RMI’s SV Kwai chartered to clean up Pacific

KAREN EARNSHAW
Crew of the Marshall Islands’ vessel, the SV Kwai, are taking part in a bid to remove many tons of plastic garbage from the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The Ocean Voyages Institute has chartered the Kwai from the Marshall Islands Shipping Corporation and, according to the institute’s website, it set sail from the Hawaiian port of Honolulu on World Oceans Day, in early June. The Director of the MISC, Danny Wase, confirmed this week that the Kwai is currently at the Patch, which is also known as the Pacific Gyre. “She should be heading home in August after completing the garbage collection,” said Wase. This goes along with fulfilling RMI’s commitment and support in sustainable sea transport and climate change, and reduction in gas emission.”

According to the site Safety 4Sea, during its 45-day voyage, the 140-foot Kwai will collect garbage with the help of satellite beacons that have been placed on nets by crowd-sourced volunteer yachts and commercial vessels. “Drones on board the Kwai will also assist the vessel to collect the debris and store it in the ship’s cargo hold for recycling and re-purposing at the end of the voyage.”

The President and Founder of the non-profit, California-based Ocean Voyages Institute, Mary Crowley, stated on the institute’s site: “The oceans are the life-blood of our planet and create

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Power prices to rise?

GIFF JOHNSON
If you are a driver, your wallet is feeling the hit of skyrocketing fuel prices — now as high as $7.40 per gallon in Majuro (see page 14 for details).

While most of the big wholesale businesses have been trying to maintain stable prices on bulk-purchased staple food items, in stores, retail customers are seeing prices 50 percent or higher than last year.

Due to Covid and war disrupting production and supply chains, imported food prices are rising like gas and diesel prices: Every new shipment, food prices are up.

Despite huge increases in fuel costs, one area that hasn’t seen a price increase is electricity rates in Majuro and Ebeye. The Marshall Islands Energy Company’s management has recommended its board to raise the power rates in line with its skyrocketing diesel costs. So far, however, neither the board nor the Cabinet has supported it.

Although most residents and businesses are happy not to see a power rate increase, the fact is

that this will increasingly place MEC and KAJUR in financial jeopardy, decreasing their ability to purchase fuel and meet their operations costs.

At Tuesday’s Chamber of Commerce meeting, local business people were updated on draft energy legislation that will soon go to Nitijela for consideration. The briefing included a look at the power sector, which was described as “financially on its knees” — a condition that results in a lack of money for maintenance and investments in power, which in turn leads to repeated power outages — both planned and unexpected — that cause disruptions for everyone.

MEC CEO Jack Chong Gum told the Journal this week that

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Meet Miss Billfish and Miss Urok: See page 2.

GIFF JOHNSON
For those fisherman and local residents who were around at the birth of the Marshall Islands Billfish Club in 1982, the arrival this weekend of MBC’s 40th July tournament would have been an unthinkable development — 40 years of 10-plus fishing tournaments a year capped off by a two-day fishing extravaganza the first weekend of July.

In recent years, MBC has had its ups and downs. For those fishermen and local residents who weathered this as it heads into this weekend’s big event.

A dozen years ago, the active Majuro Urok Club partnered with MBC to host a two-day bottom fishing tournament the same weekend, and so this weekend marks the 12th annual Urok July Tournament. But, as a MBC board member pointed out in a widely circulated email earlier this week, this weekend’s tournament may be the club’s most

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Meet Chanelle and Carrie-Lynn

Watch out anglers, Miss Carrie-Lynn Totha Alfred has been crowned Miss Billfish 2022. The soon-to-be-19-year-old will be graduating next year from the College of Marshall Islands, where she majors in business.

A land of islanders, Urok fishers, get ready to be greeted at doc-side by Chanelle Toyoko Wase. Miss Urok 2022 has just been awarded the prestigious Taiwan Scholarship under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Carrie-Lynn, who goes by the nickname Kobak, is the daughter of Rasas and Charlynne Alfred. She is the bubu of Maynard and Meusa Alfred and the late Lazarus and Salome Andrike. Kobak holds from Likiep, Mejit, Ailuk, of Maynard and Moana Alfred and the late Lazarus and daughter of Rasas and Charlynne Alfred. She is the bubu of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Can you help the fishing club?

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challenging July event ever. A combination of a big turn-over in the board and challenging financial times for the many donors who historically have ponied up dollars to support the multiple prizes for anglers and operations needs of the tournament is the challenge facing this show-case competition.

The club said it is still in need of additional donations and is hoping that even at this late stage, the many MBC partners who’ve supported the club over its four decades in operation — and new ones — will join in supporting this year’s tournament.

The tournament starts Friday with a 6am “shotgun” start. Both Friday and Saturday fishing starts from 6am and lines are to be out of the water by 5pm. Weigh in at the MBC dock at RRE Shoreline will be held late afternoon on both days.

What to watch: The President’s Cup duel between veteran anglers Wally Milne and Ronnie Reimers. Wally has a small lead in points — 1,464 to 1,204 — going into this weekend’s tournament. But with two days of fishing, the Cup is up for grabs and is also in reach of the current third place angler Kenneth Kramer, who has 874 points.

“Tight lines,” who anglers are known to exhort our ocean comrades.

RMI always at risk of outages

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management has proposed “an increase in electricity costs to mitigate the increase in fuel costs.” To date, however, this has not been endorsed at higher levels needed to implement a power rate increase.

The reality of the power situation in the Marshall Islands was brought home at Tuesday’s Chamber presentation by National Energy Office consultant Celia Whitaker. “The RMI is close at all times to power going out,” she said, making the point that the combination of factors puts this sector at high risk: fuel and money availability, and limited fuel inventories on island. Power rates have been stable for a decade. But if world fuel prices continue their relentless upward path, MEC and KAUR will soon have no choice except to raise their rates.

More on MEC and energy issues, pages 14-15.

Ned case moves forward in court

The High Court found good cause this week to proceed to trial with charges filed against the suspended chief of RMI Customs.

Jabwill Ned was charged with misconduct in public office and theft by unlawful taking in connection to allegedly taking three zip lock bags containing marijuana that were in the RMI Customs office after having been confiscated at the Post Office.

A preliminary hearing was held on Tuesday this week before Chief Justice Carl Ingram. The Chief Justice said he carefully considered the arguments of both prosecutor Assistant Attorney General Joe Lomae and Assistant Public Defender Karota Tibas, and the evidence presented to find “good cause to believe that the alleged offenses were committed and that the defendant committed them.”

Ned entered not guilty pleas to both charges and said he wants a jury trial on the misconduct charge.

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Females enjoying new kickboxing program

Want to learn kickboxing for fun? Head over to the Seventh Day Adventist gym in Delap for free lessons with RMI Tae kwon do star Jason Sam. The program launched Tuesday this week and will continue every Tuesday from 6pm-8pm. The two-hour session is open for girls and women aged 15 and above. The curriculum is an initiative by the US Embassy and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) called Inspiring Women’s Advancement through Collective Actions, or IWA for short.

Jason conducted the 1.0 version of the program last year for nearly three months with over 50 plus participants on Majuro and Ebeye. Register with IOM and experience kickboxing 2.0.

Call for RMI to ratify key global fishermen treaty

The Marshall Islands is being urged to ratify a global treaty to protect commercial fishermen. On the Day of the Seafarer, 110 years after the Titanic disaster, leading UK retailers and seafood companies operating across the globe are calling upon all Flag States involved in their supply chain to ratify the Cape Town Agreement for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, to finally put the protection of fishers’ lives at sea on an equal footing with that of seafarers.

UK seafood retailers and businesses committed to improving human rights and labour standards in the fishing sector are calling on more than 40 Flag States involved in their supply chain to ratify the Cape Town Agreement for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, to finally put the protection of fishers’ lives at sea on an equal footing with that of seafarers.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, wrote to Natural Resources and Commerce Minister John Silk seeking the RMI endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the necessary endorsement of the fishing safety agreement by October this year to give it the

The Journal wishes to correct a story in last week’s issue. We mistakenly wrote Tapa Nesa as the winning team in the Power 103.5FM dance concert. The correct name is Tama Nesa.
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COVID UPDATE
Nauru shuts down to fight outbreak

With a Covid outbreak in full swing, the Nauru’s President Lionel Aingimea issued an emergency order last Thursday prohibiting all gatherings of any size on the small island. Among other things, Nauru has since last week halted operation of all schools, church services, bingo and gaming, fundraising activities, sports competitions and fitness center/gym activities, and the usual island celebrations of birthdays, weddings and other engagements. It bans public and private gatherings of three or more people, except for those who reside in a home. It is allowing funerals at people’s homes provided no more than 10 people from outside of the immediate household participate. It also bans eating or drinking in restaurants, bars or kava bars, and bars picnics. A jail term of six months and a fine of up to $10,000 are listed in the emergency order as penalties for breaking the Covid rules. The order doesn’t indicate how long the directive will remain in force.

As of last weekend, the Nauru government reported that about one in three people are testing positive, which confirms the initial “wave” of Covid cases is in full swing. Nauru reported Saturday 630 new cases, 2,102 active cases, and seven people in the acute care unit at the hospital. It said as of last Saturday, Nauru had two “moderate/severe cases” – an adult with underlying illnesses and a child with high fever. They have reported no deaths from Covid since the outbreak started in mid-June.

Research into long-term issues

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Regional Reflections

Tess Newton Cain*

The UN Oceans Conference is underway in Lisbon, Portugal. As travel restrictions ease, Pacific leaders and activists have been able to participate and highlight Pacific issues on a global platform. A particular point of concern for the region is that of deep sea mining. Both Palau and Fiji have used the conference to call for a moratorium on this activity, seeking an “alliance” to prevent any further activity. Samoa has backed their call. However, other countries in the region, such as Cook Islands and Nauru, are actively supportive of developing this industry. This comes as the International Seabed Authority is drawing up regulations for deep sea mining. The Foreign Minister for Tuvalu, Simon Kofe, abruptly pulled out of attending the conference. This was in response to China refusing to provide accreditation for Taiwanese members of Tuvalu’s delegation.

However, for an initiative that is focused on coordination there is little or no reference to coordination mechanisms that already exist such as the Framework for Pacific Regionalism or the Oceania Declaration and associated Action Plan. This is likely to be seen as another move to counter the growth of Chinese influence in the Pacific islands region. It also reflects increased concern in Washington that the US needs to re-engage with the region, again as a counter to China.

Papua New Guinea vote imminent

Voting will begin in Papua New Guinea on July 4. As the polling date draws closer, expectations and tensions are rising. The Electoral Commission has confirmed that the total number of registered candidates is 3,625 of which 167 are female. They will contest for 118 seats in the next Parliament. There are still many questions and concerns as to whether the authorities can deliver elections that are safe, free, and fair. The common roll is seriously out of date. This situation is not helped by the fact that there has been no national census for many years. Rumors and claims of improprieties are rife and there have been numerous instances of pre-polling violence. There will be several observer missions in PNG during the polling period. Among others, the Commonwealth and the Melanesian Spearhead Group have sent observers.

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Climate change now in curriculum

EVE BURNS

A group of 15 public elementary school teachers received their certificates Friday after completing a one-week training so they can begin teaching a new climate and environment curriculum.

Through the program, primary school students on five outer islands will learn basic marine and terrestrial ecology, climate change impacts, and monitoring techniques they can undertake as part of their islands Reimaanlok (looking to the future) Process established by local resource management committees working with the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority.

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The United Nations Development Program’s Ridge to Reef (R2R) program, funded by the Global Environmental Facility, is partnering with the Ministry of Education’s Public School System to support the development of a primary school environment curriculum to be piloted in all the R2R and Reimaanlok Process sites working with the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority.

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MIMRA has supported the Reimaanlok Process on most outer islands, which engages and empowers local communities to manage their local resources.

The aim of the new program is to pilot the curriculum in these five islands and over time expand to the program to all public schools in RMI.

The one-week workshop was designed to assist the 15 elementary school teachers to integrate environmental education within the existing science curriculum in the attempt to nurture learning and teaching around topics related to land and marine ecology.

“I know this training has increase your knowledge on how to teach our students on our environment and climate change,” said new Minister of Education Wilbur Heine. At Friday’s wrap-up ceremony, he congratulated the teachers and encouraged them to continue giving their best.

“As far as the Integrated Science and Environmental Curriculum Teacher-Training workshop is concerned, the outcomes were successfully achieved through the support and collaboration from the PSS Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA) unit,” said Kelesi Whippy, who is a consultant at the Climate Change Directorate office.

Ultimately, the teachers are better positioned to adapt to the national teaching and learning framework, the Quality Pedagogical Framework (QPF) template in planning for quality learning and delivery based on developmentally and age appropriate practices using the iSEC framework and the Teachers’ Guide,” she added.

US Embassy works with AG office on travel needs

Although a part for the out-of-service RMI passport machine arrived this past Saturday, the equipment was still not functional this week.

RMI Attorney General Bernard Adinwín confirmed that the part arrived from an off-island supplier last weekend.

“Our IT (staff member) has installed it and is currently in contact with the Support Services Desk of the vendor as there’s an ‘ERROR’ response,” said Adinwín, adding that his office was following up with the vendor to trouble-shoot the ongoing problem.

It was not known when the machine would be back in operation. It has been out of service for most of June and has resulted in people who could not get passports to postpone planned travel.

The US Embassy was requested by the AG’s office for assistance in helping travelers to use temporary travel documents.

“The embassy is working case by case on the request for special travel permissions for RMI citizens to use for entrance into US territories,” said Embassy Charge Jeremiah Knight. “This requires not only cooperation from the AG’s office but with our CBP (Customs and Border Protection) immigration colleagues principally in the state of Hawaii.”

Majuro’s sports watching HQ

Please phone 625-3370 for reservations or more details.

MLB - Major League Baseball
Monday 7/4 11:00am
Cardinals v Phillies
Thursday 7/7 11:00am
Cardinals v Braves

UFC 276:
Sunday, July 3, 2022
Adesanya vs. Cannonier
Preliminary Fights 12PM
MAIN CARD 2PM

WORLD RUGBY
Saturday 7/2 12:00pm...Japan v France
Saturday 7/2 7:05pm.....New Zealand v Ireland
Saturday 7/2 9:55pm......Australia v England
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Note: All games and times subject to change without notice.
EVE BURNS

Many lives at Majuro hospital will be saved as a result of people’s action last Friday showing up to an event outside the Wellness Center. This is not newspaper hyperbole and one of the hospital’s nurses explained why it is true.

Nurse Gina Anuntak told the dozens of people gathered for Blood Donor Day that she started donating blood to the hospital from when she started working there.

“I was so happy knowing I was able to give,” she said. “I am not the richest person and I’m still trying to figure out life.” But by donating her blood to help others, Gina said, “I felt as if I did something so big.”

“One donation from us can save the lives of up to three people in danger,” she said. “You will be a lifesaver by donating just 15-20 minutes of your time and a pint of blood in a pain-free and easy process. You get to save their lives and your own since you will get to know more about your own body and will be able to make changes according to the need.”

Last Friday’s event was sponsored by the Ministry of Health and Human Services in partnership with Marshall Islands Red Cross and supported by USAID and World Health Organization to celebrate World Blood Donor Day. The theme for this year’s event was “Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives.” Health Secretary Jack Niedenthal delivered the opening remarks. Many nurses and donors came to witness as the event rolled out.

Dr. Cody Jack emceed the event resulting in so much laughter as he offered up jokes that made the event enjoyable for all who attended. Paul Lalita, who is the director of Majuro hospital laboratory, shared with the audience more information on donating blood, such as receiving the donors and doing tests and the process for donating.

The awarding event was the high-light, as frequent donors received $200 gift cards from K&K Island Pride Supermarket and Payless Supermarket along with first aid kits, certificates, t-shirts and mugs. Other prizes for donors were cash power cards and first aid kits. Poetry slam contest winners also received their awards.

Cody then spiced up the day with questions to the audience, offering prizes for winning responses.

Closing remarks came from Dr. Alex Pinano, president of the Red Cross Society. “Together with all the frequent donors acknowledged today, the Marshall Island Red Cross has and will continue to support the efforts of the Ministry of Health and Human Services to recruit, train and build awareness of the population on donating blood voluntarily,” he said.
WILMER JOEL

Freedom of speech and of the press has long been an important part of a society that thrives on democracy and equality. These rights, which are enshrined in the Marshall Islands Constitution, have stood the test of time for 43 years and paved the way for media entities to be established and for citizens to express themselves freely.

However, have you heard of students getting the right to freedom of the press? That is what Hawaii did when it recently passed a law which is known as House Bill 1848 giving student journalists free press rights. According to an article by Honolulu Civil Beat, the bill saw no opposition. The new law allows student journalists from the University of Hawaii and other public schools to exercise the First Amendment of the US Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech, at their school newspapers. The only exception is a prohibition on publication of libelous or obscene material.

Speaker of the Hawaii House of Representatives Scott Saiki told Civil Beat: “You want students to think, be critical and express that in their reporting.” He added, “that’s why this bill is so important as students are training to be journalists.”

Press freedom rights for students

Do you think the students here in the RMI should have the right to freedom of the press? Yes or no? Why?

Here are some views on the subject.

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The RMI Riddle No. 926

ACROSS
1. Woven bags.
5. Supported.
12. Chain.
14. Light in between green and red?
15. Automobile.
17. Energy.
21. Cat or dog.
22. Sweet or savory treat.
23. Beach ornament.
24. Island of sails.
25. Aet.
27. Created.
28. Coral walls.
29. Reef dweller.
30. Tuna or marlin.
32. Reef dweller.
33. Specialist cooks.
34. Use again.

DOWN
2. Airline. (abb.)
3. Natural skill.
4. Diplomatic friends.
6. Diplomatic friend.
8. Entry way.
9. Skin’s protective crust.
15. Alfred or Donald.
16. Chain.
17. Baby barker.
18. Water storage facility.
21. Small island.
22. Sweet or savory treat.
23. Payless employee.
25. Island of sails.
27. Created.
28. Unsteady ride.
29. Breaking waves.
30. Crv.
32. Reef dweller.

Answers to Riddle No. 925

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

Lovely loos for Delap SDA

Formosa donated 10 sets of toilets worth $3,000 to Delap Seventh Day Adventist School (SDA) Tuesday at the Formosa store in Uliga.

General Manager Chewy Lin told the Journal that Formosa was happy to assist the school as part of the company’s slogan is to give back to the communities.

“We are always looking forward to helping the community, especially the schools in any we can possibly,” said Lin.

Presenting the donation were Chewy and his father Formosa owner Samuel Lin to SDA Principal Enock Migiro. Principal Migiro thanked Lin and told him that the donation was of great significance in boosting its problem with the lack of bathroom facilities for students and teachers.

Frank Lin leaves us seeds for growth

A three-year journey in RMI for Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM) horticultural specialist Furn-Wei (Frank) Lin laid its curtain-fall moment last month as Frank left the country.

Frank was in charge of the Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund’s Enhancing Nutrition Balance Through Agricultural Production Project.

In addition to the daily task of running TTM Laura farm, Frank also visited local farmers frequently to learn their needs and challenges of gardening, offer professional advice, seedlings, and free liquid fertilizer.

He was a big supporter for local farming business.

What brought to a breakthrough was when TTM first introduced hydroponics system to RMI in 2019. The cultivation techniques of hydroponics lifted the weather restrictions for farming in an island country, making it possible to grow lettuce which usually survives in colder weather in RMI.

With this technique, the project aimed to increase the diversity of RMI corps, enhancing food security and the acceptability of vegetables to Marshallese people.

During the school year, school gardens were also the focus of Frank’s project. He collaborated with PSS and Wellness Center to develop gardens in schools such as DES, NDES, RES, Coop, LSA, and LES and organized farming classes for both students and teachers.

The highlight among all those achievements came when Frank, TTM dietitian Cynthia Lee and Samuel Bikajle from PSS pioneered the startup of a Agri-nutrition Club at Marshall Islands High School. This involved working with students through all steps of farming: from the nursery to growing and harvesting, to healthy cooking, re-inforcing with nutrition knowledge to lead RMI students from “Food and Agriculture Education” to “Food and Agriculture Literacy.” The group put healthy nutrition practices into hands-on daily life.

Besides being active in Majuro, Frank traveled to several outer islands with staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Commercials to work on school garden promotion and traditional corps survey. He was impressed and enjoyed the friendly people, stunning scenery and experienced true Marshallese culture during his stays in Jaluit, Kwajalein, Ailuk, Wotje, Ebon.

Summarizing his three-year three-year career in RMI, Frank said he would like to give special thanks to PSS’s Samuel Bikajle, who worked with Frank learning gardening techniques and be extremely passionate for food and agriculture education from the very beginning, and for always being a good friend, reliable colleague no matter for fun or work: “The story would not be the same without Samuel.”

After a short leave going back to Taiwan, Frank will relocate to Fiji to devote his efforts to another ICDF horticultural project.

SDA Principal Enock Ratemo Migiro accepts Formosa’s donation from Samuel and GM Chewy Lin. Photo: Wilmer Joel

Frank Lin with the Formosa donation for Delap SDA’s Principal Enock Migiro.
### RMI COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### RMI COVID-19 Cases, As of 29 June 2022

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#### RMI COVID-19 CONDITION LEVEL: **YELLOW**

(Threat Detected, NO NEW Confirmed Case, Business as Usual)

#### Quarantine Category

- RMI Safe Travel Program (STP) in Quarantine: 90
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- Marine Sector in Quarantine: 0
- Marine Sector Released: 132
- USAG-KA Repat in Quarantine: 76
- USAG-KA Repat Released: 2,185

#### GET VACCINATED

Vaccination Clinics are open Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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Follow MOHHS Social media channels for regular updates.

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Call the COVID-19 Health 24-HR Hotline for Symptoms:
625-6363 (Majuro) | 315-8206 (Ebeye)
AROUND TOWN

How do you know it’s the time to be thinking about fishing? Because a whole bunch of people on this atoll are getting boats ready, checking their lures, rods and reels, making sure the gas tank is filled, and most importantly, checking they have an adequate supply of Bud Light and ice.

Over 60 teams of bottom fisherman and anglers are expected to hit the water this week Friday and Saturday for the two-day Fisherman’s Day holiday Marshalls Billfish Club 40th anniversary and Majuro Urok Club 12th anniversary fishing tournaments.

And behind the scenes, numerous businesses and government agency partners of MBC and Urok Club are donating to assist the clubs to run the two-day tournaments this week.

Earlier this week, Majuro Acting Mayor Randy Jack presented checks to the Marshalls Billfish Club and to the Urok Club to support the fishing competitions.

One thing we can say is, how times have changed. What was the accepted term of reference for anglers in 1982 when the Marshalls Billfish Club was founded? If you think “fishermen” you are correct. And this was the operative term for anyone fishing here in the 1990s, 2000s and 2010s.

But lately, this term has gone out of general use by governments, donors (people we listen to because they give us money), the Joe and Joy Langs of this world, and even, we see, the fishermen…uh, sorry, the fishers…themselves.

What we are referring to is an NTA text earlier this week on behalf of MBC, which was addressed in the following manner: “To all Fisherfolks.”

As we said, times do change. Further affiant sayeth naught.
Mysteries of the missing cones

There is a thing here about yellow cones. You know, the large plastic objects used to warn drivers about holes in the road. We’re not complaining, but it’s interesting to see how it works. A couple of examples of what we mean:

- In Uliga, a manhole top covering some water control gear broke, so the business where the controls/manhole is located called up MWSC to alert them. “No problem, we’ll send the boys right over.” Said boys did in fact show up right on the spot of sand in the road, the team placed one large yellow cone — was it the same one that was removed from Uliga, we wonder? — in the spot to warn motorists. Drivers dutifully veered around the yellow cone. The digging work wrapped up after a few days, and MWSC moved on to other pursuits around the island. Meantime, the yellow cone stayed in place. Weeks went by and the lone yellow cone — was it the same one that was removed from Uliga, we wonder? — in the spot to warn motorists. Drivers dutifully veered around the yellow cone. The digging work wrapped up after a few days, and MWSC moved on to other pursuits around the island.

- In Batkan, in the area of the old Royal Garden Hotel, MWSC did some digging for pipe fixes and installation over a month ago. As the work dug out a portion of the previously paved main road, the team placed one large yellow cone — was it the same one that was removed from Uliga, we wonder? — in the spot to warn motorists. Drivers dutifully veered around the yellow cone. The digging work wrapped up after a few days, and MWSC moved on to other pursuits around the island. Meantime, the yellow cone stayed in place. Weeks went by and the lone yellow cone was still on the spot of sand where the paved road used to exist, drivers carefully avoiding it. Then Monday this week, a driver hit the cone and — bam! — it was flatter than a Namu pancake. Driver 1, yellow cone 0 — the score of that one. Now we see yellow cones appearing in the Delap area where some digging work is happening. Keep your eyes on them.

Spotted in the departure lounge at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport in Honolulu early this week were relatives of Nitijela member Stephen Phillip, brother Jeffery Phillip and his wife Cloren. They were traveling to Big Island for a church event. The pair have lived in the Hawaiian islands since 2018. Photo: Karen Earnshaw.

Who won the Flame Tree dinner?

This week’s Riddle winners are Armando Nevado/MIHS, Team Ulio (Lita, Mima, Ken, J-Ai and Vlad), Team Maryam & Harris, Rang Gang, Team Anie & Brett, PSS Accreditation and Tess Cristobal. Congratulations to all.

And now it’s time to work out who won the Flame Tree winner of the month:

Woman around town Eve Burns held the bag with the names for June. Woman around town Hilary Hosia reached in and pulled one out. And the result is that the winner of the Flame Tree meal for two is: Team Ulio (Lita, Mima, Ken, J-Ai and Vlad). A team rep can pick up the gift certificate at Micronitor.

Quotable

“Americans want to protect the constitution more than the Americans the constitution is meant to protect.”

—Trevor Noah commenting on the US Supreme Court decision making it easier for Americans to carry guns in public.

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Call for more respect at church

WILMER JOEL

Many people in our community have a problem respecting other religious beliefs as enshrined in our constitution under Article Two Section 1 as well as Article 12 granting freedom of religious practices, race, and gender, among other things.

An example of an ongoing violation of the Bill of Rights of the Marshall Islands Constitution is the continuous disturbance at the Rita chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Residents in the area come in and out of the church compound as if it is a place to hang around and play. They are disregarding the fact that it is a place of worship — a sacred obligation that the LDS Church takes seriously as outlined in their scriptures in Doctrine and Covenants 88:119 which states: “Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God.”

In various interviews, I’ve conducted with the locals and members of the LDS Church in Jenrok and Rita, they shared many accounts including how some young men went up to the church’s water catchment and pooped inside it, and residents threw diapers into the catchment and urinated at the church’s gate.

Children throw rocks at the windows or write graffiti on the walls or leave their trash behind for church members to clean up. It seems like the parents are not teaching them well. The church’s left fence has been cut open making it easier for intruders to enter the church. These conditions are getting worse every year.

It is obvious that the church isn’t a playground but many of the residents who live near the church facility do not accept this.

Majuro Stake President Arlington Tibon told the Journal that the church has already reached out to the Alap and Lerooj of the community to talk to the residents. He also added that the Stake Presidency has heard the inquiries and complaints from both Jenrok and Rita Ward Bishopric and has reached out to the higher body of the church the Area Presidency, for consultation.

However, the Covid-19 pandemic has made it hard for faculty management work in the church to progress so all they can do at the moment is wait for the Covid-19 protocols to be lifted and get the people they need to finish the job.

Unfortunately, and an indication of the problem, the church has had to build a more formidable fence around the facility to prevent unnecessary intruders from vandalizing, littering, and contaminating the area surrounding the church.
A quarantine facility expansion now in progress on Majuro is expected to kickstart long-stalled power-related projects for the Marshalls Energy Company.

In the late 2010s, MEC benefited from World Bank and Asian Development Bank multi-million dollar grants to fix its tank farm and power plant, expand Majuro’s use of solar power, and renovate the aging electricity distribution system. But for the most part, all of these critical project improvements have been at a standstill for over two years because of Covid and the RMI’s border closure.

Although the tank farm is crumbling, the power plant is facing numerous challenges with aging engines, and the distribution system is a constant source of problems affecting island businesses, home owners and government, most of the donor-funded projects have been road-blocked due to the inability of MEC to bring in the consultants and technical workers needed to work on the many funded projects.

During June, an expansion of the government’s Arrak Quarantine Facility moved into high gear with the Ministry of Works’ Project Management Unit, AC Construction and MEC setting up 10 new housing units. When completed, these new apartments will be able to house up to 40 people. “MEC has a number of critical projects that are impacted due to the limited quarantine rooms currently available,” said MEC CEO Jack Chong Gum. “It has been a challenge to getting priority for our consultants and contractors to enter the RMI during Covid-19 travel restrictions.”

MEC purchased the 10 units, along with fencing materials that are going up around them in the Arrak area of Majuro. The RMI government is funding the site preparation work at the Arrak site. Once completed, the units will be used jointly by the RMI government and MEC, said Chong Gum. “The portable quarantine units will help alleviate the ‘backlog’ (of people needing to come to Majuro to work on these projects).”

Chong Gum said, “With these units we can accommodate up to 40 people to be quarantined on Majuro, in addition to the existing quarantine space available.” The aim is for the Ministry of Works, AC Construction and MEC to complete the installation of the new units, including power and water, before the next repatriation group arrives, currently scheduled for July 26, said Chong Gum.

Pacific International Inc. increased its diesel price at the pump by 55 cents a gallon this week, reflecting the ongoing surge in world market prices. With demand outpacing supply globally, prices continue to skyrocket.

In January, gas and diesel prices at Majuro stations were rising but still below the $6 benchmark. Just six months later and the Marshall Islands is now setting a record with every new price increase. Diesel prices hit the $7 mark in April and gas followed in May and the price continues to go up at Mobil-serviced stations. PII, meanwhile, maintains the lowest priced diesel and gas on island and is still under the $7 mark per gallon for both fuels. PII’s diesel price jumped this week from $5.90 to $6.45 per gallon at the pump. Its gas price remained at $6.80, by far the lowest on island.

PII gas customers can anticipate a rate increase in July when PII receives its next shipment of gas. “We are waiting on our next load of gas (to decide about price),” PII Chief Operations Officer Kenneth Kramer said Monday. “It will arrive in about two weeks.”

Gas and diesel prices jumped at the Mobil-supplied stations. The price of gas was the same at Robert Pinho’s, Riwut and Ace’s One Stop: $7.25 per gallon. Anmarwut in Ria was retailing gas at $7.11 per gallon this week.

Diesel prices varied: Anmarwut was selling at $7.10, Robert was $7.30 and Riwut and Ace’s One Stop were $7.40.
The local NGO Jo-Jikum received a $2,000 donation recently from Aplys Consulting. The consulting firm is a Micronesia-based international environmental and sustainable development group that has a policy of providing at least two percent of its annual earnings in grants and donations to conservation organizations in the countries where they work.

Jo-Jikum was one of two to receive a donation from Aplys: RMI Protected Area Network also received a donation.

Receiving the check from Aplys Consulting were Joilla Peter and Loredel Faye Areieta with baby Kamrick Jacx Carlos Lejjen.

The FSM government’s appeal of a court decision awarding Pacific International Inc. $9.5 million went for oral argument in a hearing last week in Pohnpei.

A three-judge panel heard the arguments from the FSM Attorney General’s office and attorneys representing PII.

The FSM Supreme Court endorsed an arbitration ruling by a panel of three American arbitrators that ruled in favor of PII two years ago. But the FSM appealed the decision.

There is no timetable for the appellant court of the FSM to issue its ruling in the matter.

The lower court awarded PII interest until the judgment is paid that has been accumulating at a rate of over $2,000 per day since the ruling.

Chamber energy briefing

GIFF JOHNSON

The Marshall Islands may be the only nation in the world that does not have laws governing the energy sector, the Marshall Islands Chamber of Commerce was told at its regular meeting Tuesday at the Marshall Islands Resort.

The chamber was briefed on draft energy legislation developed by the RMI National Energy Office for possible introduction to Nitijela for consideration later this year.

A slide in the NEO presentation noted that the RMI’s “energy security is based on three things: “Good faith, voluntary actions and good luck.”

NEO consultant Celia Whitaker who has assisted with drafting the legislation told the Chamber “it’s a risky sector.” She pointed out that the lack of legislation governing energy made the Marshall Islands “unique in the world — not to have a law.”

Whitaker commented that “no where in the world is petroleum unregulated.” She added it is important for legislation to establish the regulatory environment around petroleum imports and their use domestically to ensure safety and the quality of the fuel.

She also pointed out the multiple issues in the current arrangements with the Marshalls Energy Company that include lifeline power rates, landowner electricity, cross-subsidizing power through sales of fuel, and investments...
A group of 16 — a combination of people working in non-government media and students — participated in a two-week media training called “Telling Your Pacific Story.”

It featured the involvement of experienced media professionals — Floyd Takeuchi, Dr. Ann Auman from Hawaii and Corinne Podger from Australia — who appeared on Zoom and worked with the group who met at the College of the Marshall Islands.

The workshop covered big picture issues for journalists: The core values of journalism — accuracy and truth, independence, impartiality, humanity and accountability; ethics and conflicts of interest; understanding fake news and sources; and having a conversation with your audience. From the big picture, the workshop zeroed in on writing skills, teaching participants how to write a four-paragraph story and a haiku. This was a precursor to each of the participants writing their Pacific story in 300 words. The stories ranged from the experience of a young Marshallese moving to Majuro after being born and raised in the US and a grandmother’s personal experience with the Bravo hydrogen bomb to an intriguing mother-daughter relationship and a real-life experience with climate change.

A collection of cousins

I’m JEREMY MYAZOE and this is my Pacific Story:

Born and raised in the US, my family decided to moved back to the RMI back in ’93. My emotions were running high. My first ever trip to the Marshalls was the previous summer. My only focus was meeting up with the cousins to whom I was introduced during my first visit. I wasn’t sure I could adapt to island life.

The first week on Majuro was spent visiting relatives. I kept asking my cousins what schools they attended. I wanted to know if I would have familiar faces around me when I started school. I enrolled the following week. Of course, it was a school that almost all of my cousins did not attend. But I had heard that it was one of the schools to go to. The first day was nerve-wracking.

I knew only one person. He was a cousin. We had met the year before when he came to the states for a vacation. During recess, all the boys in my class gathered around to get to know the “new kid.” One of them asked, “What are your parents’ names?” After telling him their names he replied, “I know them. You and I are cousins.”

One of the other boys replied, “Those are my relatives, I’m also your cousin.”

Then another, “We’re cousins too!” That’s when I knew I was home. I’m Jeremy Myazoe and that’s my Pacific Story.

Elon ia Chicken Cordon Bleu?

I’m WILMER JOEL and this is my Pacific Story:

My grandparents told me Marshallese legends that would always involve the importance of the ocean. The legends told of the origin of fishing, the first canoe sail, underwater creatures assisting the hero on their quests, and how islands were pulled from the sea. The ocean was always there for our ancestors when they were hungry and wanted to venture to different islands. The ocean did not hurt our people.

So I grew up believing the ocean was my friend. As a little boy I loved to look out to the ocean watching my uncle and my cousins go fishing.

This was in the 2010s where no seawall was erected or built for our village in Jenrok. It’s also called Demon town because our village was next to a graveyard. Our family still lives in a double deck house with a boulder seawall facing the backroad.

I was sleeping safe and sound one night until my mother woke me up with six words that will haunt my life till this day: “Son our house has been flooded!” Water crashed into our home. It went right over the seawall.

That night we evacuated to one of the rooms at College of the Marshall Islands’ nearby satellite campus. We stayed there until the ocean waves diminished.

It was at that moment that I asked myself why the ocean, after being a friend to the Marshallese people for millennia, chose now to turn its back on us. It was only then when I learned about Climate Change that I understood that mankind destroyed the friendship it had with the ocean by poisoning the planet with unnecessary human activities.

I’m Wilmer Joel and that’s my Pacific Story.

Betrayed by our ocean
I'm LITA FLOOD and this is my Pacific Story:

The Marshallese people are known for holding the most lavish birthday parties or kemem for one-year-olds. Immediate families, other relatives, friends, co-workers, and anyone who is acquainted with the family will be invited to partake in the celebration. It is a well-known tradition and a sense of pride for the Marshallese when a child reaches the age of one.

I saw this tradition in action when I traveled to Wotje for a week. The first day on my arrival, I was invited to a kemem that was to be held on a Tuesday evening. Prior to the evening of the kemem, the whole community was involved, lending a hand in preparation for the upcoming celebration.

Tuesday evening came. As I arrived at the party venue, I was in awe of the large fiesta that was meant to feed everyone in the community. Names of each family in the village were marked on their “share” of the food.

During the Kemem, songs from the live band filled the large hut. Groups of performers took turns dancing, entertaining the guests. The grandmother and mother of the birthday child adorned the performers with gifts. Laughter from the crowd echoed through the room. In the very front was the little one-year-old, with a newly sewn blue aloha print outfit that matches that of his parents. Everyone is here to celebrate his life. It was a happy occasion.

I arrived at the party venue, I was in awe of the large fiesta that was meant to feed everyone in the community. Names of each family in the village were marked on their “share” of the food.

I'm SAMUEL J. BARTON and this is my Pacific Story:

Growing up, I was bullied by my peers as well as other people. As a result, I had no confidence whatsoever. The reason why I was mistreated was due to my weight, which exceeded my ideal weight range. When I became an adult, I decided to change myself for the better.

In the summer of 2020 I began exercising at the gym and eating healthy meals on a daily basis. These included chicken, brown rice, and vegetables. In addition, I ate just three light meals a day. I began seeing myself differently in the mirror. The feeling was new as if I was a whole different person. As the months passed, I was quickly losing a significant amount of weight whilst gaining confidence in the process.

However, despite all the hard work, I overheard others conversing about how I used drugs to lose weight, specifically crystal meth. They believed that because of how fast I lost all the weight. The rumor, spreading faster than the NTAs internet connection, just fueled my determination to lose body fat while gaining muscle mass and confidence in the process.

After losing all the weight, my life began to change. Not only do I look good, but I feel good. I no longer have to worry about what to wear. Furthermore, I eat less and exercise more. One thing I do not regret doing is giving up because my friends would let me down. Moral of the story is that no one in this world can change you because change starts with you.

I am Samuel Barton and this is my Pacific Story.

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Ilo ad kautiej raan in an Ri Eonod ilo belaakin aelon kein, im ej komman ilo bolaide en imaan ilo allon in Julae yio otemjej, ikonan lewaj ao naan in Iak-iakwe im kejeramon nan armej in Majel, ro jerad im mottad ilo aelon kein. Ij kile ri eonod ro renaj bok kunaer ilo iien jiae eonod in ilo yio in.

Ritto ro jibud im jimaad, rar kejolet koj kin manit in ad ekoba men ko bwinnid im wawein mour ko ad, ekitbuij jela im kapeel ko ikijien eonod. Ilo mol, men eo eauruktata ilo ien jiae eonod in ej jab nan ad win im bok nebar, ak ej ilo ad bok kunad im kemourur jot kapeel im jela kej jaar joleti jen ro mokta lok.

Ejelok kajjitok ke lojet ne ej jepole aelin kein ej unjen mour eo adwoj in jen etto, kin menin ij kajjitok bwe jen kejebaroke im wonake nan ajiri ro nejid im jibud.

Bar juon alen, jeramon nan aolep im en juon raan eo eobrak kin monono, aenemman im jokne nan koj otemjej.

Jeramon,

H.E. David Kabua,
President
A tasty lunch, left, and breakfast enjoyed at Upward Bound. Yummy photos by our hungry photographer Wilmer Joel.

What's cooking at Upward Bound?

The smiles say it all from these Upward Bound Likatus who couldn’t say no to taking pictures from this photographer, unlike their male classmates who refuse to take photos because of the girls’ presence. It seems like the girls are not as camera shy as their boyfriends who are around them most of the time. Wait till the UB boys are alone they’ll let loose into photogenic mode. When they get it together to do that, this photographer will make sure to capture that moment. Pictured above (from left) are Kalani Tellowbwij, Marynold Toston, and Gera Alik. Pictured below (from left) are Katrina Bunglick, Mylissa John, Lamjok Alik, Daylynn Jim, and Isatako Timothy. Photos: Wilmer Joel.

SUDOKU

What do you do when you are bored with friends? Simply go to the lagoon side and play cards as these Upward Bound students demonstrate during their lunchtime. These young fellas really enjoyed their time as they played typical card games like rummy and take two. However, neither of them won since time caught up with them and said, “time to go to class.”

Photo: Wilmer Joel.
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**Job Titles:** MAINTENANCE OFFICER & ELECTRICAL TECHNICIAN

**Agency:** Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority

**Duration:** 2-Year Contract or possible extension based on work performance.

The Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA) is looking for dynamic and experienced individuals to join its team. We are looking for one (1) Maintenance Officer & one (1) Electrical Technician.

**Purpose:** Both positions are in charge for the overall maintenance and repair of the equipment such as, water pumps, forklifts, freezers, air-condition units, lights, vehicles, boats and other equipment. Also responsible for refrigeration repairs.

**Position Responsibilities/Duties:**

- Maintain and repair all equipment mentioned above when they are out of service, or encountered malfunctioning
- Maintain cleanliness in and outside of the working area and around the equipment to prevent early wear and tear of the plant and accessories
- Check all equipment daily to ensure that they are in good working condition

**Education/Experiences:**

- College Graduate or Training Certificates from creditable schools
- Minimum 5 years’ experience in the Maintenance, Mechanical or Electrical field

**Application Process:**

Please visit MIMRA Website www.mimra.com MIMRA Building located at Delap for applications or contact Ms. Pamela M. Rubon via email hr@mimra.com or (692) 625-8262 for more information.

**Deadline:** 15 July 2022 NLT 5PM.

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What we were saying way back when

President of Palau killed

Journal 7/5/1985

**P1 Palau President killed**

The president of the Republic of Palau was shot and killed by an unknown assailant after returning to the vicinity of his residence at 12:30am June 30. President Haruo Remelik was shot three times in the head and throat.

**P1 3DC Milk this year**

The new Marshall Islands milk factory is scheduled to leave Denmark September 27 and should be in operation by year's end, according to Erik Brondum, regional sales manager for 3DC, the company providing the factory. The factory will produce 'fresh' milk by a process of recombining Danish butterfat and milk powder with water to produce quarts of milk. The factory will also produce ice cream.

**P16 Bakou wins championship**

The first quarter was close, ending in 12-11 for Unak in Bakou. The second quarter was a total loss for the Rita Cyclers as Bakou players opened up their lead by scoring 21 points while holding Cyclers to zero. Final score, 52-46, Bakou. Hackney led all scorers with 26, while Cycler's Brad had 20, followed by Bemmy with 16.

Journal 7/4/1997

**P1 Local businesses: Trampled**

Local business leaders are expressing concern about the impact of the rapidly developing business foot-

**P3 First ri-Majol cop**

A class of seven police recruits joined the Springdale Police Department last week, with Gomez Zackious becoming the first Marshall Islander to be hired in the Northwest Arkansas area.

**P9 HAP is happening**

Assumption’s Higher Achievement Program (HAP) is a classic example of young teaching the young. The HAP mentors are CMI, Assumption High School and Xavier High School graduates and students working with public middle school age students.
Eietlok ekto ektak eek ilo allon in May

Allon in May ear allon eo ear make wot im bed ilal tata iloan iio in 2022 elane kenono kin jerbal in ekto im ektak eek ko jen eon waan eonod ko rej jerak tok nan Majuro.

Iloan allon ko enen imaan tata ilo iio jarb in, Majuro ekka an loe jonan lon in iturin lok 34 tima rej jerak tok im ektak eek iloan kajojo allon ko maan tak. Iloan May eo jonan nomba in ekkar kelal lok nan 16, ekkar nan Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority eo. Kelon lok im kelal lok ilo woran tima ko rej jerak tok im ekto ektak eek ekijj ekij wewen ko, ekoba kenono kin ia eo umaak in lojahwil im bwebwe ko rebed ie ilo malo in wodren bwil kein ad.

May ear wor jerbal in ekto ko imaan oop im ekobu ekto nan waan ekto ko rej em maan iara, ilo an kar wor ilinjino waan eonod ko rekar kajimentane eek ko kamaer ilo jekjej jah in.

Wa ko rej eonod kin meilim jen RMI jonaer er ej lilino jerbal in ekto ko rekar komman, ilo an wa ko waan FSM kommane wot emen. Wa ko waan Taiwan rekar kommane jilu ekto ko, waan Naaru im Papua New Guinea raar kommane tarlin in jilu wot nan aolepaerro.

Innem menin eboktok tarlep in nomba eo an May iloan iio in bwe en tobare 151, kin jonan in ekka 30 mottan eo ilo jah allon mue rainin.

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The body of a newborn girl appeared outside a couple’s home in Frenchville, Maine, on a cold morning in December 1985. Their dog had carried the infant to their door. Investigators traced the dog’s footsteps about 700 feet to a gravel pit, where according to news reports from the time, they found signs that someone had given birth to the infant there sometime overnight or early that morning before leaving in a car. This month, the girl’s mother, Lee Ann Daigle, 58, was arrested in Lowell, Massachusetts, the Maine State Police said. She has been charged with murder.

A Russian court said the trial for US basketball star Brittney Griner will begin Friday and she will remain in custody until it ends, her attorney, Alexander Boikov, said Monday. Griner appeared in the Khimki city court near Moscow for a preliminary hearing. She did not speak after her court appearance, according to a video from outside the courtroom that was posted by the official state news agency TASS. The WNBA star, who had played for a Russian team during the offseason, was detained in a Moscow airport February 17.

At least six people were killed and more than 100 injured Sunday in Colombia when wooden spectator stands at a bullfighting festival collapsed, sending people running for safety. The collapse took place in Espinal, a city of 75,000 about 95 miles southwest of the capital, Bogotá, at a festival in which the public is invited to engage the bulls, even riding or taunting them. It is more informal than the traditional Spanish bullfight, and the bull is not killed in the end. Among those killed Sunday was a one-year-old child, according to local media, which also reported that the bull had escaped.
Interior helps islanders in two states

The US Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) announced $652,970 in fiscal year 2022 Technical Assistance Program funds to support three one-stop centers that provide assistance to underserved Pacific Islander communities in Arkansas and Hawai‘i, including those who have been disproportionately impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The two organizations in Arkansas receiving US funding are both Marshall-ese-focused.

“These funds will provide support to individuals and families who are from the freely associated states and are in need of some essential services or have been especially impacted by the pandemic,” said Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Keone Nakoa.

“I applaud the continued work of these one-stop centers for their impactful work in service to the various freely associated state communities who have chosen to join and contribute to the richness of societies in the United States.”

The funds are supporting:
• We Are Oceania Youth Empowerment Center - $250,000. The We Are Oceania (WAO) One Stop Shop, launched in 2015 through the OIA Technical Assistance Program and now a free-standing charitable organization will leverage OIA funding, Housing and Urban Development funds, and free space donated by the American Savings Bank of Hawai‘i to develop the WAO Youth Empowerment Center. Funds will be used to help open a learning and wellness center, where Micronesian youth can convene be free of discrimination, bullying, judgement, and harm and receive help for homework, obtain peer mentorship, attend career-readiness training, receive college preparatory advice, learn about Micronesian culture, and participate in civic activities. In 2017, WAO launched the first annual Micronesian Youth Summit on the University of Hawai‘i–Maunalo campus and has attracted hundreds of young Micronesian immigrants.

Keone Nakoa and Micronesian-American youth each year since.
• Marshallese Educational Initiative - $232,970. The Marshallese Educational Initiative (MEI) provided critical support to Marshall-ese and other communities in Arkansas during the Covid-19 pandemic which included housing needs, food insecurity, employment issues, and health inequities, among others. The MEI continues its work to increase overall economic stability and quality of life for Marshall-ese residents who continue to migrate to Arkansas and the United States by increasing educational attainment, diversifying work skills, and improving overall health outcomes to help make families more resilient. The MEI provides walk-ins services and educational programming to empower Marshall-ese youth, women, and elders.
• Enra Food Pantry, Medicines, and Services Project - $170,000. Funds will support the Arkansas Coalition of Marshall-ese and the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) who have partnered on the Enra Pantry, Medicines, and Services Project to provide food, practical assistance, immigration document assistance, and other support to Marshall-ese and other Compact of Free Association residents and visitors in the Northwest Arkansas region. Funding provided will help replenish the Enra Food Pantry, provide assistance for low-income families, provide short-term rental assistance for Covid-19 quarantine, supply medicine, and facilitate immigration document renewal.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES)

Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)
Ministry of Finance - World Bank Projects Portfolio
Grant No.: IDA-D4520

Assignment Title: Development of Program Management Procedures for the World Bank Funded Projects in the Marshall Islands

Reference No.: MH-DIDA-294227-CS-INDV

The Government of the Republic of Marshall Islands has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of various development projects and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) involves mainly the preparation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual that will prescribe the specific procedures to be followed in the implementation of the projects, primarily by the Central Implementation Unit (CIU), which is tasked to provide technical and advisory support to all projects more particularly in the cross-cutting areas (financial management, procurement, environmental and social safeguards and monitoring & evaluation) and the Project Implementation Units (PIUs), which is responsible for overall project management, coordination, planning, implementation, and results monitoring of the various projects.

This consulting assignment has an expected contract duration of 6 months with an estimated total input of 120 working days over this period. It is expected that the inputs will be provided remotely with short-term visits to Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, if current travel ban is lifted.

The detailed scope of services is indicated in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment, herewith attached.

The Division of International Development Assistance (DIDA) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (attach curriculum vitae with description of experience in similar assignments, similar conditions, etc. including a Cover Letter of no more than four (4) pages addressing individually the mandatory and desirable experience and qualification requirements below).

Firms’ staff may express interest through the employing firm for the assignment and, under such situation, only the experience and qualifications of individuals shall be considered in the selection process. The criteria for selecting the Consultant are:

Mandatory:
- At least a Master’s degree in Project Management, Engineering or other relevant discipline from a recognized university;
- At least 10 years of management level experience in project/program management;
- At least 2 years work experience as Team Leader or Project Manager in projects funded by multilateral funding agencies such as the World Bank or ADB;
- Excellent communication skills, including good oral and written English, report writing and presentation skills to a variety of stakeholders.

Desirable:
- PMP certified (Project Management Institute) or equivalent certification from recognized body/organization;
- Demonstrated experience in establishing or managing a Project Management Unit (PMU) or Project Implementation Unit (PIU) or Central Implementation Unit (CIU) of projects funded by multilateral funding agencies such as the World Bank or ADB;
- Demonstrated ability to work in a challenging environment e.g. Small Island Developing States (SIDS) countries, preferably in the Pacific.

The attention of interested Consultants (including firms) is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the Regulations, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours; 0900 to 1700 hours local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by July 20, 2022.

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Army drops some entry requirements

HILARY HOSIA
No high school diploma? No problem. Uncle Sam needs you. The US Army announced last week a new policy dropping the requirement of a high school diploma and or GED certificate as part of its educational requirements for potential enlistees.

The announcement was made last Thursday in response to a drastic drop in recruits affecting the entire US Department of Defense, according to the Military.com news release last Friday.

There’s a catch though: potential recruits must score 50 percent or higher on the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test and be ready to ship out within this year and are 18 years or older.

The new deal expires October 1. The dropping of the educational requirement only applies to the US Army.

Earlier this year, over 500 students on Majuro and Ebeye took the ASVAB test.

There is a non-student version of the ASVAB test that must be administered by Armed Forces Recruiters who work full time as recruiters.

The test administered earlier this year at Majuro and Kwajalein atolls was designed for students, according to SSG Gary Likak, one of the Army recruiters handling the tests in RMI this year.
Happy birthday Kalani!

The Pinho and Wase families threw a huge party at Marshall Islands Resort last weekend to celebrate Kalani Wase’s 50th birthday. The celebration continued to Toeak Sports Bar and Grill as seen in this photo with family members and the Australian Embassy’s DCM Katrina Murray.

Pictured clockwise from left are members of the Wase-Pinho team: Leiana Pinho, Bene Muller, Jeffery Wase, John Murphy, Bonnie Kabua, Kirt Pinho, Katrina Murray, Anela Pinho, Kalani Wase, Roselle Quint and Jared Wase.

Photo: Hilary Hosia.
Here’s the scene: Bligh Madris, an accomplished baseball player from Palau, has been making his way up the ladder of the Pittsburgh Pirates farm system for the past several years. Meaning, he’s been in the minor leagues for a while. Last week, he gets the long-awaited call up to the majors. But he goes with a highly-touted player that everyone is watching more, so Bligh is under the radar.

His debut game, first at bat with runners on base, he lines a single into center field, knocking in two runs. Now he’s on first with a teammate on third. Pitcher winds up and Bligh takes off for second base. He slides into the bag easily beating the catcher’s throw. First hit and now first stolen base.

Next at bat, he whacks it down the third base line, nearly hitting the umpire but inches in fair territory: A double.

Then in right field, he gives chase to a long fly going to the warning track. To ensure he doesn’t slam into the wall, he goes into a slide feet first and catches easily. It was a double and probably a triple by the opposing hitter. Instead, the guy’s out.

Last in the game, he gets a third hit.

If they weren’t paying attention before the game, now everyone is focused on Bligh Madris — who also happens to be the first Palauan ever to reach the major leagues.

The next game, Bligh hit his first homer. Through seven games this week, he was batting .345 with 10 hits in 29 at bats. Impressive numbers for a rookie.
Catalan appears in court on overstaying charges

An alien who was charged with overstaying her visa had her initial appearance in the High Court last week. Jessica Catalan was charged with one count of unlawfully remaining in the Marshall Islands. This carries a maximum penalty of five years in jail and a fine of up to $10,000.

Judge Witten Philippo heard the charge against her, which is being prosecuted by prosecutor Assistant Attorney General Abunaba Takabwebwe, while Chief Public Defender Russell Kun is representing Catalan.

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The Attorney-General’s Office (AG) is seeking a qualified and dedicated candidate to fill this position for a minimum of two years. The AG in collaboration with the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) and the Pacific Islands Managed and Protected Areas Council (PIMPAC) secured the necessary resources for this position. Under a regionally coordinated Micronesia Environmental Law Fellowship Program, similar positions are being established in the Republic of Palau (ROP) and in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).

Qualifications and skills
The successful candidate must be admitted to the practice of law in the RMI, and must have the following qualifications and skills:

- Education/Training: Doctor of Law (Juris Doctor) or LLB Degree from a college or university.
- Experience: At least one (1) year of paid/unpaid work experience in relevant field, focused coursework, or externships.
- Knowledge: Knowledge of RMI’s Constitution and environmental framework, policies, laws, regulations and administrative rules.
- Abilities and Skills: speak and write clearly, analyze and draft documents requiring minimal review and editing, proficiency with Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook; time management and skills to handle multiple projects at once.

Scope of Position
- Assist relevant ministries/ agencies/offices of the RMI to strengthen their existing environmental laws;
- Improve the capacity to prosecute resource management policy violation cases, ensure best practices are learned and shared locally and regionally;
- Explore the establishment of Environmental Courts or dockets;
- Increase the RMI’s ability to enforce environmental regulations aimed at reducing exposure to the impacts of climate change, including seal level rise, floods and other extreme events;
- Increase engagement of all relevant ministries/agencies/offices in the enforcement chain, including establishing more effective policies and natural resource management policies violations that will receive the appropriate attention and action needed to enhance island resilience and security;
- Write and submit progress reports to the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT);
- Develop presentation material for AG to share as needed to design a documentation system to clearly demonstrate how the legal fellow advanced environmental laws and regulations to strengthen conservation, management, enforcement and associated outcomes including environmental and economic metrics.
- Assess administrative and enforcement tools to address violations, such as civil citations and enforcement officer training. Quantify administrative burdens on the division related to enforcement. Examine criminal, civil, and administrative prosecution options for violations.
- Collaborate with partners to secure funding for the continuation of this position.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the AG.

Evaluation Criteria
The successful candidate will be awarded a contract based on (a) 60% for relevant experience and knowledge in environmental law; and (b) 40% for general legal experience in RMI. Preference will be given to qualified Marshallese citizens.

Submission Requirements
The applicant is required to submit a statement of qualification, resume, or curriculum vitae with an expression of interest letter to AG’s Office at Enedrik, Delap, Majuro Atoll, no later than July 8, 2022.
AA Meetings: 6:30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays at CMI room RH123

Happy Birthday! Don’t forget that special day for your son, daughter, husband, wife, grandpa, grandma or best friend that comes once a year! Birthday ads for only $25. (The size of this ad)

Are You Aware?

THAT the second president of the United States, John Adams, believed that July 2 would be the date remembered by history, writing this to his wife and adding: “I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding Generations as the great anniversary festival”?

THAT in 1870, Congress declared July 4 a federal holiday, but it wasn’t until 1941 that the date became a paid federal holiday for federal employees?

THAT three presidents have died on July 4: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe?

THAT July 4, 1776, John Adams slurped on turtle soup, which was a popular dish at the time?

THAT department store chain Macy’s holds a fireworks show in New York City each July with over 75,000 fireworks being set off at a cost of about $6 million?

THAT every July 4, descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence tap the Liberty Bell 13 times in honor of the original 13 colonies?

THAT Rwanda and the Northern Mariana Islands also celebrate Liberation Day on July 4?

THAT in New England, it is traditional to eat salmon on July 4?

THAT President Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872?

THAT according to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 53 percent of fireworks injuries are the result of burns, with hands and fingers, not surprisingly, being the body parts most injured at 31 percent?

THAT Barack Obama’s daughter Malia was born on July 4 in 1998?