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# Hilda to focus on public services

## WILMER JOEL

The Marshall Islands Parliament elected Hilda Heine, the first and only woman to hold the office to date, to the presidency for the second time on Tuesday morning in Majuro.

With a slim majority of 17 to 16, Heine of Aur became president-elect, unseating outgoing President David Kabua from Wotho.

Brenson Wase, the 40-year vet-

eran of the Nitijela who represents Majuro, mustered enough votes to defeat Bruce Bilimon of Ma-loelap, 18-15.

Aelonlaplap's Isaac Zackhras, a new member of parliament, won the Vice Speaker position over Namo's Tony Aiseia, 18-15.

Wase and Zackhras are succeeding Kenneth Kedi and Peterson Jibas, both of whom lost reelection.

The speaker-elect, vice speaker-elect, and the rest of the 31 newly elected members of parliament were sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice Daniel Cadra. Nitijela's new chaplain, Lawson Matatuo, the president of UCC, blessed the occasion with prayers.

The speaker-elect told the Journal that he will use his 40 years of political experience to advance the Cabinet's agenda in the Nitijela.

The vice speaker-elect said he intends to advance the work of his predecessors. "I want to follow in the footsteps of those before me to move our country forward to a better future," he said. "I look forward to cooperating with the new speaker, Brenson Wase, to maintain order in the Nitijela, which belongs to the Marshallese people, and address issues important to them."

Heine told the Journal minutes after being elected that becoming head of state presents challenges and opportunities. "Becoming president presents a lot of respon-

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Photo: Hilary Hosia.

Hilda Heine's son Ryan Jetnil holds the Bible for the swearing in at Nitijela Chamber.

## Council of Irooj leaders

### HILARY HOSIA

The Ralik Chain continues to dominate the chairmanship for the Council of Irooj following the election of Irooj Lanny Kabua Wednesday at the International Conference Center.

Lanny won following a 7-5 vote against Iroojlaplap Christopher Loeak, also from Ralik Chain.

The election followed the swearing in of three new members: Annaruth Samuel, owner Likiep, Christopher Loeak Ra-

lik Chain Iroojlaplap, and Freddy Abraham Enewetak Irooj

Irooj Lejje Loeak from Ralik Chain was re-elected to his post as Vice Chair following an automatic decision as no other nominations challenged Lejje for the vice chair post.

The previous and outgoing Chair Irooj Jimata Kabua also represented Ralik Chain.

The election came to a halt during the

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Photo: Hilary Hosia

Chair Lanny Kabua and Vice Chair Lejje Loeak.

## \$11m to fix toxic sewage reef outfall

### WILMER JOEL

A \$10.8 million grant agreement was reached between the US and RMI governments last Friday to fix Majuro's sewage outfall system.

The US Department of Agriculture is the lead investor in partnership with the Asian Development Bank for this grant.

The US Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Lance

Posey told President David Kabua, Minister Jack Ading, and other officials present that the project will enhance and invest in the sewer outfall.

For almost three decades, the sewage outfall metal pipe has been broken, causing wastewater to pollute the reef along the oceanside from the MWSC headquarters in Delap to Rairok and beyond. Algae blooms and reefs

covered with brown algae have become the norm for these down current Oceanside reefs.

Posey added that a 16-inch high density polyethylene pipeline will be installed and anchored across the reef flat down the slope, 50 to 100 feet deep. A diffuser will be used to deposit wastewater away from the shore. "This project mitigates the risk of corrosion

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# Kabua: ‘Outfall a big headache’

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because the type of (material used) allows for pipe flexing,” he said

President Kabua said that the sewage outfall situation has been a long-standing headache for the government.

“We could see evidence of damage that is being done to the coral (and) to the fish,” he said. “Finally, the work of the outfall will be done this year (2024).”

Damian Capelle, general manager of the Majuro Water and Sewer Company, thanked all the collaborators for bringing the project to fruition.



US Charge d’Affaires Lance Posey, President David Kabua, Foreign Minister Jack Ading, and Majuro Water and Sewer Company’s Damian Capelle. Photo: Wilmer Joel.

# Everyone waits in suspense for last ballot

In contrast to the votes for speaker and vice speaker at Tuesday’s opening session of Nitijela, the presidential race was a nail-biter that went to the very last of the 33 ballots.

Like a basketball game when teams exchange baskets back and forth, the way the counting went had Nitijela members and audience members alike holding their collective breaths.

Nitijela Clerk Moreañ Watak read each of the hand-written ballots as Deputy Clerk Carl Alik marked the

voting on a whiteboard at the front of the chamber. The results got to 10-10, and then the count went Hilda, David, Hilda, David until the two were tied again at 16-all.

The moment of truth had arrived as a nearly silent chamber — packed with a standing room only audience spilling into the outer hallways and dozens more in chairs in the lobby watching the proceedings on a large screen — waited for the momentous last ballot to be read by Clerk Moreañ.

But already it was obvious that one of the members had flip-flopped their vote, as both of Hilda’s team’s nominations for speaker and vice speaker, Brenson Wase and Isaac Zackhras, respectively, had a few minutes earlier received a more comfortable 18-15 majority.

“Hilda” announced Moreañ as she read the 33rd ballot paper, ending the drama with the election of the Aur Atoll representative to her second term as president of RMI.

# CEO Kiluwe issues the final election results



Ben Kiluwe

GIFF JOHNSON

National election results for the Marshall Islands were declared final on December 27 by Chief Electoral Officer Ben Kiluwe with one caveat: A challenge to the fifth parliament seat in Majuro Atoll awaits the outcome of a possible court petition by the candidate who lost by 17 votes.

But Kiluwe’s announcement allowed Nitijela to seat Stephen Phillip, who gained 1,232 votes to Yolanda Lodge-

Ned’s 1,215. Kiluwe rejected a recount petition submitted by Lodge-Ned saying the 17-vote difference was a “wide margin.” The only change in the final results from the “final unofficial results” issue three weeks ago was the Likiep Nitijela race, where Wallace Peter won the drawing of lots against Tommy Kijiner after they ended up in a 121-tie.

As of Wednesday this week, there were no election petitions filed with the High Court, which apparently ends the opportunity for objections to be filed with the court in light of the five-day rule for court filing following declaration of the final official results.

Voting data provided by the electoral office shows extremely low voter turnout, based on the number of registered voters. There is no way to determine if the number of voters listed on the Electoral Administration’s eligible list of voters is accurate. But based on the available data, only 33 percent — 17,998 — turned out to vote of the 55,167 registered voters.

The postal absentee ballots were particularly problematic. With nearly half the Marshall Islands population now residing in the United States, postal absentee voters could have a major impact on the outcome of national elections. As a result of only a few ballots arriving in time to be counted, only one parliament race was changed by offshore voters.

The Electoral Administration mailed out 3,752 postal ballots to voters — over 1,600 less than one week prior to the deadline for voters to mail them back to the Marshall Islands — and only 1,469 returned prior to the December 4 deadline. But only 1,117 postal absentee ballots — 30 percent of those mails out — were ultimately accepted and counted.

Forty percent of incumbents either didn’t run for re-election or lost their election bids. Among high-profile incumbents losing were fisheries and climate Minister John Silk, a 24-year parliament veteran who has been in the cabinet of multiple administrations, and Speaker Kenneth Kedi, who has been an outspoken advocate for justice for nuclear test affected people of Rongelap, his home atoll, and the entire Marshall Islands.

# Heine thanks the outgoing team

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sibilities that befall me,” she said.

She expressed gratitude to every citizen for participating in the national election and demonstrating the effectiveness of democracy. “Thank you for letting the world know that the Marshall Islands are free and able to make their own choices when it comes to leaders,” she said.

Heine acknowledged the outgoing administration. “I think they went through a period of challenge and

they did the best they could,” she said. “They started a number of things, including the (new) Compact, and we (the new administration) are here to continue what they started.”

Heine said that the theme of her administration will be to improve services for the people.

As the government transitions to a new administration, outgoing President Kabua said he looks forward to collaborating with them. “We started something, and we will let her (Presi-

dent Heine) continue the work.”

In response to a question from the Journal regarding the next stage of life, outgoing speaker Kedi stated that everything is determined by God. “As I move on, I know the Lord has a plan for my life,” he said. “Of course it is not easy to move from a position I held for eight years but at least I am proud to say that I did well. I am ready to move on and let the new speaker take the helm and assist him for the duration of a few weeks.”

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# Nitijela change of command

## Call for unity among leaders

HILARY HOSIA

“This seems like a good atmosphere,” newly elected Speaker for Nitijela Brenson Wase said minutes before he pounded the gavel for the first time on Tuesday ending the opening ceremony following the election of the new president and the two speaker posts.

Majuro Parliament Member Tony Muller nominated Brenson for the speaker post, citing Brenson’s over 40-years of service in Parliament. Brenson won the seat with 18 votes — three ahead of the now outgoing government’s candidate Maloelap’s Bruce Bilimon. Bilimon was nominated by newly elected Ebon Member of Parliament Marie Davis Milne.

In the next chain of events, Kwajalein powerhouse David Paul threw in newbie Isaac Zackhras from Ailinglaplap for the Vice Speaker post with the justification that Isaac would balance the speakership platform alongside veteran Brenson. Isaac won the nomination with the same 18 votes against Namu’s Tony Aiseia, who received 15 affirmatives. Tony was nominated by newly elected Likiep Member Wallace Peter.

And for the main event of the day, Dr. Hilda Heine from Aur reemerged as president following a one-point lead against incumbent David Kabua from Wotho — a close 17-16 vote.

Hilda is the first president to secure the highest office after losing to David Kabua four years ago.

Dr. Hilda was nominated by Majuro Member Kalani Kaneko. Outgoing President David was nominated by Nitijela Member Hiroshi Yamamura from Utrik.

In his closing prayer, Nitijela Chaplain Lawson Matauto called for unity among the leaders. “Your appointment was not an accident,” Lawson said. “God appointed you,” he said, as he encouraged for a united front moving forward.

Special recognition was given to former long-time Nitijela Members Christopher Loeak from Ailinglaplap and Mike Kabua from Kwajalein, both of whom were present in the chamber, but this time as members of the Council of Irooj (chiefs).



Above, the first ever group of four female Nitijela members: Daisy Momotaro, Marie Davis Milne, President Hilda Heine, and Kitlang Kabua. Right, Deputy Clerk Carl Alik collects the votes. Below, the tally for speaker, vice speaker and president. Below right, Vice Speaker Isaac Zackhras being sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice Daniel Cadra with clerk Morean Watak. Below center, President David Kabua in the forefront as Nitijela Members are sworn in. Bottom left, Marie with Member Joe Bejang. Bottom center, Members David Paul and Drille Kilinwojke Kili Kabua. Bottom right, former Speaker Kenneth Kedi with new Speaker Brenson Wase.



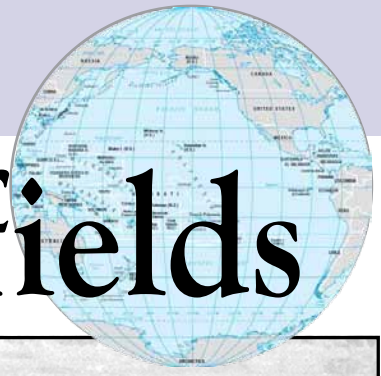
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# PACIFIC: ON POINT

## US revives Tinian airfields



**KAREN EARNSHAW**

The US House and Senate on December 18 approved \$79 million to be used to rehabilitate World II-era airfields around the Pacific, including runways on Tinian in the Northern Mariana Islands.

According to the Nikkei Asia news agency, the move “is part of an initiative to disperse aircraft across the Indo-Pacific region as China’s missile threat continues to grow.”

The US commander of Pacific Air Forces, General Kenneth Wilsbach, has been widely quoted as saying recently: “If you pay attention in the next few months, you will see significant progress, especially at Tinian North.”

News group Agence France Presse reported that the airfield “was perhaps the most important, and the busiest, in the world in 1945, as its six hastily built runways played host to US B-29 bombers carrying out missions against Japan, 1,500 miles away.” This included on August 6 and 9 the dropping of the “Little Boy” and “Fat Man” nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killing about 200,000 people.



Left, the commander of Pacific Air Forces General Kenneth Wilsbach. Right, B-29 bombers on one of the Tinian airstrips. Below right, an historic aerial view of Tinian Island and its many landing strips.



Wilsbach said the Tinian airfield will see active construction efforts in early 2024. The island has extensive pavement underneath the overgrown jungle: “We’ll be clearing that jungle out between now and summertime.”

In 2022, the US Department of Defense’s National Defense Strategy stated: “The most comprehensive and serious challenge to the US national security is the [People’s Republic of China’s] coercive and increasingly aggressive endeavor to refashion the Into-Pacific region and the international

system to suit its interest and authoritarian preferences.”

Proof of this has been seen in recent months with a Chinese navy ship docking in Papua New Guinea and a Chinese hospital ship docking in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

On December 28, the Reuters news agency reported that China’s Defense Ministry has “urged the Asia-Pacific region to be on high alert as the United States steps up military deployment in the region, after reports of a US plan to revive a Pacific airfield that launched atomic bombings of Japan.”

## Life on CNMI island

Tinian is one of the three principal islands of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has been part of the United States since 1986. It is home to many World War II historical sites and cattle ranches. Its population as of the 2020 Census was just over 2,000.

Much of the local economy is dependent on tourism, however, the

tourist infrastructure is relatively poorly developed.

The main village of San Jose has several smaller hotels, restaurants and bars. The largest employer is the government.

A large part of the island, which has an area of 39 square miles, continues to be leased by the US military for a total of 99 years.

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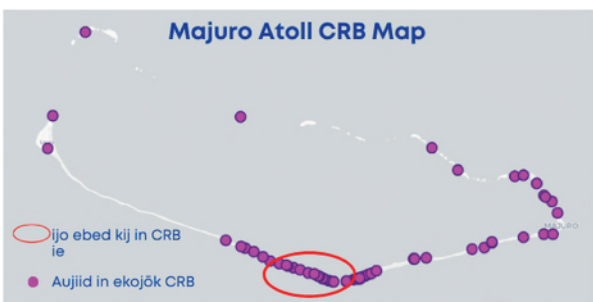
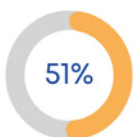
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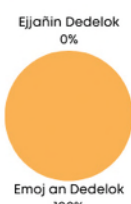
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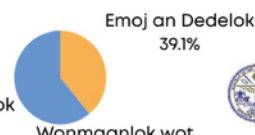
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## Mike contests the Lanny nomination

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voting process due to a technical issue cited by Iroojlaplap Mike Kabua, who nominated Christopher for chair. Mike argued that only Iroojlaplap are eligible to hold the chair position. The council members who nominated Lanny, who is a proxy for Leirooj Neimat Reimers, argued that all members are representing a Iroojlaplap, whether proxy or the actual iroojlaplap.

Following advise from Attorney General Bernard Adinwin, the council continued to vote for Lanny, with the argument that everyone in the seats represent a Iroojlaplap title.

Mike contested the nomination, arguing that there were only three iroojlaplap present in the council among a council of 13 representatives. However, Mike said he would continue to work and cooperate with the council.

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Left, Phillip Kabua's son Doester, holds two different era photographs of his father. Right, Phillip with his wife Herine.

“...After attending Assumption School in Majuro, he went on to attend and graduate from the Jesuit-run Xavier High School in Chuuk. It was where he learned Latin, which he delighted friends and family with later in life.”



# Fond farewell to Phillip Kabua

One of the RMI's longest serving civil servants and ambassadors died in Springdale, Arkansas last month.

Like most people of his generation, Phillip Kemilañ Kabua got his start working as a teacher during the US Trust Territory period in the late 1960s. He passed away December 15 at the age of 83.

Phillip was born on Jabor, Jaluit and attended Catholic elementary school on Likiep. He was part of a significant cadre of Marshallese in the 1950s who, after attending As-

sumption School in Majuro, went on to attend and graduate from the Jesuit-run Xavier High School in Chuuk. It was where he learned Latin, which he delighted friends and family with later in life.

Phillip was one of the early pioneers of university education when he headed off to the University of Santa Clara, California in the early 1960s to do a BA in English and philosophy. This was decades before the Compact bestowed visa-free travel and at the time, only a handful of top students received

scholarships for US university study.

On return, he taught at Marshall Islands High School, starting just three years after the high school was established. After teaching for several years, he moved into the Trust Territory administration as an administrative officer and later a deputy district administrator. That segued, after the Marshall Islands began taking over administrative services from the Trust Territory, into his position as deputy chief secretary, which he held

for 15 years. Phillip worked in the deputy role with the RMI's first Chief Secretary Oscar deBrum. He took over as Chief Secretary of government in 1992, a post he held into 2004 when he was appointed an ambassador during President Kessai Note's administration. First he was in Japan for four years, followed by a posting to Taiwan for over seven years. He wrapped up his foreign service work in the RMI government in 2020 and retired.

His wife of many years, Herine,

predeceased him. He's survived by 11 children, over 40 grandchildren and over 20 great grandchildren.

Phillip's remains are scheduled to arrive Majuro January 14 for funeral and burial services. His daughter, Keyoka, explained that her parents had an agreement that whichever one died first would be cremated and wait for the other one.

“In Baba's casket, lies mama's urn/ashes,” she said. They will be buried together in Majuro after January 14.

## 2023: Hottest year ever on planet Earth

The World Meteorological Organization has pegged 2023 as the hottest year ever recorded. As well, the WMO notes that the year saw widespread extreme weather that left death, devastation and despair in its wake.

According to the website Environment News Service, since January 1, 2023, the global average temperature reached 59.2 degrees Fahrenheit, showing a record 2.63 degrees increase from pre-industrial levels. This degree of warming surpassed that for the same period in 2016, the previous warmest year.

WMO Secretary General Professor Petteri Taalas of Finland said that as the world enters 2024: “Greenhouse gas levels are record high. Global temperatures are record high. Sea level rise is record high. Antarctic sea ice is record low. It's a deafening cacophony of broken records.

“These are more than just statistics. We risk losing the race to save our glaciers and to rein in sea level rise. We cannot return to the climate of the 20th century, but we must act now to limit the risks of an increasingly inhospitable climate in this and the coming centuries.”

He added that extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and severe as a result of the climate crisis. In 2023, a record-breaking cyclone hit southeastern Africa, wildfires devastated vast forests in Chile and Canada, unbearable heat waves

### WMO facts

The World Meteorological Organization is made up of 193 member countries and territories and according to the Environment News Service it “facilitates the free and unrestricted exchange of data, information, and research among the meteorological and hydrological institutions of its members.”

Of note is that only 10 United Nations member states are not members of the WMO: Equatorial Guinea, Grenada, Liechtenstein, the Marshall Islands, Palau, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and San Marino. Five of these are island states, which are all extremely vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

swept across Asia, and powerful ice storms froze the southern United States.

The Environment News Service stated that a new analysis from the global non-profit Save the Children showed that in 2023 at least 12,000 people lost their lives to floods, wildfires, cyclones, storms and landslides. This figure is 30 percent higher than in 2022.

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# Learning from Lore's leadership

**JACK NIEDENTHAL\***

In the 1980s when I lived and worked on Kili Island, the tiny, single home island of the nuclear-exiled people of Bikini, I became enchanted by the firsthand stories of the early days of the Bikinian exodus that began in 1946.

Imagine the honor and the educational joy of being in your 20s, knowing the Marshallese language well after having already lived for three years on outer islands, then finding yourself among people who had become nuclear nomads at the hands of the

most powerful country on earth, the United States. When spending time with these elders, I knew enough to just sit and listen.

"Extraordinary" is the only word I could think of to describe elder Lore Kessibuki. In his 30s at the end of WWII, he had been included in the huddle of Bikinian elders who had to decide what to do after US Commodore Ben Wyatt "asked" them to leave their cherished homeland, the islands they considered to be their Gift from God, "for the good of mankind and to end all world wars." Commodore Wyatt later told King Juda, the islanders' leader, that if your islands didn't "turn to glass" after testing these new and powerful weapons, the Bikinians could move back after some time had passed. Imagine having that on your plate.

These were a small group of 167 islanders with little education of the outside world, their lives before this consisted of liv-

**"Not too many politicians ever concluded that their days of leadership were over and voluntarily stepped down for the greater good of their own people."**



**Young Bikinians are mesmerized as Lore Kessibuki tells them a story.**  
Photo: Jack Niedenthal.

ing off the land and taking care of their families. Then came the Japanese and American militaries during WWII. And now they were being "asked" to help end all world wars forever. They never felt like they had a "choice."

My friendship with Lore quickly grew because, being a storyteller myself, I gravitated toward old men who could weave a tale. Storytelling was pretty much the extent of our entertainment on that island during that era. Well, there were two VCR players on the island at the time with a selection of only two videos that would cost you 50 cents each to watch: "Romeo and Juliet" (Franco Zeffirelli's 1968 version) and "Easy Rider."

What I loved about being with and talking to Lore in the cool of the island evenings was how his grandchildren would just climb all over him howling with laughter and demanding his full attention.

This exhibited a hallmark of Lore's personality: tolerance. Lore knew the children didn't bother me at all, so that was how we conversed.

Typically, as the evening wore on, his grandkids would eventually tire, lie down on a sleeping mat and then watch and listen to us as if we were Shakespearean lovers or hippies on Harleys.

Lore became the magistrate for the people of Bikini after King Juda died in the late 1960s. He traveled with a small delegation of Bikini islanders to Washington, DC in the early 1970s for the first time to discuss their horrible living conditions on Kili with US officials.

The long journey, the cold weather and the American culture and English language completely overwhelmed and bewildered Lore. Upon his return, he decided to give up his role as leader to a younger man, Tomaki Juda, who had just returned from

Guam and Hawaii, where he studied.

Not too many politicians ever concluded that their days of leadership were over and voluntarily stepped down for the greater good of their own people. But that was Lore, and that is why we all treasured him.

He cared and had the ability to genuinely convey warmth and value to those around him. Lore had a larger view of life. While many elder Bikinians were understandably bitter and angry when asked about what had happened to their people, Lore often proudly declared to journalists that the Bikinians' painful sacrifice of their islands, and in many cases their health, was, indeed, for the good of all mankind.

From an early age Lore became known in the community for being a songwriter/poet.

He composed an enduring, haunting song about their exodus in 1946 while they were in the throes of starvation on Rongerik Atoll. During one of our evening sessions on Kili, he told me about the afternoon he had collapsed under a tree because he had been so weak. His family had been complaining that they had no food. The younger children wouldn't stop crying. As a man and as their provider, he felt hopeless.

He believed the world was close to ending for all of them. He said the song came to him all at once. In the island's oral tradition, he did not write it down. The lyrics and melody simply etched themselves in his mind as he remained crumpled on the ground. His [song](#) became

the Bikinian Anthem and has been sung in front of audiences all over the world for over 75 years, and today is sung with tears at every funeral of a Bikinian elder (translated):

"No longer can I stay; it's true. No longer can I live in peace and harmony. No longer can I rest on my sleeping mat and pillow Because of my island and the life I once knew there.

The thought is overwhelming Rendering me helpless and in great despair. My spirit leaves, drifting around and far away Where it becomes caught in a current of immense power — And only then do I find tranquility."

In the late 1980s, I remember being back on Bikini for the first time in many years, with a large group of Bikinian men, to attempt to redraw their ancient land boundaries.

A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist from the New York Times, John Noble Wilford, accompanied us.

One evening I set up an interview for him with Lore. When you translate, your mind is never at rest. You are either listening carefully or expressing the interpretation of what was being said, back and forth.

I sat between them on the beach in the glow of the sunset and translated the telling of Lore's story. When he got to the part of the exodus when they were starving on Rongerik, I became wound up in the ebb-and-flow of Lore's graphic recollection and the journalist's queries making sure I was delivering the story and questions with the intensity they deserved.

Then came a silence. Mr. Wilford wasn't asking questions anymore. The exchange had stopped, so I turned to look at the writer. He was sobbing into his shirtsleeves.

Lore passed away in 1994 at the age of about 80. His songs and his stories live on.

\* The writer is a former secretary of Health Services for the Marshall Islands, where he has lived and worked for 42 years. He is the author of "For the Good of Mankind, An Oral History of the People of Bikini," and president of Microwave Films, which has produced six award-winning feature films in the Marshallese language.

This article was originally published in Pacific Island Times.

## RMI COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE (CRB) SITUATION REPORT #9

**# CRB collected**  
**423**

**# of traps installed**  
**143**

**CRB trap locations**  
Majuro, Maloelap, Aur, Jaluit, Mili, Arno, Wotje, Likeip, Namu, Jabot

**Response budget**  
**\$385,000**

**Resource mobilization on progress**  
51%

**Majuro Atoll CRB Map**

CRB Infested area (red circle)  
CRB trap (purple dot)

**Key updates**

- Declaration of State of Environmental Disaster in place until 07 February 2024
- Detailed list of needs and request for assistance circulated to partners and donors 06 December 2023
- Neighboring assessments are planned for Ailuk, Mejit, Kili, and Namdrik planned for January 2024
- Community and school video competition closed

100% completed: School outreach Majuro and Ebeye, 4th grade and up

Remaining 0%

Complete 100%

4542 (Female: 2327 / Male: 2215) students and school staff reached Majuro

Complete 39.1%

Remaining 60.9%

For more information contact the Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce at 456-2721 or email [rmiquarantine@gmail.com](mailto:rmiquarantine@gmail.com)  
Data updated Wednesday January 3, 2024





People take advantage of the reopening of the MAWC's recycling facility. Photos: Eve Burns.

# Do reuse, do recycle, do repeat

**EVE BURNS**

Long lines of people bearing large bags of cans and plastic bottles have been visible at Majuro Atoll Waste Company's recycling facility since mid-December when it reopened purchasing the recyclable items.

After a couple of weeks of being out of operation, MAWC reopened for the public to bring in bottles, cans and glass bottles in exchange for money.

MAWC closed the program because they were waiting for their funds to come in from the Ministry of Finance, the second time the program has been closed temporarily in the past several months for lack of funds to pay for recycled items. Companies that import colas, beer and water bottles pay tax to the Ministry of Finance that is to be used for funding the recycling program operated by MAWC.

"We understand the need for our community and how the program has helped many families, so we re-opened our gates to received these materials," said Jacqueline Lakmis.

"For this week, we have extended our opening days to Friday receiving all recyclable materials due to holidays on Monday and Tuesday," she added. "Our closure for several past weeks has resulted in an accumulation of recyclable materials at the homes (of residents)."

Next week MAWC will be back to its normal schedule.

MAWC estimates it has collected about 12 million plastic bottles, cans and glass bottles this in 2023. Almost \$600,000 has been paid out to local residents recycling the cans and bottles.

## SAMPLE BALLOT (1 of 7) REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS REFERENDUM

**KAJJITÖK 1**

KWÖJ KE ERRÄ ILO KÖWEEPPÄN OKTAK KO ÑAN KÖMMAN KAKKOBABA ILO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION EO AN 2017 EO ÑAN MELELE KO ILO JEMÄNÄE EO IKIJEEN ARTICLE XI SECTION 2(b) IM ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 1: Eo ej karök wön ro römaroñ erom ri-Aelöñ Kein ikijeen registration im kapen "bwe eaar jokwe ilo Republic eo an Aelöñ Kein iumwin juon töre eo ejjab iiet lõk jän joñoul (10) iiö, im e ej jinen ak jemän juon ajri eo ej armej in Republic eo an Aelöñ Kein, im ej pälele ippän jinen ak jemän ajri eo, eo im jinen ak jemän ej baräinwöt armej in Republic in" (Elmökot 1&22D2)

**QUESTION 1**

DO YOU APPROVE THE 2017 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS REGARDING ARTICLE XI SECTION 2(b) AND ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 1: LIMITING ELIGIBILITY FOR CITIZENSHIP BY REGISTRATION AND RESTRICTING "that he/she has been a resident in the Republic for no less than ten (10) years, is the parent of a child who is a citizen of the Republic, and is married to the parent of that child, whose parent is also a citizen of the Republic"? (Proposal 1 & 22D2)

AET/YES  AK/OR JAAB/NO

(Liküt juon iaan kokalle kein ✓ AK ilo ✗ juon iaan bok kein nan kalikare kelet eo am.)

Place one mark (either a check mark ✓ OR a cross ✗ in only one box to indicate your vote.)

## SAMPLE BALLOT (2 of 7) REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS REFERENDUM

**KAJJITÖK 2**

KWÖJ KE ERRÄ ILO KÖWEEPPÄN OKTAK KO ÑAN KÖMMAN KAKKOBABA ILO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION EO AN 2017 EO ÑAN MELELE KO ILO JEMÄNÄE EO IKIJEEN ARTICLE III, SECTION 1(2): Ñan kalöñloq uwaan Council eo an Irooj ilo bukwön in ekäalel ko jän Ratak Chain im kakobaik bar juon Iroojlaplap jän aelöñ in Mili Atoll? (Elmökot 14)

**QUESTION 2**

DO YOU APPROVE THE 2017 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS REGARDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 1(2): to increase the membership of the Council of Irooj from the electoral districts of the Ratak Chain to include another Iroojlaplap from Mili Atoll? (Proposal 14)

AET/YES  AK/OR JAAB/NO

(Liküt juon iaan kokalle kein ✓ AK ilo ✗ juon iaan bok kein nan kalikare kelet eo am.)

Place one mark (either a check mark ✓ OR a cross ✗ in only one box to indicate your vote.)



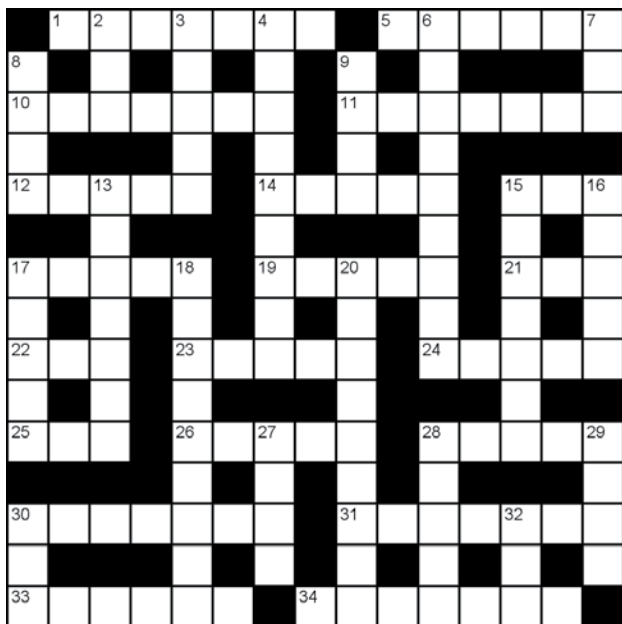
# The RMI Riddle No. 1004

**ACROSS**

- 1. Supermarket.
- 5. Romance.
- 10. Vesuvius, Etna, or Kilauea.
- 11. Nuclear fuel.
- 12. Relative.
- 14. Rub out.
- 15. Uliga diner.
- 17. Kitlang or Mike.
- 19. Experience something unpleasant as a result of your actions.
- 21. Apple computer.
- 22. Aet.
- 23. Mark or Tina.
- 24. Ways out.
- 25. Lock's mate.
- 26. RMI chain.
- 28. Cook.
- 30. Mini waves.
- 31. Reef dweller.
- 33. Diplomatic friend.
- 34. Island instrument.

**DOWN**

- 2. Everyone.
- 3. Property contract.
- 4. RRE area.
- 6. Popular drinking spot. (5,4)
- 7. Popular drink at 6. Down.
- 8. Stove.
- 9. Hawaiian dance.
- 13. Ambassador's work-place.
- 15. Carlos or Charlie.
- 16. Speed competitions.
- 17. Canoe.

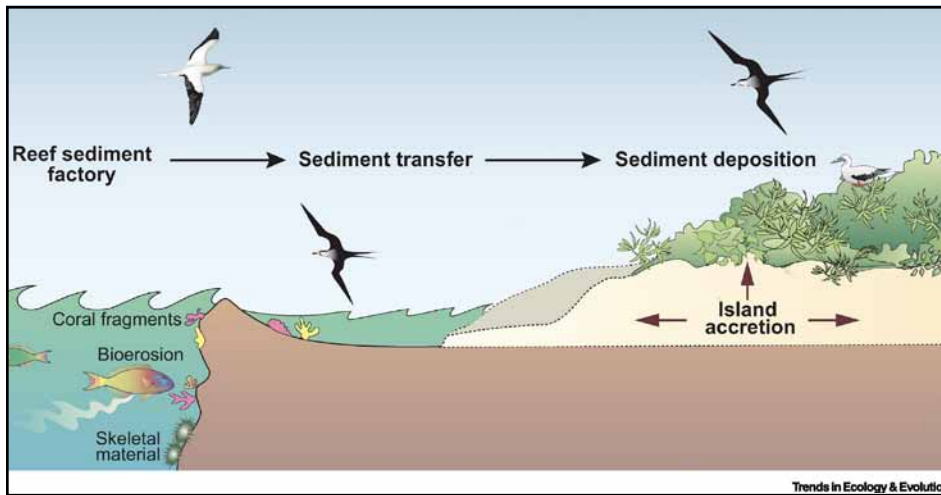


- 18. Down Under.
- 20. Financial accessory.
- 27. American political satirist and journalist P.J. O'Rourke once said: "Anyway, no drug, not even alcohol, causes the fundamental ills of society. If we're looking for the source of our troubles, we shouldn't ---- people for drugs, we should ---- them for stupidity, ignorance, greed and love of power."
- 28. Addictive nut.
- 29. Gamble.
- 30. Rodent.
- 32. Friend.

**Answers to Riddle No. 1003**



*Note: (abb.) = abbreviation, (3,4) = indicates the number of letters in two words. Scan and email your puzzle to the marshallislandsjournal@gmail.com by Tuesday.*



A graphic of how coral atolls naturally grow by accreting sediment.



The eroded shoreline at Carlos Island in Kwajalein Atoll. Photo: Deo Keju.

# Scientists say atolls can adapt to climate change

Ecological restoration may save coral atoll islands from the rising seas of climate change, according to an international team of scientists, conservationists, and an indigenous leader.

While global carbon emission reduction is imperative, local measures could be the key to the islands outpacing sea levels, they argue in the journal *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*.

"Far from being doomed, in their natural state most coral atoll islands could adapt to sea level rise," says Dr Sebastian Steibl from the University of Auckland in New Zealand, lead author of the study. "This paper is a global call to identify and quantify the best measures for restoring atoll island growth."

The world's 320 tropical coral atolls are made up of thousands of islands and are a treasure trove of biodiversity, homes to millions of turtles and seabirds. These islands are naturally growing up to one centimeter a year by accreting sediment – enough to outpace most predictions of sea level rise.

Ecologically restoring this natural process holds the key to climate change resilience for the islands, says the team of scientists, who are already trialling restoration methods on atolls such as Tetiaroa and Palmyra in the eastern Pacific Ocean and Aldabra in the western Indian Ocean.

While densely populated islands such as

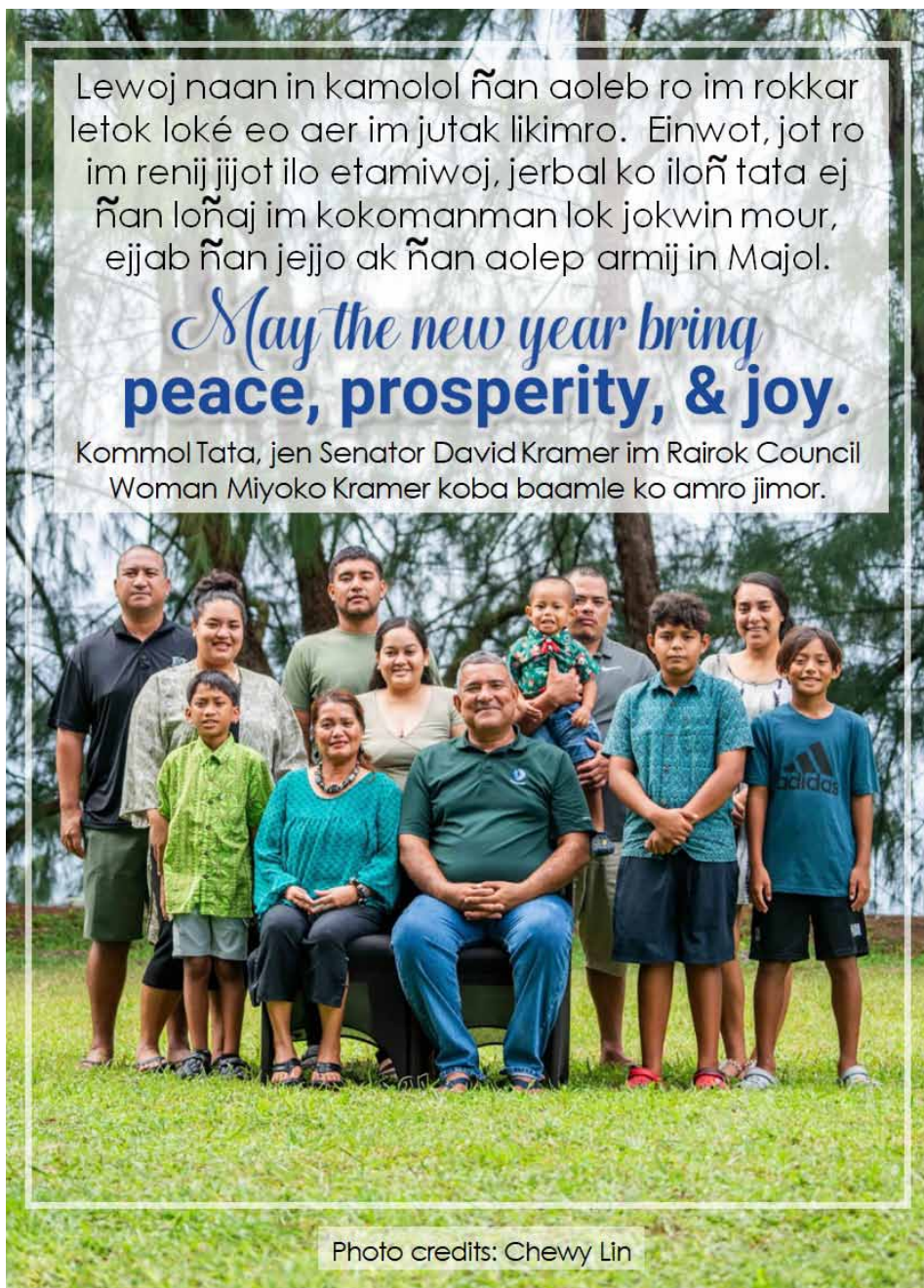
in the Maldives will still need human-engineered solutions most coral atoll islands are sparsely inhabited and excellent candidates for restoration, the scientists say.

"Restoration of atoll island ecosystems is a proven conservation action that can significantly improve the health of the surrounding coral reef habitat," says island resilience scientist and co-author Dr Alex Wegmann from The Nature Conservancy in California.

The climate damage fund announced at COP28 is one potential mechanism for funding local restoration. "Funding restoration work would empower communities to take back ownership of their futures," says co-author Professor James Russell, a conservation biologist at the University of Auckland.

People living on coral atolls are largely ignored when industrialized nations negotiate responses to climate change. "Local knowledge alongside cutting edge science needs to be included in atoll restoration programs," says cultural director of the Tetiaroa Society and co-author Hinano Teavai-Murphy, "because the traditional knowledge of Oceanian people has always been about respecting and preserving the connected marine and terrestrial systems."

Their research is published open access in the journal *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2023.11.004>



Lewoj naan in kamolol ñan aoleb ro im rokkar letok loké eo aer im jutak likimro. Einwot, jot ro im renij jijot ilo etamiwoj, jerbak ko iloñ tata ej ñan loñaj im kokomanman lok jokwin mour, ejjab ñan jejjo ak ñan aolep armij in Majol.

*May the new year bring peace, prosperity, & joy.*

Kommol Tata, jen Senator David Kramer im Rairok Council Woman Miyoko Kramer koba baamle ko amro jimor.

Photo credits: Chewy Lin



The Ministry of Health and Human Services is starting the new year with a signed agreement with the Government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) wherein the Majuro Hospital building will be getting a much-needed maintenance and improvement services. A 'Follow-up Cooperation' was signed recently by Secretary Francyne Wase-Jacklick and Mr. Hikoyuki UKAI, Resident Representative JICA Marshall Islands Office.

Similarly, the Bureau of Kwajalein Atoll Health Care Services will be receiving much needed Mobile X-ray and an Ultrasound scanner through the Japan International Cooperation System (JICS).

In the brief signing ceremony, Secretary Jacklick reiterated her gratitude for Japan's unwavering support in strengthening the RMI healthcare system.



Between 18-22 December 2023, Honorable Minister Ota Kisino paid a courtesy call on Consul General Isabella Silk in Honolulu and discussed among other items the progress of the renovation of the buildings which provide accommodation for the patients.


Minister Ota also met with the Medical Referral staff for a briefing and to share the followings:

- Development and Progress in the Ministry
- Challenges with regard to the high costs of referral patients
- Other funding sources and schemes

Minister Kisino also met with Dr. Charles Nguyen, Director of the Pacific Islands Health Care Project (PIHCP) at Tripler Army Medical Center to discuss the project with the following highlights:


- Status of the project
  - \* Newly Created Website
  - \* Vetting Process for Participants
- Issues with Federal Funding
- RMI to engage using Diplomatic ties





### RMI COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



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#### RMI COVID-19 Cases: 02 January 2024

	MAJ	KWAJ	NI	USAG-KA	TOTAL
<b>NEW CASES (LAST 7 DAYS)</b>	3	5	0	3	11
<b>CUMULATIVE CASES</b>	10,126	2,907	2,759	429	16,221
<b>CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED (LAST 7 DAYS)</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL</b>	104	44	0	0	148
<b>TOTAL DEATHS</b>	12	4	1	0	17
<b>RECOVERED/CLOSED</b>	10,101	2,896	2,758	413	16,168


RMI, Majuro, Ebeye & Neighboring Islands COVID-19 positive cases reported, Aug 8, 2022 - January 02, 2023

NEIGHBORING ISLANDS (NI)	AILINGLAPLAP	AILUK	ARNO	AUR	EBON	ENEWETAK	JABOT	JALUIT	KILI	LIKIEP	MALOELAP	MILI	MEJIT	NAMU	UTRIK	WOTHO	WOTIE
<b>NEW CASES (LAST 7 DAYS)</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CUMULATIVE CASES</b>	244	198	390	150	13	48	13	788	7	28	220	79	115	1	102	18	345
<b>CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL DEATHS</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>RECOVERED</b>	244	198	390	150	13	48	13	788	7	28	220	79	115	1	102	18	344


**FOR COVID-19 INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 625-3632**

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Call the COVID-19 Health 24-HR Hotline for Symptoms: 625-3632 (Majuro) 329-9303 (Ebeye)




Ministry of Health & Human Services & Taiwan Health Center



# Dr. Howard Lee

## OBGYN



Taiwan Health Center would like to announce that a OBGYN will arrive in Majuro and do his clinical work in Majuro Hospital. Will be taking 15 patients in the morning and 10 in the afternoon.

**Clinic Schedule:**

- Dec 22-Jan 15, 2024
- 8:00am-12:00pm & 1:30pm-5:00pm

**Appointment:**  
Please go to Majuro Hospital registration and triages before seeing OBGYN

**Laura Schedule:**  
OBGYN doctor will visit Laura Health Clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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## AROUND TOWN



### Coop co-founder Jim Duffy here for Nitijela

A longtime friend of RMI and family was spotted at the Nitijela opening Tuesday. Jim happens to be Minister Kitlang Kabua's grandfather and is a founding father of Majuro Cooperative School and the Jabro Private School on Ebeye.

and California these days, but visit the Marshalls when they can. Pictured after the Nitijela opening ceremony and election are from left: Pamela Duffy Sakaio, Jim Duffy, Sepe Duffy, Nitijela Member Kitlang Kabua, Johnny Duffy and Isaac Larios.

Jim and his wife, Sepe, live in Hawaii

Photo: Hilary Hosia

### Quotes of the week

- "This island is corrupt from top to bottom."  
—Comment heard around town the other day
- "I was raised by my real father."  
—Heard around a local watering hole last week.



### Who won Riddle dinner?

This week's perfect puzzlers are **Mike Jeik, Team Amateur**, **Tess Cristobal, Team A&B** and **The Fivs**. Congrats goes to all and their names are in the hat for the December drawing for the free meal at Flame Tree.

Speaking of which, all the December winners' names also went into the hat and Journal team member **Megan Schellhase** pulled out the winning name, which is **Isabella Narruhn**. Well done, Isabella: You can pick up your gift certificate at Micronitor behind The Flame Tree.

Join the ongoing bid for Stardom for Wisdom. Do the puzzle on P8 and email it to the Journal by 5pm Tuesday.



### And speaking of which...

Newly elected Speaker Brenson Wase, sporting leis, and Nitijela Sgt. at Arms Langidrik Mote, right, joined with the United Church of Christ choir after the opening session wrapped up Tuesday afternoon.

Photo: Hilary Hosia.

## Bryant stars in Forbes

The Marshall Islands gets all kinds of publicity these days in the global media. But mostly it centers on climate change, sea level rise and also some on the nuclear test legacy. But the business magazine Forbes took coverage of the Marshall Islands to a new level, giving MIMRA and its Protected Area Network program a great feature.

MIMRA's **Bryant Jeffery Zebedy** is featured in the story as he was part of the National Geographic's Pristine Seas research trip to the northern atolls of Bikar and Bokak last September. "One of our main goals is to ensure that communities who own protected areas are provided with the best information and tool-kits to manage their resources ap-

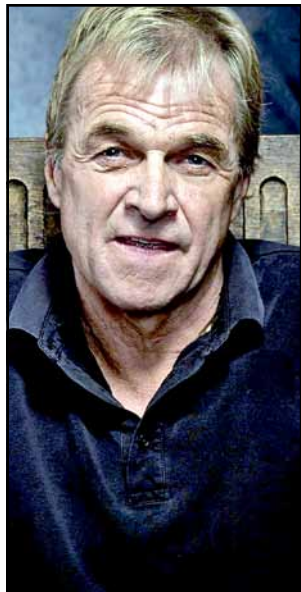
propriately," Bryant is quoted by Forbes as say, adding that MIMRA provides consultations to help communities have a better understanding of how essential the resources in their areas are. Which goes back to why they conduct these resource surveys of each atoll, which inform the protection and conservation efforts.



# AROUND TOWN



From left to right are Carol-Ann Smith, Stephen Morgan, Chantelle Rogers, and Sumreet Sandhu.



*"Ne ewor am muri iben MAWC kon nien kobij eo am, jous im lolorjake koman kolla"*



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# The Oliver! team is ready to play

Youth Bridge Global is returning after four years away to stage the musical "Oliver!" Director and Dartmouth College Professor Emeritus **Andrew Garrod** and Producer **Bonny Taggart**, who will arrive Majuro on January 9, are being joined by three new off-island team members and another who is living on Majuro.

They will be the team that oversees the development of Oliver! From the auditions starting next week to the staging of the play in early March. Professor Andrew has been directing plays in Majuro since 2004 — with a recent three-year break enforced by the Covid border closure.

Here's a little bit about each of four who will be working with Andrew and Bonny:

- **Stephen Morgan** will be the Assistant Director. He lives in Saint John, New Brunswick

in Nova Scotia. He has known Professor Garrod for over 40 years. As a young man he studied acting and participated in many theatrical productions, as well as having worked in theater projects in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, Wuhan in China, and at the Stratford Festival in Ontario, Canada.

- **Carol-Ann Smith**, who is Stephen's partner and also lives in Nova Scotia, will work on set design and costuming. Carol has worked in film for 20-plus years as a scenic painter and artist. She has spent the past eight years as the onset painter for "The Flash." She has worked in costume departments as a "breakdown artist" — which means making things look old and dirty.

- **Sumreet Sandhu** is a junior at Dartmouth College majoring in anthropology. She will be Bonny's

production assistant. Sumreet often assists Professor Garrod with computer work in his office at Dartmouth, and when she heard about the opportunity to join the musical this year, she begged her parents to let her come. She assured them she will be safe with Bubu Bonny. She invites you to say hello if you see her around.

- **Chantelle Rogers** is 23 years old and hails from Papua New Guinea. She has been living and working on Majuro since 2019. She was very involved in theater in high school and was a member of the drama club. When she saw the call for actors for Youth Bridge Global's production of Oliver! she decided to get involved.

Auditions for Oliver! start on Wednesday, January 10, at 3:30pm at the Marshall Islands High School library. Be there! It's going to be a blast.



Several members of the local media were in action Tuesday morning, capturing different angles of the Nitijela election on Tuesday. Capturing key moments from this event was part of the job, as was the case when speaker-elect Brenson Wase took the oath of office, which got the media team on their feet. For the press, it was not a sit-and-watch affair; they were constantly scanning the scene for noteworthy images to include in their publications and for their audiences. Photo: Wilmer Joel.

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# COFA III: Good news, bad news

### Good News: COFA III secures vital FAS interests and resources

Upon approval as expected in early 2024, the bilateral “COFA III” agreements reached by the US separately with Palau, FSM and RMI in 2023 will enhance free association as a strategic alliance. Final agreed terms for economic assistance grants, federal programs and services, as well as COFA trust fund management, reflect important changes in the US government’s COFA renewal offers, after the US Special Presidential Envoy for COFA Negotiations, Joseph Yun, was appointed in 2022.

What can be referred to as “COFA III” for each of the three Free Associated States (FAS) can be implemented to strengthen the capacity of these sovereign nations to preserve democracy, rule of law, stable economies and strategic security. COFA III also enhances terms including federal program eligibility for FAS citizens to enter and reside lawfully in US territories and states as non-immigrants pursuant to COFA Section 141.

COFA III is “more perfect” than COFA II, but continued areas of frustration, friction and disputes can be resolved by adaptive implementation, or if warranted by seeking mutually agreed amendments to COFA agreements. It represents the success of COFA that since 2003 each FAS now asserts by greater measure the rights of sovereign independence in relations with the US as well as bilateral and multilateral foreign relations.

To prevent a repeat of 2003 over-reaching assertion of asymmetric power by the US in COFA II negotiations, in early 2020 the RMI signaled rejection of preliminary economic assistance offers, consistent with COFA II levels in the \$3.5 billion range over 20 years, to be allocated among the three FAS.

Instead, the RMI called for appointment of a US presidential envoy and “more serious economic offers” to avoid 2023 COFA renewal mission failure. In negotiations after a Special Presidential Envoy was appointed in 2022, the US offer increased from \$3.5 billion in 2020-2021 to \$7.1 billion. For the RMI that includes both significantly increased economic assistance grants and US COFA Trust Fund

### Third and final installment of a three-part series on the Compact negotiations



**“Yun’s typically candid answer was that responsible management of the trust funds ‘crucially depends’ on ‘smooth implementation’ of the COFA Trust Fund Agreement (CTFA) by the jointly appointed by US controlled Trust Fund Committee (TFC).”**

**US Special Presidential Envoy for COFA Negotiations Joseph Yun.**

contributions benefitting vital sectors including health, environmental recovery and stabilization, education, Kwajalein development, and US nuclear testing impacts (see discussion below).

Revisions to joint COFA grant management oversight and COFA Trust Fund Committee protocols, as well as confirmation of authority and funding sources for all federal programs and services, including US Department of Education and US Postal Service, are intended as enhancements under COFA III if implemented effectively.

COFA III is intended to prevent presumptions that US economic assistance and federal programs will end in 2043. Thus, unlike 2003 COFA II, COFA III contemplates mutual agreement before 2043 that continued economic support for FAS in parallel with US mutual security and defense authorities.

### Bad News: Hangover from 2003 COFA clouds promise of 2003-2023 COFA renewal

In 2003, the FSM/RMI COFA II and 2010 Palau COFA II renewal terms signaled a US State Department plan for reduction of US obligations and commitments for guaranteed future economic assistance. US defense rights authorities did not expire, but FAS economic rights

expired if not renewed periodically. That imbalance was made even less equitable under COFA II in 2003.

Specifically, Section 354 of COFA II mandates that even if Title Three is terminated by the FAS the US “defense veto” applicable under Title Three would thereafter be retained and combined with strategic denial powers of US under the separate “Agreement on Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Security.” FAS compliance with that expanded defense veto power is a condition of continued FSM and RMI access to COFA trust funds, which would remain under US control.

This provision purporting to give the US “defense veto” power over any action of the RMI and FSM governments, including internal self-government as well as international affairs, even after free association has been terminated in favor of full independence, is in contradiction to domestic and international law recognized by the United States. That includes the 1978 Hilo Principles, COFA I (P.L. 99-239), and US ratified U.N. Resolution 2625 (1970), all requiring free association to be freely terminable without coercive features to qualify as a decolonized political status.

That legacy of 2003 over-reaching under COFA II provides context for FAS

political realism about the 2023 COFA renewal process. For it is clear that stability and continuity in US political, economic and strategic security relations under COFA was exposed in 2023 to undue political risk by failure to approve COFA III before COFA II expired.

That is underscored by PRC effective disruption tactics that COFA renewal delays made possible. All due primarily to the US State Department’s 2020-2021 negotiating positions rejected first by the FAS, and then by Congress and the White House, when disclosed to NSC as the cause of an impasse on COFA renewal with RMI and Palau.

Although appointment of a highly skilled Special Presidential Envoy in 2022 salvaged failing negotiations, US State Department resistance to change in the US negotiating positions contributed to failure of COFA III approval before COFA II expired. That sent exactly the wrong signal to those in Congress who in turn made the US Senate crafted COFA III bill introduced as H.R. 96 a bargaining asset in an end of session poker game over emergency measures on Ukraine, Israel, US border security and illegal drugs.

Instead of approval in good order, inclusion of COFA III to prevent crisis and conflict in the Pacific in highly politicized emergency legislation gained nothing for stakeholders in that controversial debate. Delaying COFA III served only to enable PRC surrogates in the FAS seeking to disrupt the COFA success story intrepidly and ingenuously engineered by the Special Presidential Envoy and FAS governments.

### State Department staff continues to undermine nuclear testing and/or climate change solutions

The RMI’s COFA Trust Fund Agreement (CTFA) includes \$700 million above and beyond all otherwise comparable COFA III funding levels for Palau, FSM and RMI. The stated purpose of this RMI supplemental funding is to address “Extraordinary Circumstances” of RMI communities, especially small, remote islands in need for support to sustain resiliency due to forces beyond their control.

That can include climate change, food security and health care needs, or other extreme challenges and existential threats. But over the strident objections of State Department lawyers since 2003, the President’s envoy confirmed to Congress what everyone knows. Intended uses of the \$700 million special fund also can include measures related to the effects of the US nuclear testing program on people and the environment in the RMI.

Consequently, COFA III approval will require continued negotiations by RMI, due to failure of negotiators despite best efforts to reach true mutual agreement on terms for using all or part of a special \$700 million US contribution to the RMI-US COFA Trust Fund. That was confirmed on October 19, 2023, when the House Natural Resources Commit-

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# Jej aikuuj lolorjake ro rej kerool tok

HILARY HOSIA

“Juon jikin” eo ejenolok jen mon kalbuuj emaron juon uno eo Majel elap an aikuji nan kadriklor jorreen ko rej walok jen rein im rar rool tok nan aelon kein im ewor jorreen en rar kommane.

Naan eo Riem Simon ear ba jiljino yio ko remootlok ear kir mool ilo wiik eo lok ke ar walok ruo jorreen nan ruo kora in Majuro in jen ruo rinana. Jorreen kein jimor rar komman in ri nana rein im rar kalbuuj iumwin elon yio ilo mon kalbuuj eo ilo Uliga Majuro.

“Aolepen jorreen kein im rein rar bed ilo kalbuuj im ro im rar rool tok nan Majel bwe rar bar komman jorreen remaron bobrae elane aolepen lomarein rejab bed ilo kalbuuj ak ren bed ijoko elon armej ie,” Riem ear jiron lok Journal ak jikin komman nuuj eo jiljino yio ko remootlok, im ear bar bok lontak ilo juon ien an kar konono ibben mon nuuj eo ilo wiik eo lok.

Wewein eo ekkar tata ej nan kommane juon jikin eo ejenolok jen jikin kalbuuj eo,” Riem ar ba. Elane ri tel rein ad rej lukkun kea kin armej rein ad im kanaan komman aenomman ilo aelon kein ad, inem raikuj lomnak kake juon jikin nan armej rein.

Elon katton ao lelontak men in aikuuj in ilowaan yio kein ak ejjelok en ear ronjake io. Inaj

**“Juon ibben dron an US im RMI nan kommane juon wewein nan rein im rej rool tok im eto an Riem jutak ilikin emaron jolok kota laplap in - juon kota eo kien im private sector elap aer ellewetak kake ak ejjanin wor kilen komane.”**

bok ijo konoa nan jiban ikijien karoke im eddoiki birookiram in bwe won eo enaj emman an eddroiki ijelokin juon eo im ear bed ilo kalbuuj?”

Riem ar mottan juon droulul in armej ro im US er koroole tok er nan Majel in elikin kar juon kon jen US Department/Homeland Security im Kien in an Majel ilo jonoul yio ko remootlok. Ak Riem ear kwalok ke wewein im kilen korrool in ear juon wot mwenan ilo an kar ejjelok ainikien RMI ne ej itok nan ien korrool

“RMI eaikuji juon eo emaron ba “jaab” nan US,” ear ba. “Jaab” mae ien eo US ej kommane juon kon eo ej ju buruwerro RMI jimor, Riem ear lemaantak lomnak in. “Elane inkar bed ilo telboon ak email ibben ruteej ran an US, inkar akwelap kin jet deal ak kilton ikijien jiban ko im remaron itok ilo mani ak ikijien technical jen US,” Riem ar ba. “US enaj komman jabrewot nan jolok armej jen jikin kalbuuj kan aer, bwe edrik lok aer jolok jeen.”

Juon ibben dron an US im RMI nan kommane juon wewein nan rein im rej rool tok im eto an Riem jutak ilikin emaron jolok kota laplap in - juon kota eo kien im private sector elap aer ellewetak kake ak ejjanin wor kilen komane.

IOM, eo im ej eddroik makitkit ko ikijien an armej driojlok jen Majel, ejkab moj an kebooj juon plan ak elmokot nan lelok nan kien kein jimor an RMI im US nan konono kake baj jet iaan abnono im wewein kein im buki jima armej in Majel rein im rej rool tok jen US rej jelmai iumwin 20 yio ko liklok. Dr. Holden Nena, eo im ej Clinical Director nan Jikin Ejmour eo ear kajitok ak ejjanin wor uaak iumwin jet yio ko, ne emaron koba ilo jermal in korrool tok ne bwe birookiram eo ej bok eddo en maron lelok jibban ko nan rein rej rool tok. Ak Majel, mekarta lon in ri Majel rej rool tok aolep yio, ak ejjelok juon system ak wewein eo enanin komman im ejjelok jiban ej ilok nan ri Majel rein im

US ar korool tok er.

Juon jikin eo ejenolok emaron kommane jet wewein ko nan waj i ta ko rein im raar rool tok jen US im ro im rar kadredrelok ien aer bed ilo kalbuuj ilo Majel in - juon jejtem eo emaron ka-jikuul er im lelok kokabiloklok ak jermal ibbeir nan kokajoor lomnak ko aer im wewein ko jet enwot kebooj er nan jermal im lelok ak kwalok nan er ke ewor aer jimwe im maron makitkit ilo jukjuk im bed kein an ri Majel. Elikin aer kadredrelok birookiram in, rein kajjojo renaj bed wot ilo etale er im konono ibbeir nan jiban bwe ren maron tobrak im rool nan mour ko aer mokta.

Ilo ruo wiik remootlok, ruo kar ri kalbuuj rar man ruo kora. Juon iaan kora rein ear mej jen aer kar mane. Kora eo juon ear men in illu im komman kojok ilo an kar walok ilo juon video eo im leo jeran ear kaben nane bwe en mona kubwe in armej. Lomarein jimor rej kattor teekji. Nan tore in, ejjanin wor juon an RMI jejtem nan lale im tobare rein im

US ear korool tok er ijelokin wot ien tokeak tok ko aer im etaer ilo aer ilok nan opij eo an Immigration im Ministry eo an Foreign Affairs im Trades.

Ri kejparok kien im aenomman ro jen Amedka (US Marshals) rar ketok kin juon ri Majel im rar lelok nan ri jermal ro an RMI. Elikin aer kar lelok, armej in im kar korool tok kar koroloke ilo Amata International Airport. Ear wor jet wewein ko rar walok ilo tore ko mokta lok kin juon eo kar korool tok jen US ear ejjelok ijen emaron etal nane kinke rar kajiriri iki im boke nan US ilo tore eo ej drik wot ilo aer kar jab loori kakien ko an kajiriri im ear ejjelok an jela kin won ro lukkun jinen im jemen im won nukin.

Ilo ien eo elikin an tokeak tok Majuro in, armej eo ear kaik wa eo imaan tata im ilok nan taun. Elikin elon allon ko ear maron lo juon an jermal. Elikin jet allon tokelik, rar loe e mej ilo lojet ne ilo Majuro.

Juon jikin eo ejenolok jen kalbuuj emaron kar bobrae amej in jen an mej. Riem ear rool tok jen US elon yio ko remootlok. Jen tore eo emoj an oktak im ejjab wor an bejinej wot, ak ej lelok jermal ak job nan ro im rar rool tok jen US. Riem ear juon iaan ri jibadrok ro nan jea eo an Mayor nan aelon in Jaluit ilo kekkelel eo ilo yio in.



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Once the RMI Education Partnership Pact is approved, the MOEST will have access to the System Transformation Grant (STG). For this reason, the Ministry is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for a Grant Agent for the STG.

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Ri jerbak ro an MWSC kab Ri utiej ro rej lemnono elikin kajeramon eo an wa in jerbak kaal eo im ej letokin in kein eo an US. Ri-pija: Wilmer Joel.

# Wa kaal eo ñan ebbok bwidej

Ilo wiik eo lok Insular Affairs eo an Interior US Department ear jiban tok MWSC kin juon truck ak wa in ebbok bwidej in arnej nan kake aikuj ko rejlet belaak im ejmour an arnej. Menin letok in ear itok jen money ko rej bed iumwin juon iaan jikin letok jiban ko an Interior im na etan Technical Assistance Program. Juon ennaan ear drijok tok jen Embassy eo an US ej kwalok ke truck ak wa in emaron bok elon lok jen 500 kalan in bwidej ko an arnej.

Allen Hodges, eo im ej Acting Chief of Mission nan US Embassy ear kwalok ilo ien lelok eo an truck in eo im ear komman ilo Treatment Plant C jikin kakkon dren eo i turin airport en ke truck ak wa in elap tokjen ilo an naj kejprok ejmour an arnej im kokajoor lok bujen jem-jera eo ikotaan US im RMI.

“Truck in waan ebbok bwidej in arnej ejjab wa wot; ej juon men in kotobar nan kejparok ejmour im belaak ko belaakid,”

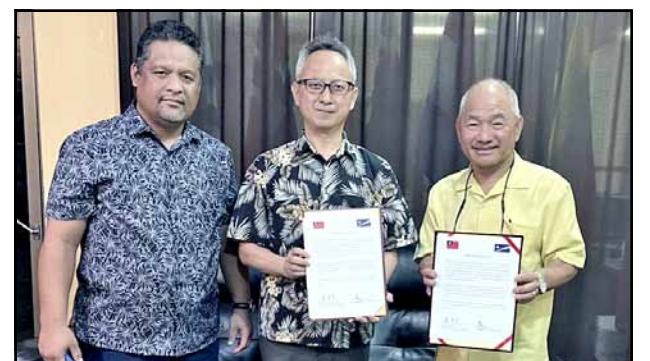
ear ba. “Ej kakolan am kommane ijo konnaam nan lolorjake bwe jujuk im bed ko ren ilok nan er kain jiban rot kein nan komman bwe en erreko belaak ko aer.”

Minister eo an Works, Infrastructure, im Utilities Hiroshi Yamamura ear ba ilo an kalikare ke e men in aikuj nan konono kin kokomanmani septic tank ak jikin kakkon bwidej ko nan ejmour an arnej. “Ilo an wonmaanlok wot an itok jiban jen kien in an US ejjab ittino, ekalikar an lal kein ruo melele kin dron im jela nae dron,” ear ba. “Wewein in enaj komokajkaj lok ad tobar kotobar ko ad.” Damien Capelle, eo im ej Jeneral Manija nan mon dren eo ear ba ke men in letok in ej juon men in wonmaanlok nan lal in ad. Ej juon men laplap; e jerbak monai ellap, eo im ejabwe ibben lal in ad,” ear ba. “Ej juon emman lok an MWSC nan arnej rein ilo Majuro.” Bata Ariel Galito ear jar im kejjeraman waan ektak bwidej in.

# Taiwan provides budget support of \$2 million

The Republic of China (Taiwan) Ambassador Steve CC Hsia presented a check for \$2 million to Foreign Minister Jack Ading and Finance Minister Casten Nemra at International Conference Center on December 27.

The two million dollars is an advanced drawdown from the 2023 Budget Support under the annual financial assistance from the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. At the presentation, Ambassador Hsia reiterated Taiwan’s longtime commitment to its close partnership with the Marshall Islands. Taiwan will continue to work closely together



Finance Minister Casten Nemra, ROC Ambassador Steve CC Hsia and Foreign Minister Jack Ading.

with the Marshall Islands in many fields of mutual concern, he said.

Foreign Minister Ading, on behalf of the RMI government, expressed his appreciation to Taiwan government for this funding, and all assistance in response to the needs for RMI’s national development. Ading emphasized the Marshall Islands would continue to voice its support for Taiwan’s international participation on various occasions. The presentation was witnessed by staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Embassy of Taiwan.



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  - Site Visit (13:00-15:00)
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# Rock the Block for 24



The annual block party that kick starts the New Year was held Sunday night from the Misco Market area to the RRE compound.

The road was filled with families and friends walking around with their blinking light toys enjoying the live bands and entertainment.

Good food was available at each tent and there were lots of games for kids to enjoy.

The annual party ended with the count down to the New Year and audience dancing to celebrate and welcoming the New Year.

Photos: Eve Burns



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# WORLD SNAPSHOT

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## Powerful earthquake hits Japan

A powerful earthquake struck western Japan on Monday, triggering tsunami warnings and evacuation orders, trapping people under collapsed buildings and disrupting electricity and mobile phone services in Ishikawa

prefecture, the epicenter of the quake, Japanese authorities said. Initial reports suggested the quake did not cause the tsunami waves or fatalities that had initially been feared, but officials said major aftershocks could occur in the

next few days. The quake struck the Noto Peninsula and had a magnitude of 7.6 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. At least six people died in Ishikawa prefecture, police said.



## Iowa concerns Trump

As former President Donald Trump campaigned in Iowa in the fall, he projected the utmost confidence. But as he returned last month, with the state's caucuses on January 15 fast approaching, Trump injected a note of concern. He warned his supporters of a rising threat: complacency. "The poll numbers are scary, because

we're leading by so much," Trump said in Waterloo during his final trip to Iowa of 2023. "The key is, you have to get out and vote." With just two weeks until Iowa's first-in-the-nation nominating contest, Trump's campaign is dedicated to avoiding a repeat of 2016, when Trump came in second despite being ahead in polls.

## Ortega limits Catholic events

Pope Francis used his New Year's Day address to highlight concern over the worsening situation of the Catholic Church in Nicaragua as a result of a crackdown by the government of President Daniel Ortega, which has detained clerics, expelled missionaries, closed Catholic radio stations and limited religious celebrations. Speaking to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square, Francis said he was "following with concern what is happening in Nicaragua, where bishops and priests have been deprived of their freedom." He expressed his "closeness in prayer to them, their families and the entire church in the country. Let's pray for Nicaragua today," Francis said.

## President retaliates

Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed Monday to continue missile strikes on Ukrainian cities, in retaliation for what he called a "terror" attack on the Russian city of Belgorod last week. "They want to scare us, to create a certain uncertainty inside the country," Putin said during a meeting with veterans of the war

in Ukraine. Putin's rare public comments about an attack on the Russian territory comes as his forces in recent days have pummeled Ukrainian cities with some of the largest rocket strikes since the start of the invasion in February 2022. The cycle of strikes and retaliation is raising fears of escalating civilian casualties.



## Israel pulls brigades from Gaza

The Israeli military said Monday it would begin withdrawing several thousand troops from the Gaza Strip, at least temporarily. The military cited a growing toll on the Israeli economy after nearly

three months of wartime mobilization with little end in sight to the fighting. Israel had been considering scaling back its operations, and the US has been prodding it to do so more quickly as the death

toll and privation in Gaza rose. An Israeli military spokesperson emphasized that the move did not suggest any compromise of Israel's intention to continue fighting until it destroys Hamas.

## Spate of new laws

A spate of new US state laws went into effect as the calendar flipped to 2024. The most significant change bans programs that promote diversity, equity and inclusion at publicly funded colleges and universities in Texas. Californians will be barred from carrying guns in most public places after a ruling from a federal appeals court. Twenty-two states are raising minimum wages at the start of 2024, according to the Economic Policy Institute. And at least 20 states with Republican-controlled legislatures passed restrictions on gender transition care for young people in 2023.

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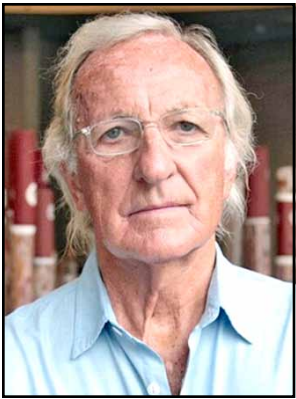
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# Farewell to John Pilger



**John Pilger**

...he became an ever stronger voice for those without a voice, and a thorn in the side of those in authority.”

He visited the Marshall Islands in 2015 to film segments of his film, *The Coming War on China*, that was released in 2016. It included a significant segment on the US nuclear testing and aftermath. Within a few years of the release of the film, the title appeared prescient.

He dived into numerous world issues that were either not being covered by other journalists or, in Pilger’s view, were complicit in covering up a story.

In 2006, reported *The Guardian*, on a panel at Columbia University, New York, to discuss *Breaking the Silence: War, Lies and Empire*, Pilger asserted that “journalists in the so-called mainstream bear much of the responsibility” for the devastation and lives lost in Iraq, by not challenging and exposing “the lies of Bush and Blair.”

His film titles tell much about who Pilger was and the issues he exposed: *Palestine is the issue* (2003), *The war you don’t see* (2010), *Year Zero: The silent death of Cambodia* (1979), and *Apartheid did not die* (1998) among 30 films.

A world renowned investigative reporter John Richard Pilger died earlier this week at 84. The *Guardian* newspaper called him a “campaigning journalist, film-maker, author and fervent critic of US and British foreign policy.”

Pilger “was a journalist who never shirked from saying the unsayable. Across half a century, in newspapers and in his documentary films...

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## What we were saying way back when

# Workers exodus RMI

### Journal 1/2/1987

#### P1 Youth speak out on US tour

Two Marshallese youth recently returned to Majuro following an out-of-the-ordinary visit to the United States. Assumption Elementary School teacher Carmen Samuel and Assumption High senior Lotey Kiluwe went to the US as part of the “Children of War” speaking tour, which brought over 60 young people from the Middle East, Central America, Southern Africa, Asia and the Pacific to speak to Americans about the ways young people a coping with war and oppression.

### Journal 1/1/1999

#### P1 Garment workers leave

More than 170 Chinese garment factory workers left Majuro this weekend ending a year-long saga that had generated considerable concern in both government and the community.

Lanco Pacific, the company that operated the garment factory in Laura, agreed to repatriate the garment workers after the Foreign Ministry formally requested their removal in mid-December.

#### P4 Police roadblocks net dozens of unlicensed cars

New Police Commissioner George Lanwi said this week that Public Safety is going to continue cracking down on drivers who are not licensed, registered or insured. Police roadblocks the day before Christmas last week resulted in dozens of of vehicles being impounded and their drivers being ticketed.

#### P18 CMI's Gugeegue campus takes off

You have to be kidding! No way. Fat chance. The position can't be filled. Actually the position was filled — in the summer of 1995, when Greg Sammer answered the call of Sister Dorothy Nook, then president of the College of the Marshall Islands on Majuro. He agreed to establishing a CMI campus at Kwajalein Atoll.

Sammer was apparently the right man for the job. In two and a half years,

he has turned three abandoned post-World War II buildings on Gugeegue Island into a CMI campus with a faculty of 13 full- and part-time instructors and 77 students.

### Journal 1/1/2010

#### P1 Alvin in action

Monday is the launch of the first full Nitijela session under the Speakership of Alvin Jacklick (pictured above) and changes are already in motion. Senators will see some seats shuffled when they show up Monday to the opening. But the chair changes are just a hint of bigger reform on Jacklick's agenda for the Marshall Islands parliament. “There is no question in my mind that the Nitijela must reform,” Jacklick told the Journal on Monday this week.

The reform he wants is to refocus the members on their primary Constitutional duty: legislation. For the Nitijela staff, he wants to elevate their professionalism, capacity and provision of services to the members. The guiding goal: improve service.

#### P6 The sound of angels

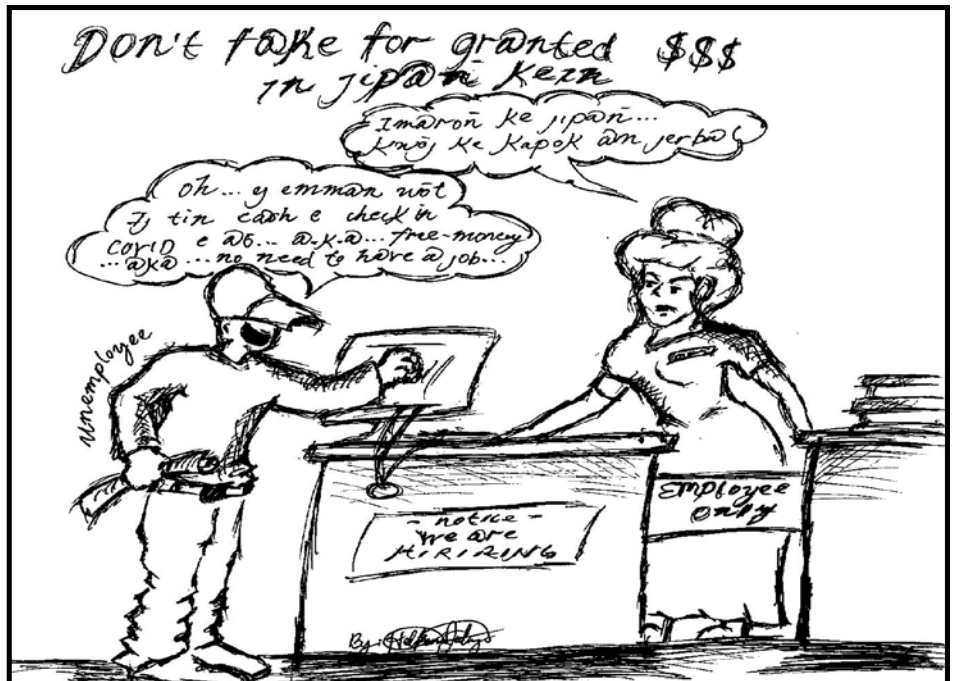
What a great day last Tuesday turned out to be in the run-up to Christmas. Bank of Marshall Islands staff were feverishly working on loan applications for Christmas hopefuls and handing out cash by the hundreds, and a bunch of customers sitting around enjoying the BOMI air conditioning when suddenly all were abruptly interrupted. Nicely interrupted, we should add. A 20-strong team of the Marshall Islands High School Gospel Choir livened up the bank with their fantastic brand of Christmas caroling.

Then they made their way over to DAR and the newspaper office, entertaining the staff at the Journal. They also sang for departing passengers at Amata Kabua International earlier in the week, and their vocals were heard at Pay-less, Robert Reimers Enterprises and Marshall Islands Resort. Great entertainment as a result of plenty of practice and attention to detail. Success is in the details. Remember that, and you'll go far.





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**JAB KAJEJ TOKJEN DONATION**  
**Working clerk:** Can I help? Are you looking for a job? **Jobless person:** Oh... I am good... I am going to cash my Covid check, aka free money, aka ejjelok tokjen kabok jerbol.



**JILU YIO ÄLIKIN JERBAL KÖN MINIMUM WAGE... KAPPOK JERBAL**

**Guy** (just graduated with a master degree): I should have stayed longer for salary increase. Warrar, jonuol jilu dala juon awa. I am not qualified for the job but it's open.

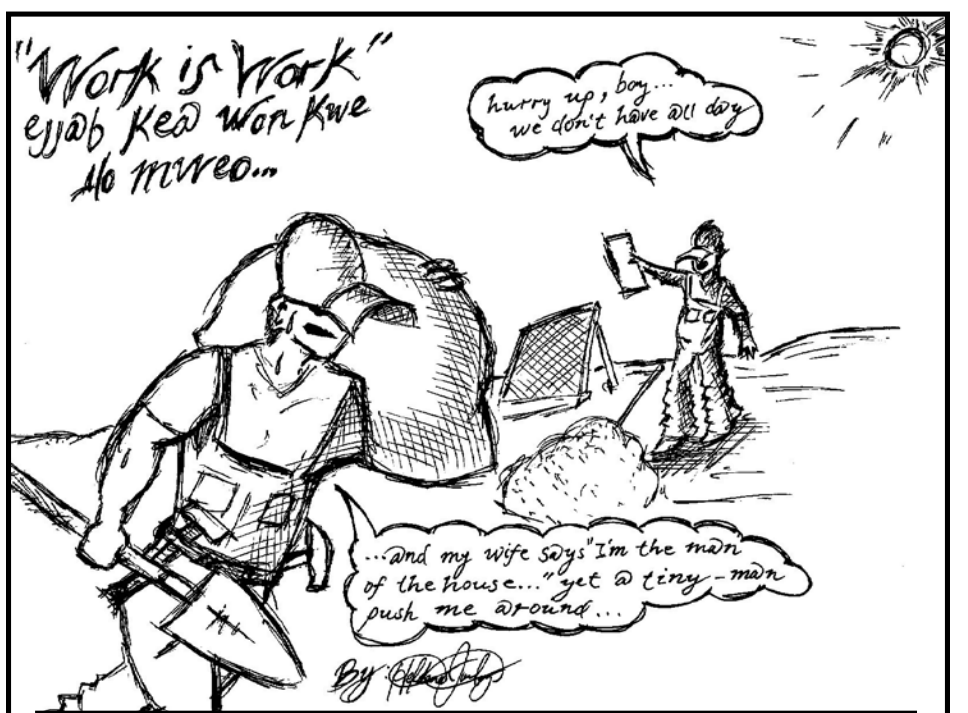


**Voter:** Leio, sorry that you lost the race. I voted for you... ewor ke am jani? ikwole... **Former candidate:** You lied! I took you to vote but you voted for the other guy.



**PRIDE**

**Person:** Finally, I have money today. I have a lot of relatives, when they are loaded, they don't know me. Now it's my turn, my own welfare, while they think of themselves.




**JERBAL EJ JERBAL, IT DOES NOT CARE WHO YOU ARE IN LIFE**

**Brother 1:** Ekairid lok laddrik en... ebon lak! **Brother 2:** Kora eo ippa ej ba na emman nan mweo... ak juon emman jidrikdik ej kabojoj.



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Kemilang Kabua was officially sworn in as Mayor for Namu Atoll following the Council of Irooj election at the International Conference Center Wednesday. TRC Judge Grace Leban officiated the swear-in ceremony. Jennifer Hawley represented Kemilang's family during the oath ceremony. Photo: Hilary Hosia

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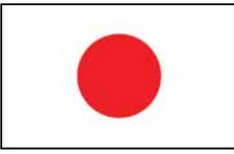
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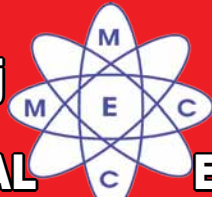
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# United States being ‘dishonest’ on its nuclear message

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tee chairman asked Ambassador Yun in a hearing how the COFA III agreements would ensure the COFA trust funds would be “responsibly managed.”

Yun’s typically candid answer was that responsible management of the trust funds “crucially depends” on “smooth implementation” of the COFA Trust Fund Agreement (CTFA) by the jointly appointed by US controlled Trust Fund Committee (TFC). Yun’s clear message was the success will require that mutual agreed measures prevail over unilateral US or RMI interpretations of provisions intentionally left ambiguous in Article 18 of the CTFA to bring negotiations to completion.

Yun’s admonition implicitly requires US and RMI to compromise and accommodate nuclear testing legacy measures as related extraordinary circumstances. However, best evidence of how and why further negotiations on TFC use of this large contribution may require more than agile “implementation” is the example Yun gave for how \$700 million can and should be used under Article 18, as follows,

“We’re not going to have the mistakes of the past, where managing is given over, if you remember, to the Bikini Trust Fund, that now has become, you know, virtually nothing.”

Section 177 Agreement trust funds established under COFA I in 1986 are protected by withdrawal caps and strict reporting protocols. It was State Department and Interior Department lawyers who approved the 2017 amendment to relinquish U.S. oversight of spending from the separate Bikini Resettlement Trust Fund. The \$60 million corpus of Bikini’s resettlement trust had been prudentially managed under the 1982 and 2008 trust fund agreement, until 2017 when the U.S. abandoned its statutory as well as trust fund agreement oversight role.

In that 2017 agreement, the US also agreed compensation for Bikini resettlement was inadequate, even though a federal court had approved that amount as full compensation under Article VI of the Section 177 Agreement and dismissed the Bikini lawsuit on that basis. Will RMI seek restoration of funds the US failed to monitor, unpaid Nuclear Claims Tribunal awards, other Section 177 implementation measures? If the Trust Fund Committee refuses, will implementation of CTFA Article 18 go “smoothly” in US and FAS as Yun envisions?

Since 2003 the State Department has asserted without legal basis that no US funding can be provided related to the nuclear testing legacy above the \$150 million provided in 1986 under the COFA Section 177 Agreement terminating pending court cases. Instead, although not provided in the Section 177 Agreement, the State Department argues the only pathway to additional compensation is the “changed circumstances” provision in Article IX of the 1986 settlement, which is strictly a political question for Congress to decide

without any legal adjudication.

In 2003, the RMI and Congress ignored the non-meritorious State Department legal position and provisions of the COFA II act authorized additional compensation triggered by RMI request for extension of expiring provisions of the Section 177. Under those amendments in Section 103(e) of the 2003 COFA Act, from 2004 to 2023 an approximate total of \$209 million in additional compensation was provided by mutual agreement (including ex gratia measures) over and above the \$150 million paid under Section 177 in 1986.

Now, in 2023, H.R. 96 re-enacts the provisions of Section 105(e) in the 2003 COFA Act, confirming that the Section 177 Agreement remains fully in effect and authorizes additional compensation. Section 261(j) of the 2023 COFA III Act even includes \$15 million in new funding for RMI nuclear testing legacy research that will provide data and evidence to support any future Article IX changed circumstances petition, or litigation before federal courts challenging whether US compensation was sufficiently “just and adequate” to end US responsibility under Section 177.

In support of its discredited legal position since 2003, the State Department cites 2009 rulings by federal courts in the case of John v. United States and People of Bikini v. United States, denying restoration of lawsuits brought under federal claims statutes in 1986. But a closer reading of those rulings reveals it does not bar constitutional claims recognized by four federal court rulings upholding the Section 177 settlement in 1987, once US mutually agreed measures stop, which is what State Department now has declared.

In 2020-2023 the State Department disingenuously agreed the US can provide more funding to address nuclear testing after all, but only as long as that purpose is not disclosed in COFA renewal agreements with RMI. The dishonesty of the State Department position is now openly a matter of wanting moral credit for addressing the nuclear legacy, but unwillingness to admit it has been wrong legally since 2003. The result is that unless its legal position is changed the US will get neither moral nor legal credit for COFA III funding intended to address the nuclear testing legacy.

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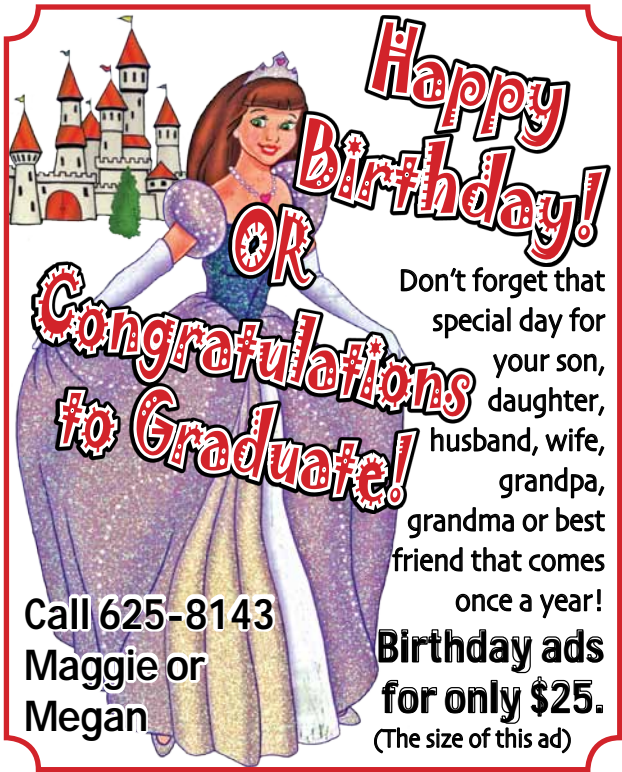
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THAT you could consider communicating by text using only memes?

THAT it may be cute to learn how to recite the alphabet backwards and then do so at inopportune moments with friends?

THAT you should defi-



THAT spotted looking glamorous at the Block Party were Amelia Qalubau, Maryleen Maitokana and Paulini Maitokana?  
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clocks" to your business jargon?

THAT you should stop using Google/Bing/Yahoo for self-diagnosing whatever ails you ... there are doctors available?

THAT what if you were to stop eating junk food during every month with an "e" in it?

THAT it would be fun to have dinner with a group of friends and at the end of the meal one person holds up each diner's credit card and ask the server to close his or her eyes and pick one to use to pay the whole bill?

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nately refuse to act your age, but you'll need to decide if you should act younger or older?

THAT you could definitely perfect the art of pretending to listen during Zoom meetings?

THAT you should pay off your credit cards every month in full (but don't be tempted to do this using

your other credit cards)?

THAT back to the Netflix theme, you could limit yourself to two minutes to pick a movie and if it's good, you'll feel like you've uncovered a gem, and if it's bad, you'll be asleep in no time?

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