The first repatriation group with people who quarantined for only seven days in Hawaii was released from quarantine at Kwajalein and Majuro Wednesday this week, following multiple negative Covid tests, including a final test conducted Tuesday this week prior to release. There will be one more repatriation group after the one that was released this week and then the government will “pause” the program for a month before resuming.

A total of 59 people were released at Kwajalein and seven were released from the Arrak Quarantine Facility in Majuro Wednesday. While Group 11 passed all its requirements for release, repatriation Group 12 went into quarantine in Honolulu Monday this week in preparation for their return to RMI. Group 12 has 66 people, the same as Group 11 released this week. Of those 66 people, 59 will go to USAG-KA and seven to Arrak for two weeks of quarantine.

The Ministry of Health and Human Services pointed out that in light of developments with Covid in other countries, the level of risk and the possibility of Covid importation gets higher as the number of infected people increases in places like Hawaii, the US mainland, Guam, Fiji and elsewhere.

Fully vaccinated individuals in Group 12 will do a one-week of quarantine in Honolulu, while those who are not vaccinated or traveling with unvaccinated children, will quarantine for two weeks.

After Group 12, “the RMI repatriation program will pause temporarily for four weeks to allow time for MoHHS to reassess SOPs, conduct simulation exercises if border cases are detected in quarantine and improve overall vaccination rates,” said Acting Health Secretary Mailynn Konelios-Lang. The Acting Secretary also stressed that the 14-day quarantine in RMI “must remain as is” given Covid developments elsewhere.

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Miss All Mike

Debby Schutz is Miss All-Micronesia for the annual tournament that will be held Friday and Saturday this week, with weigh in of fish by the Billfish Club at RRE Shoreline from 5pm both days. If any one individual embodies the spirit of the regional All-Mike tourney, it is Debby, who describes herself as “born and raised in the Marshall Islands and ethnically, Chuukese and I-Kiribati.” She graduated from Xavier High School in Chuuk and recently completed the RMI-USP. Continued page 2

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Kaious facing murder charges for Rita murder

A Majuro murder case is now on track for a trial, following a hearing last week at which Chief Justice Carl Ingram determined from the evidence presented that there was “good cause” to move forward.

Maien Kaious is facing murder and manslaughter charges for allegedly killing a young man in Rita last month.

After Ingram determined there was “good cause to believe that the alleged offenses were committed and that the defendant committed them,” Kaious pleaded not guilty to both charges. He asked for a jury trial.

Assistant Attorney General Yolanda Lodge-Niel is prosecuting the charges and Chief Public Defender Russell Kun is representing Kaious.

Ingram set dates for pre-trial motions to be filed and responses to motions made. Following this, the first pre-trial status conference was scheduled for November 18. A date for the trial will be agreed to at the November status conference.

Kaious was released on his own recognizance on the usual condition of being in the peace and be of good behavior.

Miss Poet and Painter

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Program in Majuro. She is an artist and a climate activist, whose artwork can be seen around town, including on the trash bins that are located in parks around the island aimed at decreasing littering.

Debby is a super creative personality. “I enjoy a lot of art-related pastimes including painting, writing poetry, and amateur photography,” she said.

“Currently I am working towards establishing myself as a freelance artist as well as applying for schools to further my education.”

Solomons flight arrives in Majuro

From page 1
RMG group with fully vaccinated people who quarantined for only one week in Honolulu. The one-week individuals, the majority of Group 12, were subject over a three-week period to a Covid antibody test and five Covid tests, all of which returned negative results, according to the Ministry of Health and Human Services.

In other Covid news:
• A repatriation operation from a Covid-free country that was not publicized by the government occurred earlier this month with 12 people from the Solomon Islands arriving via Air Marshall Islands on September 15. They are considered “persons under active surveillance” and subject to a two-week quarantine and multiple Covid tests. They are currently at the Arrak Quarantine Facility and scheduled for release on September 29 if all test negative on their 14th day of quarantine. This group includes pilots for AMI and a number of returning residents.
• The Ministry of Health and Human Services is aiming to begin vaccinating children 12-17 in the near future following arrival this week of 2,000 doses of the Pfizer brand vaccine that is US Food and Drug Administration-approved for this age group. A “launch ceremony for Majuro is proposed for October 1,” said Konelios-Lang. MOHHS staff have been conducting outreach awareness with local schools in preparation for the launch of the vaccines for the younger age group. This requires parental consent, she added. Majuro is the first to be followed by Ebeye. “Once the ultra-cold chain in Ebeye is installed, they can start ordering their share,” the Acting Secretary said.
Electoral says no to recount

Andrew defends long-used system

Chief Electoral Officer Daniel Andrew late last week rejected a request from Aur mayor candidate Hesa Kaiou for a recount despite there being only a one-vote margin deciding the race.

Three days after the Electoral Administration’s declaration September 10 of the final unofficial results from the recent special election, Kaiou submitted a request for a recount.

According to the Electoral Administration’s final unofficial results, Kaiou lost by one vote to candidate Fred Bakuia, 351-350.

Kaiou made two specific requests for recounts in his September 13 letter to Andrew:

• Recount the Laura vote box because the tabulation by Electoral officials did not match his poll-watchers’ count.
• Recount the outer islands results because they were transmitted via radio through NTA’s 65 radio system, not in writing from the outer islands. He expressed concern about the validity of the results as transmitted to the Electoral tabulation committee.

In a September 16 response, the CEO rejected Kaiou’s request for multiple recounts.

The tabulation of the votes cast in Laura was checked against Kaiou’s poll watchers’ counts, said Andrew. He said that there was no issue between the tabulation committee’s result and the poll watchers’ results when the tabulation of the Laura box was complete at the ICC. Further, Andrew said, Kaiou’s poll watchers confirmed the tabulation committee’s count, and as a result, the results were certified. Andrew added that the tabulation is captured on the NTA video taken during the tabulation that confirms there was no mismatch of numbers at the end of the count.

Regarding transmission of vote results from the outer islands through NTA’s 65 radio system, Andrew said that this is the system that has been used for many past elections and there was no issue with it that would merit a recount.

Farewell to Iroojlaplap Kotak

A state funeral for Council of Irooj Chairman the late Iroojlaplap Kotak Loeak was held at Nitijela Wednesday this week. President David Kabua issued an executive order directing that all flags in the RMI be flown at half-staff this week. President Kabua was scheduled to address the UN Wednesday this week.

As a consequence of the funeral, the official Culture Day ceremony that had been scheduled for this Friday, a national holiday in honor of Marshallese culture, was postponed to next Friday, October 1.

This affects all activities that were planned for Friday, including a canoe race expected to have a large turnout of local outriggers that was scheduled for this Friday. It will happen next week Friday.

Culture celebration activities at local schools, however, were ongoing this week.

Whipps attends UN talks

President David Kabua was scheduled to deliver a pre-recorded statement to the United Nations General Assembly this week Wednesday.

Some others in the region headed to New York earlier in the month to deliver speeches in person, including Palau President Surangel Whipps, Jr. Palau does not have an in-country quarantine program for inbound travelers, making travel to and from Palau easier, but also opening them to Covid exposure. Whipps was also expected to address the UN Wednesday this week. He is accompanied by First Lady Valerie Whipps, two representatives of the Palau National Congress, and staff members.

PNA CEO welcomed

New Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) Office CEO Dr. Sangaa Clark arrived recently in Majuro via the RMI government’s quarantine process.

She is pictured here with outgoing CEO Ludwig Kumoru, who has been at the helm of the PNA Office since late 2016. Dr. Clark is no stranger to PNA. Prior to being appointed last year by PNA ministers to take up the CEO post, she was PNA’s policy manager with the primary duty of managing PNA’s Vessel Day Scheme that governs purse seine fishing in the region. It is PNA’s use of the VDS to manage the fishery that has led to an eight-fold surge in revenue to RMI and other PNA members since 2010. The new CEO is accompanied by her husband, Les Clark, who is a well-known fisheries expert who has worked as a consultant for multiple fisheries organizations in the region, including in most recent years the PNA.
Guam tops the charts!

Guam had the highest number of coronavirus deaths per 100,000 people of any state in or territory of the United States.

The western Pacific hit this unfortunate milestone this past weekend as the delta variant continued spreading and the death toll continued to mount.

On September 12, the Joint Information Center reported Guam’s death toll to 179. On September 17, five Covid deaths were reported, bringing the death toll to 179 — 20 deaths in the span of five days, reported Pacific Daily News.

Guam now leads all US states in its Covid death rate per 100,000 people — higher than states where Covid infections have been largely out of control.

According to data compiled by the New York Times from state and local agencies, the Centers for Disease Control and US Department of Health and Human Services as of September 18, Guam had 1.7 deaths per 100,000.

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The 76th UN General Assembly will take place this week. It will be a hybrid event with some leaders speaking in person and others making their contributions online. Palau President Surangel Whipps, Jr. and Prime Minister of PNG, James Marape, are traveling to New York to speak in person at the General Assembly. Marape is expected to include a call for greater assistance to Small Island Developing States to access basic services and infrastructure in return for conservation of forests and other actions designed to promote environmental protection. Other Pacific leaders are expected to use their platforms at the Assembly to call for more and faster global action to address the climate emergency, in line with the Kainaki II declaration of 2019. Vanuatu has previously used this platform to appeal for attention to human rights abuses in West Papua although the extent to which this is led by followers of this seedling country has varied over time.

Further to last week’s announcement of a new security relationship between Australia, the US, and the UK, there have been several responses from across the region. James Marape, the Prime Minister of PNG, confirmed his country’s “friend to all and enemy to none” foreign policy and noted that if “such activities” were to bring disunity to the region, this would be an issue of concern. A spokesperson for the government of the Federated States of Micronesia said that the announcement had come as a surprise. The spokesperson said that FSM would look forward to learning more about this agreement and how it would add to safety and security in the Pacific islands region. Elsewhere, civil society actors voiced their concern about what the announcement that Australia would have access to nuclear-powered submarines means.

Rev. James Bhagwan.

Regional Reflections

TESS NEWTON CAIN*

Mixed Pacific reactions to AUKUS

The first case of Covid-19 has been detected in American Samoa.

The infected person is a traveler who arrived from Hawaii on September 13. This has placed authorities on high alert in neighboring Samoa, which currently has no Covid-19 cases. In Fiji, domestic travel restrictions have been relaxed allowing people to move around the main island of Viti Levu. However, inter-island travel is still restricted.

This comes as more than 60 percent of the target population are fully vaccinated. The government is aiming for international borders to re-opened by the end of the year. In PNG, concerns are mounting about an increase in cases of Covid-19, particularly in the west of the country. It is assumed that the cases are the highly transmissible delta variant, although testing numbers remain very low.

The new Parliament of Samoa has met, with the tabling of the government’s budget the first order of business. However, the first couple of days saw high drama as members of the HRPP now in Opposition, were barred from entering the Parliament chamber. This saw Parliament conduct business without the 18 HRPP MPs who are duly elected MPs. The stand-off was resolved by the Supreme Court which ruled that the Speaker must swear in the Opposition MPs and allow them to take their seats in the Parliament chamber. On Friday there were emotional scenes as the new Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mata’afa and the Leader of the Opposition (and former PM) Tuilaepa Dr Sailele Malielegaoi embraced ahead of the day’s Parliamentary proceedings. However, it soon became clear that Tuilaepa will be using all his political and Parliamentary experience to make life politically uncomfortable for his successor.

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Restrictions & quarantine regulations

Testing & monitoring regimen for
Phase 2: 14 day quarantine in RMI

1. For individuals who completed 7
day quarantine in Hawaii (Fuly ak
completely vaccinacj). PCR
and antigen testing on Day 1.

2. All individuals undergo PCR tests
on day 7.

3. Final PCR and antigen test on day
14.

4. Daily telehealth monitoring of
symptoms and wellbeing.

Testing & monitoring regimen for
14 day quarantine - Phase 1 in
Hawaii

1. Pre arrival in Honolulu (Traveling
requirements of the State and
government).

2. Antibody test within 48 hours of
entering quarantine hotel.

3. On the first day of quarantine-
PCR test.

4. On the 12th day (Within 48 hours of
planned departure) - PCR test.

5. Daily telehealth monitoring of
symptoms and wellbeing.

Upon arrival in the RMI, protocols
for the safe transfer to secured quarantine are executed.
GIFF JOHNSON


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37 scrubs were donated on Sept 17 to Minister Bruce Bilimoria and the Ministry of Health and Human Services from former classmate Mr. Dancy Jaime (from Peru, Indiana USA). Scrubs were handed over to the Bureau of Nursing Department. Many thanks and appreciation to Mr. Dancy Jaime.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Health and Human Services donated some cleaning supplies to the Assumption School September 22 to support students in providing hand washing and cleaning supplies.
AROUND TOWN

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RMI Ambassador to Taiwan Neijon Edwards is back in town. Earlier this week, she was spotted at Assumption Schools after delivering what one parent described as an “inspiring” speech to students K-12 at the Uliga school as part of their Culture Week activities.

Ambassador Neijon is pictured with students Kale Abraham, SBG President Zoe Abraham and Vice President Loson Langbata.

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Garfield move over. It seems this cat had a bit too much to eat and decided it was time to nap in an air-conditioned room on top of the bed. Photo: Brett Schellhase.
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Can the faulty international system fix climate change?

FRED J. PEDRO
The current world order was fashioned by the victors of World War Two with the aim to secure the peace and avoid future global conflicts. In this respect, the framers of the Charter of the United Nations are to be congratulated for their foresight.

During the intervening years, many regional and inter-ethnic conflicts flared, but for the most part, the planet and humanity itself have been spared the destruction and nightmares of another global conflagration.

Nonetheless, the current international system is lamentably defective. The UN charter reflects a structure that is no longer capable of resolving the problems of today and meeting the challenges of an emerging interdependent and integrated global community.

Therefore, we must not rely too much on an archaic construct to tackle climate change and other global threats and problems. And why not? Because of this simple fact: The present international system puts the wants and needs of individual nations before and above the collective needs and interests of the entire human family and our planet. Put another way, consider the planet as a human body, afflicted with a deadly virus. In order for it to heal, recover and be healthy again, it must regain its equilibrium. This means that all the different parts, organs and cells must unite, cooperate and work together in unison.

However, in this instance, the body is unable to rebalance and repair itself because the different organs and cells are selfishly thinking only of their own survival and well-being. In the end, the greedy cancerous cells get all the nutrients….and the body dies.

In eight months, the world will pause to remember the 30th anniversary of the first global heads of state and government conference, Earth Summit at Rio de Janeiro, in May-June 1992. Let us then pray and ask for the humility to admit that the present system of national voluntary pledges, (known as “NDCs”) aimed to reduce carbon emissions, will not restore the planet’s equilibrium. Let us further acknowledge that what is needed is a global shift and transition from a war stance to a peace footing. And finally, that a new planetary collective security binding agreement, based on new understandings, new mindset, new ethos, new concepts of justice supported by new frameworks of peace are parts of the antidote that must be pursued and applied with vigor.

Anything less will be just another pipe dream.

“Today, the ark for the world will not be built with wood, but with policy changes that transform our economies and our world.” —President David Kabua from a United Nations speech as cited by the Washington Post earlier this week.

Financial drought being felt in our outer islands

The past year and a half may go down in the history books of RMI as being the first in which outer island local governments did not receive grant funding from the national government to support locally-conceived development projects.

Nitijela Members and mayors representing various outer islands have complained over recent weeks and months about project proposals languishing with the national government with no response. One mayor commented to the Journal that even with endorsement of the Taiwan Embassy for the Taiwan-provided outer islands development funding, they still haven’t been able to secure modest grants of $50,000 for development projects on their islands.

Some said they were told early this year that their proposals would be considered along with proposals for other outer islands. But now we are in the waning days of the current fiscal year and mayors say funds still haven’t gone out. Possibly they have been used to support Tobolar’s copra purchases, as the processing authority hit a period early this month when instead of paying cash it returned, briefly, to the disliked system of issuing “IOU” tickets for copra. Maybe funds have been used to support other government priorities.

The fact is, however, the relatively small outer islands development and grant-in-aid funds provide helpful funding to meet particular needs of the communities on what the national government now refers to as our “neighboring islands.”

We hope that the national government will adopt the actions of a good neighbor to the remoter atolls and islands and get these relatively small, helpful and long-standing grants back in gear for the outer islands.
Time for RMI to ‘walk the talk’ on shipping emissions

The Marshall Islands government frequently calls on the international community to take action on climate change. Recently, Forum island nations including the RMI were called on to join together to declare “climate emergencies” and to promote greater action at the global climate summit (COP26) later this year in Scotland.

RMI government spokespeople and RMI climate activists are frequently quoted speaking about the threat of climate change and sea level rise to the Marshall Islands.

RMI Ambassador to Fiji Albun Ishoda has been particularly focused on the global shipping industry, calling out companies for their continued huge emissions of greenhouse gases that are contributing to global warming and sea level rise.

The RMI has joined with Kiribati and the Solomon Islands to push the shipping industry to make major changes to the use of fossil fuel globally.

In the meantime, what do we do at home?• We get donors to build us new outer island field trip vessels that will be largely the same as they’ve always been — which is to say, powered by diesel engines. • We accept donations of outboard engine boat donations have encountered: boats out of commission for lack of maintenance/repair or for lack of money to fund the $9 or $10/gallon cost of fuel on the outer islands.

At the same time, we have a world-leading sustainable sea transport program that is operating largely in the NGO sector, with significant donor funding. This program, in tandem with Waan Aelon in Majel program and the German government’s international aid program GIZ, is developing specially designed vessels for the different atoll and island environments throughout the RMI. It is piloting solar-powered outboard engines on canoes and proas, larger twin-hull boats.

Outer island cargo/passenger sailing vessels are being designed using the experience of the SV Kwai, which has been servicing the RMI’s outer islands for the past year. And yet the national government keeps on keeping on with outdated, pre-climate ships and boat technology.

If RMI government leaders believe that sea level rise threatens our very existence then why do they keep endorsing and accepting climate-unfriendly ships and boats? In the “walk the talk” category for climate action, the Marshall Islands government does not get a high grade.

Our Condolences
To the family and friends of

Hon. Amb. Tom Kijiner

We express our sympathy to the people of the Marshall Islands on the loss of your great envoy who was the go-between for Marshalls and Japan.

Ambassador Tom Kijiner speaking about the Bravo test in the Marshall Islands against the background of Daigo Fukuryu Maru/MV Lucky Dragon.

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Border lockdown hits construction sector

Private and government projects lacking skills

Many local businesses are requesting to bring workers into RMI through the government-managed repatriation process. With borders closed for over 18 months, many businesses are in urgent need of workers with skills that are not available locally.

In response to an inquiry from the Journal regarding Pacific International Inc. (PII) requests for specialized workers to engage in construction projects, Deputy Chief Secretary Abacca Anjain-Maddison said: “There are many requests not only from PII but from the private sector as a whole.”

One of the challenges facing the RMI’s repatriation program is that the Army will not be able to bring workers into RMI through the government-managed repatriation program. The Army will only be able to bring in skilled workers PII requested starting from Group 14 onward.

Group 12 was released from Kwajalein and Arrak quarantine Wednesday this week (59 Kwajalein, seven Arrak). Group 13 started quarantine in Hawaii Monday this week. She said that Group 13 “will consist of the last Marshallese citizens on the original stranded list. We wanted to take care of this group before we can focus on private sector essential workers including government consultants and contractors.”

Further complicating PII’s personnel situation, said Kramer, is that many of the company’s skilled workers have already extended their stay for up to two years and are now long overdue to return home to their families in the Philippines. Some of PII’s skilled workforce had returned home for vacations prior to the border closure in March 2020 and have been unable to return to work here. Others, who have not taken vacations for years, would like to return home and then come back to RMI to continue working — but cannot, given the challenge of entry for the foreseeable future.
PII and tuna now a hit video

Jojo Kramer is featured in a newly released video that is viewable on YouTube.

It’s called Marshall Islands: Making more out of tuna, and it features Jojo talking about how his family company, Pacific International Inc., is engaging in the tuna industry — handling tuna unloading into freezer containers for export and servicing the large number of purse seiners that use Majuro as a transshipment and service hub.

It hasn’t been smooth sailing for PII’s tuna operation, as Jojo explains in the three minute video. Port entry restrictions put in place early last year disrupted the company’s business flow. But they’ve been able to rebound by working with the protocols and developing secure ways of handling purse seiners in the Covid era.

Not only does Jojo deliver a concise and interesting overview of the tuna industry in RMI, and PII’s role in it, the video has great drone shots of Majuro lagoon, purse seiners, and dock action that brings Jojo’s words to life. Local professional photographer/videographer Chewy Lin was the man behind the camera.

What would Jojo do differently in life? You have to watch it to know.

The video was sponsored by the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization. Watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTRZFM3tUTk

Transshipment numbers continue to be strong

August proved to be another strong month for tuna transshipment in Majuro lagoon, the fourth in a row as Majuro’s transshipment rebounds since port entry restrictions were eased at the beginning of May.

MIMRA reported this week that 42 vessels transshipped their tuna catches during August — either to carrier vessels in the lagoon or unloading at the dock into freezer containers and for the Pan Pacific Foods.

This raises the eight month total for the year to 198 — well above the 175 transshipments for all of 2020, when port entry quarantine restrictions caused transshipments to plummet over 60 percent.

For the last four months, Majuro is averaging nearly 40 transshipments per month — back to its pre-Covid numbers, which made Majuro the busiest tuna transshipment port in the world.

Overall, for the eight months, Majuro is average 24.75 transshipments per month. In August, Taiwan-flagged vessels accounted for 15 transshipments, more than one-third of the total. FSM-flagged purse seiners were second with 10 transshipsments, followed by RMI-flagged vessels with eight. Other flags that transshipped in August: Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and the US.

The four-months of strong transshipment numbers suggests that Majuro could go above the 300 mark for 2021 with four months to go.
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**State funeral error**

The front-page story in last week’s edition about the late RMI Ambassador to Japan Tom Kijiner contained an error.

The story about the passage of the ambassador indicated that the Speaker said a state funeral was scheduled for this week. This is incor- rect. The Speaker was referring to the state funeral that was scheduled this week Wednesday for the late Iwojukap Kotak Lokau. The Journal regrets the error.

Correction

In last week’s edition, Tristan Horiuchi was identified as a peer educator for Youth to Youth in Health. Ac- cording to the program, he worked on an earlier grant-funded project for the NGO but is no longer with the group.

No news on Namu election

Despite several requests to the RMI Electoral Adminis- tration since September 13, the Journal has not received the preliminary results for the RMI mayor race or council races from Namu and several other islands. The Electoral Adminis- tration provided the Jour- nal with the final unofficial numbers for the Aur mayor’s race that the newspaper pub- lished as part of an article in the September 17 edition. Readers are wondering why we have not published the final unofficial results for Namu it is because we have not been able to obtain them. According to the elec- toral administration, in the absence of any approved re- counts or legal complaints, the unofficial results be- come official 14 days after they were declared final on September 10. This means, according to the Electoral Adminis- tration, that the special election results are scheduled to become official September 25.
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KAREN EARNSHAW
Kiribati Būreejtōn Taneti Maamau

Epeḷḷọk Kiribati ilo Jānwōde ’22


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Push to increase domestic tourism

Two grants for an innovative women-led tourism program are to be awarded in the next few days following a rigorous review of many proposals submitted to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in collaboration with Office of Commerce, Investment and Tourism (OCIT).

These two organizations launched the Ao Kapijuk women-led domestic program, which focuses on developing new tourism destinations within the RMI through seed funding, training and ongoing support.

In April, OCIT and IOM called for expressions of interest from residents of Majuro (rural and outer islands), Arno, Likiep and Mili. These locations were selected for the first round because they have an existing community which would benefit from this project, easy access to airline and sea transportation, close-proximity to the main centers (Majuro and Kwajalein) for emergency purposes, and access to solar and electricity. The program received 20 expressions of interest by the deadline. OCIT and IOM shortlisted 15 of the applications for the feasibility site assessments.

The Ao Kapijuk women team completed feasibility site assessment visits to each of the 15 proposed project sites in Majuro, Arno, Likiep and Mili. The team met with the applicants and discuss their vision for potential tourism development.

A number of criteria were used to guide the assessment which included, land ownership and leadership, community, access and transportation, tourism infrastructure, environment and visitor management, tourism attractiveness, and business planning development and funding. The feasibility site assessments brought up a number of key challenges as well as opportunities to developing tourism in rural locations including transportation by boat and air as well as working conditions to ensure safe travel. All sites visited were beautiful and unique in their own ways and the first assessments proved highly successful, according to IOM and OCIT.

Two winners will be awarded later this week for seed funding with all shortlisted applicants invited to trainings within the program. The Ao Kapijuk team is also currently performing the RMI’s first domestic tourism market study which will support the development of the new tourism sites in the coming year.

For more information on the project or how to become involved please contact Anastasia Dujmovic at marketing@rmioicit.org or Laura Freeman at lfreeman@iom.int.

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Laura Elementary School opened their Culture Week on campus with a load of fun. Students and teachers wore hats in support of Lutok Kobbam Aele program for the week. They continued their day with Marshallese bilt dances and chanting, which brought a lot of cheering and laughter from parents, students and teachers. Students at schools throughout the country were decked out in island hats Monday, including Long Island Public Elementary School. Meanwhile, Life Skills Academy students practiced their hat-weaving skills, while at Ebeye VIPs joined hundreds of students and teachers at Ebeye Public Elementary school for the opening of Culture Week.

Photos: Eve Burns, Geovannie Johnson, Deo Keju.
**TOMORROW COMES FIRST**

Laddrik in bag in kwat: Warrar! I think going to school is not better than collecting cans. It's worth it, I get money out of it.

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**THE CULTURE ON TOP**

Male: Warrar! What kind of style is that girl wearing?
Or what, girls nowadays.

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**CONSERVE WATER**

Sign at MWSC: Kejbarok dren.

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**PEOPLE FIRST**

Father: Son, try your best to be like me.
Son: Ok.

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**QUIT USING DRUGS**

Son: Father, what are you doing? Why are you pouring out the water?
Father: Water attracts mosquitoes. Aren't you listening to the radio?
Throw away all things you see that attracts mosquitoes.
Son: We can just cover the drum.

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**Person 1:** Warrar! What is going on? Something is different I see everywhere is clean. What is happening to us?
**Person 2:** Ah geez! You don't know? We have to clean up really good so that if our visitors come it's very clean. We will be hosting this year's Forum Meeting.
**Person 1:** Warrar! when a big thing is about to happen everyone starting cleaning so our visitors would think Majuro is clean place. Why don't we make it a habit? Ban oktak jital in rimajo.
Friday, September 24, 2021 — The Marshall Islands Journal

What we were saying way back when

Amata mad at the trash

Journal 9/26/1980

P1 Dependence or independence? President Amata Kabua in a radio interview September 16 said he believes the US wants to keep the Marshalls dependent.

“it is now very clear that the US wants to keep us in a state of begging.” Reacting to US blocking of the Japanese satellite communication offer and perhaps the English power plant, Kabua said: ‘The negotiations are coming up and I need assistance from the people, opinions of people, are we going to remain as beggars, or are we going to struggle to work hard for these goals — power, water, communications, things needed for economic development?”

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The principal attorneys are Robert Cowan, Gordon S. Temple, and Jeffery Jefferson.

P6 Pinho now makes blocks

Kirt Pinho is now making concrete blocks. Two styles of decorative blocks as well as four and six inch blocks are available.

P8 Smith to manage Marshalls' newspaper

The IndependentJournal this past week was fortunate in obtaining the services of Dan Smith as its managing editor. He first came to the Marshalls in 1967 with the Peace Corps and at that time was instrumental in setting up what became the widely disseminated Micronesian News Service.

P10 Nitijela's swift okay of $123m budget

The $123 million FY 2008 budget sailed through Nitijela last Friday. In one of the shortest review periods in years, the budget was passed with only minor revisions one week after it was introduced.

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For helping to establish a community farm at Seven Coconut in Ebeye through the Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM). This facility will help local farmers produce their own crops and raise pigs to expand their source of food and income.

And, for supporting us in our continuing fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, by donating nine medical containers to the RMI, which can serve as mobile hospitals. Three of these medical containers have been graciously received at Ebeye. There, these medical containers will effectively assist Ebeye's medical capacity both in and after the Covid-19 pandemic.

Kommool tata,
Senator/Iroojlaplap Michael M. Kabua
US to lift travel ban for vaccinated folk

The Biden administration will lift travel restrictions starting in November for foreigners who are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, reopening the country to thousands of people and easing a major source of tension with Europe. The halt to the 18-month ban on travel from 33 countries, including members of the European Union, China, Iran, South Africa, Brazil and India, is also expected to rejuvenate the US tourism industry. Foreign travelers will need to show proof of vaccination before boarding and a negative coronavirus test within three days of coming to the US, Jeffery Zients, the White House pandemic coordinator, said Monday.

Pfizer for youngsters by end of October?

The Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine has been shown to be safe and effective in children ages five to 11 years, the companies announced Monday. The news sets the stage for authorization of the vaccine for younger children, possibly before the end of October. Children now account for more than one in five new cases, and the highly contagious delta variant has sent more children into hospitals and intensive care units in the past few weeks. Pfizer and BioNTech plan to apply to the Food and Drug Administration by month’s end for authorization to use the vaccine in these children.

BTS steals the UN show

Amid the clutches of a pandemic, more than one million people were transfixed by the United Nations on Monday. Not to watch a head of state, but rather a boy band: BTS. The seven members of the Korean pop group promoted the coronavirus vaccine and lauded young people for their resiliency during a nearly seven-minute speech at the UN headquarters in New York. The band’s appearance came one day before more than 100 world leaders and representatives are to gather Tuesday for the opening of the General Assembly, an annual conclave held mostly virtually last year because of the pandemic.

US government to raise cap on refugees

President Joe Biden intends to increase to 125,000 the number of refugees who can enter the United States in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, the State Department announced Monday, making good on his campaign pledge to do so. Biden’s decision is unlikely to affect two groups of people most recently in the news: tens of thousands of people from Kabul, Afghanistan, fleeing the Taliban takeover and more than 15,000 Haitians in a sprawling, makeshift camp under a bridge at the southern border. The people in those groups are not officially classified as refugees.

Conservation pledge

Jeff Bezos, the Amazon founder and one of the world’s richest men, announced plans on Monday for $1 billion in conservation spending in places such as the Congo Basin, the Andes and tropical parts of the Pacific Ocean. The announcement was the latest step in his largest philanthropic effort, the Bezos Earth Fund, to which he pledged $10 billion last year. The money will be used “to create, expand, manage and monitor protected and conserved areas,” according to a news release from the fund, which also introduced a website on Monday.
Questions on Electoral Office conduct

From page 13 himself to tend the affidavits and it was fast! Don’t you think he might have rushed things and missed out on voters’ affidavits? But don’t you think he might have rushed things and missed out on voters’ affidavits?

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New canoe for Likiep

The Waan Aelon in Majel in partnership with the Low Carbon Sea Transportation project launched an outrigger canoe on Likiep Atoll earlier this month. The canoe had been built as part of a four-month workshop at the WAM canoe building facility in Majuro in which skilled carpenters and boat builders from four outer atolls, including Likiep, were trained to build several different types of canoes. From the workshop, four “korkor” size canoes was built, one for each of the participating atolls.

Likiep’s canoe was recently transported to the northern atoll and launched earlier this month with Mayor Nicholas delBrum and the community joining the event to celebrate arrival of the “Kabin leb” canoe. “Kabin leb” translates as “bottom of the trailer, life rings, single light, hand compass, detachable ladder, rope, anchor, and five life jackets. “The conditions for use of the boats, there are policies given from the government of Japan,” Secretary Iva informed the mayors. “The boats cannot sail on the ocean side.”

“The liability is yours so you are responsible for safe operation of the vessels,” said the Attorney General. “Local government should probably make very strict rules about the usage,” he said, adding that it’s up to each local government.

“If the boat has only 10 life jackets and the boat was registered to take 10, make sure it only carries 10,” Richard advised.

“I recommend that you limit the number of operators to qualified people. You limit the number of passengers to number of life jackets and you make a rule everybody has to wear a life jacket.”

The AG also advise the Mayors to get insurance for the vessels.

Fully-equipped island boats handed over

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (NRC) received 16 20-foot boats last May from the Japan Embassy. The boats were distributed to 16 local governments including Ailuk, Ebon, Rongelap, Ujae, Aur, Nama, Mejit, Maloelap, Jaluit, Namdrik, Ailinglaplap, Mili, Engevetack, Utoke, Wotje, Wotho.

Along with the boats, five spare engines were distributed. Present at the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) related to the distribution and use of the boats were Attorney General Richard Hickson, Culture and Internal Affairs Outer Islands Director Mabel Potter, NRC Secretary Iva Reimers-Roberto, NRC staff and mayors. The boats came with engines, Not.” What is this?

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Jade’s and The Beh’s now open to serve you some of the tastiest treats in town

**Smooth entry into the local food scene**

**Jade’s and The Beh’s Cakeshop, both have Facebook pages that are loaded with news and updates on their products.**
you some of the tastiest treats in town

Near left: Donica Lomae prepares a customer’s order at Jade’s, located below The Flame Tree. At far left, The Beh’s Cake shop owner Anela Piuño Hernandez presided over the shop’s grand opening last Friday at its location between the old capital building and K and K Island Pride Supermarket.

Photos: Brett Schellhaase and Geovannie Johnson.

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THAT Ruby Roman grapes first went on sale in August, 2008, for about $26 per grape and in order for a Ruby Roman to be sold it must be about the size of a ping pong ball and contain over 18 percent sugar?

THAT the Beatles used the word “love” 613 times in their songs?

THAT florigraphy (the language of flowers) is a means of cryptological communication through the use or arrangement of flowers?

THAT a high school principal once punished a student by making him sit in the basement and read the US Constitution and that student was Thurgood Marshall, the first black Supreme Court justice?

THAT the Las Vegas-based United Church of Bacon has over 25,000 members, the church’s mission statement is “Hail Bacon, full of grease, the Lard is with thee” and its members perform wedding ceremonies, fundraiser activities for other charities, and follows their very own “Eight Bacon Commandments”?

THAT Canada consumes more doughnuts and has the highest number of doughnut shops per capita of any country in the world?

THAT the base of Worcestershire sauce is made by aging anchovies in vinegar-filled wooden tanks for 18 months, with the fermentation releasing inosinates, a nucleotide that gives it a savory taste?

THAT when you were born, you were, for a moment, the youngest person on earth?

THAT Google, the periodic table, the structure of our DNA, and “Yesterday” by the Beatles are all ideas that were conceived in dreams?

THAT a group of flamingos is called a flamboyance?

THAT sea horses mate for life and travel together by holding onto each other’s tails?

THAT Majuro’s Upward Bound program held a welcome party for the new school year last week, much to the delight of the students?

Photo: Wilmer Joel.

ARE YOU AWARE?

THAT you will need a negative Covid test to travel to the US?

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