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This Fr. Hacker High School bus has broken repeatedly on the Gugeegue causeway. This week, Army harbor officials prevented Kwajalein Atoll High School from transporting back to Ebeye eight tires bought at Kwajalein with USAKA permission — so one of the three KAHS buses remained down.

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# Our money trees

## Jaluit begs for tax action

SUZANNE CHUTARO

The Jaluit Atoll Local Government has been handcuffed for the past 10 months because the national government has failed to respond to repeated requests for action on ordinances passed by the council.

Last week, Jaluit Mayor Billa Jacklick in a letter to Minister of Internal Affairs Wilbur Heine begged the Minister for assistance to get a response from the National government on several ordinances the local government submitted in January of this year.

“It is imperative that you provide the assistance JALGov requires in order to function,” wrote Jacklick.

She indicated that her husband, Jaluit Atoll Senator Alvin Jacklick repeatedly voiced concern during the recent Nitijela session about the lack of national government action on JALGov’s requests.

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**This man’s name is Paul Goriss. He has coached Australian national basketball teams to world championships around the globe. He was Australia’s Junior Male Coach of the year in 2007.**

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## Coconut palms ‘can produce income for many years’

GIFF JOHNSON

The launch of coconut tree replanting and removal of old trees on the outer islands will provide a big economic opportunity that WAM Director Alson Kelen wants to ensure local residents cash in on.

“Coconut tree wood is ‘exotic,’” he said. “It’s valuable.”

WAM will be working with the Ministry of R&D, which is overseeing the overall replanting scheme that is starting with five outer islands.

“It’s been my dream to do something with coconut logs,” said Kelen who directs the outrigger canoe-building program. “WAM will do training on replanting and how to use the coconut lumber from the senile trees that are cut down.”

But Kelen emphasizes that people should not be planning to clear cut large areas on the outer islands. “We don’t want to cut all senile trees at one time,” he said. “We should cut down only a few one each weto while replanting. We can make it sustainable this way, and provide income for outer islanders for the next few years. If we cut two-to-three trees in one weto, they will provide money for the people there for one year. Then we move to the next weto and do the same. We can return later to cut down several more from each weto.”

The point, he said, is people should not be cutting down large numbers of senile trees in one area at one time. “Try it out, start small,

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