

AROUND TOWN

So what? Palau now same as RMI

"Hey, look at this!" came the shout of one guy calling to a friend across the room in Tide Table Restaurant, "It looks like Palau is just the same problem we're having in Majuro."

Unbeknownst to the shouter, standing behind the bar serving drinks that afternoon was a new hire, a guy from Palau. He appeared to freeze as the one guy, the guy who was shouted

to, walked across the room by the large aquarium separating the restaurant from the lobby. "Says right here in the Australian Broadcasting Company news story that Palau is undergoing big problems with people getting killed, injured and so on. They say lots of the young guys are out of hand."

"Well," said the bartender, "what do you expect? Palau

is just like the Marshalls now, just like you guys here in Majuro been attacking fishing boat captains, grabbing women and beating them and being shameful. Why you think it's a big deal here in Majuro when Palau has a problem and you have the same problem yourselves?"

The guys kept talking and eventually brought up the question as to why an increase in

violence was apparent both in Palau and Marshalls, places that have historically been considered peaceful. "Maybe its just that they hear about so much bad stuff always happening in Chuuk they figure they should act up and be like Chuuk," suggested the bartender. No one said anything for a time, and then finally, one woman sitting at a nearby table

commented that she was afraid sometimes to walk around town at night, afraid of what might happen. "I always try to have someone with me to help, just in case," she said.

Another silence ensued. "Just in case what?" she was asked. "Just in case I see someone I want to beat up. If I have a strong friend with me, she can hold the guy while I beat him."



BOMI enjoys its 30th b-day

BOMI operations manager Kakom Paul and bank President Patrick Chen, left, celebrated the bank's 30th anniversary last Thursday with refreshments and cake for customers that was happily distributed by BOMI staff Carleen Peter, Domita Nemra, Amra Paul and Jennifer Keton.

Photos: Giff Johnson.



Let litter linger

We've been asked to comment on the efficacy of island clean ups by an observer of such activities around town. The observer claims that such projects are pointless since normally, within the short span of three or four hours, debris reappears in the same areas regardless of the cleaning.

We admit we agree with this observation. There are three kinds of people, not just here in Majuro, but throughout the world: those who litter, those who clean up, and those who just don't give a damn. Well, maybe we give a little bit of a

damn. Like if you said, "Would you like to have a clean island or a littered island?" we'd vote for a litter-free environment. But even this allocation of compliance with no littering there emerges a slim portion of the population who really confound arbiters of classification. We call them recyclers.

They are hard to catch, but if you sit long enough in a restaurant around town, chances are you'll spot one. They're the ones whose hand slips under the table in a restaurant, and then press a wad of gum tight to the bottom of

the table. Some of the gum is Spearment, some Juicy Fruit, and some (most popular) is Blow Pop.

Should practitioners of table-bottom gum disposal be classified as litterers or clean up guys? As far as we can determine, your vote is influenced by the fact that you do or do not harvest table-bottom gum and slip it between your lips. If you do so believing there is probably some flavor left in the gob, you're classified as recycler. If you do so just to save money, you're just cheap and probably won't leave a tip.

"It's still morning!"

— A Marshallese guy trying to get breakfast in Majuro after 9am when a local eatery said it was past the breakfast hour.

"It's still morning?"

— A Marshallese guy trying to get breakfast in Majuro before 9am when a local eatery said it was still the breakfast hour.

Long and short of it all

Culture Week organizing committee Chairman Alson Kelen (pictured below) was noted wearing long pants during the Friday ceremony at the old weather area.

This fact — the pants — stood out on an individual who is normally inclined to shorter fare that fits with his place of employment, the well-known Waan Aelon in Majel. WAM is a hands-on work site.

The Journal spent considerable staff time researching the development for the benefit of our readers.

Alson rang up his protocol advisor Antari Elbon ("AE" of V7AB fame) to check on the dress code for the Culture Week ceremony, reported Marshall

Islands Resort Acting GM Hirobo Obeketang.

"Antari told him it was definitely a pants-type of gathering," he added.

So Alson dutifully showed up in long pants only to meet AE on stage and guess what?

AE was comfortably clothed in a pair of shorts.

Alson took it all in stride, but tossed the pants in favor of shorts as soon as the ceremony was done.

He was last seen chasing Antari toward Laura, waving a pair of pants and calling, "Stop! These long pants are for you!"



REDUCE POWER BILL BY 35% >

ELITE ENGINEERING

• REFRIGERATION • AIR CONDITIONING • ELECTRICAL • ROTOMOULDED TANKS

FUJITSU

HIGH ENERGY SAVING AIR CONDITIONING UNITS. NEW STOCK ARRIVING SOON. REDUCES POWER BILL BY 35% >

7,000 BTU.....	\$992.00	.....	EER 4.04
9,000 BTU.....	\$1,220.00	.....	EER 4.13
12,000 BTU.....	\$1,480.00	.....	EER 3.80
18,000 BTU.....	\$1,980.00	.....	EER 3.69
24,000 BTU.....	\$2,490.00	.....	EER 3.32

Marine Epoxy Coated Condenser Fins
3 Years Warranty for Parts & Labor, Conditions Apply

P.O. Box 1014 • Majuro, MH 96960 • Email: sales@eliteengineering@gmail.com
Office: (692) 625-4026 Fax: (692) 625-5233 Cell: (692) 455-1165 Warehouse: (692) 625-3014

Special \$795.00

Solid 1,500 Gallon Food Graded Polyethylene Water Catchment