

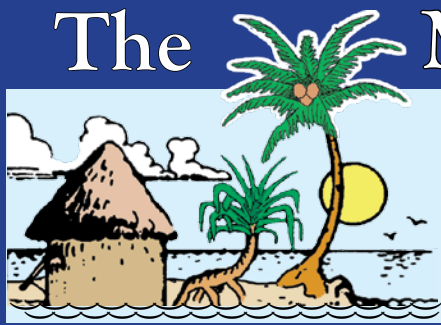
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Win for Neimat

Lerooj ruled holder of Laelan domain

GIFF JOHNSON

The Marshall Islands Supreme Court in an unanimous decision has upheld the High Court ruling that Lerooj Neimat Reimers is holder of the iroojlaplap title for the domain of Iroojlaplap Laelan Kabua.

She was challenged by Lajang Kabua, who filed suit on behalf of the late Phillip Kabua, seeking a court determination that he is the proper person to hold the iroojlaplap title.

The domain of Laelan is one of the two branches of the powerful Kabua royal family. The other is the domain of Iroojlaplap Jeimata Kabua, which is headed today by Iroojlaplap Mike Kabua. Both domains are responsible for numerous atolls and islands, and thousands of people, in the Ralik Chain, and these domains involve significant money value for title holders for land leases and rentals.

In a detailed judgment in 2022, Chief Justice Carl Ingram ruled that Lerooj Neimat was the correct person to hold the title as head of the domain of Laelan. The three Supreme Court justices reaffirmed the High Court's decision in an 11-page opinion issued August 30. Last month, attorney for the plaintiff Lajang Kabua Roy Chikamoto filed a motion for a "rehearing of the appeal in this matter." The Supreme Court has not yet issued an order responding to the motion for a rehearing.

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Members of the CMI board at Wednesday's PAC hearing, from left: Kino Kabua, Marie Maddison, Joe Lomae, Wilmer Joel, Chair Kathryn Relang and Julius Lucky. Insets PAC Chair Gerald Zackios, Nitijela Member Marie Davis Milne. Photos: Hilary Hosia.

College of Marshall Islands on audit hot seat (again)

HILARY HOSIA

The Nitijela Public Accounts Committee took the unprecedented action this week of holding separate hearings with the College of Marshall Islands, one of which took place at the college campus in Uliga Tuesday, followed by a live broadcast public hearing Wednesday at the Nitijela Conference Room that lasted nearly four hours.

The hearings revolved around the long-awaited audit for fiscal year 2021, which, like recent CMI audits, was late to be finished. Normally, public

hearings are conducted only at the Nitijela Conference Room.

According to the PAC panel, the forum held with students, faculty and staff Tuesday revealed a toxic working environment where teachers felt bullied and undervalued. A very different perspective was painted by CMI leadership during their hearing Wednesday.

PAC Chairman Arno Nitijela Member Gerald Zackios was joined at Wednesday's hearing by

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4 arrested in Takia murder

GIFF JOHNSON

Four Majuro men were charged last week with a total of 21 counts relating to their alleged involvement in the murder of Douglas Takia on September 7.

The four men — Freddy Paul Sirvilleon, 21, George Kano Alex, 23, Roney Mwekto, 23, and

Royal Leban, 39 — were ordered arrested and detained by Judge Witten Philippo last Thursday.

The arrest warrants were immediately acted on by MALGov police officers who last Thursday night arrested all four and transported them to the MIPD Uliga main jail, where they were

held pending their initial hearing Wednesday afternoon this week.

Freddy, George and Roney are facing five charges each: Murder, manslaughter, disorderly conduct, criminal conspiracy to commit murder, and criminal conspiracy to commit manslaughter.

Royal is facing six charges:

Criminal conspiracy to commit murder, criminal conspiracy to commit manslaughter, criminal solicitation to commit murder, criminal solicitation to commit manslaughter, assault and disorderly conduct.

The group of four is alleged to

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Marie: 'Low morale' and 'hostile work environment'

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Nitijela Members David Anitok (Ailuk) and Marie Davis Milne (Ebon). A panel with members of the Board of Regents answered questions from committee members first, and then a second panel with CMI administrators, including new President David Newnham, had the opportunity to speak and was questioned.

Newnham told the PAC that the college has "a commitment to financial transparency." He reiterated his statement made during his welcome ceremony earlier this month that in his work as an educator, he has always put "students first" and would continue with this philosophy.

Student government President Wilmer Joel, who sits on the board, told the PAC that although the students might not fully understand the audit terminologies being

discussed, "we fully support the great work that is being done."

"Is the board aware of what's happening at the college?" asked Marie pointedly. "There are Marshallese teachers working without contracts and yet we pride ourselves with the importance of education." She also spoke about what she called "low morale" and a "hostile work environment" at CMI.

The FY2021 audit was submitted October 10 to the US Federal Grant Clearinghouse.

It showed a near doubling of "findings" (problems) from 2020 to 2021 from 10 to 17, including a doubling from four to eight of "material weaknesses" (serious problems). The audit also shows five repeat findings from the 2020 audit that were not resolved.

Seized items robbed from Finance Ministry

HILARY HOSIA

The Ministry of Finance has been robbed. Again. So the question is, what is there to rob at the Finance building, located across from the Marshall Islands Resort?

In November of 2022, police responded to what looked like a breaking and entering where government checks were stolen from the treasury department on the first floor. Some of those checks soon began appearing in multiple stores and businesses throughout Majuro. In 2023, one person was found guilty for fraudulently cashing one of the many checks stolen.

Two weeks ago, seized items were reportedly stolen from the Customs Office, also located on the first floor of the Finance building.

The incident was posted on social media by a customer who said Customs officials

at the post office confiscated the incoming retail goods that require a permit to import. The customer took the required step of applying for the right permit but was met with the response: The goods have been stolen from the Customs office.

The bigger question is, who is responsible to compensate businesses or individuals whose items were confiscated awaiting payment or paperwork that were then stolen while in the care of government officials at the Ministry of Finance?

Take, for instance, the stolen government checks from November 2022. A business in Uliga became the victim because it cashed one of the stolen checks and to date has not been reimbursed by the government. The customer in this recent incident is still looking to be compensated for seized items which were worth a significant amount.

Supremes uphold lower court ruling

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In his 2022 ruling, Ingram wrote: "...After Kabua Kabua's death in October 1994, his oldest child and plaintiff Phillip's older brother Mamoru, as the head of Kabua Kabua's lineage, over 26 years repeatedly acceded to or recognized the eldest descendants of his father's older sisters Ebon's and Jukwe's as the Irojilaplap over Laelan's domain, not himself."

Ingram determined that the 20-year statute of limitations had expired in 2014 — 20 years after Kabua Kabua's death — thus preventing the case from proceeding in the High Court.

The Supreme Court addressed the three issues raised on appeal by Lajang's attorney Roy Chikamoto.

1. The High Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the Lajang's petition because a provision in a Marshall Islands law provides that the "kajur" (commoners), not the courts, have the duty to determine who is entitled to be

irojilaplap. The Supreme Court cited the specific language of the RMI law that states: "Pursuant to Article X, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Marshall Islands, it is hereby declared as a matter of customary law that in cases involving title disputes between Irojilaplap claimants, the Alabs of the directly affected lands shall have the ability and obligation to determine the rightful holder of the Irojilaplap title."

The Supreme Court commented: "This provision does not mention the jurisdiction of RMI courts and contains no language that explicitly deprives the courts of subject matter jurisdiction over disputes involving the Irojilaplap title or rights. Instead, it merely provides that as a matter of custom the Alabs of the directly affected lands have the ability and obligation to determine the rightful holder of the Irojilaplap title. The status does not address a situation where there may be a disagreement between the

claimants as to what the Alabs decided, or what occurs if the Alabs fail to exercise their 'ability and obligation to determine the rightful holder of the Irojilaplap title,' or preclude a claimant from challenging a decision by the Alabs as being incorrect under custom or the law, or deprive the courts of jurisdiction from addressing the myriad of other issues which might arise regarding a claimant's right to the Irojilaplap title. In short, giving the Alabs the ability and obligation to determine the rightful holder of the Irojilaplap title does not strip the courts of jurisdiction to make the ultimate determination regarding title." Moreover, the Supreme Court said, Lajang "failed to raise this issue ... on the motion for summary judgment and it is therefore waived on appeal."

2. Sovereign immunity accorded to the King of England under common law adopted in the US and the Marshall Islands meant that time limits could not be applied to the

King.

The Supreme Court said Lajang waived his right to pursue this line of legal theory "when he voluntarily filed his petition in the High Court. In sum, a party cannot file a petition for declaratory judgment in the High Court, actively litigate in the High Court, lose in the High Court, and then seek to raise a claim of sovereign immunity for the first time on appeal. If there was ever a description of waiver, this is it."

3. The High Court violated Lajang's rights by not referring the title issue to the Traditional Rights Court. "There is neither a constitutional or automatic right to have customary issues referred to the TRC," said the Supreme Court. "Both the Constitution and the TRC Rules of Procedure require that a case be certified to the TRC only if a substantial question or questions within the jurisdiction of the TRC have arisen in the pending proceeding before the High

Court. Here, there was simply no substantial question to refer given the High Court's ruling on timeliness of the appeal."

The Supreme Court said that a determination by the High Court that the statute of limitations barred a case from further hearing trumped the substance of the case.

"Any claim that could be referred to the TRC does not present a 'substantial question' or a question of 'considerable importance' if that claim is, in fact, time barred," said the Supreme Court ruling. "... Because Appellant would have lost the case regardless of what the TRC might have decided, there was no substantial question to refer." Chief Justice Daniel Cadra and Associate Justices J. Michael Seabright and Richard Seeborg agreed with the High Court's judgement that "Appellant Neimat Catherine Reimers is the proper successor to the Irojilaplap title and rights to the domain of Laelan Kabua."



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Four charged with murder

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have attacked Douglas Takia and repeatedly kicked him while he "was lying helplessly on the ground," according to the charges.

While the three younger men are charged with murder and manslaughter, Royal's charges of conspiracy to commit murder and criminal solicitation to commit murder revolve around the allegation that he commanded, encouraged or requested the other three to chase and beat the victim.

The incident on September 7 occurred at the Marshall Islands Club, according to the charges.

Assistant Attorney Joe Lomae is the lead prosecutor in the case. He is assisted by Assistant Attorneys General Cherlina Loeak and Maniana Muller.

US Treasury sanctions two RMI-registered companies

The US Treasury Department sanctioned two Marshall Islands-registered offshore corporations for what it claims is their involvement in supporting shipments of Iranian oil to refineries in the People's Republic of China.

The US maintains sanctions on Iran that aim to prevent shipment of its oil to other countries.

Two Cook Islands-flagged oil tankers, a Palau-flagged tanker and two Marshall Islands registered offshore companies have been placed on a United States list requiring sanctions against Iran, the Treasury Department said in a statement late last week.

"Today, the United States is expanding sanctions on Iran's petroleum and petrochemical sectors in response to Iran's October 1 attack on Israel, its second direct attack on Israel this year," the US Treasury said in a statement last week.

Those added to the sanction list are Davina Shipping Inc. and Rita Shipping Inc., both of the same address: Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Road, Majuro, Marshall Islands, 96960.

Among the ships listed is Davina under the Palau flag, and Goodwin and Wen Yao, both flying Cook Islands flags.

The RMI-registered Davina Shipping Inc. is the owner, operator and manager of the vessel Davina, which is flagged in Palau.

Marshall Islands-based Rita Shipping Inc. is the registered owner and manager of the oil tanker SPIR-



President Hilda Heine joined Taiwan Ambassador Steve CC Hsia and other VIPs to cut the cake during the celebration of Taiwan's National Day last Friday at Marshall Islands Resort. Photo: Hilary Hosia.

Taiwan friendship reaffirmed

The Marshall Islands government reaffirmed its commitment to include Taiwan's recognition on the international stage during the Taiwan National Day celebration at Marshall Islands Resort last Friday.

Statements from President Hilda

Heine and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kalani Kaneko showcased RMI's ongoing support as an ally and friend of the people and government of Taiwan.

The event symbolized the 26 years of ties between the two na-

tions, which brought together a large crowd. Delicacies from Taiwan and a performance of indigenous dances by a Taiwan Association group topped with the musical talents of AIM Band added spice to the evening.

Court sets dates for KBE fund case

Arden Trust Company filed a motion last Friday to dismiss a Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government lawsuit seeking to hold the financial management firm liable for the demise of the Bikini Resettlement Trust Fund.

The motion to dismiss is a standard response to a lawsuit from a defendant.

Arden's response has led to court establishing a schedule for the filing of legal briefs on this dispute.

Arden's opening brief is to be filed on or before November 1, 2024. KBE plaintiffs' answering brief in opposition is to be filed on or before December 6.

Arden's reply brief in further support of its motion to dismiss shall be filed on or before December 23.

Both sides will communicate with the judge to obtain hearing dates after Plaintiffs file their answering brief.

Tankers activities the issue

IT OF CASPER, which is flagged in Panama.

Both shipping companies registered here are "being designated (as) having materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of National Iranian Oil Company," said the Treasury statement.



Two Marshallese fellows helped Palau celebrate its Independence Day earlier this month at the capital complex in Melekeok, Babeldaob. That's Minister of Culture and Internal Affairs, Jess Gasper, Jr., left, who was President Heine's special envoy for the events in Palau, with Pacific Ocean Commissioner Filimon Manoni.

Nitijela resolution to pursue nuclear \$\$

Before wrapping up its recent session, Nitijela passed Resolution No. 15, calling on the Cabinet to take steps on the US nuclear testing legacy by pursuing the "Changed Circumstances Petition" through the Congress of the United States.

The resolution outlines briefly the history of the first Compact's Section 177 compensation section that went into force in 1986 with a \$150 million fund for compensation of all claims from the nuclear weapons testing.

"Injuries and damage resulting from the US Nuclear Testing Program could not have been discovered, or could not have been determined, prior to the effective (date of the) Compact, and such injuries, damages and adjudication render the terms of the Section 177 Agreement manifestly inadequate to provide just and adequate compensation for injuries to Marshallese people and for manage to or loss of land resulting from the US Nuclear Testing Program," the resolution said.

It went on to say that "the US expressly recognized that its technical assessment of radiological damage to persons and property in the RMI was limited to a 'best effort' at the time of the Compact, and was based on limited disclosure of available information and incomplete scientific knowledge."

This is a reason that the US and RMI agreed through Section 177 for the establishment of the Nuclear Claims Tribunal to adjudicate all nuclear test claims.

The Compact also provided a "changed circumstances" procedure "through which Congress accepted the authority and responsibility at a later date to determine the adequacy of the measures adopted under the 177 Agreement to compensate for injuries and damages caused by the US Nuclear Testing Program," the resolution said.

The RMI first filed a Changed Circumstances Petition with the US government in 2000, which did not result in any action for

further compensation.

The resolution urges the Cabinet to pursue the Changed Circumstances Petition through the Congress of the United States of America to adopt adequate measures under the 177 Agreement to compensate for injuries and damages caused by the US Nuclear Testing Program in the Marshall Islands.

The resolution also urged Cabinet to reappoint the members of the Changed Circumstances Advisory Group.

PACIFIC: ON POINT

Gender-based violence workshop



The Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program Pacific Office, is leading efforts to combat gender-based violence in the North Pacific.

A recent workshop in Majuro focused on raising community awareness as a key step in preventing and reducing gender-based violence. This workshop was part of a broader regional initiative, built on previous sessions held in Koror, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk and Pohnpei).

Bringing together civil society organizations, youth leaders, local authorities, government agencies, and legal professionals demonstrated the power of collective action and the necessity of a community approach to address domestic violence.

In opening remarks to the workshop, Nitiijela Member Daisy Alik-Momotaro, Special Presidential Envoy for Women's and Children's Affairs in the Marshall Islands, emphasized the critical role of gender equality in achieving sustainable development.

"Gender equality is not just a goal but a fundamental prerequisite for sustainable development," she said. "Through these workshops, we are not only raising awareness but equipping communities with the tools to create safer, more equitable societies for all." Tojien Jorkan, a prevention worker from Women United Together Marshall Islands, noted the growing prevalence of gender-based violence and domestic violence, stressing the importance of proactive community engagement.

"Gender-based violence and domestic violence continue to rise, making community awareness a crucial first step in preventing, reducing, and eliminating violence," Jorkan said.

The workshop centered on empowering



Participants in the recent workshop focused on raising community awareness about gender-based violence in the North Pacific.

communities to take an active role in preventing and responding to gender-based violence. Participants were introduced to key concepts, including the significance of gender equality, harmful gender stereotyping, and understanding the legal and support mechanisms available for survivors of violence. Attendees shared their experiences and explored practical, locally relevant solutions.

Those facilitating the workshop included RMI Micronesian Legal Services Directing Attorney Rosania Bennett, Pohnpei MLSC Directing Attorney Danally Daniel, RMI MLSC Staff Attorney Sunny Beero, RMI MLSC Trial Counselor Wagner Joash, RMI MLSC Legal Secretaries Tamara Andrike and Donna Ishoda, and MLSC-UNDP Consultant Sonali Owen.

MLSC and UNDP are planning additional workshops in RMI, FSM and Palau.

USP welcomes new campus in Honiara

Excitement and pride filled the four corners of the new University of the South Pacific campus at King George in Honiara, Solomon Islands earlier this month as alumni, leaders, staff and students gathered to witness the momentous occasion of its official opening.

This new campus is a testament to the long-standing partnership between USP and the government and people of the Solomon Islands, said the Suva-based regional institution.

It marks the beginning of a new era in education, one that promises

to transform the lives of the youth in the Solomon Islands, uplift communities, and contribute to the nation's development.

In his opening address, USP Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Pal Ahluwalia, remarked, "The journey of this new campus began nearly 20 years ago, when discussions first started to build a facility that would meet the growing needs of the Solomon Islands."

The new campus boasts state-of-the-art lecture theaters, a spacious library, high-end computer labs, tutorial rooms, and more.

Council resolves to help Marshalls

The Human Rights Council in Geneva adopted a resolution for "Technical assistance and capacity building to address the human rights implications of the nuclear legacy in the Marshall Islands" last week Thursday.

It was jointly introduced by the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Samoa, and Vanuatu.

Since technical assistance was first requested in 2022, the United Nations has continued to acknowledge the impacts of this nuclear legacy on the Marshallese resulting from the 67 nuclear tests that were conducted in the Marshall Islands prior to the nation's independence.

"Yes, the nuclear legacy has historical injustices that need to be addressed; however, we are still suffering the human consequences of this legacy today and will continue to suffer them in the likely



RMI Ambassador Doreen deBrum, standing left, with representatives of Pacific nations that supported the UN resolution.

future if appropriate action is not taken," said RMI Ambassador Doreen deBrum speaking to the Council last week.

The ongoing support from the UN "constitutes an important milestone to redress the human rights abuses that derived from this dark chapter of our history which continues to severely affect our people," she said.

Ambassador deBrum recalled

the personal cost that all Marshallese have endured fighting cancer.

As a small island state with limited capacities to manage a legacy of this magnitude, the UN assistance is vital to uphold the human rights of the Marshallese people and ensure our right to a healthy and sustainable environment, the ambassador said.

Concluding several years of active participation, the RMI Ge-

neva Embassy expressed its "sincere gratitude to the States that joined the core group and those that supported our initiatives. The Marshall Islands and its Mission in Geneva will continue to work with all its partners and beyond to continue to support these processes and uphold human rights in the Marshall Islands and in the Pacific, especially during its three-year mandate as a Council member,

which begins in January 2025."

The Ministry of Health and Human Services posted to its Facebook page further commentary about the newly endorsed resolution.

"This resolution underscores the ongoing health struggles faced by our communities due to radiation exposure from nuclear testing, including higher rates of cancer and other life-threatening conditions. As we move forward, we remain committed to advocating for the health and well-being of our people, ensuring that healthcare and justice go hand in hand in addressing the consequences of our nuclear past. We stand with our people as we continue this vital fight for health, justice, and recognition of the lasting impacts of nuclear testing."

RMI rejoins UN Human Rights Council: See page 7.



What does the future hold for Kwajalein?

KAREN EARNSHAW

The Kwajalein military base, its mission, its future, and the thoughts and predictions of Americans and Marshallese who work there are just some of the simmering ingredients in a recently published podcast *The Disappearing Islands*.

The 30-minute show is part of the *How We Survive* series, which is a branch of the radio show *Marketplace* heard on National Public Radio across the United States.

Hosted by *Marketplace*'s senior editor Kai Ryssdal with Hayley Holzman as the producer, the podcast begins with the January 2024 news story of the 20-foot waves that crashed dramatically into the community center on the small island of Roi-Namur and broke down doors and knocked people down, causing significant damage to Roi-Namur. The island is a major part of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site and has several radar systems used for tracking missiles.

The story of the huge waves made world headlines and led the *How We Survive* staff to consider how a US military base on an atoll in a remote and extremely strategic part of the Pacific Ocean will indeed survive amidst a backdrop of climate change and corresponding rising sea levels.

A promotional blurb for the podcast states: "Waves and storm-driven flooding aren't uncommon in the Marshall Islands. But this one hit a base that's vital to US national security. It's where the United States conducts missile testing ... Host Kai Ryssdal treks across the Pacific to find out how our military will respond to the existential climate threat, and asks: What do rich countries and major carbon emitters like the US owe to the people and nations bearing the brunt of the climate crisis?"

The podcast's tale is told through interviews with a wide array of people who



Above, Kwajalein wave destruction on Roi-Namur Island in January.

Photo: US Army.

Left, podcast host Kai Ryssdal puts a question to Bob the skeleton during a visit to Kwajalein's archeology office.

Photo: Caitlin Esch for Marketplace.

"When the water is up to your hips, you have to leave."

work or work and live on the base and the descriptions offered by Kai. And while it touches on many facets of life in the Marshall Islands, including its nuclear past, the lasting impression is that on one hand the military personnel are confident that the US will work out a way for the base to continue to exist in the coming decades, despite sea level rise, allowing them and those who follow to do their much-needed work. On the other hand, the Marshallese people interviewed in Ebeye are less confident about a bright future. "When the water is up to your hips, you have to leave," said one resident. "The ocean will make us leave," said another.

Listen to Season Six, Episode Four of How We Survive: The Disappearing Islands on the podcast app of your choice.

Jipaň jān FAA ñan jikin jok/kelòk ilo AKIA

Embassy eo an US eaar kōjeļļā kōn \$18 milien eo āliktata manī in jipaň jān administration ak ra eo an Federal Aviation ñan kadedeiklòk jermal in kemour ak kōkāāle jikin jok im kelòk eo an baļuun ilo Amata Kabua International Airport. Mani in jipaň in ejja mōttan wōt būrojāāk manī eo eļap lòk im ej \$40.5 milien, eo im ej kaalikkar juon jermal eo eto an jab kōmman ñan kōkāāle jikin jok im kelòk in an baļuun im ej barāinwōt ñan kōļaplòk ak kōkōmanmanlòk tiljek, meļak, mōkajkaj im meļlan jermal.

Būrojāāk in ej wōnmaanlòk ekkar ñan an kar kien en an US kōmlòt ke enaaj kōkōmanman lòk jermal in makùtkùt ilo mejatoto ñan Majel iumwin Airport Improvement Program eo an FAA, eo im mālim ej itok jān Vision 100 — Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act 2004. Jān tōre eo im ar maroň bōk jipaň jān Airport Improvement Program in, RMI emōj an bōk joňan in \$106.6 milien jān FAA, ikijjien būrojāāk ko im eļap koñaer ilo kōkōmanmanlòk jikin jok/kelòk in an baļuun.

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Highlights of the FY23 MIMRA annual report

The Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority submitted to Nitijela last week its 2023 annual report, a 60-page presentation with numerous photos and narratives on all aspects of the coastal and oceanic fishery.

"The most important aspect of our fisheries management — whether it relates to the commercial tuna fishery or coastal fisheries resources — is effectively managing these resources for long-term sustainability," said Minister Tony Muller in his overview of MIMRA's work domestically and internationally.

Director Glen Joseph said that "the essential words that guide our work are collaboration and partnership for the sustainable management of the marine resources of the Marshall Islands." The report includes detailed sections on:

- MIMRA's FY2023 finances, including that it contributed \$25 million to the RMI national budget last year.
- The Oceanic program focused on management of the commercial tuna fishery through active monitoring, control and surveillance work. It highlights the RMI's tuna supply contract with the US retail giant Walmart, which was extended for two more years in 2023, and an international award MIMRA received for its prevention work against illegal fishing.
- The Competent Authority focused on trainings for employees of tuna processing companies in Majuro and monitoring progress to improve facilities needed to meet strict European Union seafood export rules.

The Legal Division was involved in developing a series of domestic regulations aimed at sustainable use of marine resources, as well as advising the Authority on its regional and international agreements and programs.

- The Coastal Division manages fish markets at both Majuro and Kwajalein, with Arno fishers the biggest suppliers of reef fish to the Majuro market. The report shows the progress of many islands and atolls through the eight-step Reimaanlok (Looking to the Future) Process of sustainable management of coastal resources, and highlights the Protected Area



Above, the cover of MIMRA's FY2023 annual report. Below, samples of the pages highlighting developments in coastal and oceanic fisheries.

COASTAL
Arno the biggest supplier of fresh fish

FISH MARKETS

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OCEANIC
Walmart signs two-year deal

Mae takes helm at MCT



Mae Bruton-Adams

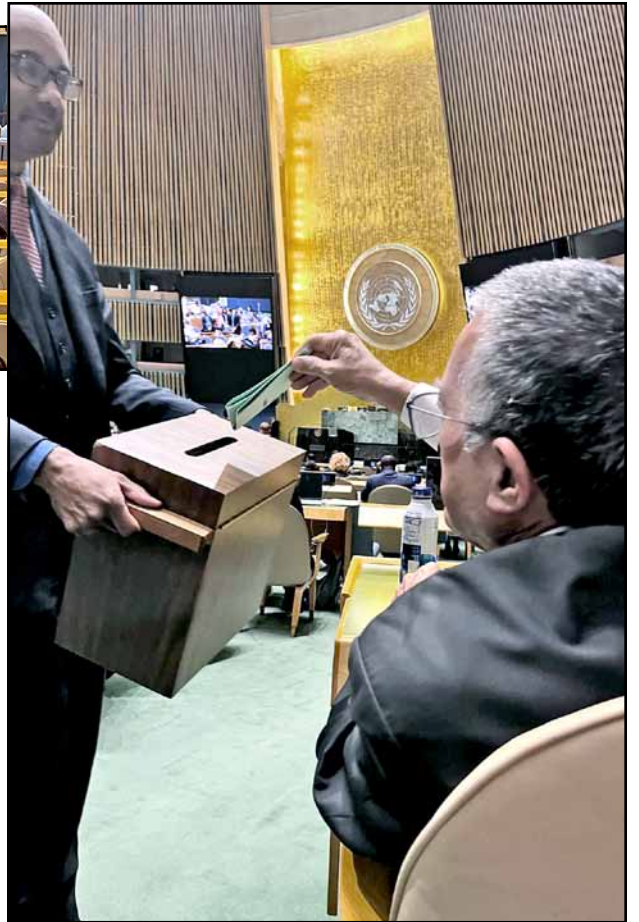
The Micronesia Conservation Trust in Pohnpei has a new Executive Director. The organization, which oversees the Micronesia Challenge and numerous regional conservation programs in the Micronesia sub-region, has been without an executive director since the departure last year of long-time director Willy Kostka.

Mae Bruton-Adams has now taken up the post. She is the founder and former managing director of APLY'S Consulting, an environmental consulting firm focused on sustainable development and climate resilience. She is also the founder of the Kaselehlie Press, the longest running newspaper in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Since 2003, she has served as the French Honorary Consul to the FSM.

Mae has nearly two decades of experience in conservation management and government relations through her work with the FSM Mission to the United Nations, The Nature Conservancy, and the French Honorary Consul role.

Mae is also actively involved in promoting health and fitness as the president of the FSM Swimming Association and the founder of the Micronesia Fitness Club. A lifelong sports enthusiast, she played tennis and ran track during her school years. Since joining CrossFit Kona in 2019, she has continued to stay active with CrossFit workouts in Pohnpei. Her hobbies include tennis, hiking, and writing poems and short stories.

Mae was born in Texas and raised on the island of Chuuk. She is married and a proud mother of four children.



Marshalls rejoins UN Human Rights Council

The Marshall Islands was elected to its second two-year term on the United Nations Human Rights Council during a UN General Assembly vote last week.

According to the Reuters news agency, the Asia-Pacific group was the only competitive race for the Human Rights Council. There were five seats available to this group and the RMI came in fifth place with 124 votes, beating the sixth country competing for a seat on the council, Saudi Arabia.

RMI Ambassador to the UN and a RMI delegation was on hand for the vote at the General Assembly.

The RMI was previously on the HRC from 2021-2022. The new two-year term starts in January 2025. There are 47 members of the HRC.

“The HRC and its mechanisms and procedures – including the Universal Periodic Review, HRC-mandated investigative mechanisms, special procedures and treaty bodies, as well as the technical assistance provided by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) – all play an essential role in providing early warning of the risk factors that can lead to crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and genocide, and provide recommenda-

tions to prevent their recurrence,” said a report in www.globalr2p.org.

“In this pivotal role, the Marshall Islands will pursue a balanced agenda focused on strengthening accountability and elevating the voices of small states as essential bridge-builders in international dialogue,” said the RMI Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a statement following last week’s vote. “We are committed to representing the Pacific region and advocating for the interests of small island states within the Council.

“We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all Member States for their support during the election process and in participating in this important vote. We look forward to collaborating with our fellow members of the Human Rights Council in advancing our shared commitment to human rights and fostering meaningful dialogue on critical issues.”

Above left, pictured at the United Nations General Assembly hall following last week’s vote electing the RMI to a second two-year term on the Human Rights Council are, from left, embassy intern Peter Huang, RMI New York Mission First Secretary Tony Shu, Ambassador John Silk, Mary Silk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s Assistant Secretary of Multilateral Affairs Teri Elbon, Alliance of Small Islands States Fellow based at the RMI Mission in New York Broderick Menke, and RMI UN Mission legal advisor Caleb Christopher. Above, RMI Ambassador to the UN John Silk casts his vote during the election of the five nations from the Asia-Pacific region for the Human Rights Council.



The University of Hawaii and the College of the Marshall Islands are expanding opportunities for Marshallese students to achieve degrees in social work. The visiting UH team met with President Hilda Heine to update her on developments. UH Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health representatives Susan Kreif, second from left, and Emma Reimers-Kurashige, second from right, met with President Hilda Heine last week. Joining them were President’s Chief of Staff Emma Kabua-Tibon, left, and MI-EPI’s Molly Murphy. Photo: Samelda Leon.

Opportunities in social work arena

The College of the Marshall Islands and the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health signed a memorandum of understanding last week that will open opportunities for students to achieve a bachelor’s and master’s degree in social work.

Theresa Kreif and Emma Reimers-Kurashige, both social workers with master’s degrees who work at the UH Thomson School, visited Majuro last week to meet with CMI officials, President Hilda Heine, and many others as part of their outreach to the RMI. The program currently has a partnership with the University of Guam, and is in the process of expanding it to Palau, Marshall Islands and other US-affiliated island colleges. Reimers-Kurashige is the daughter of Ramsey and Colette Reimers of Majuro. “This partnership will work to create path-

ways for individuals to pursue their Bachelor and Master of Social Work degrees from the University of Hawai’i at Manoa while remaining in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through distance education,” Kreif told the Journal.

The signing of the MOU with CMI opens an opportunity for students at CMI who are attaining either AA or BA degrees through CMI to apply to the University of Hawaii program starting next school year, September 2025.

President Heine during her meeting with the two social workers representing the University of Hawaii program “warmly welcomed the initiative and shared words of thanks and encouragement.” The President pointed out that “the need for social work professionals has greatly increased in the islands.”



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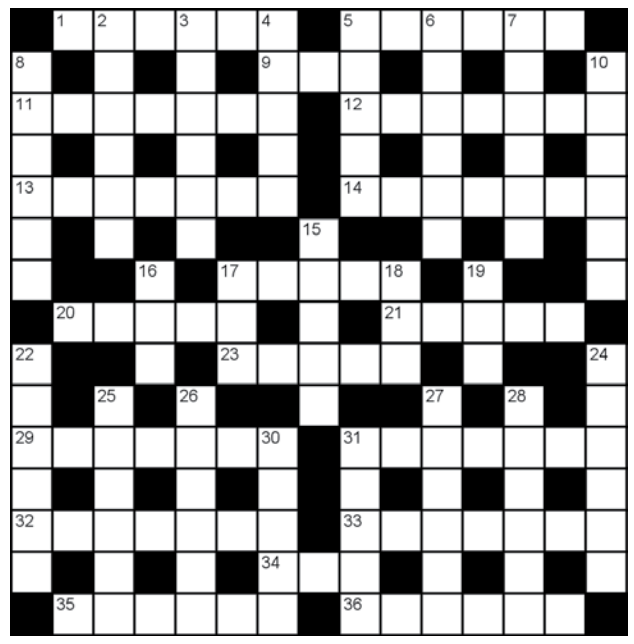
The RMI Riddle No. 1045

ACROSS

- 1. Elementary or middle.
- 5. Mom or Dad.
- 9. Clean team. (abb.)
- 11. Bill Clinton, who served as the 42nd president of the United States from 1993 to 2001, once said: "In a world with no systems, with chaos, everything becomes a guerilla struggle, and this predictability is not there. And it becomes almost impossible to save lives, ----- kids, develop economies, whatever."
- 12. College speech.
- 13. Woven items.
- 14. Having no purpose.
- 17. Study group.
- 20. Sacred song.
- 21. Kwaj spot.
- 23. Photo.
- 29. Branch of mathematics.
- 31. Pupil.
- 32. Talks.
- 33. Pear-shaped fruit.
- 34. Tertiary facility. (abb.)
- 35. Stick to.
- 36. Religious holiday.

DOWN

- 2. A part of a meal (taught at school?).
- 3. Approved.
- 4. Onions' cousins.
- 5. NP place.
- 6. Missile.



- 7. SP capital.
- 8. Club participant.
- 10. Period of learning.
- 15. One of our chains.
- 16. Canoe program. (abb.)
- 17. Tertiary facility. (abb.)
- 18. Look!
- 19. Power organization. (abb.)
- 22. Sirens.
- 24. Body art.
- 25. Gave consent.
- 26. Bind morally.
- 27. Teachers.
- 28. Formal discussion.
- 30. Quarrel.
- 31. The external form of something.

Answers to Riddle No. 1044



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.

Pāāñ eo an Awai eddoiki jāān ko an KADA

Emōj jitōñ Pāāñ eo an Awai bwe en ri-kōjparoki ruo iaan jāān in jipañ ko jān US ñan Majel, im eo kein kajilū enaaj pād ippān Pāāñ eo an Guam.

Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority, KADA, eaar kajjitōk ļok ippān ļalem jikin kōjparok jāān ko bwe ren kōmman bōd ak leļok aer ļōmnaķ ikijjen kōjparok jāān in an trust fund eo ekāāl an Kuwajleen eo im joñan ej \$132 milien.

Ippān jikin kōjparok jāān kein ļalem, aolepāer ewōr aer edde ippān Majel, Pāāñ eo an Awai eaar leļok juon joñan eo eļaptata ñan kōmman nejin jāān in im diktata wōñāān an naaj eddoiki ak kōjparoke.

Wāween in eaar kōmman men in an Cabinet eo kōmakūti \$20 milien eo an climate ak mejatoto eo im ej itok ilowaan Compact eo ekāāl jān Pāāñ eo an Guam ñan Pāāñ eo an Awai, ekkar ñan Minister eo an Finance David Paul.

Jāān in eaar pād ilo Pāāñ eo an Guam ilo juon regular savings account kōn joñan interest ak men eo nejin ej juon bōjjāān.

“Kōn joñan in ļalem bōjjāān in nejin jāān in eo im joñan ej \$132 milien enaaj oktaļok ñane ak joñan jāān eo nejin enaaj \$6.6 milien ilo juon iio.”

Pāāñ eo an Awai eaar leļok ļalem bōjjāān interest ak wōrļok in jāān in, ekkar ñan Paul.

Kōn joñan in ļalem bōjjāān in nejin jāān in eo im joñan ej \$132 milien enaaj oktaļok ñane ak joñan jāān eo nejin enaaj \$6.6 milien ilo juon iio, Paul eaar ba.

Juon jāān, eo im ej \$20 milien jān jāān ko iumwin Compact eo ekāāl ñan jabdewōt wāween ko aikuji ñan ājmour, ej pād wōt ilo Pāāñ eo an Guam, eo im Paul eaar ba ke joñan interest ak nejin ejja joñan eo wōt an Pāāñ eo an Awai.

Buñtōn ne eo tokālik ñan KADA ej ñan an jermal ippān Pāāñ eo an Awai ñan ejaake juon “kakien eo ej kwaļok” kōn jekjek in control ak kōjjeikiki wōrļok ak men eo nejin \$132 milien in, eo im enaaj jermal ñan kōmman wōnmaanļok ñan Kuwajleen.

Nover ekadiwōjļok jen jikuul eo Japan

KAREN EARNSHAW

Nover Juria eaar mōñōñō ilo an im baamle eo an tōkeak tok ilo Mājro ilo alloñ eo lak ālikin an kar kadedeļok master degree eo an jān Sophia University ilo Tokyo ilo Bōlaide eo.

Nover eaar ekkatak kōn ta ko rej waļok ilo pelaak ko ilo laļ in im oktak in mejatoto (Global Environmental Studies im Climate Change) iumwin ruo iio, juon eo im eaar ilok ñane mani in jipañ jān Micronesian Conservation Trust, im bar juon mani in jipañ jān Association for Promotion of International Cooperation.

Enaaj kobaik ļok kapeel kein an ippān jermal eo juon an ilo jikin katu eo eļap ilo Mājro in, ainwōt juon Specialist ñan Weather ak jikin katu eo im juon eo eļap an meļeļe kōn maķūtkūt in



Nover Juria im Dr. Anne McDonald.

mejatoto. Ñan kile tōprak in an, Nover eaar mōñōñō ilo an pija ippān academic advisor ak ri-kōkapilōklōk eo an Dr. Anne McDonald, juon eo im ej Professor ilo Sophia University, im ej

President ñan APIC Toshinori Shigeie.

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Newly Renovated Health Center at Laura Reopens to Community - 4th October 2024

Laura, Majuro, MH – The Laura Health Center proudly announced its grand reopening following an extensive renovation aimed at enhancing healthcare services for the local community. The newly renovated facility was officially blessed and open for operation on October 4th, 2024.

The ceremony commenced with words of blessing by MOHHS Chaplain, Rikaki Biwij John. Keynote remarks were shared by Acting Secretary, Josephine Matthew to which she shared her gratitude and honor to be able to witness another milestone for the Ministry especially the people of Laura. Leirooj Anke Laelang delivered her special remarks commending and appreciating the dedication and hard work the Ministry and everyone involved has put to have the clinic reopened and organized for the public.

The renovation project, which began in mid-2024, includes adding more patient service rooms, expanding the pharmacy, and mostly repairing of the roof and ceiling. The project took 2-3 months before it was completed. With the collaboration and unwavering support of the WorldBank funds, under the Early Childhood Development Project, this breakthrough for Laura Health Center resulted a success.

The grand reopening celebration included a guided tour of the renovated facility led by Chief of Staff, Dr. Robert.

Operation Schedule for Laura, Woja, and Ajeltake Health Center are as follows:

1. Laura Health Center: Opens 24/7 everyday
2. Woja Health Center: Monday-Friday Opens 8:00am to 4:30pm
3. Ajeltake Health Center: Monday-Friday 8:00 to 5pm

Contact Numbers:

1. Laura Health Center: 528-2634, NP Alino 456-2565, Medex Hedy 455-2305 & 456-2394,
2. Woja Health Center: 528-2634, NP Alino 456-2565,
3. Ajeltake Health Center: NP Taina 455-5490

For more information about the grand reopening event and services offered at the Laura Health Center, please visit our website www.rmihealth.org or our Facebook page at RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services or contact us at feedback@rmihealth.org.

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- **JUDGING CRITERIA:** Will be looking at creativity and originality, how well it relates to the theme, and overall visual appeal and quality.
- **HOW TO SUBMIT:** Send your designs in digital format (jpeg or png) before Oct 23rd, 2024. And make sure your design is original and hasn't been used in previous competitions.

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• **LOGO COMPETITION:** The Ministry of Health and Human Services along with Taiwan Health Center are hosting a competition and it is open to the public. All age categories are welcome to partake. This competition celebrates the teamwork of various organizations working alongside the MOHHS to support public health in the Marshall Islands. Must reside in the Marshall Islands to enter this competition. Submit your design before **October 23rd, 2024**, and must be in digital format (jpeg or png) via email to: marshallthc@gmail.com / thcassistant2@gmail.com / ann.chonggum@rmihealth.org

• Clinic Schedule for Laura Health Center, Woja Health Center & Ajeltake Health Center.

Woja Health Center

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Monday	8AM-12PM 1PM-4:30PM	NCD Clinic & PE Initial Visit PE Clearance & Outpatient Care
Tuesday	8AM-12PM 1PM-4:30PM	Reproductive Health & Prenatal Dental Services & Outpatient Care
Wednesday	8AM-12PM 1PM-4:30PM	Community Outreach PE Clearance & Outpatient Care
Thursday	8AM-12PM 1PM-4:30PM	Child Immunization / Exams Outpatient Care
Friday	8AM-12PM 1PM-4:30PM	Family Planning & PE Initial Visit PE Clearance & Outpatient Care
Saturday	EMERGENCY CALL 12:00AM - 8:00 AM	

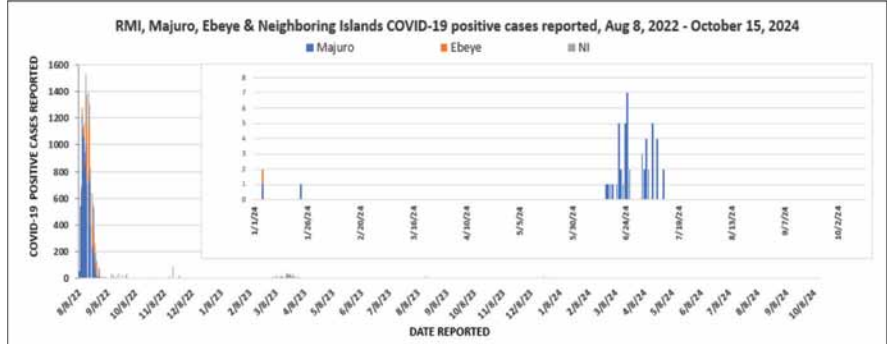
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RMI COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT
 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

RMI COVID-19 Cases: October 15, 2024

	MAJ	KWAJ	NI	USAG-KA	TOTAL
NEW CASES (LAST 7 DAYS)	0	0	0	0	0
CUMULATIVE CASES	10,177	2,909	2,759	465	16,310
CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED (LAST 7 DAYS)	0	0	0	0	0
DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL	104	44	0	0	148
TOTAL DEATHS	12	4	1	0	17
RECOVERED/CLOSED	10,154	2,902	2,758	413	16,227



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NEW CASES (LAST 7 DAYS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CUMULATIVE CASES	244	198	390	150	13	48	13	788	7	28	220	79	115	1	102	18	345
CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DEATHS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RECOVERED	244	198	390	150	13	48	13	788	7	28	220	79	115	1	102	18	344

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Tuesday	9AM - 12PM 10AM - 12PM	NCD Clinic Dental Services
Wednesday	9AM - 12PM 1PM - 4:30PM	Immunization Outpatient Care
Thursday	9AM - 12PM 1PM - 4:30PM	NCD Outreach Outpatient Care
Friday	9AM - 12PM 1PM - 4:30PM	Family Planning Outpatient Care
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EWOR WA IN FLU ILO CLINIC EO AN MCH

MAJURO:	Mande nan Bolaide jen 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Ilo Jadede, jen 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
EBEYE:	Mande nan Bolaide jen 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Ebar war wa in flu in ilo jikin Clinic Without Walls (CWW) ko, kobak clinic ko ilo Ajeltake im Woja

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AROUND TOWN

New way to say 'subsidy'

The RMI government provides subsidies to numerous state owned enterprises and agencies — some big amounts, some small. Reading an audit report in the latest RMI Auditor General's report to Nitijela, we came across a new, unusual and frankly hilarious way to describe a government subsidy that bailed out a government agency's operating

loss in 2022. "This financial symbiosis ensures the continued viability and provision of essential... services." This is, quite simply, AI allowed to run amok with a narrative.

But if the Journal starts calling government subsidies "financial symbiosis" in future articles you'll know where we got it from.

AI

Warning to all government entities producing "Management's Discussion and Analysis" for their annual audits: Beware of AI (artificial intelligence)-generated narratives that are not subjected to review and editing by human beings. It makes for hilarious reading that knowledgeable people will not take seriously.

Hands off the bikes

We were saddened to learn that one of the hard-working visiting volunteers here in Majuro has had his bicycle stolen not once, but two times. It really shows how things have changed in Majuro in more recent years.

While we cannot pinpoint the cause of these two bike thefts, it seems to us it is likely related to the drug trade in Majuro that has dozens, probably hundreds of people, addicted to hard drugs. Petty theft all over town has risen dramatically the past couple of years. Desperate for their next high, hard drug users are motivated to steal anything they can get their hands on that has resale value.

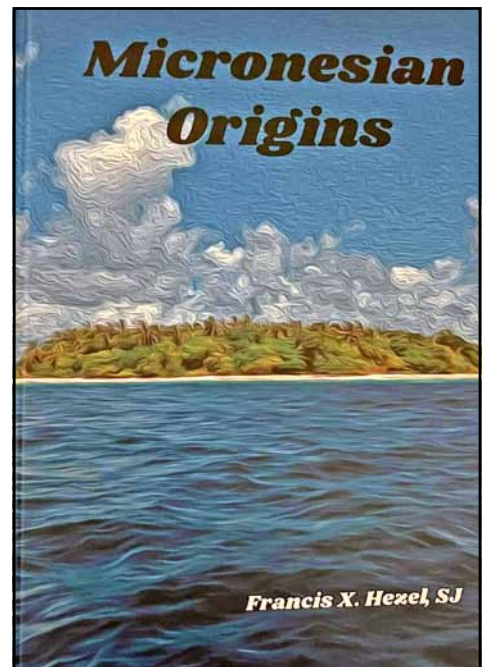
Sad to say, but when law enforcement is slow to react to the problem, this is some of the collateral damage suffered in the community.

Riddle time

This week's winning Riddlers are **Team A&B, Mike Jeik, Kim Conda, Helber Namna, and the Cookies Monsters.**

To join the ongoing bid for Stardom for Wisdom, do the crossword on page eight, take a photo of it and email it to marshallislandsjournal@gmail.com.

Go luck everyone!



Rediscover life inside a book

Does anyone read books nowadays? There are still a few of us, so there is evidence to suggest that books are still of interest to people.

I pulled these two short books off the shelf and began reading them alternately last weekend. In very different ways, they are both fabulously interesting reads.

Fr. **Fran Hezel's** book, as the title suggests, traces the origins of those who settled in the FSM, Palau and the Marshall Islands thousands of years ago. He narrates island origin legends and stories from different islands and details Polynesian influence in the North Pacific, migration patterns, and probable routes the early island navigators and explorers took. He includes many maps and photos.

Micronesian Origins was funded by the FSM Congress and published in 2021. But how to order it isn't really clear. If it interests you, contact the Kaselehlie Press at kpress@mail.fm for further information.

Then there is *The Short Happy Life of the Socialist Republic of the Marshall Islands* by Comrade **Joe Murphy**. This 23-chapter book was originally published in weekly installments in the Marshall Islands Journal in the mid-1980s,

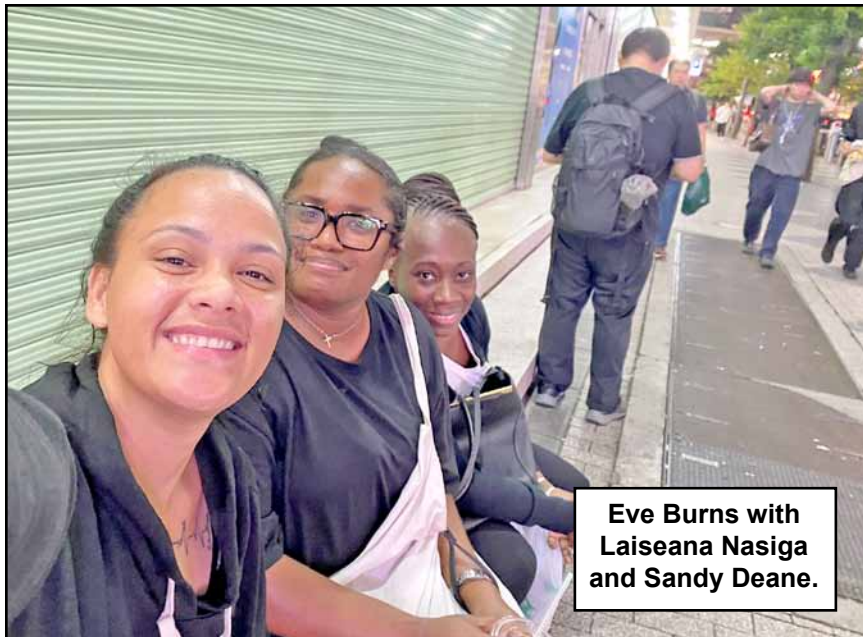
by Joe, the late newspaper publisher.

There are few who could mix fact with fiction to develop an intriguing and entertaining tale like Joe. The story wraps together local personalities of the time (the political opposition is the government in this story) together with a Russian submarine commander, a descendant of the 19th century Russian explorer **Otto von Kotzebue**, landing an invasion party Oceanside of the Majuro airport, detaining the US State Dept. envoy on Majuro, and all the machinations over taking over the government.

One of the best parts of the book is the review quotes up front. For instance, "This book is sh**!" —**Emory Wheel**, critic, "Cutlery Care Handbook"...or "Your publication is not suitable for distribution at the United States Army Kwajalein Atoll facility." —**TenTen Store**, Kwajalein Missile Range...or further, "I couldn't put it down." —**Mary Robinson**, columnist, Marshall Islands Journal. If all of these don't make you want to read it, well what can I say? "Socialist Republic" was published as a book in 1999, but as I said earlier, the story line is from the early days of Compact 1. It's available from Micronitor News and Printing Co. in Majuro.

AROUND TOWN

EVE IN TOKYO II: In the first installment, Journal reporter Eve Burns recounted an after-lunch “planned unplanned” expedition through Tokyo with a colleague journalist from Fiji that led to hilarity and enough enjoyment that they decided, after a short recovery break at their hotel, to continue getting lost in the evening.



Eve Burns with Laiseana Nasiga and Sandy Deane.

Getting lost on purpose, take 2

EVE BURNS*

Getting lost in Japan should be on every Pacific islanders to-do list. Two Pacific island girls did exactly that, although they managed to drag in a beautiful woman from Barbados towards the end of their getting-lost-in-Tokyo-on-purpose sojourn earlier this month.

The Fijian and Marshallese journalists met at the lobby of their hotel and started their journey, deciding to go in the opposite direction of where they had gotten lost earlier in the day. On the way, they bumped into their friend from Barbados.

They walked to a 7/11 store — which are everywhere in Tokyo — to get some snacks and drinks and went their merry way.

Few minutes into their walk they realized it was very quiet and the streets were not busy, so they decided to find the crowds.

Without much effort, they found themselves in the middle of Tokyo Saturday night life, busy with drunks, girls dressed as anime characters, and restaurants doing their best to serve customers.

The three islands went around exploring and looking for a place to eat. They bounced around from restaurant to restaurant looking before they were approached by a salesman trying to get them to eat at the restaurant he works at.

“English menu,” he said with thick Japanese accent, and signaled for the girls to follow. Fiji and Barbados followed him. Marshallese girl trailed along behind her friends while saying “you know this is how human trafficking works. He said ‘English menu’ and we all followed. Didn’t take much.”

They arrived at the restaurant. Marshallese girl observed that

they were not the only foreigners that this guy had managed to win over to the restaurant. “He’s good at his job I will give him that.”

Salesman returned with the english menu and handed it to the Marshallese girl. “What do I do with this?” asked the Marshallese girl. “Open it,” said the Fijian girl while the Marshallese girl was feeling her Marshallese blond moment. She opened it and they went over it. But it didn’t grab them.

Friend from Fiji said she wanted pizza so to get out of eating at the restaurant, Marshallese girl asked the salesman for directions to a pizza place.

“Pizza!?” he said loudly. “Pizza!” he repeated. He pointed at the Marshallese girl and repeated again “pizza, pizza” and signaled for them to follow him again.

He led them to a board with the restaurant menu and said again while pointing at the board “pizza pizza” and pointed at another nearby restaurant and said “pizza pizza” again to tell them that was another pizza place.

He pointed at the Marshallese girl who is laughing her butt off at the commotion that is happening on the sidewalk and said “you pizza pizza, I no pizza pizza” and left the three girls standing there.

The girls thanked him and looked at the menu while laughing. Barbados girl looked at the Marshallese girl and said that’s your nickname, we gonna call you “pizza pizza.” Despite this substantial effort to find a pizza place, for some reason they decided not to eat pizza and kept walking.

They continued walking still undecided on where to eat, but decided to get coffee and sit in a cafe facing the street to people watch.

About 10 minutes into their watching, the Fijian girl realized how nicely dressed everyone else was and there the island trio was in their usual island shorts, casual blouses and flip flops. They all cracked up laughing at the new realization, till Fiji girl piped up again making another connection: “You realize that salesman has been going up and down the street selling things to people walking by and he hasn’t approached us.” With this the laughter continued while passersby were watching and wondering why three foreigners are laughing so hard.

Fijian girl added in between laughs, “he took one look at our outfits and said they are poor, I’m not selling to them.” This produced more laughter.

Marshallese girl decided to approach the salesman to test this theory, but discovered that he’d disappeared while they were busy laughing. “Where is he?” she demanded.

She wanted to tell him her boss has money and she can buy what he’s selling. “I’m pissed where is he?” she asked. More laughter took place before the girl from Barbados said “you guys crazy.” To which the Marshallese girl responded: “We warned you.”

Coffee and laughter completed, they made their way to the restaurant they had lunch at earlier that day. At the time, it was still unknown to them that it is a Chinese restaurant while they were proud of themselves eating Japanese food.

* Journal reporter Eve Burns was in Japan in early October for a media program sponsored by the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation.



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The Marshalls' brain drain

Every employer here that we talk to says pretty much the same thing: They are facing big challenges in hiring people to work.

The issues employers are seeing range the gamut from not being able to find a qualified Marshallese for the position or multiple positions to only seeing people in their 50s and 60s applying. There seems to be a significant and possibly growing gap in the population: The newly issued "Analytical Report" of the RMI 2021 census shows that there was a big drop in the number of Marshallese in the 20 to about 35 age group between 2011 and 2021 — meaning out-migration.

In order to get enough teachers for public schools, the Public School System has over 100 "retiree" age teachers on special contracts. And PSS is hardly the only one in this situation.

Out-migration has good and bad sides. It's an exodus with many causes and effects.



World on the brink

FRED J. PEDRO

The world is teetering on the brink as Israel expanded its war on both Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon and exchanging threats of mutual annihilations with Iran.

To add more fuel to the raging wildfires of conflict, the Asia-Pacific region is on edge as China conducted yet again more military drills around the Republic of China/Taiwan this week.

This latest saber rattling by China is another dangerous threat to the peace in the Taiwan Strait and an unwarranted escalation calculated to subvert the existing rules-based international order. It is regrettable that rather than "reciprocating with gestures of peace to Taiwan's goodwill overtures," China remains recalcitrant as it appears to have chosen escalation of tension across the Strait as an aggressive foreign policy tool.

Given the highly explosive environment in the Taiwan Strait, it is incumbent on the United States and the world community of freedom loving democracies to condemn China's provocations and show unyielding support to Taiwan.

As of late, it is alarming that China has been acting more like a second rate country rather than a rising economic and military power and responsible member of the international community. Therefore, let us all remind China that as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, its paramount obligation pursuant to Chapter VII, Article 39 of the UN charter is to maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific and world at large.

N-legacy and the Peace prize

FRED J. PEDRO

The uplifting news for billions of world peace advocates across the globe over the weekend was the announcement by the Norwegian Nobel Committee of its decision to award the prestigious Peace prize this year to Nihon Hidankyo, a grassroots organization of nuclear survivors for its tireless efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons. The Nihon Hidankyo is made up of "Hibakusha" or survivors of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It is quite amazing that in seven-years time, two grassroots organizations, one from Japan and the other founded in Australia and now based in Geneva have won the famous world peace prize in recognition for their contributions to a safer world. In 2017, the Interna-

tional Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) won the Peace Prize for its efforts "to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons" and "ground breaking efforts to achieve a treaty based prohibition of such weapons." Hurrahs and congratulations to Nihon Hidankyo and ICAN for their selfless labors of love to rid the planet of nuclear weapons.

Perhaps the RMI can use its nuclear legacy experience as the vitalizing force to stir and energize a renewed Blue Pacific campaign for the adoption of an international accelerated time-bound, verifiable, phased nuclear reduction and disarmament treaty. Who knows, maybe this could be a Pacific-wide grass-roots and non-governmental organization driven initiative. I

think people would be reluctant to involve the Pacific Islands Forum in such a noble pursuit as the PIF is somewhat tainted as it has condoned the dumping of the Fukushima contamination waters into the Pacific ocean for the next 30-years. Despite the IAEA assurance, some feel that the long-term impact of the waste water ocean dumping remains unknown.

In a deeper sense, many people viewed the PIF decision as tantamount to the repudiation of the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty and a non-caring gesture to nuclear victims in the Marshall Islands, Mururoa and Fangataufa atolls, the Maralinga Aboriginal people and others in former nuclear tests sites across the planet.

As Pacific Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) we are in the middle of the basin, surrounded by nations in the Americas to the east and others in Asia to the west, with numerous countries on both sides operating nuclear power plants. Japan and others in the ring of fire, are susceptible to the next tectonic plate shift and induced earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis. How, then, would the PIF react when the IAEA authorize more future nuclear waste water dumping into our Blue Pacific Ocean.

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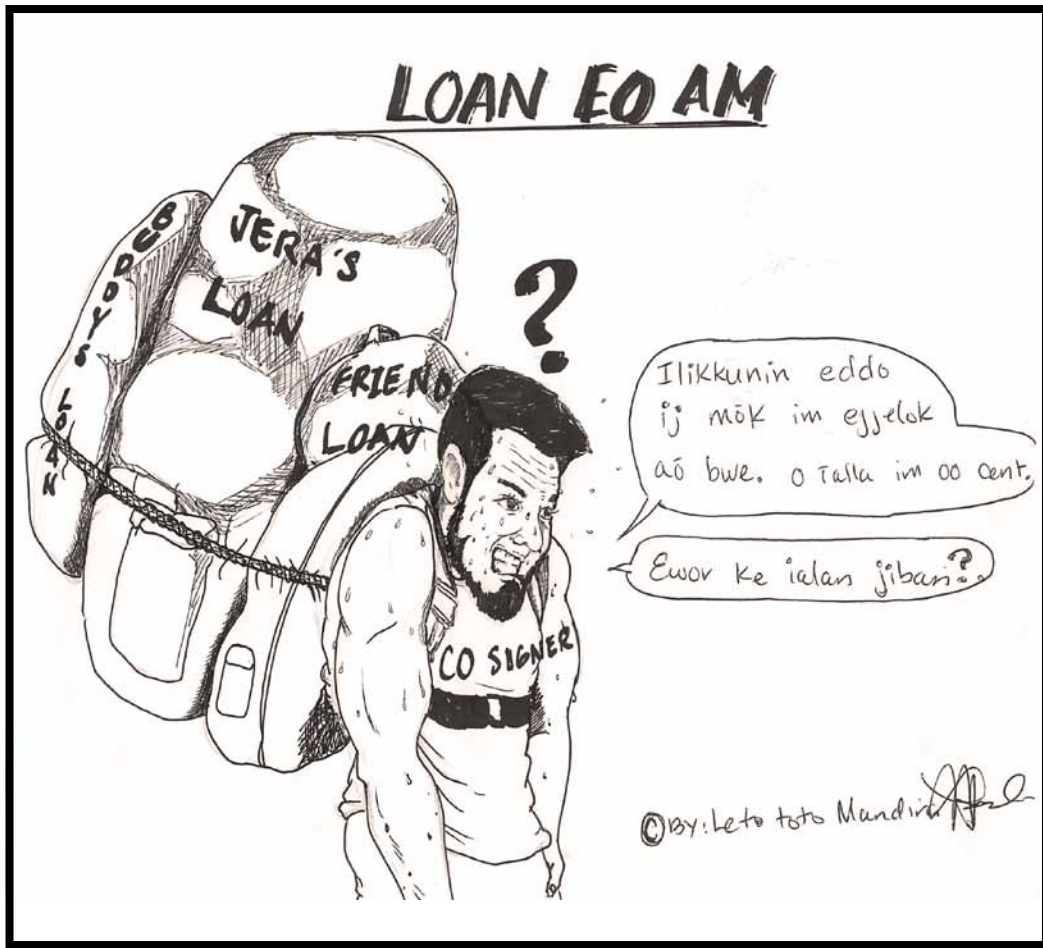


Climate Envoy Tina Stege.

Tina calls on nations to participate

“...The fight against climate change is the responsibility not only of government agencies but also of non-governmental organizations and international financial institutions. The key issue here is that the parties participating in COP29 should fully recognize this responsibility in order to achieve a common outcome in the field of global climate financing. The problems our planet faces in this area can only be overcome through effective financing methods. Each country should actively participate in finding effective solutions for climate financing during COP29 and present its strategy.”

—Marshall Islands Climate Envoy Tina Stege, speaking last week at a preparation meeting for the annual climate summit to be held in Azerbaijan later this year. Reported by Azerbaijan-based en.apa.az news site.



Big money causes big problem

The so-called “Extraordinary Needs Distribution” under the Compact turned Nitijela into a caldron of hot debate over how the money would be distributed. To start off, the 13 islands listed as eligible is problematic. We are told this list was submitted by RMI authorities, which defies commonsense but may be fixable.

Apparently the list can be added to or subtracted from based on the word “including” that precedes the list of islands.

First off, the distribution is for extraordinary needs of people. So why would Rongerik and Ujelang be included in the 13? While it is true that they fall under the local governments of Rongelap and Enewetak, respectively, no one lives on these atolls. So why include them in a provision designed to provide funds to help “people.” Further, if uninhabited Rongerik is included, why not Taka, next to Utrok, and Jemo, between Likiep and Ailuk? If we wanted to make a case for an uninhabited atoll to be included, we’d offer Ailinginae, which had 19 of the 86 Rongelap people on it during the March 1, 1954 Bravo test. However, the important point to note is that the list should include only inhabited atolls/islands.

Second, how could a list of atolls/islands include both Wotje and Aur atolls, but not Maloelap, which is situated in between these two? Further, the same applies to Ralik side atolls. If Lib Island is included, why not Kwajalein, Lae and Ujae? These latter three are closer to the two former nuclear test sites and sandwiched between Lib and Wotho, which are on the list.

The way the list was drawn up indicates it isn’t based on anything other than a random selection discussion.

There is some limited fallout exposure information contained in the Atomic Energy Commission report of January

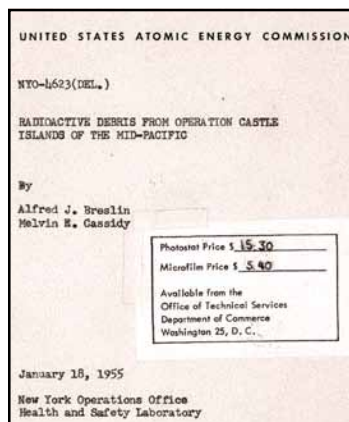
‘Compact list of 13 islands needs to be fixed.’

18, 1955 titled “Radioactive Debris from Operation Castle — Islands of the Mid-Pacific.” On page 37, it contains a list of islands that shows their external gamma radiation exposure from the six hydrogen bomb tests in Operation Castle in 1954. The information has many limitations: It is based on a single gamma reading per atoll or island listed. It does not include internal dosage, which is a very important indicator of harm from exposure to radioactivity. And it also excluded Kwajalein, Mejit and Lib from its radiation dose collection network for unknown reasons.

Using this list from the AEC report, the populated islands receiving some radiation from one or more of the six hydrogen bomb tests in 1954, from worst to least are: Rongelap, Utrok, Ailuk, Wotje, Likiep, Wotho, Arno, Maloelap, Majuro, Mili, Jaluit, Ebon, Aur, Kili, Ailinglaplap, Namdrik, Namu, Lae and Ujae.

What this list tells us is that the entire country was exposed to fallout from nuclear weapons tests. Admittedly, people in the southern islands did not get anywhere near the dose of those in Rongelap, Utrok and Ailuk, but they did get measurable external exposures. Due to there never having been epidemiology studies looking at the impact of decades-long consumption of local food contaminated with low-dose radiation, we do not have much further information to work on.

But the current list of 13 atolls/islands is problematic and needs to be fixed and improved.



“The Extraordinary Needs Distribution shall be used only to address exceptional unmet hardships and needs through programs for people in communities in the Republic of the Marshall Islands in extraordinary circumstances, including people from Ailuk, Aur, Bikini, Enewetak, Likiep, Lib, Mejit, Rongelap, Rongerik, Wotje, Wotho, Ujelang, and Utirik, and any other atolls or islands as mutually decided by the Signatory Governments, the populations of which face challenges due to location, inadequate housing, lack of arable land, or limited local economic opportunities.”

—Provision of the Compact of Free Association

RMI Love Animals

Majuro SNIP clinics held in October.

Kommol tata!

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Above, Lauren Joab Batol, center front, with her husband Joseph and the Japan Ambassador Kazunari Tanaka and his wife Hiromi, and some of Lauren's family members. Left, Lauren listens as the Ambassador explains the special Order of The Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays. Photos: Hilary Hosia.

Laureen receives award bestowed by Emperor

HILARY HOSIA

Laureen Joab Batol became the first Marshallese to receive the prestigious "Order of The Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays" award that is bestowed only by the Emperor of Japan.

Japan Ambassador to Marshall Islands Kazunari Tanaka presented the award to Laureen during a conferring ceremony at the Japanese Embassy in Delap last Thursday.

Family members, Parliament members, members of the Assem-

bly of God Church, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade witnessed the ceremony.

The fact that portraits of the Japanese Imperial Family — Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako were displayed at the conferring ceremony is testament of the rare occasion. The Order of The Sacred Treasure dates back to 1888 by Emperor Meiji.

An adjustment of the order approved in 2003 and had since been awarded to military and public ser-

vants who showcased loyalty and long-term public service to Japan.

Laureen has been a dedicated member of the Japanese Embassy in Majuro since her family moved to Majuro in the early 2000s, Vice Speaker Isaac Zackhras said in his remarks on behalf of the government and as a family member.

Laureen has been with the Japan Embassy for 23 years and seven months, a fact shared by an emotional Laureen during her note of thanks.

Enrā bwe jen lale rārā

HILARY HOSIA

Kien ej pojak ñan an kōmmane juon būrokraam ñaplap ñan ebbōk etan armej in Majel ro im rej jokwe Aelōñ Kein mokta jān iien ajeje mani eo jān Universal Basic Income ak ilo kajin Majel ej ba "Enrā bwe Jen Lale Rārā".

Kōttōpar eo in bwe kōllā eo iimaantata iumwin būrokraam in en kōmman ilo allōñ in Tijemba. Marshall Islands Social Security Administration (MISSA) emōj jitōñe bwe en tōl ilo kōmman lōmñak im pepe kōn kilen kōmmanakūtūt būrokraam in an Enrā.

Tiim ko im ren kar iloq ñan aelōñ ko ilikin emōj kar kabōjrak er ñan kōttar an Cabinet eo koweppāne \$300,000 wōñāan makūtūt im ito-itak. Ñan maroñ kabwijer mani in ekāal, kajjojo armej raikuj pād ilo jikin ko rej pād ie ilo tōre eo būrokraam in enaaj jino kōmman, eo im enaaj koba kein

kaṃool āinwōt pija ak peba in lotak.

Ro im ejjelōk aer ID im peba in lotak, tiim kein im rej kōmmane loḷok kein renaaj kōmman loḷok aer im kadelōñ etaer ilo MISSA.

Nitijeḷā eaar koweppāne bajet eo an ñan FY2025 im eaar kajjuki loḷok ñan Universal Basic Income ak Enrā Bwe Jen Lale Rārā joñan in \$25.6 milien. Pādpād ioon bōnbōn in armej ilo kar 2021 eo, eaar kwaḷok ke ewōr 42,000 armej ilo Majel in, im enaaj iloq ñan kajjojo armej joñan in \$600 ilo FY2025.

Ijowōtke, pepe eo in bwe kōn joñan mani in, kōllā eo enaaj ajeje ilowaan emān kuwata ak ñan lukkuun kōmeleḷeiki, ilowaan wōt emān kuwata mani in enaaj ajeje ñan kajjojo armej, ekkar ñan naan eo ilo Compact āinwōt ke ej itok mani in jāne.

Jet iaan ro iuwaan ri-kweilōk ro raar jab ju būruweer kōn jekjek in ilo Taije in wiik eo loḷok kōnke ri-bout ro aer

im rej jokwe ilikin Majel rejjab maroñ bōk aer mani jān būrokraam in an Enrā. Ri-Majel ro im rej pād ilikin im raar iloq ikijjien taktō iumwin health referral būrokraam eo im ri-jerbal ro rej kōmmani jermal ko an kien ilo jikin ko ilikin ak ilo embassy im consulate opij ko, rej deḷoñ ilowaan būrokraam in an Enrā. Ri-jikuuḷ ro im rej jikuuḷ ilo jikuuḷ ko ilikin Majel, ilo bar juon wāween, ejjab iloq mani ñan er jān būrokraam in.

Errein ro im rej iuwaan task force eo an Enrā Bwe Jen Lale Rārā: Sherwood Tibon Chairman, im ro iuwaan rej Bryan Edejer (jān MISSA), Tony Maika (jān Kuwajleen), Francyne Wase-Jacklick (Secretary; an Jikin Ajmour), Sallyann deBrum (PSS Assistant Commissioner), Riming Ring (President; Dououl eo an Mayor ro) im Brenda Alik Maddison (Secretary; Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs).



Above, Mayor Ladie Jack with Irooj Leikman Zedkeia, Glorina Alik and Councilman Jina David. Right, Lt Adeline Sawej and Councilman Boaz Lamdrik. Photos: Belle Jorbele.



Golden handshake for retirees

Majuro Mayor Ladie Jack is gifting his retirees with big bucks on their exodus from Majuro Atoll Local Government. MALGov held a ceremony last week in honor of 10 retirees, many of whom dedicated

countless years in service. Two of the retirees are Lt Adeline Sawej and Glorina “Lamjok” Alik. The others are: KC deBrum, Erbien Langkeio, Rue Langrine, Jabkoj Hesa, Bien Langrine, Bernard Allen, Buckle

Lauror and Alien Bikajela.

To prove that Mayor Ladie values his retirees, he awarded each retiree \$100 per year served. Well, that and the great feast set up for the ceremony.



Ambassador welcomed

Ambassador Raduta Dana Matache of Romania accepted a gift from Council of Irooj Chairman Irooj Lanny Kabua during her courtesy visit earlier this week prior to her meeting with President Hilda C. Heine to present her diplomatic credentials. Photo: Maynard Loeak.

Training for bank staff

If you walked into Bank of Guam last week, you were in for a surprise. All the tellers and local staff were from off-island.

What happened to the local BOG workforce? “We are implementing a new operating system,” said a Guam-based BOG

official. “The staff is in training off site.”

Bank of Guam regular staff members were ensconced in a training at one of the conference rooms at Marshall Islands Resort all week. They were temporarily replaced by BOG staff from other branches.

Correction on MISAT

Last week’s featured interview with Public School Commissioner contained an error regarding admission of students into ninth grade.

Historically, PSS has used a “cut-off” score from the Marshall Islands Standard Achievement Test (MISAT) to determine what eighth graders are eligible to attend ninth grade.

This year, however, the system was dif-

ferent. PSS used no cut-off score on the MISAT to prevent eighth grade students from going to ninth grade.

“Anyone (who) passed eighth grade was accepted into ninth grade this year,” said PSS Commissioner Natalie Nimmer. “We did not have a cut-off MISAT score. In other words, anyone who wanted to attend ninth grade, could attend, regardless of their MISAT score.”

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The Republic of the Marshall Islands Public School System (PSS) is seeking qualified and experienced candidates for the following position(s):

Table 1: Advertised Posts: (October 15 - November 4)

POSITION TITLE	DUTY STATION	PAY LEVEL	SALARY
1 Associate Commissioner of Budget and Finance Division	PSS Headquarters, Majuro	14/3	\$35,000
1 Director of Information Systems	PSS Headquarters, Majuro	12/3	\$27,000
1 Vice Principal	Marshall Islands High School	12/1	\$24,000

Interested individuals may stop by the PSS Headquarters in Delap to pick up application forms from the Personnel Office, visit the PSS website (www.pss.edu.mh) to download the application form, or email us at hr@pss.edu.mh.

PSS Exceeds Expectations in Celebrating World Teachers' Day on October 4th

On Friday, October 4th - The RMI Public School system, in collaboration with school administration and students, took significant steps to show their gratitude and appreciation for teachers, recognizing their dedication and hard work in educating the future leaders of our country. To make this year's World Teachers'

Day truly special, PSS sought support from local businesses such as **Majuro Computer Services** and **K&K Island Pride Supermarket**, which provided gift certificates and special-discount vouchers for teachers. Additionally, heads of departments from PSS visited schools in Majuro to participate in the celebrations, presenting gifts and vouchers while discussing initiatives that PSS has budgeted to better support teachers. These initiatives include salary increments and study tours for both private and public school teachers, among other offerings.



[Above] Associate Commissioner of Administration and Human Resources, Sandy Konelios, visit to Delap Seventh-Day Adventist School and [Below] Commissioner of Education, Dr. Natalie Nimmer, visit to Marshall Islands High School.



The Handover of Donations from the grant acquired by Canvasback Wellness Center

The "RMI National Physical Activity and Nutrition for Healthy Futures Project" is making strides in promoting health among students in the Marshall Islands. In collaboration with the World Diabetes Foundation, the Ministry of Education, Sports and Training - Public School System, the Ministry of Health and Human Services (MoHHS), and the Canvasback Wellness Center, this initiative aims to increase both exercise and nutrition, thereby reducing student risk factors for developing early-onset diabetes.



Minister of Education, Joe Bejang, Chairperson of National Board of Education, Victoria Capelle, Commissioner of Education, Dr. Natalie Nimmer, Associate Commissioner of Sports, Pranson Eliou, Sports Director, Karl Sualau, LSA Director Kenneth Fernando and his students, along with Canvasback Wellness Center Director, Rick Weigel and Lauren.



The anime art of Shigeru Mizuki

EVE BURNS*

One of the famous attractions at Sakaiminato, a small city in Japan, is the "GeGeGe no Kitarō" anime. This anime is so famous that a road and museum were created for tourists to explore in the town where the author was born.

"GeGeGe no Kitarō," created by the legendary manga artist Shigeru Mizuki, is a widely read Japanese anime series that has captivated audiences in Japan and overseas since its debut in 1968. Sakaiminato is the hometown of the author.

The series revolves around Kitarō, a yokai or supernatural creature who serves as a protector of humanity against malevolent spirits and monsters in Japanese folklore.

Mizuki's work is notable for its rich cultural references, blending horror, humor, and adventure into engaging narratives.

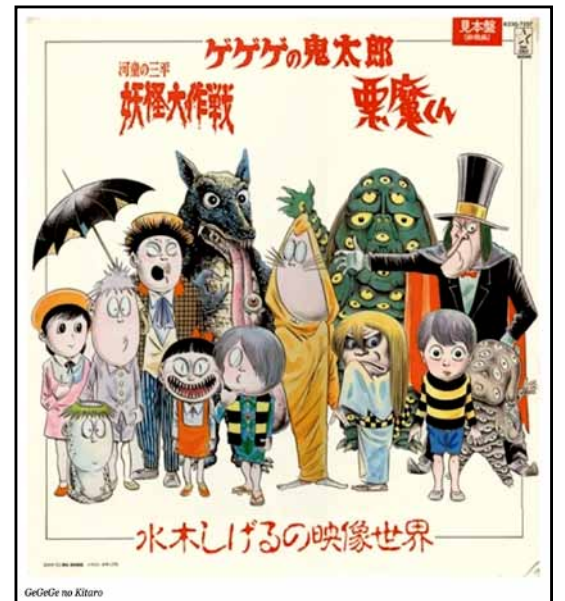
The character of Kitarō is presented as a small, green-skinned boy with a distinctive appearance, including a lack of hair and a unique set of eyes. He embodies the spirit of Japanese folklore, representing the many yokai that populate the country's mythological landscape.

During an interview that is linked on his Wikipedia page, the author explained that his yokai figures are only visible during peaceful times, not during war, and that he intentionally made these otherworldly beings without any particular race or nationality as a symbol of humanity's potential.

This philosophy underpinning his anime was likely a response to Mizuki's experience in World War Two, when he enlisted in the Imperial Japanese Army in 1942 and was sent to New Britain Island in Papua New Guinea. He later lost his left arm in an explosion.

Each of Mizuki's episodes typically features Kitarō confronting various yokai, often helping humans who unwittingly find themselves entangled in supernatural conflicts. What sets "GeGeGe no Kitarō" apart is its educational aspect.

The series introduces readers to many



Top and above, Japanese anime art created by the legendary Shigeru Mizuki.

yokai, showcasing their characteristics and stories, which promotes traditional Japanese culture. Mizuki's fascination with yokai and their stories made the anime incredibly popular and it was widely recognized as an important cultural force in Japan.

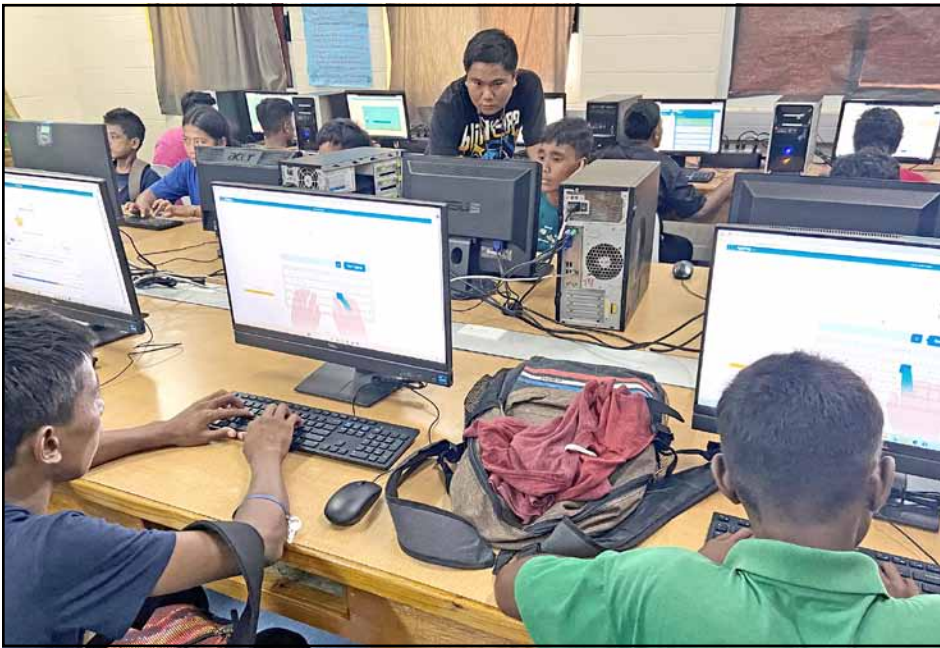
Over the years, "GeGeGe no Kitarō" underwent several adaptations, with multiple anime series and films produced, each offering a fresh take on Kitarō's adventures.

Because of this, the series has maintained its popularity, resonating with both older fans who remember the original and younger generations discovering the charm of yokai.

In Japan, "GeGeGe no Kitarō" is more than just an entertaining anime series. It is a cultural phenomenon that highlights the richness of Japanese folklore through its captivating storytelling and vibrant characters.

Years after Mizuki's death, his anime legacy continues to thrive, keeping the world of yokai alive in popular culture.

*Journal reporter Eve Burns was in Japan in early October for a media program sponsored by the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation.



Images of Jaluit High School activities during the US Army's Oceania Engagement Team visit: Above, the information and technology classroom. Above right, the school library. Below, students check out a military compass. Below center, planting seeds in the garden. Below center right, a class in construction. Bottom, Master Sergeant John Phillips poses with sewing students (and his pillow case).

Career ideas for Jaluit's students



Jaluit High School recently welcomed the US Army's Oceania Engagement Team to the Marshall Islands for a week-long vocational opportunities exchange on Jabor. Master Sergeant John Phillips delivered presentations informing students of training and career pathways in the uniformed services of the United States between visits to the JHS vocational training classes.

Phillips visited the Agriculture, Construction, Information Technology, Homemaking and Sewing programs at JHS where he learned about the curriculum progression from the tenth grade through to senior year projects.

Students shared their knowledge with the visiting soldier and coached

him through planting eggplant seeds and sewing a pillowcase.

In addition to presenting on vocational opportunities in the US military, MSG Phillips facilitated team building activities, set up a display of military equipment, and offered an introduction to the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) for 11th and 12th graders.

Phillips also met with students at Jabor Public Elementary School, St. Joseph School, and the Jaluit Campus of College of the Marshall Islands.

The ASVAB aptitude test includes eight sections used to assess a student's proficiency in general science, English language vocabulary, paragraph comprehension, math,

electronics, mechanical principles, automotive and construction knowledge. Taking the ASVAB is among the first steps in the enlistment process.

A team from the Honolulu Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) will administer the ASVAB on Majuro and Ebeye in January 2025.

Under the Compact of Free Association Marshallese citizens have the opportunity to enlist in six different uniformed services of the United States. These include the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard.

A similar exchange is being planned with Northern Islands High School on Wotje Atoll.



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WORLD SNAPSHOT

United States and world news at a glance.
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Israel strikes Gaza shelter

Israeli strikes Monday in the Gaza Strip killed Palestinians in a tent encampment on the grounds of a hospital and in a school turned shelter, according to residents and United Nations officials. At the Al-Aqsa Mar-

tyrs Hospital complex in central Gaza, at least four people were killed and scores of others, including numerous children, were severely burned, according to a UN official. Hours earlier, in the city of Nuseirat, the Israeli

military struck the school building, according to UNRWA, the main UN aid agency for Palestinians. Palestinian civil defense, an emergency service in Gaza, said at least eight bodies had been recovered from the scene.



Kamala's challenge

In the final weeks of the presidential campaign, Vice President Kamala Harris is contending with erosion within the Democratic coalition that put Barack Obama and Joe Biden in the White House. Black and Latino voters, two essential pillars of that coalition, have drifted away from Democrats in striking numbers, according to New

York Times/Siena College polling. The defections, if they hold to Election Day, would make Harris' path to victory far more difficult. A Harris win would also be reliant on support and high turnout from college-educated white voters and suburbanites, including voters who traditionally leaned Republican until the Trump era.

Two million kids may die

Nearly two million children may die of malnutrition because a product used to treat the condition is in short supply, the United Nations Children's Fund said Monday. Four countries — Mali, Nigeria, Niger and Chad — have exhausted their supplies of the peanut-based, high-nutrient product, called ready-to-use therapeutic food, or are on the brink of doing so. Another eight nations could run out by mid-2025. Severe acute malnutrition, or wasting, can result from poor nutrition during gestation and in infancy, limited access to safe drinking water, and relentless attacks by multiple infections.

Meteorologist threats

A meteorologist based in Washington, D.C., was accused of helping the government cover up manipulating a hurricane. In Houston, a forecaster was repeatedly told to "do research" into the weather's supposed nefarious origins. And a meteorologist for a television station in Lansing, Michigan, said she had received death threats. "Murdering meteorologists

won't stop hurricanes," the forecaster in Michigan, Katie Nickolaou, wrote in a social media post. Meteorologists say this kind of abuse has been happening for years. But amid the conspiracy theories and falsehoods that have spiraled online after hurricanes Helene and Milton, they say the attacks and threats directed at them have reached new heights.



Oil plan falters

A plan by wealthy Western nations to deprive Russia of oil revenue is largely faltering, a new report found, with the majority of the Kremlin's seaborne oil exports evading restrictions that were supposed to limit the price of Russian crude. Almost two years since an oil "price cap" was enacted, nearly 70 percent of the Kremlin's oil is being transported on "shadow tankers" that are evading the restrictions, according to an analysis published Monday by the Kyiv School of Economics Institute, a Ukraine-based think tank. Russia's success at circumventing the sanctions has allowed it to continue to finance its war against Ukraine.

Russia recaptures some villages

Russia has recaptured a few villages in its western borderlands that Ukraine invaded over the summer, threatening Kyiv's hold on territory it views as crucial leverage for pushing Moscow to-

ward negotiations to end the war. In recent days, Russian troops have intensified efforts to dislodge Ukrainian forces from the bulge of territory they seized in Russia's western Kursk region, launching

several assaults spearheaded by armored vehicles. Ukraine still holds roughly 300 square miles of Russian territory, according to the Black Bird Group, down from about 400 square miles.

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Minister Kalani Kaneko, Ambassador Barbara Plinkert, President Hilda Heine and Minister Jess Gasper, Jr.

President welcomes Ambassador Plinkert

The European Union's new Ambassador to the Marshall Islands and the Pacific region presented her diplomatic credentials to President Hilda Heine Monday this week at the Cabinet.

EU Ambassador Barbara Plinkert presented her credentials to the President with Foreign Minister Kalani Kaneko and Culture and Internal Affairs Minister Jess Gasper, Jr. in attendance.

President Heine highlighted that the RMI continues to value the strong relationship with the European Union and wished the ambassador "a successful tour of duty to our country."

Prior to the credentials ceremony, Minister Kaneko received a courtesy call from Ambassador Plinkert. Kaneko also hosted a luncheon in her honor.

During the lunch, they discussed the priority areas of RMI-EU bilateral

cooperation in the areas of water, trade and investment, fisheries, energy, and waste management, according to a release from the President's Office.

Both the Minister and Ambassador stated that they look forward to working closely together and are committed to strengthening the relationship between the EU and RMI.

Plinkert is a non-resident ambassador based in Suva, Fiji.



Chief Electoral Officer Ben Kiluwe, at the front, fifth from left, with participants in the PIANZEA talks.

Ben at Tonga electoral talks



Australian High Commissioner to Tonga Brek Batley with Ben Kiluwe.

Marshall Islands Chief Electoral Officer Ben Kiluwe was at the Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand Electoral Administrators senior officials meeting in Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga last week.

According to a release from Tonga's Electoral Commission, the purpose of the gathering was "to discuss the shared challenges of running elections in the region."

"The meeting of PIANZEA — a network of electoral administrators from the Pacific islands, Australia, and New Zealand — is happening at a particularly interesting time, with over half of the world's population going to the polls in 2024."

The meeting included representatives from 13 countries and was

hosted by Tonga's Electoral Commission and opened by the Crown Prince of Tonga Tupouto'a 'Ulukalala.

The chairman of Tonga's Electoral Commission, Lord Dalgety, K.C., spoke about the importance of regional forums such as PIANZEA for democracy. "We must strive to keep the public's faith in what we do. Democracy has prevailed in all of our countries due to meetings such as this and PIANZEA training programs."

While in Tonga, Kiluwe caught up with former Australian Ambassador to the Marshall Islands Brek Batley, who is now the Australian High Commissioner (ambassador) for Tonga.

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TITLE: Project Manager – Pacific RISE-CTIP

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UNIT: Majuro, Marshall Islands Office

The “Pacific Regional Initiative and Support for More Effective Counter Trafficking in Persons” (“Pacific RISE-CTIP”) program is a five-year program implemented by The Asia Foundation (“the Foundation”) with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Pacific RISE-CTIP aims to address trafficking in persons (TIP) through a holistic, multi-sectoral approach that engages an inclusive cross-section of PIC stakeholders from government, civil society, and the private sector to strengthen TIP prevention, protection and prosecution.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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What we were saying way back when

No Nitijela, so Abba it is

Journal 10/16/1987

P13 World Council eyes health needs

A five-member team representing the World Council of Churches arrived in Majuro earlier this week for meetings and consultations with the Ministry of Health and the religious community. The team, composed mostly of medical doctors with experience in primary health care in developing nations, is representing the Christian Medical Commission and the Church and Society programs of the WCC based in Switzerland. “We want to place the primary health concerns of the Marshall Islands very clearly on the World Council of Churches’ agenda,” said Dr. Erlinda Senturias, the team leader from the Philippines.

Journal 10/15/1999

P1 RMI out of sync with Pacific area

For government official Laurence Edwards and Majuro Chamber of Commerce President Kirt Pinho, their participation in an investment promotion seminar in Fiji late last month was an eye-opener. They were surprised — and dismayed — to learn that the Marshalls was the only Pacific government attending that didn’t have an investment policy, had no investment promotion agency, and hadn’t completed a business cost survey.

P4 The joys of technology

Not even the isolation of the Central Pacific can keep the information highway from making its impact on the Marshall Islands. The headquarters of the Marshalls Billfish Club tournament at Uliga Dock last month was fully equipped as Dan Fitzpatrick, Charles Stinnett, Don Hess and Ben Graham coordinated the event using radios, cell phones, digital cameras, laptop computers and printers.

But when you reap the benefits the age of technology brings, you can also encounter the pitfalls — CRASH! — oh no, I’ve lost the file! Call in the boats!

Did anyone backup those winning records?

P8 A guy gets thirsty fishing

Team Usie-Q won the biggest fish prize during the Marshalls Billfish Club’s July tournament. Presenting them their winning of 10 cases of Foster beer was Gibson’s grocery manager Artie Stovall and shipping agent Wallace Peter. Pilot Jeffery Wase and team captain Kenneth Kramer happily received the prize.

P10 Ailinglaplap: 1 pickup in 12 months

Ailinglaplap and Ebon tell the story of copra woes in the Marshall Islands. Since a year ago October, Ailinglaplap — normally either first or second in production in the RMI — received just one ship visit to collect copra. Ebon, another strong copra producing atoll to the south, received just two visits in the past 12 months. The lack of government ships servicing the outer islands has taken its toll on copra production in the past year. The arrival of the Mercy K and its start of copra service this week could have a dramatic and immediate impact.

Journal 10/22/2010

P1 LUA ready to sign

A seven-year deadlock that threatened long-term United States presence at the Kwajalein missile range has been broken, with landowners saying this week they are ready to sign a new land use agreement...and gain release of an escrow account that has accumulated more than \$30 million.

P12 The Nitijela blues

Oh, the government guys are happy ‘n easy, No more Q&A to make them queasy. Brenson won’t have to clear his throat, Alvin won’t have to swim in Rien’s moat. But woe to people in radio land, Empty radios belching only the Abba band. Three long months, we have to wait, Until Nitijela’s next scheduled date.

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Tej ke iakue ir?



DO WE LOVE THEM?

Kid: I am hungry, I didn't eat breakfast. My parents told me to hurry up but there was no breakfast.



MARSHALLESE FISHERMAN

Fish: Not a real man!

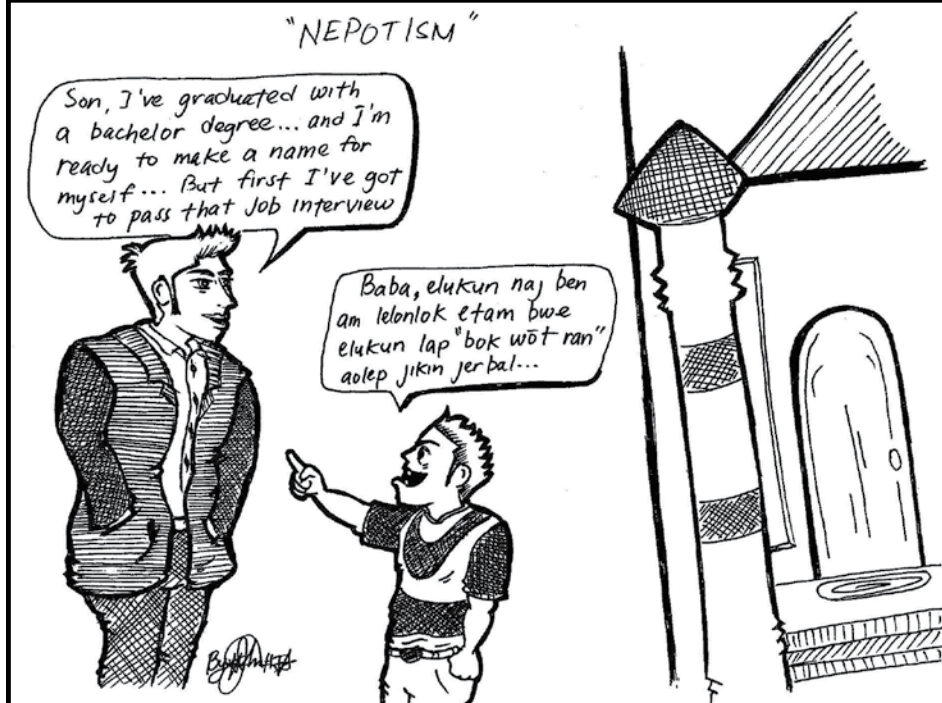


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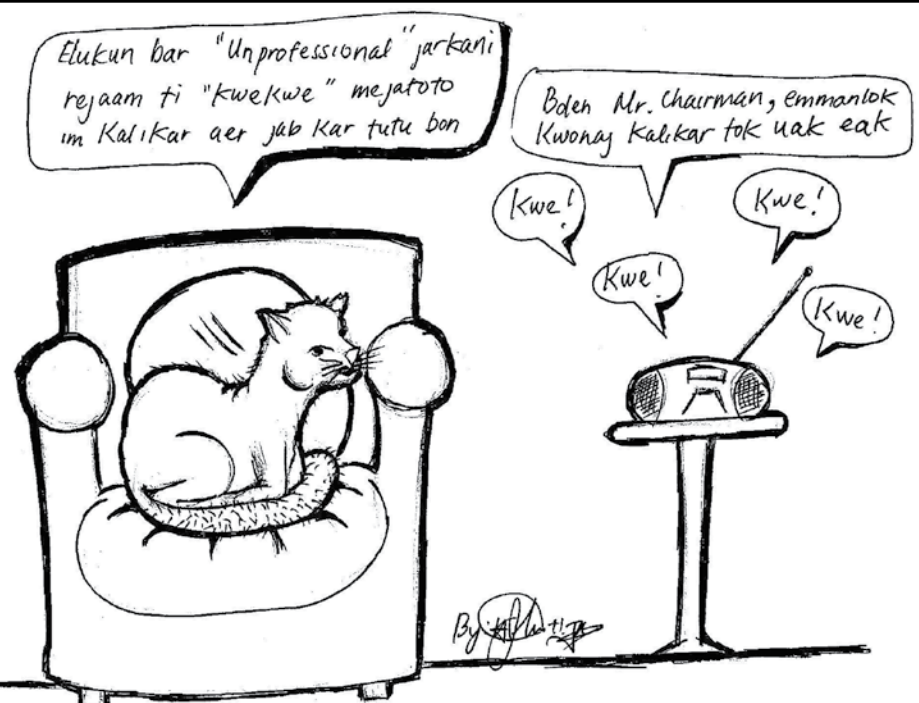
Boy: Do you know how to cook? **Girl:** Yes! Only rice!

"NEPOTISM"



"BOK WÖT RAN"

Father: Neju, emoj kaduojlak kin bachelor degree im ebojak bwe armej ren jela won na ak ij aikuj mokta pass e job interview en. **Son:** Dad, it will be hard for you to get hired because of nepotism in finding work.



Radio: Maybe Mr. Chairman, it is better if you can let us know the answer... **Government leaders:** Kwe, kwe, kwe, kwe! **Cat:** Those guys don't know how to answer smart. Why do they kwe kwe (scratch) on air. This shows they didn't take shower last night.

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To assist the CEO and Management Team in administering and implementing the State Tourism Grant's Administration Plan (GAP) and other available grants at the OCIT, and corresponding budget and timeline.

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- Securing alternative funding sources to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of activities under the EDA grant and General Fund;
- Reviewing and controlling the overall financial performance of EDA State Tourism Grant and other grants OCIT has and will have;
- Assist in soliciting quotations, drafting contracts, preparing purchase requisitions, reconciling financial activities monthly, and collaborating with all departments to ensure compliance and accuracy of financial records for the EDA State Tourism Grant's GAP and other grants OCIT has and will have; and
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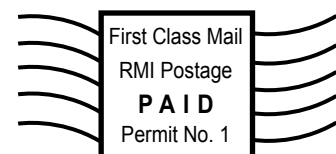
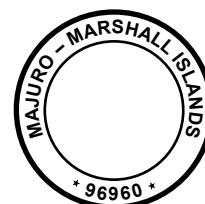
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