening Ceremony at 10am, and awareness

presentations from morning until late afternoon on waste, water, aquaculture, agriculture, health, natural resource management, and climate change.

One of the presentations will highlight a climate change vulnerability and adaptation design methodology that the ADB piloted these past nine months in Djarrit, and which that could be used for other urban communities in the Marshall Islands.

According to a letter from the Majuro Mayor’s Office inviting NGOs and government agencies to set up a booth and share information at the October 22 Festival, “Djarrit has a wealth of coral reefs and other ecosystems, with a variety of basic local foods, a rich culture and a youthful population. Altogether, these conditions may contribute to face climate challenges and as such deserve protection.”

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Bok Melele

News updates from the:
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



Students on Jabor wearing their new life jackets.

Jaluit High School students learn about boat safety

"I promise to always wear my life jacket whenever I get in a boat!" The class of freshman students from Jaluit High School said this enthusiastically. Many of them were equipped in brand new life jackets, donated from the Louisiana Department of Fish and Wildlife in the United States. For all of these students, this is the first life jacket that have ever owned. "It was very important for me to teach these students about boat safety," said Justin Behravesh, WorldTeach volunteer at Jabor Elementary School. "The people of Jabor do quite a bit of traveling by boat, and just about none of them own life jackets."

In light of a tragedy last year where a WorldTeach volunteer

and three people from Bikarej), Arno went missing during a boat trip between Arno Atoll and Majuro, WorldTeach is spreading boat safety knowledge across the country. In addition to Jaluit High School, WorldTeach is planning similar classes in other atolls where there are volunteers. The students in these classes received a brand new life jacket, a copy of the WorldTeach boat safety rules, and were asked to sign a contract saying that they would always wear a life jacket whenever they travel by boat.

Anyone interested in donating life jackets or learning more about the initiative should contact WorldTeach Field Directors Todd Mulroy or Laura Sundblad at 625-5971.

Teaching tips from Elie: Professionalism

A teacher should not be afraid to say, "I don't know," at any time. In truth, pupils cannot be fooled by teachers who don't know what they are doing-but pretend to. Never forget that teachers do not have to be the purveyors of all knowledge and truth. If you don't know any answer, simply tell the students that they will try to find out an answer for the tomorrow. It's as simple as that—and any other course of action is a mistake which can destroy a teacher's integrity.



Teaching Tips from Elie is written by Eliezer Derequito, who works as a teacher trainer at the Division of Curriculum Instructions and Assessment at the Ministry of Education. Keep your eyes open every week for these opportunities for professional development!



The Rock Islands rock!

Korean Air adds to 30 Palau flights a week

Korean Airlines is set start regular flights to Palau by December of this year.

Oceania TV in a report last weekend said KAL Director of International Air Transport Division Wan Jung Kim told Palau Transportation Minister Ngiraingas that the S. Korean government has designated Korean

Air to operate direct flight services between Korea and Palau by the end of this year.

Korean Air currently provides charter flights to Palau twice a week.

Palau currently receives thirty flights per week from all airlines bringing in thousands of visitors.

Islanders to be affected in cuts



Hawaii state legislators last week held a public hearing into issues relating to medical coverage and other services for people from the freely associated states. "I can understand that the state is trying to save \$15 million dollars from the Department of Human Services budget annually through this new plan," said Rep. John Mizuno (pictured) in comments prepared in advance of the forum. "Therefore we are looking to work with administration on all viable solutions to ensure life-saving dialysis and chemotherapy treatments while reasonably addressing costs cuts."

Hawaii officials point out that if Marshallese and Micronesian patients are unable to receive care through their current health providers they will ultimately end up flooding the emergency rooms at the hospitals — and costs will skyrocket. Even then, capacity issues at the hospitals may prevent them from receiving the life-saving care they need to survive.

The average cost for dialysis patients is approximately \$350 per treatment. However, dialysis inpatients who enter the healthcare system via the emergency room will cost approximately \$10,000 for their average stay of 12 days in hospital.

Saipan has bigger dialysis center

A bigger hemodialysis center opened in Saipan at the main hospital last week, but CNMI government officials hope that the island will see fewer kidney patients in coming years.

A ribbon cutting affair, with US Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary Tony Babauta on hand, was held at the Dr. Jose T. Villagomez Center of Public Health and Dialysis, reported the Marianas Variety.

The 11,000-square-foot facility has 27 dialysis stations including two isolation stations with similar equipment. The old facility, which was shut down last month, only had 19 including one isolation station — and had to be run on a 24-hour basis to meet the growing demand for dialysis. Last month, a Medicare team inspected the dialysis center in Saipan and gave its stamp of approval.

The RMI Ministry of Health is considering opening a dialysis center at Majuro Hospital with three dialysis units donated by the Republic of China.



Party time at Bubu Neimad's

The event of the month happened Saturday out at Lerioj Neimad Loeak's place in Rairok, with the celebration of her granddaughter's first birthday. The family really spruced up their area, including building a big concrete slab that served as a perfect dance floor for the many groups that stopped by to dazzle the crowd with their performances. It turns out that in addition to being the around town Q&A reporter, Selvenious Marvin has some dancing talents. His six-

member boys dance team, "Jab Kinaak Lok Eo," generally stole the show with its remix dance. But there were plenty of other active and enjoyable dance groups who showed up. More than a thousand people enjoyed the feast put on by the family. Lerioj Neimad's older brother, Iroij Anjua Loeak, headlined a cast of VIPs who joined in. The birthday girl, Leimonita Liboken Hanerg, wasn't able to make it to end of the event, which wrapped up around 3am.

The "Jab Kinnak Lok Eo" dance group (above) was a crowd pleaser. Meanwhile (below), the guest of honor, baby Leimonita Liboken Hanerg and mama Lehua Milne are 'birthdayed' by Ajma Muller as Bubu Lerioj Neimad Loeak looks on. At least a thousand people turned out (bottom), while many youth dance groups entertained the crowd. Photos: Giff Johnson.



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Sudoku



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Fish = funds

for the Marshall Islands

Koo's deal set to earn RMI \$1m in 2011

The Marshall Islands is now earning revenue from a joint venture fishing operation with Koo's Fishing Company.

In 2010, the joint venture partnership that is managed by Marshall Islands Fishing Company netted the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA) nearly \$800,000, and is expected to generate nearly a million dollars for 2011, said MIMRA Director Glen Joseph Friday.

The 2010 Deloitte audit confirms that net earnings for MIMRA in 2010 were \$794,427.

"One joint venture vessel is worth license fees of about 25 vessels," Joseph said in emphasizing the benefit of the joint venture with Koo's. The Marshall Islands Fishing Company operates vessel RMI 201. "It proves we don't need a lot of vessels to generate a lot of revenue.

"Revenue from the Koo's joint venture, license fees and days traded are all revenue streams that support MIMRA operations and go to the (RMI government's) General Fund," he said. Fisheries revenue is listed as contributing \$2.5 million to the FY2012 national budget.

MIMRA invested \$2.9 million in the joint venture in 2005, giving it a 49 percent share in the RMI 201. By agreement, MIMRA did not actually put up the money, but the investment was supported as a loan at three percent interest from Koo's that was paid off through revenues generated from fishing.

Marshall Islands Fishing Company is looking to add two more fishing vessels to the joint venture, said Joseph. MIMRA is looking to expand the joint venture to include more than RMI, he said.

"Nauru and Kiribati have expressed interest in the joint venture arrangement," he said. "It's something we'd like to see happen — to engage broader cooperation (among islands) in developing domestic fisheries."

The Forum Fisheries Agency has been enlisted to provide advice on how a three or four party joint venture company could be set up, and Joseph is hopeful that by the end of the year, progress on getting additional partners into the joint venture operation will be made.

Joseph said the benefit to Koo's of expanding its joint venture operation is that it gives the Taiwan-based company security and access to the fishery through its domestic links.



Crew of 201 in the fish hold.

New fines to protect observers

The Nitijela's recently passed fisheries law increases fines against fishing companies that abuse RMI observers, provides language to help RMI fish exports meet European Union market requirements, and expands the enforcement authority of fisheries officials.

The new law steps up fines against fishing vessels that obstruct observers to a maximum of \$250,000. Fisheries officials say interference against Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority observers, who are assigned to every purse seiner, "are becoming prevalent."

In an effort to meet EU regulations against illegal and unreported fishing, the new law requires MIMRA to implement a system requiring a "catch certificate" that must go with all seafood that is "wild caught."

This is to fight illegal fishing and also to comply with EU regulations for fish exported to Europe.

The new law outlines wide-ranging powers of MIMRA enforcement officers to inspect processing plants, boats, and other fish facilities. But, demonstrating that fisheries officials have been reading decisions rendered by the High Court regarding illegal searches, the law spells out that if there is adequate time to obtain a warrant, fisheries officers must obtain a court-approved warrant first before entering any premises for a search.

"The amendment is to give effect to the (High Court) judgment and to have section 504 (of the new law) consistent with the Constitution," the bill summary said.

Rush to buy days

Fishing companies are scrambling to buy fishing days as the number set for 2011 is nearly exhausted — more than two months before the end of the year.

With the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) setting a firm limit on days at the start of 2011 — and apparently holding firm on the "hard limit" — the competition for fishing days is high.

Vessels that qualify as "domestic" fishing boats have certain advantages over the distant water fishing fleet, but even they are struggling to keep their boats in the water for the last two months of the year.

"It's a challenge, but we're trying our best to survive through it," said Koo's Fishing Company

Manager Eugene Muller.

He said his company is buying days from various PNA members so that its vessels can continue fishing. Both Koo's and the Marshall Islands Fishing Company that runs the Koo's-MIMRA joint venture Marshalls 201 fishing boat are domestic and come under a so-called "FSM Arrangement" that allows about 40 purse seiners with local ties in PNA member nations to fish throughout the PNA region.

"Like other domestic vessels, we can continue fishing, but at a higher price," he added.

"Everyone is trying to buy days."

He said the company recently bought days from the Solomon Islands and Nauru.



PPF set to reopen soon

The Pan Pacific Foods tuna factory in Majuro has been closed for nearly a month for lack of fish. But the manager is hopeful that it will reopen in the next two weeks.

PPF Manager Don Xu (left) told the Journal that during the recently ended three-month ban on use of fish aggregation devices (FADs), the three purse seiners that supply the Majuro factory did not do well.

However, "fishing is now picking up and we expect our boats to arrive in two weeks so we can resume production."

The plant employs about 400 Marshallese.

PPF has three purse seiners that supply fish, though one is currently in dry-dock for repairs.

As part of measures to reduce catch of tuna in the region, the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) instituted an annual three-month ban on the use of FADs from July to September. PNA officials have indicated they are considering increasing the period to four or more months in 2012. Xu said this was the first time that a lack of tuna supply had led to closure of the factory in Majuro. "During the FAD closure fishing

was not very productive," he said. FADs are used by purse seiners to attract schools of fish.

In relation to the new vessel day scheme that is limiting the number of days that vessels can fish in the PNA nations' waters, Xu said he expects the PPF-affiliated purse seiners to be okay through the end of 2011.

"Now we're looking at buying fishing days for 2012," he said, adding it is important for the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority to "make sure we have days for our boats — MIMRA is working on this."

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Celebrating World Food Month



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- Laura JRD kin 84 ma, 7 uror in binana, im 1 pkg in tomato.
- Woja JRD kin 19 ma, 1 uror in binana, im 2 banke
- Ajeltake JRD kin 42 ma, 13 waini, im 2 bob.
- Rairok JRD kin 10 ma, 1 case in soap powder im 1 pkg. in toilet.



Breast Cancer Awareness

Jen Ejmour ejab ilo ebwin wot ak jen bar Ejmour ilo kolmenlokijen ak jelakolijien im elaptata Ejmour ilo mour in Jitob. Jeramon non aolep! ro rar bok konaer ilo walk-a-thon eo ear komman ilo October 01, 2011, Emoj an alikar ke Ajeltake ear bok tub eo im lelok kejeramman im kamolol kin total in nomba in 151.

Botab jej bar lelok kamolol nan Laura(47), Woja(87) im DUD Ejit, Rita im Rairok(136) kin juon

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Nan bok melele ko relaplok jouj im kir tok office eo an Health Promotion & Disease Prevention ilo phone 625-3355, ext. 2407/2405

COMMUNICATIONS TODAY

Not homesick: Have Facebook and Skype

She now goes by the name of Lan May Yui, which translates as ‘blue plum bracelet,’ but for her friends and family in the Marshall Islands she’s still their Meyo Langrine.

Meyo, who arrived in Taiwan at the end of August for college, tells us that she is now “comfortable” pronouncing the Mandarin version of the alphabet.

“I’m struggling with the writing, but listening and speaking it (the language) is easier now,” she reports.

Traveling to Taiwan for her college education is Meyo’s first trip out of the Marshall Islands but new technology and social media platforms such as Facebook and Skype are helping her and fellow students overcome

Luv ya all! Please send some Coco tuna! Meyo

the ache of homesickness. “Being in regular communication with my friends and family back home makes being here very easy,” she said. “I’m very excited about this experience, about seeing all these new things. The only thing I really miss is eating canned tuna.”

So there you have it mom, dad and fellow friends of Ms. Lan May Yui — get those cans of Coco tuna packed and sent.



Photo by Suzanne Chutaro reporting live from the streets of Taipei.



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Nowadays, it’s pretty common to see people whip out their iPads or tablets at parties and other activities and start “snapping” away.

Last Saturday, out at Leroij Neimad

Loeak’s place, several people used their communication tablets to take pictures of the birthday people. The photos went from tablet to Facebook in a matter of hours.

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CMI’s Tim Owens Excels in Microsoft

College of the Marshall Islands instructor Tim Owens recently earned the highly regarded Microsoft Office Specialist, Microsoft Office Excel 2007 and Microsoft Office Word 2007 certifications.

He is instructor in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Technology in the business department of the college.

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RMI ship in collision

A freighter registered in the Marshall Islands was forced late last week to anchor in a Chinese port in Shandong Province under suspicion of colliding with a Chinese fishing boat. Four fishermen died and four more were injured in the collision, reported Global Times on its website.

"Evidence we collected enabled us to make an initial conclusion that the freighter named Achillies is responsible for the accident," Hao Guangliang, the press officer at the Yantai Maritime Safety Administration, told the Global Times. The 225-meter-long (740-foot) Achillies, heading to Australia, was called back after traveling 90 kilometers from the scene.

Tang Wenlong, a survivor on the fishing boat, said the giant ship ran into the fishing boat on the night of October 9.

Tanker hijacked

A Marshall Islands-flagged fuel tanker was hijacked off the coast of Nigeria on October 8, but last Friday, the 20 Eastern European crew members were released along with the vessel.

The French news agency AFP reported this latest hijacking "amid mounting concern at West African pirate attacks."

No details were immediately available on the release of the crew or the tanker Cape Bird, including whether a ransom was paid or if the ship's fuel cargo was stolen, AFP reported. None of the crew were injured in the hijacking of the tanker that was reportedly carrying 30,000 tons of fuel.

The coast of Nigeria, Africa's largest oil producer, has long been a dangerous place to sail, and the risk has spread in recent months to the coast of the small neighboring nation of Benin, said AFP.

Benin's coast has seen at least 20 incidents this year compared to none in 2010, and the surge in such attacks has raised alarm in the shipping industry. A large percentage of vessels registered in the Marshall Islands are fuel tankers — the vessels being targeted off the coast of north Africa for hijacking.

AFP reports that the theft of the fuel tankers' cargo tends to be relatively sophisticated, with tankers often being directed to another pirate-controlled ship, where the fuel is transferred and then taken elsewhere for sale.



Women weave a new future

The air was full of expectation as 10 young women arrived at the University of the South Pacific's Marshall Islands Campus on Monday to begin a six-month program as weavers' apprentices.

Professional instructors Patsy Hermon, Susan Kieta, and Ashken Binat quickly organized the girls to begin pounding the 'mañ' (prepared pandanus leaf) with a 'dekein nin' (wooden mallet).

Within hours, after ripping the mañ into thin strips, a number of them were starting to weave jaki-ed, the traditional clothing mats that have been made in the Marshalls for centuries.

The apprentices are being provided with lunch and taxi fares so they can take part in this wonderful program that will ensure that RMI's skills live on as well as provide the women with a way to the future.



Above, apprentice Mona Tatak pounds her mañ. Above left, Banitha Jesse does the same. Left, expert weaver Patsy Hermon (second from left) works with apprentices Robinee Trinidad, Satako Kiotak and Aroklynn Anitok at USP weavers' house. Photos: Karen Earnshaw

Army fires long-timer

A Marshallese who has worked at Kwajalein for 30 years was told he'd be fired by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service last month after officials charged that over a 10-day period his timesheets did not match the hours indicated at the dock for his exit or entry from Kwajalein.

Joe Attari, a vending foreman who has worked for various contractors at Kwajalein continuously since 1981, has objected to the attempt to fire him saying that he was subjected to a threatening interrogation by two AAFES officials who after he would answer a question would repeatedly accuse him of lying about his handling of workers he supervised. He said the two officials had a "guilty until prove innocent" attitude while interrogating him.

Attari is one of a dwindling number of "grandfathered" workers who are paid high wages because they were working at Kwajalein prior to the start of the first Compact

in 1986. A letter written for AAFES Area Manager Michael Whisler to Attari on September 15 said he was being terminated for three specific incidents that he described as constituting "dishonesty."

Whisler claims that Attari admitted he gave Marshallese employees credit for time worked even if they arrived late. In three instances, from June 27 to July 7 this year, Whisler said Attari:

- entered Kwajalein at 8:27am but his time sheet said he started at 7:30am.
- on two occasions, exited Kwajalein at 4:28pm and 4:30pm on different days but his time sheets showed he worked through 4:30pm.

Attari said that he absolutely did not admit to improperly crediting workers with time, and did not do this.

Part of Attari's job is to supervise the Laundromat that is located outside of the Kwajalein dock entry/exit checkpoint, where

USAKA officials monitor the entry and exit times of workers.

Attari explained that he often attends to problems or issues at the Laundromat before going through the checkpoint, since if he went through the checkpoint first, then he'd have to go back out through the same checkpoint to get to the Laundromat. He said on one of the days that the AAFES officials cited, he had to fix a broken washing machine before he entered the checkpoint, and "every day before departing for Ebeye, I check the Laundromat to ensure cleanliness and to (see) standard is maintained.

"If not clean, I clean it myself, the reason for scanning through Kwaj entry point slightly early, but I am still working at the Laundromat. Then once complete, I depart for Ebeye."

Whisler's letter said that he intended to fire him for cause within seven days of Attari receiving the letter on September 21. His appeal is pending.

Election fever hits RMI

Journal 10/24/1972

P1 Election fever raging again

Local and Territory wide elections are drawing to a head throughout the Trust Territory and the Marshalls District is not without its share of interest and excitement. In the Congress of Micronesia delegation from the Marshalls, all office holders except Senate President Amata Kabua are up for re-election on November 7. Congressman Ataji Balos and Charles Domnick (from the 7th and 4th COM election districts, respectively) are running unopposed. In the 6th COM election district, Bilimon Amram is competing against incumbent Ekpap Silk. Another battle will be waged between incumbent Rep. Henry Samuel and newly announced candidate John R. Heine. Heine had originally planned to enter the congressional race against Domnick but for some reason changed his mind and instead elected to seek the seat held by Samuel. In the senate race, Wilfred Kendall, a former member of the now defunct political party called "Young Bloods" is running against incumbent Isaac Lanwi. The local district elections are dominated by the race between incumbent congressmen Atlan



Anien and Tipne J. Philippo.

Running for seats in Nitijela district one: Nathan Tartios, Rev. Kanki Amlej, Carl Jelkan, Alfred Capelle, Lucky Lokboj, Larry Edwards, Manesse Emil and Isao Kisino. Nitijela district two: Artaji Andrew, Jesa Botla, Ruth Harris, Ajidrik Bien and Toke Sawej. Nitijela district three: Juda Akarik, Sam Lanwi, Lee Silk, Elloma Jorkan (whose running forced his son Edinal to drop out), Ongra Hanerc, Alner Leniae, Junior Nashion, Zakius Jacklick, Lepty Leviticus, Albator Jamore, Rhine Brain and Morris Jally. Nitijela district four: Jally Bolkeim, Mike Kabua, Atjang Paul, Berson Joseph, Hermios Kibin, Atlan Anien and Tipne Philippo. Nitijela District seven: Eddie Balance Lanidrik, Jeton Anjain and Jimmy Akeang.

For the Iroj seats in the upcoming election, the following candidates are up for election: District one: Menassa Benjamin. District two: Rilong Tarkein and Joba Kabua. District three: Maitol Watak and Neimata Nakamura. District four: Albert Loeak.

Journal 10/24/1986

P1 IT'S OVER! It's official: the Compact of Free Association is now governing relations between the Marshall Islands and the United States. There were handshakes all around and a few bottles of champagne popped at the Cabinet October 21 in celebration of the event which (RMI) leaders have anticipated for a week but waited until



P22 Budget business

The Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority spent the last few days meeting in Majuro to approve budget and priorities for planned Ebeye projects. High priorities are construction of new blocks of flush toilets, repair of the dock, new recreation facilities and getting the power plant 'on line' by Christmas. Meeting were KADA administrative officer Jeban Riklon, Mayor Alvin Jacklick, executive committee Chairman Justin deBum, architect Carlton Hawpe and board member Fountain Inok. Earlier in the week, Jacklick handed over a KADA check for \$3,000 to RMI national government Ministry of Education official Lee Melon for school renovations on Ebeye.

Journal 10/21/1994

P1 Nuclear Claims Fund amazingly healthy

Nuclear claimants will receive their largest checks in three years when the Nuclear Claims Tribunal begins making its annual compensation payments Thursday in Majuro. The Tribunal is paying 10 percent of its award this year, a three percent jump over last year. A total of almost \$3 million will be paid out to 718 people during the next week.

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Wween kein ijin ilöñ rej jet iaan wween ko rej lajarak wöt iumin “juon eo ej aikuij life skills ko ilo jikin jermal” im rej jet ko rellap ilo jikin jermal ko ilo Majuro. Kiö ewör juön doulul jidikdik in rijerbal ro ilo Waan Aelön in Majel (WAM) Program eo renaj jembali wween kein ilo program eo ar na etan Employer Assistance Program (EAP). Cece Kilma, juön iaan counselor ro ilo WAM im ededelok an bök katak ikijeen jermal in, enaj jino jermal ibben public ilo program in. Kio ej bojak in jino jermal ibben jilu local companies ko ilo an kömmene elöñ lelkan jiljino week courses ko. “Kajojo week inaj ilok ñan kajojo iaan company kein im kömmene jermal in counseling ko ibben rijerbal ro aer,” ekkar ñan Kilma. “Renaj jet group ko redrik im kömna j kōnono kōn wween aer köjjerbal jeen ko aer, abañ ko ikijieen den in kadök, im ko ikijieen aer rimuj ñan jikin jermal.



Cece Kilma jen WAM.

Vocational Program Manager eo an WAM, Ken Taggart, ar jino jermal ko imaan ilo an kar kabbok company ko rej itok limoier ilo program in. Program in eo ej itok jibañ ko ñane jen Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment program (SAPT) eo iumin US-funded Single State Agency eo. “Kajojo iaan company kein eokkottak abañ ko rejlet rijerbal ro aer,” ekkar ñan Taggart. “Bötap companies kein rej kwalok ke renaj aolep köllä wōnen awa ko an rijerbal ro aer elañe ak jabdewöt iien ko Kilma enaj jermal ibber ilo awa in jermal ko.

Ilo an kwalok juön iaan abañ ko rijerbal ro rej jelmae, Kilma ej ba ke: “Elañe jenaj kadök jejamin mejinmour, wween in ej juön problem. Jermal in enaj bök iien, im ejamin löñ oktak iumin juön wöt boñ bötap ij tömak bwe imaroñ jibañ kömman oktak ilo mour ko aer.”

Kilma ej bareinwöt jermal ibben trainees ro kio im rej bed ilo jiljino allöñ Vocational im Life Skill training eo ilo WAM. Iar interviewed ibben kajojo trainees rein ke rar jino ilo kar August eo im naj bar kömmene bar juön allen ilo likwōn lok program in im naj bar juön ilo jōmlokin lok. Ekkar ñan Kilma, “ke program in ar ijino, kōm ar jab jelä ia eo kōm bed ie ikijieen life skill an trainees rain. Kōn men in kōm ar lelok juön form bwe ren kanne ñan wöt lale ia in rebed ie. iar kömelelek er ke aolep melele ko kömij kōnono kaki rej ikōtaam wöttōm möj. Retōnkwadik.”

Bwe Kilma en kar maroñ kabūjer jermal in, ear kömmene juön ruo iio course ilo College eo an Marshall Islands. Elikin an

Ronjake

Komaroñ roñjake melele kein an Cece Kilma kajojo week ilo radio station eo an WUTMI (FM105.2).

Ekkar ñan Kilma “program eo an ej juön awa aetokan ilo aolep raan in Thursday 3pm.” Kajojo week kömij kwalok melele ko ikijieen life skill ilo Majel in, koba al in kamōnōnō ko, im ko eierlokwöt.

kar kadiwōjlok jen CMI ilo kar May eo, ar bar bök juön jiljino week course ejja ilo CMI ikijien rāpeltan counseling, elikin ear bar bök juön jilu week certificate IV course ikijieen training im assessment. Jibañ ñane kar course in ar itok jen Australian Pacific Technical College eo.

“Ña iar baj kōnan wöt bwe in juön counselor, laptata ke ijelä ke ñañin aolepen counselor ro ilo Majel in rej kōrā. Ikōnan jibañ rimanded ro ikijien abañ ko aer; kajeoñ kadiklok problem ko ikijieen den in kadök; abañ ko ikijieen an rimanded ro neji ak rejañin bojak; bareinwöt eo ikijieen an rimanded ro anemkwōje mour ko aer.” Kilma ej ba.

Meñe wūn in kōnono kein rej ko me Kilma ej jembali ibben trainees ro ilo WAM, elañe enaj itok ñan EAP eo, enaj likkun bök an iien ilo möjno eo ikijieen life skills ko im rekōmman abañ ko ilo jikin jermal.

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RMI agencies lost \$20M in '10

A majority of state owned enterprises and other agencies of the RMI government lost a combined \$20.2 million in 2010, according to the recently issued Deloitte audit of the RMI government for FY2010.

After RMI government subsidies, US federal and other grants were received, the entities came out with a \$5 million surplus.

The audit showed that CMI, MEC, NTA and the RMI Ports Authority all had operating losses before receiving subsidies or grants.

These losses amounted to: CMI \$11.1 million, MEC \$218,721, NTA \$92,611 and Ports \$1.9 million.

After grants and subsidies were factored in all of these had positive balances, ranging from \$56,196 (NTA) to \$3.6 million (Ports).

According to the audit, the RMI injected subsidies of \$12.6 million into these so-called "component units" of government as well as "non-major component units." Nearly half of this subsidy — about \$6 million — went to the non-major component units, including Tobolar, Air Marshall Islands, KAJUR, Majuro Water and Sewer Company and others.

US, Taiwan and other grants accounted for \$5 million going to component units, with CMI getting the most of the grants at about \$4.4 million.

Overall, the non-major component units lost \$8 million before subsidies and grants, and even after these injections of money still lost \$1 million, the audit said.

PO is only small entity to make \$

Marshall Islands Postal Service Authority stands alone among the 10 RMI government "non-major component units" as the only one to turn a profit based on its own revenue and expenses in 2010, said the recent Deloitte audit of the RMI government for FY2010.

The PO netted a positive balance in 2010 of \$23,648. All nine others in the list had losses ranging from a low of \$372,080 (MIVA) to a high of nearly \$1.6 million (AMI).

After grants and subsidies were added to

the budgets of these 10 entities of the RMI government, four managed positive balances, while six still lost money.

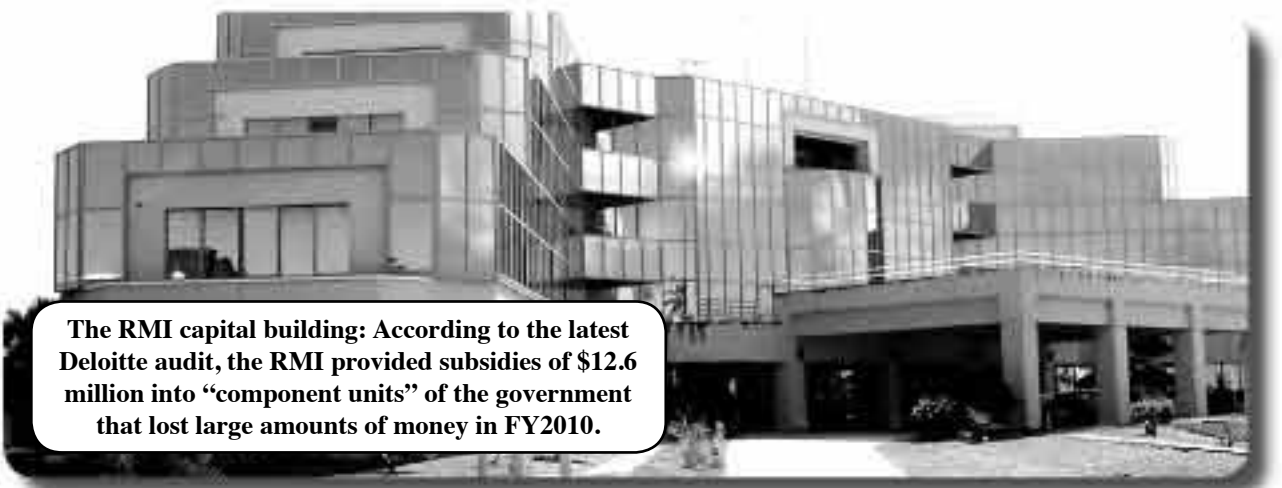
The audit shows that the following lost money:

- Marshall Islands Resort, \$707,382
- AMI, \$675,149
- Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utilities Resources (KAJUR), \$303,135
- Majuro Atoll Waste Company, \$129,960
- MIVA, \$55,724

- Marshall Islands Shipping Corporation, \$9,895.

The following agencies had positive net income after grants and subsidies were factored in:

- Tobolar, \$569,042
- Majuro Water and Sewer Company, \$191,499
- RMI EPA, \$45,669.
- Marshall Islands Postal Service Authority, \$26,971.



The RMI capital building: According to the latest Deloitte audit, the RMI provided subsidies of \$12.6 million into "component units" of the government that lost large amounts of money in FY2010.

Regional focus on renewable energy shows alternatives

A "Project DIREKT"-supported renewable energy workshop held recently in the Marshall Islands was hailed as a success by participants from Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the RMI.

The three-day workshop last month, organized jointly by Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) North REP, USP Marshall Islands Campus and Project DIREKT was held at the International Conference Center.

The vast distances and the relative isolation of small island countries such as Palau, FSM and RMI from each other and the rest of the Pacific makes regular communication to these island states difficult.

The workshop provided a rare opportunity for people working in renewable energy in the North Pacific region to get together and share a common learning experience.

Minister for Resources and Development Mattlan Zackhras reminded the participants that energy remains an issue of fundamental concern not just for the Marshall Islands but for the rest of the world and everyone should work together in putting into action best practices for a "carbon-less" future such as renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies while addressing climate change issues.

The scope of the workshop ranged from basic awareness of renewable

USP Majuro can save big by conserving power

A recently completed energy audit of the USP RMI Campus shows how energy use could be reduced by 30 percent from its current value of 73,000 kilowatt hours a year, bringing about savings of \$10,500.

The audit also proposed energy monitoring to further reduce the electricity bill. Recently, USP Marshall Islands Campus replaced 50

percent of its lights with energy saving LED lights, installed six high-efficiency, low-energy air conditioners and will install enough solar panels to meet 25 percent of its current energy requirements.

Taken together, these actions are expected to substantially reduce energy costs as recommended in the audit.

energy to technical considerations of renewable energy systems, from the socio-economics of renewable energy to policy frameworks, and to energy efficiency and conservation.

The event featured both practical and classroom type sessions, including a display of a range of energy saving devices and appliances that were both affordable and readily-available, and a model demonstration of the working principles of a solar system. Participants also got to hear the RMI plan for electrification of 1,500 households with solar systems and also covering the sustainability issues pertaining to this activity in terms of tariff, management and other institu-

tional arrangements. A panel of energy specialists, academics, politicians and representatives of the private sector addressed questions from participants relating to the development of the energy sector in the Marshall Islands and similar small island development states.

One local business in RMI is thriving in selling energy efficient household electrical equipment with energy star rating and minimum energy performance standards (MEPS). The recent legislation passed by the Nitijela on the exemption of duty on electrical household appliances with energy star rating and MEPS have contributed to this success.

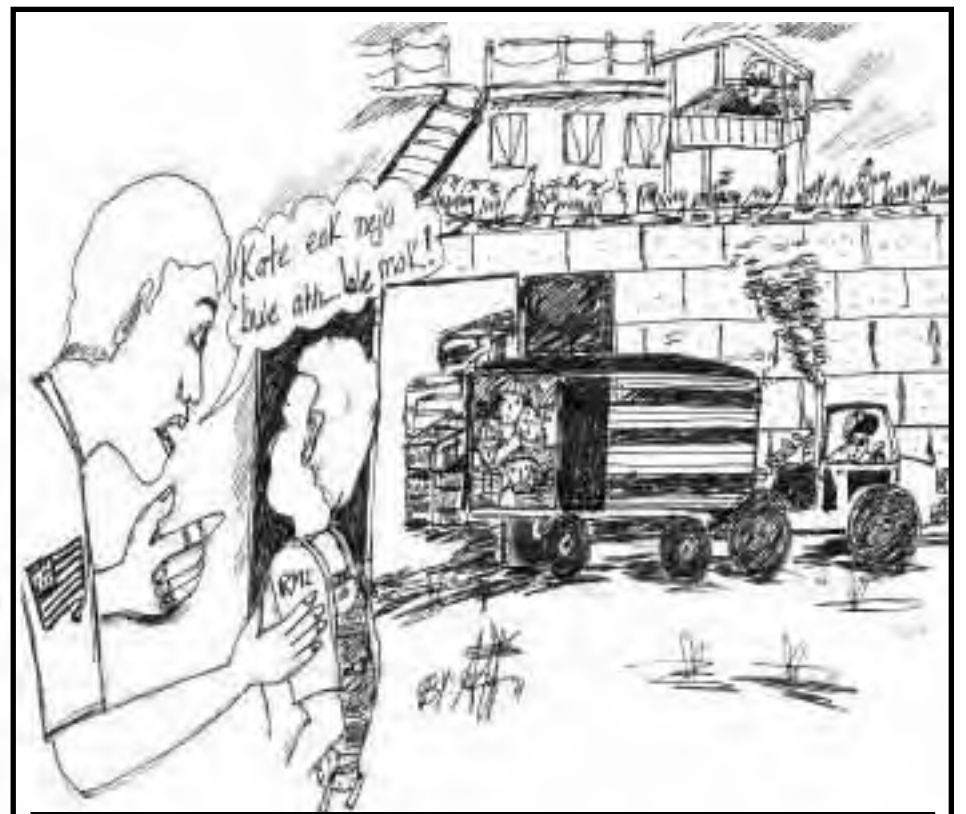
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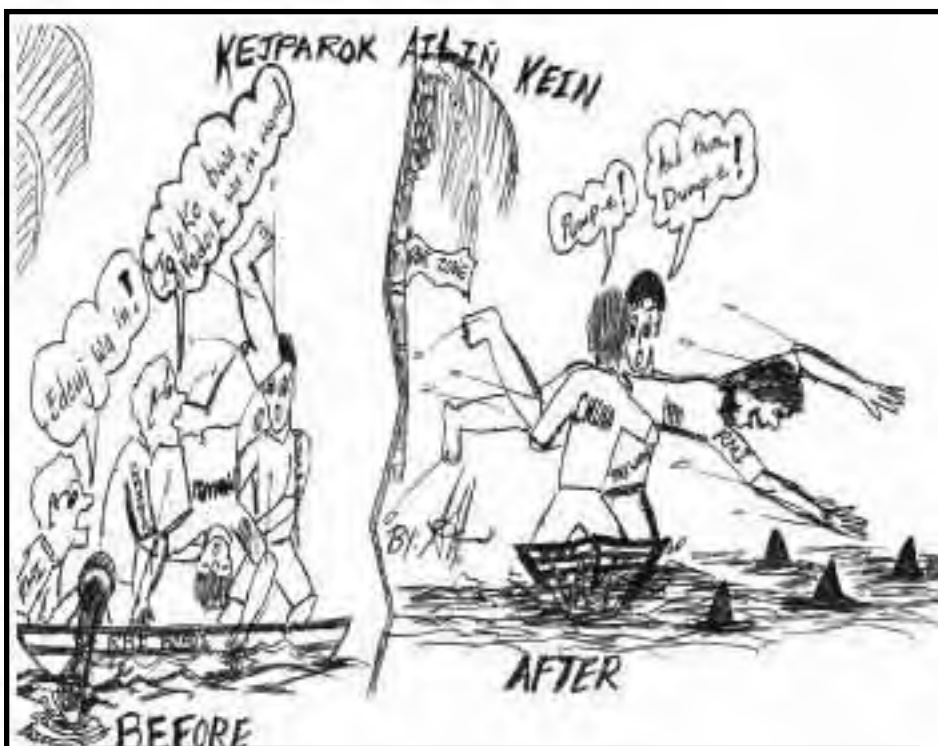
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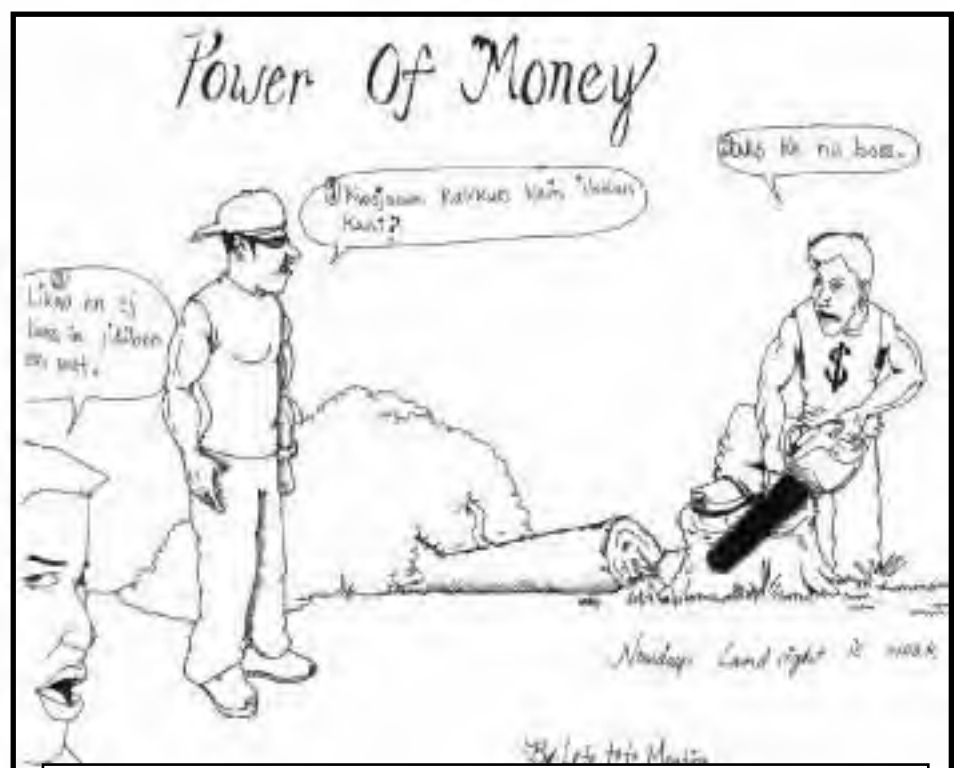
BEFORE. RMI: Our boat is sinking. China: Throw him overboard because he's too heavy. AFTER. Foreigners: Use him, then lose him.



LEFT COLUMN. Trash Bin (thinking): Ahh... Kijen bwidej wot. RIGHT COLUMN. Trash Bin: You crazy! I don't want plastic bottles.



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Man 1: Why are you killing trees? Man 2: Why not, I am the boss. Man 3: That guy is only the boss of his chainsaw.

Ripoot in bonbon an MWSC

Jorrean ikijien dreton in jaan ilo Majuro Water im kab Sewer Company eo nan fiscal year 2010, ekar komman bwe en rumwij an kollaik eowoj ko an Kien ekoba ko an MISSA iloaan jet ien ilo iio eo, ekkar nan an ripoot in bonbon eo kwalok.

Bonbon eo an Deloitte, ekoba ilo ripoot eo an RMI Auditor General eo, lok nan Nitijela ilo kar allon eo lok, ej kwalok bwe MWSC ear wor wot ruo "men raar loi" (jorrean) im bwe ekar ejjelok an "menin mojno" (jorrean ellap), ilo financial accounting system eo an.

Ruo iaan men ko reloi rej ikijien an rumwij aer kollaiki eowoj ko an ri jermal lok nan Ministry of Finance, ekoba ko nan retirement im kab health fund eo nan MISSA.

Ripoot in ekar loe bwe juon iaan kotoan ko im ekitbuuj emen wiik ko iloaan, ekar rumwij emen raan, nan



MWSC General Manager Hirobo Obeketang.

kollaiki lok Finance, im jet iaan eowoj ko nan 2005 im kab 2006, rej kar ejerwawa wot im janin kolla. Bonbon eo ear ba bwe jorrean in rekar bar kwaloke ilo bonbon ko jen 2005 maantak nan 2009.

MWSC ear ba bwe kolla ko rerumwij "rej itok jen

an rumwij an dreton jaan." Ekar kakobaba bwe ej jerbale wot an kajjeon kollaiki muri im likjab ko an.

Jet kolla nan MISSA rekar bed ikotaan 16 nan 79 raan rumwij, ilo raan in kolla nan 2009 im kab 2010, bonbon eo ekar ba. "Karok im jekjek ko emoj karoki kio, ej bwe ren lukkan in komman im lorlorjake, bwe clerk eo an payroll en kadreloni im kab kollaiki eowoj ko an MISSA ilo tore ko rekar," MWSC ear ba ilo uwaak eo an nan bonbon in.

Bonbon eo ej kabine bwe MWSC ekar jermal ilo an luuj jaan ilo 2009 im kab 2010. Ilo 2009, company in ekar luuji jonan in \$383,464. Innem jonan in ekar driklok jidrik nan \$349,896 ilo 2010. Ekar loe jiban ko jen Kien eo an RMI kin \$346,928 im kab \$318,099 nan 2009 im kab 2010.

Bonbon eo ekar bareinwot ba:

- Juon muri laplap remuri lok nan MWSC, jen ippen customer ro an. Bonbon eo ear ba bwe ewor jonan in 1.6 million, ikijien jonan muri nan er, im jonan in emaron bin an bar loe, innem ri bonbon ro rekar rejan bwe "en ejaak juon management system nan kokmanmanelok jermal in aini muri ko aer."

- Bwe mene ewor an MWSC karok bwe ren tumtum customer ro aer im rejjab kolla, elane muri ko rebed ilon in \$150 im relle lok jen 60 raan jonan rumwij, "karok in rejjab kanuij in lorlorjake an jermal, einwot ke jet iaan customer ro aer...rej wonmanlok wot im etal dren nan er mene rejjab kolla im loor karok jab in," bonbon eo ear ba. "Wawein in rekar bar kenono kake ilo leta ko lok nan ippen manija ro, ilo bonbon ko raar komman ilo iio ko 2007 maantak nan 2009 eo."

Bonbon eo an LRA

Ri bonbon ro rekar kelaajrake "men ko reloi" ak (jorrean ko) ilo jermal in bonbon eo an FY2008 nae Land Registration Authority eo, eo im jilu iaan jorrean kein, rekar ba bwe rej "menin mojno ko" ak (jorrean ellap).

Jilu iaan jorrean ko emen rekar loi, raar kwalok bwe ilo bonbon ko an iio ko moktalok, rekar jab komman kajimwe ilowaer. Im kakobaba, ilo an enanin aolepen ra ko woj tobare bonbon ko an FY2010, ra eo an LRA ekar rumwij ruo iio, einwot ke FY2008 ej kab dreton iloaan ripoot eo an 2011 an RMI Auditor General lok nan ippen Nitijela ilo kar allon eo lok.

Ilo juon leta ear komman ilo March 24, 2011, lok nan LRA Registrar eo, Helkena Anni, Auditor General Junior Patrick, ekar komman kajitok ko ikijien kilen an LRA eo jobjob jaan. "Jaan rej boke ilo aer jab komman cash receipt ko," lein ear ba. "Kimij rejan bwe ren komman cash receipt ko nan aolep cash ko rej boki jen armij."

Lein ear bareinwot kwalok bwe LRA ejjab komman jortoklik in ak back up record ko nan record ko aer ilo computer ko. "Kimar loe bwe accounting system eo aer, ear kokkaal im oktak elkin an kar etal financial statement ko nan bonbon," Patrick ear ba. "Ijoke, financial statement ko rekar update ak kokkaali, einwot ke melele ko iloaan book ko ilo accounting system eo rekar bod im juloki jen iloaan system eo. Innem ekar ejjelok back up rekar maron loi ilo tore in bonbon, innem record ko rekar aikuij in bar jinoo jen jinoin, ilo aer kar kejerbale juon consultant im ilo aer kar kejerbale Excel program eo, ijelokin aer kejerbale accounting system eo aer im LRA ekar kollaik \$2000 tala nane im juon bar consultant en kar aikuij lorlorjake jen ien nan ien." Lein ekar rejan LRA bwe en ejaak jet kain karok ko bwe ren komman ien aer etale lowan book ko aer jen ien nan ien.

Bonbon eo ekar kwalok bwe elon lok jen jimettan in ak (22) iaan wia ko 39 uwaer, im rekar etali, ear ejjelok pepa in kamol ko ikijieer nan kwalok ke rej loore kakien eo an RMI ikijien wia mweuiuk ko. Jonan drettan eo im ekitbuuj jermal in wia ko 22 uwaer, ekar bed ilon in \$15,000 im edrelon jonan kein jino jen edriktata \$168 nan jermal in kokkaal im kejebarok, nan jonan in ilon tata kin \$2000, nan wiaiki im kollaik wonen juon computer soft-



LRA Registrar Helkena Anni.

ware, ekoba ien kaminene ikijien kilen kejerbale bareinwot. "Aer jab loor kakien in wia mweuiuk ko an (RMI), rekar ripoote bwe ej juon iaan kar jorrean ko an eja ra in wot jen 2005 eo maantak nan 2007 eo," bonbon in ear ba.

"Kim naaj loore wot kakien in wia mweuiuk ko an RMI, im rejan ko bareinwot jen ippen ri bonbon," LRA Management ear ba ilo naan in uwaak eo an.

Bonbon eo ekar bareinwot kwalok bwe minut in kwelok ko an board eo rejako nan ruo iaan kuwata ko an 2008, im menin ej kwalok bwe jadbewot karok ko komman jen board eo remaron jab loori, kinke ewalok ke rejjab kejebaroki minit in kwelok ko ippaer nan jermal ko aer. Jorrean in ekar bareinwot walok im raar jab kajimweiki jen kar 2007 maantak nan rainin.

"Karok eo im jekjek eo bwe ren kejebaroki wot minit in kwelok ko an board eo, ej bwe rej aikuij in scani minit ko nan PDF form, innem karoki ippen dron iloaan juon folder im keboji nan fiscal year eo im ej iten bonbon," LRA management eo ekar ba.

Bonbon eo ej kwalok bwe ilo 2007, LRA ekar ripoote jonan dreton eo kin \$48,237 im jonan in ekar driklok nan \$33,548 ilo 2008 eo. Jonan jaan ko ekar kejerbali raar kin \$34,224 ilo 2008, innem komman bwe en elle lok jidrik aer kejerbal jaan, jen jonan kar bajot eo aer nan 2008, botaap kinke ekar wor aer bwe jen iio ko lok imaan, innem ej alikkar ke ekar kejemloke 2008 eo kin jonan in \$87,105 jonan bwe eo ippen.

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Ronnie sails into first!



KAREN EARNSHAW

Marshall's Billfish Club Tournament Director Rudy Aliven doesn't waste words: An opening line on his report on last weekend's Budweiser-sponsored Reef Runner tournament stated: "Where have the fishes gone to?"

That said, there were at least a few beasts of the deep to weigh in at the Marshall Islands Resort's dock on Saturday afternoon. Seven boats registered in the competition, which was held in calm waters under sunny skies.

"Congratulations to Captain Ronnie and Team Kirtake on their win!" wrote Aliven, with the champion fisherman bringing home two sailfish (52 pounds and 63 pounds = 115 pounds).

Team Marah, captained by Wally Milne, came second with two barracuda (25 pounds and 37 pounds = 62 pounds).

Earning points towards the ongoing

President's Cup were:

- XXXX, skippered by Ben Reimers, tagged and released a marlin for 250 points

- Libwinni, skippered by Mack Capelle, brought in a 226-pound Pacific blue marlin

- Celinda, skippered by Bwiji Aliven, weighed in a 40-pound yellowfin tuna.

Patumahoe, skippered by Kyle Aliven, didn't get points, but they had food for the dinner table in the shape of two no-qualifying wahoo, while True Blue, captained by Todd Newman reported a yellow grouper and a good-sized red snapper.

The club's next event will be a Biggest Qualifying Billfish

tournament (with a minimum qualifying weight of 200 pounds) on November 12, with the weigh-in to be held at the RRE Shoreline dock.



Above, Team Kirtake shows off their two qualifying sailfish and a tasty, but unqualifying, wahoo. Pictured are Cary Evarts, Will Lathrop, Cap'n Ronnie Reimers and Cu Hui. Right, Atjang Paul trophy winner Bwiji Aliven is presented with an EPIRB by Lieutenant Commander George McKenzie. Above right, Team Marah's crew Edgar Leban and Alson Kelen.



Bwiji's boat is EPIRB-safe

The Royal Australian Navy's Lieutenant Commander George McKenzie was on the Marshall Islands Resort dock to present a high quality EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) to this year's winner of the Atjang Paul trophy for good

sportsmanship, Bwiji Aliven. With the EPIRB on board, if his boat Celinda has an emergency, its location will easily be known by the US Coast Guard, who will immediately pass this information on to local authorities, including Sea Patrol.

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EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT PROJECT ASSISTANT

Division: Integrated Water Resources Management Project
Place of Assignment: Majuro, Majuro Atoll

General Objective of Post:
 Responsible for assisting with the overall coordination, implementation, supervision and delivery of the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Project through the National Environmental Protection Authority ("RMIEPA").

Reports to: Project Manager

- Qualifications:**
- Currently holds a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Science, Business Administration, or equivalent and or have experience in related fields.
 - Someone who can learn quickly and be independent when carrying out assigned activities.
 - A good understanding on environment and the activities and programs initiated by the RMIEPA.
 - Knowledge of principles and practices of basic office management and organization.
 - Must be a team player who can work successfully with other divisions in a multicultural and multi-lingual environment.
 - Able to handle a variety of assignments simultaneously.
 - Service minded, organized and ability to work independently with little supervision.


Applications: Employment applications can be obtained at the RMIEPA Headquarters in Delap, Majuro Atoll or RMIEPA Office on Ebeye, Kwajalein Atoll. Applications must be completed and submitted with a cover letter, resume/CV and three (3) reference letters addressed to the:
 Deputy General Manager
 RMI Environmental Protection Authority
 P.O. Box 1322
 Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

Closing Date: Friday, 28th of October 2011, 5pm, late submissions will not be considered. For further information, please contact Ms. Moriana Phillip, IWRM Project Manager at (692) 625-3035 or 625-5203.



Tennis results

Ten teams competed in last weekend's Deloitte-sponsored Chicken Run tennis tournament at Long Islnad Hotel. Colin Allen picked up his fifth win by teaming with George Hitchfield, who is a first time winner of the quarter legs. They defeated Wilbur Allen and Telbwij Jajo. Francis Heine and Josh Fuder took third place.



SOLICITATION OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATION TO BID

The Ministry of Public Works/Project Management Unit (PMU) is soliciting interested Contractors to submit a letter of interest to bid for the **Construction of Laura Dock**, located at Laura Village, Majuro Atoll.

Bid Documents for the construction of the facility are available for review at the Ministry of Public Works Office, Majuro Republic of the Marshall Islands. Letters of Interest will be accepted at the PMU Office from October 21 – November 1, 2011 closing @ 3:00PM. Any letter of interest received after the time and date mentioned shall not be accepted under any circumstances. All prospective Contractors are required to submit letter of interest addressed to:

Secretary of Public Works
 PO Box 1727, Majuro MH 96960
 Republic of the Marshall Islands
 OR email to: rvsunga@yahoo.com

Those Contractors who are qualified to do the work will be notified by the PMU in writing and shall be provided with the Bid Documents for the project.

Pre-bid meeting will be advised in writing by the PMU to all qualified Contractors.



VACANT POSITIONS

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All enquiries are to be directed to: HRHelp@usp.ac.fj

OHS COORDINATOR

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES Ref – FRG 342

The appointee is responsible for coordinating, ensuring and administering compliance to the University's OHS policies and procedures within the context of relevant national OHS legislation. This role ensures the safety and well being of students, staff and visitors to The University of the South Pacific at all times.

The Coordinator, Occupational Health and Safety will oversee the day-to-day delivery of OHS services to all USP Facilities, Sections, Departments and Campuses. The incumbent will assist and support line managers and health and safety staff to identify health and safety risks associated with the University's work which is highly technical, diverse and geographically dispersed.

Applicants must have a Degree or post graduate qualification in Occupation Health and Safety and 3-5 years work experience at middle management level with expertise gained from a combination of experience, training or professional accreditation. Proven management skills and experience in developing and delivering H&S plans and strategies are essential. Comprehensive knowledge of USP member countries' OHS Legislation, standards and codes of practice relating to health and safety and workers compensation and the ability to implement those policies is required to ensure compliance in USP's complex organization setting. Your demonstrated influencing, negotiating and change management skills will achieve a positive safety culture in a diverse organization.

The position is available for a three year period and may be renewed by mutual agreement.

Salary Range Band 3 F\$59 613 to F\$78 700 per annum
(Inclusive of 15% Gratuity)

In addition to the above benefits, the University contributes 10% of basic salary to an approved superannuation scheme, provides airfare and relocation costs where appropriate.

LIBRARIAN (2 POSITIONS)

LIBRARY Ref – FLI 213

The appointee will either be responsible for, or required to work as part of a team, in one or a combination of the following sections of the Library: the provision of library information services to meet the needs of on-campus and distance education students, staff and general users; the acquisition of library materials, gifts and exchange; assisting in the production of library publications and other products; training of staff; cataloguing and classification of library materials according to AACR2 and the Library of Congress Classification Scheme, LCR1 and MARC21 in an automated environment.

Applicants must have a professional qualification in Library Information Studies recognized by an accrediting body such as the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA); relevant work experience in academic libraries; proven experience in the provision of library services to distance and on-campus students and library users; sound knowledge and familiarity with library technology and automated systems; working knowledge and experience in the use of AACR2, LC Classification and Subject Headings, LCR1 and MARC21; be familiar with IT and the use of the Internet, CD-ROMS and online databases; excellent interpersonal and communication skills and be able to work evening and weekend duties.

Preference will be given to applicants with experience in training library personnel at the paraprofessional level, experience in dealing with library users in a multicultural environment, work experience in a developing country or understanding of life in developing countries, and library management experience.

The position is available for a term of three years and may be renewed subject to demonstrated excellent performance.

Salary Range Band 2 F\$48 386 to F\$58 086 per annum
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FOR BOTH POSITIONS

Applications with a detailed curriculum vitae can be submitted on-line using the University's E-Recruitment system which can be accessed at this address: www.usprecruits.usp.ac.fj, or by post to The Recruitment Manager, The University of the South Pacific, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fj.

Applicants can also submit their applications on-line or by hard copy at any of the University's campuses throughout the region and at the Human Resources Office on Laucala campus.

Closing date for applications: 18 November 2011

QUALITY, RELEVANCE, SUSTAINABILITY

Canadian college offers scholarship

One lucky Marshallese student could receive a full scholarship to the Lester B. Pearson United World College in Vancouver Island, Canada.

In 2011-12, a selection committee in the Marshall Islands will select one student for a 100 percent scholarship.

The scholarship covers tuition, accommodation, food, books, and in special circumstances may cover the cost of the airfare to and from Canada.

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- A citizen of the Marshall Islands with permanent residency here

- A student of any high school in the RMI in second or third year (sophomore/junior) at the time of application

- No more than 19 years of age when enrolling at UWC (September 2012)

- GPA for the last transcript no less than 3.0.

Tamara Greenstone, the Director of Continuing and Community Education at the University of the South Pacific Majuro campus, is handling applications for the Canadian scholarship and can provide details on application requirements and deadlines.



Sports gear for Likiep Atoll

The first donation from the Guam-based Ayuda Foundation arrived in the form of sporting equipment earlier this month, with textbooks and supplies to follow. Nitijela candidate Chris deBrum is organizing delivery of the first donation to Likiep later this week. DeBrum said he aims to get the next donation to Likiep Elementary later this month. Triple B Guam donated space for the cargo, while other Guam based groups that helped were Pacific Islands Movers, Xerox and JFK.



Materials for Maloelap Atoll

Maloelap Mayor Hemely Benjamin supervised the loading of a shipment of equipment and supplies for homes on Maloelap Atoll. The shipment of building materials, toilets and other items was loaded on the Captain Peter at Delap Dock on Friday. Photo: Darren Lanki.



Tastes
great,
more
filling

While the Journal's reporter was heading back to base after taking pictures of the burning of the 2007 ballots at Alwal, he was halted due to a mouth-watery smell of something tasty. Upon further investigation he discovered a mid-sized deliciously looking pork filled with veggies being roasted by Shem Horiuchi, Gary Zackious, Mullahusayan Silk and Frank Horiuchi. The Journal confirmed that it was a 'great' taste. Photo: Isaac Marty

MISSA ej #1 ilo bonbon eo

Bonbon eo an 2010 nan Marshall Islands Social Security Administration eo ej kwalok kin bar juon waan jonak kin jonan emman ak A+ ilo jonan jermal ko aer rej kommani jen raan nan raan.

Bonbon eo an Deloitte ear ba bwe MISSAekar "ejjelok ien en rejjab loor kakien, ak jekjek ko jet" im menin ej aikuij in walok ilo ripoot ko.

Ikijien "jonan ke-jebarok ilowa" im ejlet jaan ko, MISSA ejjelok an jorrean. "Kimar jab maron loe jabdrewot kain jabwe en ewalok iki-jien jonan kejebarok ilowa, ko im kim maron watoki menin mojno ko," bonbon in ear ba.

Deloitte ear bareinwot ba bwe ekar bar "ejjelok jorrean en rejanin kajimwe, jen kar bonbon ko imaan lok ikijien MISSA."

Jen kar jino in lok 2000 jima ko maantak, management eo an MISSA elak kar baj kok kwalok wot bonbon ko rerreo, im ej ra eo dreo an Kien eo an RMI im ekanuij in emman lokan jermal ko an maantak rainin.

Ripoot eo ekwalok jorrean ilo fund eo

Nan fiscal year 2010, bonbon ko an MISSA rej kabine an kauwatata lok wot jekjek in jonan retirement fund eo, ilo kalimjeke lok iloan iio kein maanlok.

Bonbon eo ej kwalok bwe ilo 2009 im kab 2010 eo, jonan ewoj ko dreelon rekar driklok jen kar 2008 eo, nae an jonan kolla ko jab bojrak aer lonlok wot.

Ilo 2008, jonan ewoj eo dreelon ear kin \$13.5 million, ekar laplok jidrik im bwe nan na wonen \$12.5 million eo kollaiki nan wonen retiree ro. Botaap ej kar iio eo eliktata in im MISSA ear wor an bwe ie.

Ilo 2009, jonan ewoj ekar driklok nan \$12.6 million, nae an wonen kolla ko kar kelonlok wot nan \$13.6 million, innem jekjek in ekar juen wot kibel MISSA bwe en jino an kar omom jaan, jen iloan jaan ko an ilikin, nan an na wonen jonan kolla kein ej kommani. Iio eo lok, ewoj ko rekar kelonlok jidrik nan \$13.1 million, botaap wonen kolla ko rekar bar wonmanlok wot im kelonlok, im tobare ilontata ej \$14.5 million – bar juon alen, jekjek in ekomman bwe ren bar omom jaan jen iloan jaan ko ilikin nan na wonen kolla ko rej aikuij kommani.

Iloan 2008 im 2010, management eo an MISSA rekar kadrikdrik lok jonan wonen ko rej kejebarok jen \$1 million nan \$885,000 wot.

"Jabwe kein rej kamole actuarial ripoot eo ekaal tata an Administrator eo, eo im ej kwalok bwe jonan naaj toin ien mour eo an Administration eo ejamin aetoklok jen 10 jima iio ko jen kio, elane enaaj ejjelok oktak en rej lorlorjaki im kommani lok nan social security system ne kio," MISSA ear ba ilo FY2010 audit ripoot eo an.

Lale lok ijoke, ej lap an ebok jaan jene, MISSA ear kwalok ilo ripoot eo bwe: "Kien eo an RMI ej wonmanlok wot im jikin eo ej make wot laptata ijo kunan, nan lelok jaan iloan iio ko woj rej jemlok lok, koba ippen Majuro Atoll Local Government eo, eo im ekar kollaiki jonan in \$3.4 million jen kar January 2008 eo maantak. Kwajalein Atoll Local Government eo ekar bareinwot kwalok kin konan eo an, nan kadrikdrik lok jonan muri ko an lok nan ippen MISSA, ilo ien eo ekar erra nan jaini 60 bojjan jen 40 bojjan in ewoj eo, kin jilu bojjan nan Immovable Property Tax ilo Kwajalein. Ruo ian jikin jermal ko rellap tata rekar bareinwot emman aer kolla wot jonan ewoj ko aer kajojo ilo aolep kuwata otemjej, koba ippen an kajur jonan jermal in kamuriri ko aer im loear eo aer ej kommani, im bwe muri ko rej ejerwawa wot renaaj wonmanlok wot im kadrelon imaan jikin ekajet nae jikin jermal ko im rej muri wot ippaer."

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COORDINATOR, CAMPUS LIFE

EMALUS CAMPUS Ref – VAS012

The University of the South Pacific is seeking to appoint a Coordinator, Campus Life to coordinate the affairs of students at the Emalus Campus. The appointee will be responsible to the Campus Director. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree and preferably a postgraduate qualification in a relevant area; at least 3 years of relevant work experience in a tertiary education institution particularly with distance education and/or adult learning programmes; ability to work with students in a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural environment in a residential situation; excellent interpersonal and communication skills with particular attention to student's needs; initiative and commitment to continuous improvement of service; excellent organisational skills and ability to produce analytical reports. The appointee should be able to work outside normal working hours; establish administrative procedures and policies for the halls of residence and catering services to be provided to the students; and liaise with the University Medical Center, hospital authorities and other community organisations to facilitate security and a safe environment for students. The appointee is expected to have a high level of IT skills particularly in MS Word and Excel and good command of written and spoken English. Knowledge of French and Bislama would be advantage.

Enquiries and further information: Ms Annette Kausama - ph (678) 22748; fax (678) 22633; email kausama_a@vanuatu.usp.ac.fj

The position is available for a term of three years available and may be renewed by mutual agreement.

Salary Range: VUV 3,285,106 to VUV 3,954,237 per annum (inclusive of 15% gratuity)

Applications with detailed curriculum vitae can be submitted by post to The Campus Director, The University of the South Pacific, Emalus Campus, PMB 9072, Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Closing date for applications 18 November 2011

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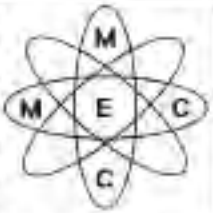
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Ordinarily Resident – a citizen of the host country or a citizen of another country who has shifted the main residency focus to the host country and has the required work and/or residency permits for employment in country.

The Maintenance Man (Air-Conditioning/Electrical) is responsible to perform full journeyman level installation, repairs, and maintenance work in the primary trade (air conditioning), and semi-skilled in complementary trade (electrical). Performs skilled journeyman-level refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic work involved in installation, maintenance, and repair of electric-powered refrigeration and air conditioning equipment and systems of all types. Examines equipment to determine nature and extent of work necessary. Periodically inspects, tests, cleans, and services equipment. Receives work orders from the Lead Facilities Maintenance Supervisor concerning the work to be done and proceeds to accomplish the necessary fabrication, installation, repair, or maintenance in accordance with established trade practices and methods. The incumbent works from blueprints or schematic drawings as necessary. Checks to see if work performed conforms to specifications. Requests for tools, materials, and equipment necessary to perform tasks. Transports tools, equipment, and materials to the work site. Performs other related duties as assigned.

- Qualifications required for this position are:**
- Completion of secondary education and vocational training or apprenticeship recognized as producing journeyman mechanic skills in air conditioning and semi skilled in electrical are required.
 - One year of progressively responsible experience in air conditioning and electrical trade areas are required.
 - Level III (good working knowledge) in speaking/reading/writing English is required.
 - Must possess a valid driver's license and the ability to operate general purpose vehicles.
 - The ability to operate basic MS Office applications is required.

- Interested applicants must submit the following or the application will not be considered:
1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174)
 2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provide the same information found on the UAE, plus Candidates who claim U.S. veterans' preferences must provide a copy of their form DD-214 with their application
 3. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position listed above.
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Applications are available at the U.S. Embassy Majuro in Long Island, M-F, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Forward completed applications to the attention of Financial/Human Resources Assistant.
 Closing date for accepting applications is **November 4, 2011.**
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Date	Time	Ft.
20 Thursday	3:01 am	1.1
	9:02	2.4
	2:38 pm	1.4
	9:44	3.2
21 Friday	5:05 am	1.1
	11:31	2.6
	5:08 pm	1.4
	11:42	3.4
22 Saturday	6:31 am	0.7
	12:52 pm	3.1
	6:42	1.0
	23 Sunday	12:57 am
7:24		0.2
1:40 pm		3.8
7:41		0.4
24 Monday	1:49 am	4.2
	8:05	-0.2
	2:21 pm	4.4
	8:28	-0.2
25 Tuesday	2:34 am	4.5
	6:44	-0.6
	12:31 pm	5.0
	7:04	-0.6
26 Wednesday	3:16 am	4.7
	9:21	-0.8
	3:38 pm	5.4
	9:53	-0.9
27 Thursday	3:56 am	4.7
	9:57	-0.9
	4:15 pm	5.6
	10:34	-1.0
28 Friday	4:36 am	4.6
	10:33	-0.8
	4:53 pm	5.5
	11:15	-0.9

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 2) 2 years experience
 3) Fluent in speaking English/Chinese

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Qualification:
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 2) At least 3 years experience in processing
 3) Hard working and responsible

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Qualifications:
 1) 3 years electrical & mechanical engineering experience.
 2) Hard working and responsible,
 3) Fluent in speaking Chinese and knows English

Fleet Coordinator
 (1 available position)
Qualifications:
 1) 4 years bachelors degree/college graduate.
 2) At least 2 years experience in fleet operation.
 3) Fluent in speaking English/Chinese.
 For more information please contact MIFV office at 625-3190 or email jiang@litv.com

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National trust fund review set for Nov 29

The next US-RMI quarterly meeting to review the RMI government's national trust fund is tentatively scheduled for November 29. RMI officials expect to review the annual progress report on the fund, which has seen significant ups and downs this year with the volatile US stock market producing erratic results.

Juon kar jermal in etale ikijien jarom ak energy ilo USPRMI Campus, ej kwalok bwe jonan aer kejerbal jarom emaron in driklok kin 30 bojjan, jen jonan aurok ne kio, kin 73,000 kilowatt awa juon iio, elane enaaj kejerbal jarom ilo jet bar wawein, im ne enaaj eindrein, renaaj maron in kejebaroke jonan in \$10,500 ilo juon iio.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFICE MANAGER

for Upward Bound Program

General Description:
Under the direction of the Director of Upward Bound Program, is responsible for organize and coordinate office operations and procedures in order to support program effectiveness and efficiency.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Maintain office services
- Design and implement office policies
- Establish standards and procedures
- Organize office operations and procedures
- Monitor and record long distance phone calls
- Prepare time sheets
- Control correspondences
- Review and approve supply requisitions
- Liaise with other agencies, organizations and groups
- Update organizational memberships
- Maintain office equipment
- Maintain office records
- Design filing systems
- Ensure filing systems are maintained and up to date
- Define procedures for record retention
- Ensure protection and security of files and records
- Ensure effective transfer of files and records
- Transfer and dispose records according to retention schedules and policies
- Ensure personnel files are up to date and secure
- Maintain office efficiency
- Plan and implement office systems, layout and equipment procurement
- Maintain and replenish inventory
- Check stock to determine inventory levels
- Anticipate needed supplies
- Verify receipt of supply

Qualifications:

Minimum qualifications:

- Minimum of two years Associate Degree in Business with two years of experience in accounting and related roles.
- A minimum of two years of on-the-job experience.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to operate effectively, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook) -Highly detail oriented and intensely organized -Able to learn quickly.
- Highly motivated and extremely willing to work beyond normal working hours.

Salary and Benefits:

- Salary range will base on level of education and experience.
- Initial contract of two years
- CMI benefits package except for housing allowance

We will accept applications for the position until October 21 2011 at 5:00pm. Review of applications will begin immediately. Applicants must submit:

- CMI employment application
- cover letter
- resume/CV
- 3 reference letter
- unofficial transcript

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Supervise MWSC operations teams and assets including:

1. Daily supervision of all operation team's activities;
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4. Ensure effective and efficient use of MWSC resources such as vehicles and tools.

Position requirements:

1. Strong work ethic and demonstrated ability to supervise others;
2. Strong written and verbal communication skills in English;
3. Ability to supervise a large number of staff in multiple locations;
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5. Ability to foresee problems.

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Submit resume to Majuro Water and Sewer Company, PO Box 1751, Majuro, Marshall Islands, 96960 or by email to: Hirobo Obeketang <hirobo74@gmail.com>

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EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

RMI EPA Legal Counsel (Part-time)

Place of Assignment: Majuro, Marshall Islands

General Objective of Post:
To provide legal advice and services as needed, on legal matters relating to the overall operations of the National Environmental Protection Authority ("RMIEPA").

Reports to: Board of Directors and Management of the RMIEPA

Qualifications:

- Advance degree from an accredited college or university majoring in Law and at least four (4) years of Law practice
- Knowledge and working experience in environmental law and enforcement in the Marshall Islands

Applications:
Those interested in the post must submit a cover letter, resume/CV and other related certifications that may help in the evaluation process through mail, fax and email addressed to the:

Deputy General Manager
RMI Environmental Protection Authority
P.O. Box 1322
Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

Phone: (692) 625-3035/5203
Fax: (692) 625-5202
Email: eparmi@ntamar.net or rmiepa@ntamar.net

Closing Dates:
Friday, 28th of October 2011 at 5pm (Majuro Time). Late submissions will not be considered. For further information, please contact the Deputy General Manager.

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THAT 10 years ago we had Steve Jobs, Bob Hope and Johnny Cash ... now we have no jobs, no hope and no cash?

THAT Bank of America's stock dropped 3.5 percent after it recently announced it would begin charging customers \$5 a month for debit card use?

THAT there is apparently a major uptick in people reading so-called 'hard copy' newspapers among sophisticated (read, college educated) news junkies who claim digitalized forms of news lack soul and are a creation of Satan?

THAT one energetic college professor is capable of bollixing up a capital improvement project to the point where dozens of out-of-work construction workers have so much time they read voraciously, get educated, and then replace the energetic professor's complaints with ideas and action that develop the economy and help pay salaries of energetic professors?

THAT Honolulu is undergo-



Martha Stewart

THAT Martha Stewart's daughter Alexis has just released a book titled **Whateverland: Learning to Live Here, which includes the statement 'I grew up with a glue gun pointed at my head'?**

small patch of grass with a pair of scissors ("See," she said, "no fuel!")?

THAT the entire population of the US is swarming with support for dark-horse candidate Herman Cain, a businessman running for the presidency on a campaign platform of 27: "Nine, Nine, Nine," says Herman as he espouses a tax simplification agenda?

THAT the service offered in Majuro restaurants is so often world class ... such as in the case of Tide Table's Dolly, who called one of the Journal's staffers to tell her she'd left her sunglasses behind and would she like to come and get them?

ARE YOU AWARE?

ing major cosmetic surgery at its international airport in preparation for up to 20,000 visitors during November's APEX meeting?

THAT Majuro's new newspaper, The Island Voice is not exactly the first time RMI has had a such-named publication for back in the TT days, some old flatulence generators here

may remember the famous Ebeye Voice, which sold for a nickel and entertained beyond any normal reader's sense of decency?

THAT on the way to work Wednesday, this scribe passed two lovely sights in Uliga: 1. A healthy urban garden sprouting all sorts of vegetables and herbs; 2. A likatu trimming a

THAT next time you wave, the publisher has asked that you use all your fingers?

THAT an analysis of individual's running for political posts this coming General Election is so dominated by women, both as candidates and electors, that some of the male contenders are literally "shaking in their zories"?

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