NGARAARD CLEAN-UP SPREE ON COMPACT ROAD

Excitement was in full mode on Saturday, September 20th, along the compact road on the hills of Ngaraard State as green machines, machete’s, rakes, and villagers putting up every effort during a clean-up rally.

Not even Mother Nature’s sizzling sun in the morning and cold rain that afternoon deterred the villagers from the “kinrhosi” as tall grasses and overhanging branches on the side of the road blocking traffic were mowed down presenting a spectacular picture that can only be observed in Ngaraard.

Villagers from Choll, Elab, Ngebuked, Ulimang and Ngkeklau all pitched in to do their part. Choll and Elab partnered starting from the north to finish it at the bridge with Ngebuked and Ulimang taking it from the midpoint at the bridge to meet Jennifer Yano and her workers coming from the south at the intersection known as “kemril a rru” to Ngerchokl and Ngkeklau from Silang turnpoint on the eastern side of the compact road to “kemril a rru” intersection.

Mrs. Theo Kuartei, wife of Vice Presidential Candidate Billy Kuartei’s of the team of Surangel Whipps’s Presidential Candidacy, brought in students from Emmaus High School to assist and help out with the work project.

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BECHES TO HOLD BLENGUR

With the recent approval during last September 6th scheduled meeting of the chiefs of Ulimang Village of Ngaraard State accepting Otong Clan’s selection and installation of Augustino Blailes as their friend and colleague assuming the front seat as Chief BECHES, a traditional “blengur” has been arrange for Sunday afternoon, September 28th, at the village by members of the clan.

On Tuesday, September BECHES… (Cont. on page 3)

KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

Regis Akitaya – At a very young age, Akitaya was picked by former President Ngiratkel Etpison as Minister of Resources & Development during Etpison’s Administration. Also as one of the few local with an engineering background, he currently runs his own business in the same field.

Elbuchel Sadang – Minister of Finance for the past eight years under the Remengesau, Jr’s. administration, Sadang was chosen to the post because of his immense knowledge in the financial aspect of the profession. Previously, Sadang held the position of Director of the Bureau of National Treasury and a member of Ngaraard State legislature.

Raynold “Arnold” Oloouch – A member of the 2nd Palau Constitutional Convention, Oloouch comes from a humble family in Ngchesar State. He was the first Palauan selected under...
Roureur Belau Join the Island

Palau was abuzz on Tuesday, September 23rd, as polling places all over the island saw voters come and go, especially in the early morning before work and evening hours after work, at both polling places for Babeldaob and Iouldaob at Ngara-Chamaeong and Palau High school gym.

Koror State with the most population had designated places for voting at each of the 12 hamlets including Sonsorol and Hatohobei states. Polling places in the big island of Babeldaob were designated at each state including Kayangel to the north and Angaur and Peleliu to the south.

Total registered voters certified during the last 2004 General Election, according to Palau Election Commission documents, showed 13,191 with about 9,996 casting their votes. “This year’s registered voters,” said a PEC official, “is 14,000 after the September 5th deadline of registration.”

Ballot boxes were not sent out of the island on this primary election, however about 1,798 requests for absentee ballots were mailed with Palau Election Commission in receipt of 670 by September 18th. More of the remaining ballots are expected to be received by the September 30th cut-off date.

Guam and Saipan have the most ballots as supporters of candidates and candidate themselves visited numerous times to both neighboring islands. Guam’s previous voting results in 2004 general election total close to 880 with Saipan (600), and Honolulu’s 251.
A man last week found a wallet lost on Wednesday, September 10th, and returned it to its owner through the office of Palau Shipping in Malakal area.

Bernard Kitalong, also known as “Manait”, is an employee of Kemba, Palau Development Corporation (PDC) group of companies, discovered the wallet owned by a Navy Seaman on an R&R in Palau and believing it to belong to the Sailor through identification documents in the wallet brought it to Palau Shipping Company. The wallet contained $106.00 US Dollars.

Palau Shipping Company is the husbandry agent for any US Navy Ships visiting Palau ports. The wallet owner is a navy sailor and one of about 250 seamen on USS Curts on a week long break on the island. USS Curts departed last Saturday, September 20th according to Palau Shipping official.

In expressing their gratitude, Palau Shipping Company rewarded Mr. Kitalong for his honesty.

Members of Otong Clan meeting on September 11th to discuss the “Blengur” OF BECHES Augustino after being accepted by NGIRAIRUNG Isaac and the Scheduled meeting of traditional chiefs of Ulimang on August 30th.
Jennifer Yano, upon learning of the “kinrohosi” drove her people to Ngaraard launching her assault early morning at 5:30 am at the tall grasses on the side of the road. “My husband has a property in Ngaraard,” said Mrs. Yano, “and therefore it is only appropriate that I help out any way I can.”

High Chiefs from the five counties of Ngaraard were so excited that they even joined the work with NGIRAMEKETHI Eitbek of Choll, ESEBEI RA IBE-DANG Cristobal and NGIRAROIS Francis of Elab, MADRANGEBUKED Thomas of Ngebuked, BECHES Katin and IMRUR Kanai and NGIRAITPANG Naito of Ulimang and KLOULUBAK of Ngkeklau green machined the side of the road and chopped the branches and even helped rake the debris off to the side.

The National Government helped out through the office of Babeldaob Road Project headed by Albert Shiro by passing out gas for the green machines with the State Government overseeing the work. Although the public notice calling for villagers to the “kinrohosi” to bring their own lunch, Mrs. Debbie Remengesau, Jr. whose husband, President Tommy. E. Remengesau, Jr. who also joined in the excitement of the work, supplied lunch with the governor’s wife making sure everyone were accounted for.

According to many of the villagers, this is the first time Ngaraard was called on to the compact road clean-up which was mostly done by the Babeldaob Road Project of the National Government. Governor Laurentino Ulechong by his September 16th letter to MADRANGEBUKED and Assembly Speaker Isaac Bai, informed them of the reprogrammed $6,222.09 from his office to cover expenditures for the “kinrohosi” including in part for the repairing of the damaged survey equipment.
Regina Mesebeluu – A former classroom teacher, health program coordinator, Director of Head Start program among other things, Mrs. Mesebeluu can be described as an individual with profession and career passion as well as an educational leader of children’s welfare.

Otoichi Besebes – Many successful and not so successful local entrepreneurs who previously visited the National Development Bank of Palau a decade ago know Mr. Besebes in his former position as President. Besebes is the current Minister of Commerce & Trade of the Remengesau, Jr’s. administration.

Nick Ngwal – Currently employed at the Ministry of Health’s Administration Section.

Jennifer S. Yano – Married to NGIRACHITEI Dr. Victor Yano of Oikuul Village in Airai State therefore becomes DIR-RACHITEI by marriage, Jennifer is one of the youngest of the candidates to run for Senator and most active other projects

Adalbert Eledui – Join the US Army at a young age, Eledui returned home years ago and was instrumental in establishing Palau Conservation Society with other prominent Palauans. Mr. Eledui is the Director of the Koror State Rangers in charge of enforcing marine laws within the jurisdiction of Koror State including land areas.

Jeff R. Ngirarsaol

Senate Candidate, 8th OEK

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formation, NGIRAROIS Francis Kib’s “blengur” presented the “tichiau” of over $20,000 with four Palauan money beads as his “dillelel” and “kingellel.”

However, on Sunday afternoon, September 21st, another faction of Rois Clan strong women (ourrot) submitted the name of Wilherm Meltel as NGIRAROIS to the “Klobak of Elab”. Attending the event were two of the Chiefs from Elab who purportedly signed a letter dated 10th addressed to MADRANGE-BUKED Thomas Remengesau, Sr. and Ngaraard Governor Laurentino Ulechong informing them of Kib’s rise to NGIRAROIS’ position.

The group also informed RBN that Johnson Saikemal was also presented to the position of ESEBEIREKMEI of Clan Rois, NGIRAIROIS’ messenger.

(L-R) Johnson Saikemal, Harvey Ngirairikl, Singich Tucheliaur, Kalistus Renguul, Mechaet Mengloi and Wilherm Meltel whose name was Submitted to the “Klobak era Elab” to the position of Chief NGIRAROIS.

More than twenty students from various high schools in Palau got together at Long Island for a barbecue where they strengthen their efforts to push for a tobacco and drug free Palau especially for students.

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