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AROUND TOWN

Offering RMI helping hands

This RMI government vehicle (right) was parked and locked blocking the road to the Ministry of Education next to the Women's Training Center in Delap last Saturday. After seeing it, this gang of strong guys tried to pick it up to move it out of the way, but it turned out to be too heavy for them. It remained in place until later in the day when someone returned, moved it to the fence by the training center, and again parked and locked it. From left, below: Jeffery Rison, Linton Baso, Winton Boon, Alson Kelen and Mentil Laik.



Photo: Giff Johnson.



Everything in moderation

Cabinet members were treated to a sumptuous Wellness Center-prepared lunch the other day by the Ministry of Health, which was providing the leaders with an update on the health situation in the RMI.

A veggie wrap, a broccoli and walnut salad (like crab meat salad, but without the crab), fresh

muffins, bananas, sliced apples and oranges, and grapes. Wow, a treat and not bad for weight watchers.

"I'm not used to eating healthy," quipped one of the ministers as he moved down the buffet filling up his plate. "Don't worry," came the reply. "Once a month won't kill you."

High bidder

They were sitting at the end of Uliga Dock, feet dangling over the edge with fishing poles in search of fish hungry enough to try for the bait on their hooks. Both guys appeared sheepish, covering their heads with wide weave hats.

It was 2pm, middle of the workday, and both men were hooked from their government jobs (for their respective reputations the two men remain unidentified in this around town item).

"We got a quote for that repair job, and wow! Really high," number one fisherman said.

The other fisherman knew about the repair job, it had to do with fixing a government building some drunk ran into earlier. One company bid to repair was way high, just over \$4,000. Two other quotes came in under \$2,000.

"So what are we going to do?" asked

number two hooky man.

"I think we'll give the job to the \$4,000 bidder. He thinks he's wise and can charge us really high because we're government."

"But that sounds crazy, why choose the high price?" said number two.

"Because it lets the low bidders free to get other work where they can get paid. Meantime, we get a PO to Mr. High Bid, and he does the work. See?"

"Not really," said number two, "I don't understand."

"How long you think it will be until he gets paid?" said number one.

"Oh," said number two, "smart, real smart."

Message received

Here's something we saw around town these past couple of weeks: Shop Local, Shop Momo.

The words appeared on a not-too-big bumper sticker and are to be admired for their effectiveness. The worth of well-executed advertising is not to be disputed, and this simple message proves to be right on target. It even made mention in the local news!

SHOP LOCAL SHOP MOMO



Good looking bridge

Recently, Majuro's "small boat bridge" got an attractive paint job care of the Ministry of Public Works. Combining both traffic-yellow and white, this important road asset appears attractive and (we hope) calls attention to itself for weary drivers who might fall asleep if not minimally "jolted" by the bright, new paint job.

Public Works deserves our appreciation for a job well done.