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U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands

Wake Island returns to Air Force control

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Wake Island, which has been operated as a range asset by U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command since 1994, returns to Air Force management today.

"With proper planning the transition should be relatively transparent," said Maj. Joe South-erland, RTS test director. "You just have to incorporate the new players."

The transfer is timed with the beginning of the new fiscal year.

The island, 690 miles north of Kwajalein, is home to missile launchers and other range as-

sets used primarily in theater missile defense testing. The location allows for a safe launch and trajectory over unpopulated ocean with open space for intercepts, when called for.

The next test using the base will be the Critical Measurements Program-4 in May, during which trackers on Kwajalein will measure data on a missile launched from Wake. The missile will splash down in the Pacific Ocean, east of Kwajalein. Test officials will travel to Wake later this month to discuss the requirements for the test and check equipment.

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Robin Milne works on Generator Three at the Kwajalein Power Plant Wednesday. He is one of a 23-man crew that keeps power running on the island 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Power outages hit residences first

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Robin Milne has been providing power to the Kwajalein Atoll community for 17 years now. Starting out on Carlos, he's now worked his way up to become a certified Caterpillar master mechanic at the Kwajalein Power Plant.

Mark Hoffman is the newest

member of the power plant team, but he's not new to the business, with 20 years experience running power plants for the Navy.

"The only difference is these stay put. They don't get under way," Hoffman said. "It's the same kind of work, daily maintenance and checks. You have to change the oil and keep the bolts

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CONUS papers report islanders tricked into 'virtual servitude' jobs

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

A series of articles in two CONUS east coast newspapers about so-called "body brokers" who deliver unsuspecting Micronesians, including Marshallese, to low-paying, menial jobs in the states for a fee has led to an investigation by the Republic of the Marshall Islands government.

The *Baltimore Sun* and the *Orlando Sentinel* reported late last month in several copyrighted articles that there are American companies recruiting islanders to work at such places as nursing homes and amusement parks. The papers reported that the Micronesians are essentially indentured servants, tricked into working at the jobs or facing thousands of dollars in fines if they attempt to quit.

"A yearlong investigation by *The Sun* and
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Editorial

Experiences at Kwaj enriched my life

As I depart this week from Kwajalein to rejoin the "real" world, I wanted to say farewell to those who remain. I have been on Kwaj for more than five years and have met and enjoyed friendships from many people. The Marshallese will always hold a piece of my heart, as I have come to know and learn about their culture and traditions. I have been very fortunate to work with many of these fine people and feel that I have grown and become a better person because of it.

I also would like to extend a big thanks to all of my staff, as they have been absolutely incredible and always show the true intent of team work. Everyone takes pride in their work and does everything in their power to accommodate their customers.

The people of Kwaj are tremendous! The neighborly acts that occur every day are amazing. When announcing my PCS, I had many offers from those who I know to come and help pack, clean or provide whatever support I needed. This was very special to me, as my husband has been gone on military duty since April, and I needed to do this pack-out on my own. There are not enough thanks in the world for those of you who extended a helping hand and/or offer to help. This is a wonderful community and I encourage everyone

to continue helping each other regardless of your daily affiliations. The people are what make Kwaj special.

Very soon there will be a transition and change from the way we currently do business. Many of you have been through a transition in the past and will be looked upon for guidance and support from those experiencing this for the first time. For those of you wanting to stay, relax and embrace the change presented to you. The next contract is a long one, and your contribution toward success will be valued. I wish you all well as you go through this period.

Kwajalein is paradise, and I am very grateful for my experience here. Thanks to all of you who enriched my life! Look me up if you ever make it to the Huntsville area or drop an e-mail and let me know how you are doing. I'm very much looking forward to our exciting future, so as much as I hate to say goodbye, I welcome the life ahead.

Annette Thibodeau

Workers of Kwaj unite: Contact Senko over proposed tax increase

Few things fire up Americans as fast as the words "tax increase," but to say the proposed raising of taxes by the Republic of the Marshall Islands is taxation without representation is not quite true. We do

have representation in the form of Michael Senko, U.S. ambassador to the RMI.

In this case, it is not USAKA's or even Col. Brown's problem to solve, but mine and yours. Each and every one of the people affected by this tax increase should e-mail, call or write the ambassador and express his or her views and the possible consequences of a higher tax. A large percentage of the conversations I have been hearing lately focus on the loss of financial benefits from living out here. If one-third to one-half of the workforce left because of an exorbitant tax increase, then it would become USAKA's problem.

As for me, I did not come out here to support the few who would steal the future of their own people (i.e., \$300,000 missing from the RMI Embassy and \$641,000 from the College of the Marshall Islands). If the RMI wants more money, they should try plugging all the holes in their own treasury.

In closing, I urge everyone to e-mail Ambassador Senko *today* using "no tax increase" in the subject line so we present a united front. I would like to think that, as a community, we can show the same resolve and unity that our forefathers did.

Ambassador Senko's e-mail address is senkoMJ@state.gov; phone number, (692) 247-4011; fax number, (692) 247-4012; office address, P.O. Box 1379, Majuro, RMI 96960-1379.

**Sincerely,
Chris A. Danals**

The Kwajalein Hourglass

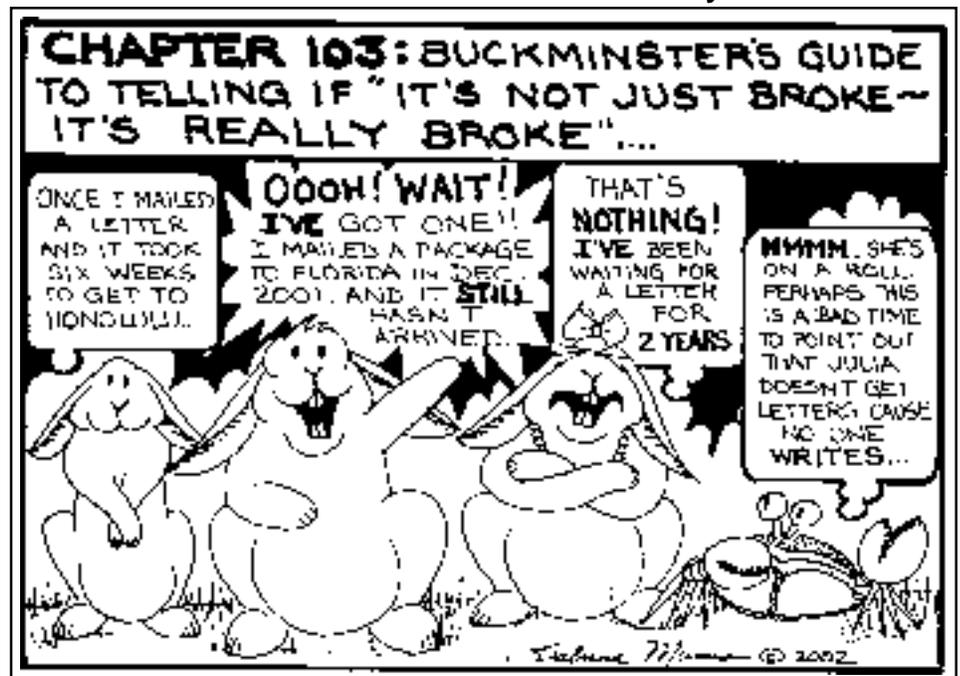
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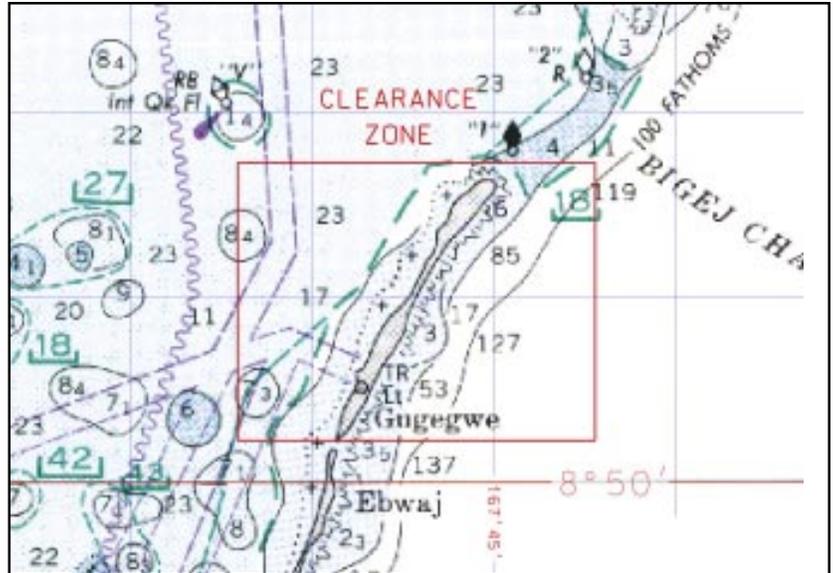
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Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma





Hazard requires caution area

A hazardous condition has been identified in the vicinity of the islands of Gugegwe and Ningi. All personnel are cautioned to remain clear of these islands. This caution also applies to marine traffic and the anchoring of B-boats in the area on both the lagoon and ocean sides of these islands extending outward to the area defined in the maps above and at left. Any questions may be directed to the Command Safety office, 54250.

Schmidt: Rumors of CMI's demise greatly exaggerated

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

The College of the Marshall Islands is going forward and even growing, said Dr. Wayne Schmidt, CMI president, responding to perceptions that school is headed to financial ruin.

Schmidt met with the *Hourglass* Wednesday before returning to Majuro after inspecting the Gugegwe campus and talking to the newly appointed local CMI Board of Regents members, Noda Lojkar and the Rev. Kauru Kious. The two new members replace *Leiroj* Seagull Kabua James and Irene Paul, who have both completed the maximum two terms allowed.

"We're on task, on track and on budget," Schmidt said. On Gugegwe, construction of new classrooms, labs, bathrooms and administrative offices, in what was once an old, dilapidated maintenance building, is progressing on schedule.

The temporary closing of the Gugegwe campus at the end of the 2002 spring semester first fueled perceptions that school was in trouble, according to Schmidt. But

the shutdown was necessary to bring the buildings, policies and faculty up to standards for reaccreditation through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges by February 2003.

The other event causing unrest is the recent arrest and subsequent arraignment of CMI's former comptroller, Louiston Louis, for alleged embezzlement of more than \$641,000 from the school coffers.

Although the embezzlement hit the college hard, funding from different sources is keeping the college afloat.

"We have one half-million capital improvement fund from the RMI, we have applied for another half-million and a third half-million was received from the Republic of China," Schmidt said. The money from China is slated to be used at the Majuro campus.

In addition to the construction underway on Gugegwe, the Asian Development Bank plans to build a separate four-classroom building. The new building might be ready by the school's fall 2003 opening, Schmidt said.

"We can open without the building," he added. "We are shooting for a two- to three-hundred student campus on Gugegwe."

The Majuro campus is also alive and doing well, according to Schmidt.

"With 800 students this fall in Majuro ... it is a massive enrollment, a major increase from last semester," he said.

During the spring 2002 semester, there were 120 Gugegwe students and 620 on Majuro.

"We picked up less than 40 from Gugegwe. We have a major increase in students [at Majuro]," Schmidt said.

The policies, procedures and programs offered at both schools will be hammered out during a mid-October Majuro meeting with Majuro and Ebeye community leaders, students and faculty, he said.

Despite the WASC's disbelief that the college could meet all requirements in time for February's reaccreditation, Schmidt believes the school will be ready. The reaccreditation visit is dependent upon the college sending in a report in No-

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Marshallese targets of so-called 'body brokers' ...

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the *Orlando Sentinel* has found that more than 2,000 Micronesians and Marshall islanders have been brought to the United States on one-way tickets and consigned to years of virtual servitude by a handful of small-time entrepreneurs who exploit a little-known 16-year-old Compact of Free Association that allows the island residents to settle and work here without visas," the papers reported in the Sept. 15 article called "Trapped in servitude far from their homes."

Walter Roche Jr., one of the writers for the series, said the investigation started about a year ago when he learned of one woman who had been recruited and tried to leave the job.

"She was told she couldn't leave," Roche said during a brief phone interview with the *Hourglass* last week.

During the course of the investigation, Roche said he found there is at least one company recruiting Marshallese, and at least a couple operating in the Federated States of Micronesia.

"These 'body brokers,' as they are known in the trade, collect fees of up to \$5,500 from employers such as nursing homes and Florida amusement parks for delivering each worker who signs a one- or two-year contract to do menial, low-paying jobs that Americans seldom will," the report said. "Brokers or employers sometimes deduct fees for housing, transportation and unexplained service charges from workers' pay."

The journalists interviewed a number of these contract workers and companies, even traveling to Majuro during their investigation. The stories told by the islanders are pretty much the same: The person is offered a job, such as nursing, and then finds the reality is far different from what was promised. In one case, an interviewee, Gloria Likiche, a woman from Chuuk, believed she would become a nurse after signing her contract. Instead, she found herself cleaning bedpans in a nursing home

U.S. embassy says about 130 RMI citizens recruited by companies

for "\$5.50 an hour and eating so poorly that she felt she was starving.

"Likiche was 18 when she signed English-language legal contracts she didn't fully understand that indentured her to work for two years — not as a nurse, as she expected, but as a certified nursing assistant, the lowest rung on the health care ladder.

"She earned only about \$100 a week after deductions, she said, and if she had walked out before her contract expired, she would have been obligated to pay damages equivalent to months of wages. She felt she had been deceived, but knew that her chances of escape were slim," the papers reported.

Since the articles came out, the RMI government has issued a statement, saying, in part, that it "remains eager to work with U.S. Department of Labor to ensure that RMI citizens who come to the U.S. are protected by U.S. labor law."

In its Sept. 19 statement, the RMI government also said it is reviewing its own laws to determine if it "needs to regulate the activities of U.S. companies and employment recruiters who come to the RMI in order to prevent abuses. The RMI is also reviewing DOL proposals to determine if any formal bilateral agreements are required to protect RMI citizens recruited for jobs in the U.S. and who come here for that purpose."

The newspapers reported in a follow-up article to the series that, "The U.S. Department of Labor has proposed that the contracts be banned, that brokers register with the island countries, and that they fully disclose employment terms to prospective workers."

The Marshallese government, however, does not believe changes are necessary to the Compact, which allows for liberal work and travel visas for RMI citizens in the

United States. "The problems that have arisen from travel to the U.S. from the RMI are manageable and do not diminish the value, efficacy or appropriateness of Compact travel provisions ... The RMI does not want to dilute the rights of its citizens to work in the U.S. as provided by the Compact."

Roche said at this point it was "unclear if anything of substance" would get done, and said he doubted there would be any changes to the Compact in regard to its visa regulations. Certain other provisions of the Compact are currently under negotiation between the U.S. State Department and the RMI government.

U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Mike Senko said he does not know of any formal statements issued by the U.S. government regarding the information revealed in the articles.

Via e-mail, Senko did say that the embassy's research found that "about 130 Marshallese were recruited in the last year-and-half or so for the jobs mentioned in the articles. Many had successful experiences, some didn't."

The RMI government did criticize the series for emphasizing the negatives, saying the newspapers could "have done more to point out that the success stories actually far outnumber the cases in which people have had bad experiences."

One article in the series, "A ray of hope in Springdale," did highlight the success story of Springdale, Ark., where an ex-pat community of as many as 4,000 Marshallese live and work in the foothills of the Ozarks. Many there are employed — voluntarily, the article stressed — by Tyson Foods, the report said, and are enjoying modest success in their pursuit of the American dream.

When asked what advice he would give to someone who is approached by one of the "body broker" companies, Roche said he or she should go to the local legal office and have the contract examined. There is such an office in Majuro, he said, where many of the recruits came from.

Kwaj to continue to support Wake Isle ...

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“This gives us an adequate amount of time, if there’s something we have to deal with,” Southerland said.

Mission work will still be supported through inter-service support agreements, said Brenda Ellis, a civil engineer with the Missile Defense Agency. For example, last year, when a series of missions required additional security, Kwajalein detailed forces to Wake.

“With proper planning the transition should be relatively transparent.”

— Maj. Joe Southerland
RTS test director

The same should hold true under the Air Force.

Likewise, around 80 foreign nationals, mostly Thais, and 20 or so American contractors, will continue to support the island infrastructure. They are employed by the island’s caretaker contract company, Chugach, who joined



with Bechtel and Lockheed Martin to win the Integrated Range Engineering and Kwajalein Logistics Support contracts, Ellis said.

The biggest issue at this point is realigning the property with the new caretakers, the officials said.

“The Air Force and SMDC are developing a memorandum of agreement on the transfer of equipment and responsibilities,” Southerland said.

The only other difference will follow in the coming months as the Air Force embarks on a pair of infrastructure upgrades, Ellis said. A project to rework the pier will begin this fall, and another project to refinish the island’s long runway will begin April 15. The runway even serves as a back-up landing spot for space shuttles.

Said Ellis, “This is good for everyone.”

Residents can help prevent outages by conserving energy ...

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“The two are part of a 23-man team that maintains the 16-cylinder, 10-foot-tall engines, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. After a number of short-term power outages over the summer, their jobs have become all the more visible.

Officials recorded two power outages in June, two more in July, three in August and two in September, each lasting five to 10 minutes. The outages resulted not from the team’s work, necessarily, but because of the cost-saving design for power delivery on Kwajalein, according to officials.

A system of seventeen distribution feeders, eight of which are “shed feeders,”

route power throughout the island. When a generator fails, the shed feeders located on certain non-mission-critical blocks, primarily in the residential sections, cut power to those areas so that the other nine mission-critical feeders maintain power, according to Kevin Ehart, Utilities manager.

The system is based on an economical and efficient design, Ehart said.

At present, the power plant crews operate three of their seven generators at all times, and sometimes a fourth generator, particularly during missions, producing around 10,000 kilowatts of power at any given time. The generators burn more than about 14,000 gallons of fuel daily, and petro-

leum, oil and lubricant costs ran at about \$5.4 million this year.

Kwaj residents use, on average, about 9,490 kilowatts per hour, according to a usage report generated this month by RSE Utilities. At peak times, most often around 2-3 p.m. in the afternoon, air conditioners are running full blast.

“You can see it on the gauges and the engines run harder,” Hoffman said.

The only other option would be to run an extra generator full-time producing an extra 4,000 or so kilowatts to cover, at most, another couple hundred kilowatts needed on a few occasions, Ehart said, adding that the cost would be prohibitive.

The power plant on Roi-Namur runs an extra generator, because they don’t have shed feeders, and the majority of the power used on Roi daily, about 3,665 kilowatts per hour, is mission related.

“The power used by the hundred or so residents is minimal,” said Floyd Gideon, energy conservation coordinator.

Residents can help matters, conserving energy, where possible, turning off lights and appliances when not in use. For the biggest power drain, air conditioners, Gideon suggests residents turn up their thermostats when they’re off-island.

Said Gideon, “Every bit helps.”

Classified Ads and Community Notices

Island Items



Children entering Ivey Gym must show their K-badge as proof of age.

- *Children must be at least 15 for unaccompanied use of the gym.
- *Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- *Children 12 and under are not permitted in the gym.



October Craft Club will be Friday, 3:30-4:30 p.m., in the Youth Center. The project is trophy fish and is open to grades one through six. Questions? Call Erika, 53331.



Kwajalein Radio Club meets Thursday, 7 p.m., in the Ham Shack on Ocean Road next to the adult pool.



Bored? Want to hear great music? Come enjoy the Praise Band Wednesday nights, 7 p.m., in the chapel. Everyone is welcome. Lots of contemporary music with a brief sharing of the Word. Sponsored by the Protestant Chapel.

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Alan Taylor, 54916, unless otherwise noted.

HR ASSISTANT, RSE HR Dept. Good people skills, computer literate, day-to-day assistance on employee relations, benefits issues and other HR-related matters. One to three years HR experience preferred. Call Jack Riordan, 52710.

HOSPITAL BILLING CASHIER. Part time. Duties include charge sheet audits, billing for specialized ambulatory services, transferring hospital balances to finance, billing follow-up and answering phones. Candidates must be discreet, familiar with medical terminology and willing to cross-train with other positions in the department. Strong computer skills and flexibility are a must. Medical office experience preferred. Call Cindy Barrs, 52220.

LIBRARY AIDE, Education Dept. Part time. Approximately 25 hours per week at the high school library. A criminal history background check is required.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, Elementary and high schools. Casual. Teaching certificate preferred, but not required. A criminal history background check is required.

HOSPITAL BUSINESS OPERATIONS. Casual. Duties include, but are not limited to, providing backup for transcription, medical records and patient registration. Candidates must be discreet, familiar with medical terminology and willing to cross-train with other positions in the department. Strong computer skills and flexibility a must. Medical office experience preferred. Call Cindy Barrs, 52220.

INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, Supply Dept. Require strong organizational and computer skills, working knowledge of Excel, Word and Access. Duties include accepting, tagging, documenting and recording receipts of government property assets, assisting in processing and documenting excess government property, conducting inventories and providing written and oral reports as requested by the property administrator. Call Larry Roberts, 56330, or Tony Smith, 53412.

DENTAL ASSISTANT, Dental Clinic. Casual. Criminal history background check required.

Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.

USAKA currently has the following job vacancies. For information and announcement paperwork, call Cris Foster, 54417.

MAIL CLERK GS-05. Two vacancies. Temporary. Closes Oct. 2.

MAIL CLERK GS-04. Temporary. Closes Oct. 2.

MAIL CLERK GS-03. Two vacancies. Temporary. Closes Oct. 2.

ATTORNEY-ADVISOR (General) GS-14. Closes Oct. 18.

WANTED

KAYAK, preferably tandem, with paddles. Call 54109.

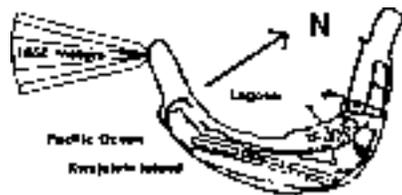
INFLATABLE 10'-11' rigid boat. Call Stephan, 51077, after 6 p.m.

WINE CORKS for craft project. Call Pat, 52670.

Classified Ads and Community Notices

Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation tomorrow, 8 a.m.-noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below. All watercraft must observe the red flags on the southwest end of the island.



LOST

TYR GOGGLES with green and yellow strap between family pool and new housing Sept. 20. Call 53489.

DARK BROWN, left-handed Wilson softball glove with the name Schubach written on it, Sept. 20, at 6:45 p.m. Spartans I game. Call 52115.

GREEN GAMEBOY at chapel/REB Sept. 22. Call 54186.

FOR SALE

CORELLE dinner set service for eight: dinner plates, dessert plates, cereal bowls and cups, white with blue and green flower design, \$15. Call Linda, 54624.

BEIGE CARPETS with pads, two 12' x 15', one 9' x 12', \$20 each; dishwasher, works well, \$50. Call 52638.

TWO 16" boys' bikes, good condition, \$25 each. Call 52555.

23' CENTER CONSOLE boat with twin Honda 50 hp outboards, less than 50 hours, everything in excellent condition, with aluminum/stainless trailer, prime boathouse and many extras, over \$25,000 invested. Reasonable offers considered. See at boat lot #80. Call 51161.

PROFORM CROSSWALKER GT treadmill, used for six months, excellent condition, \$375. Call Greg, 59019.

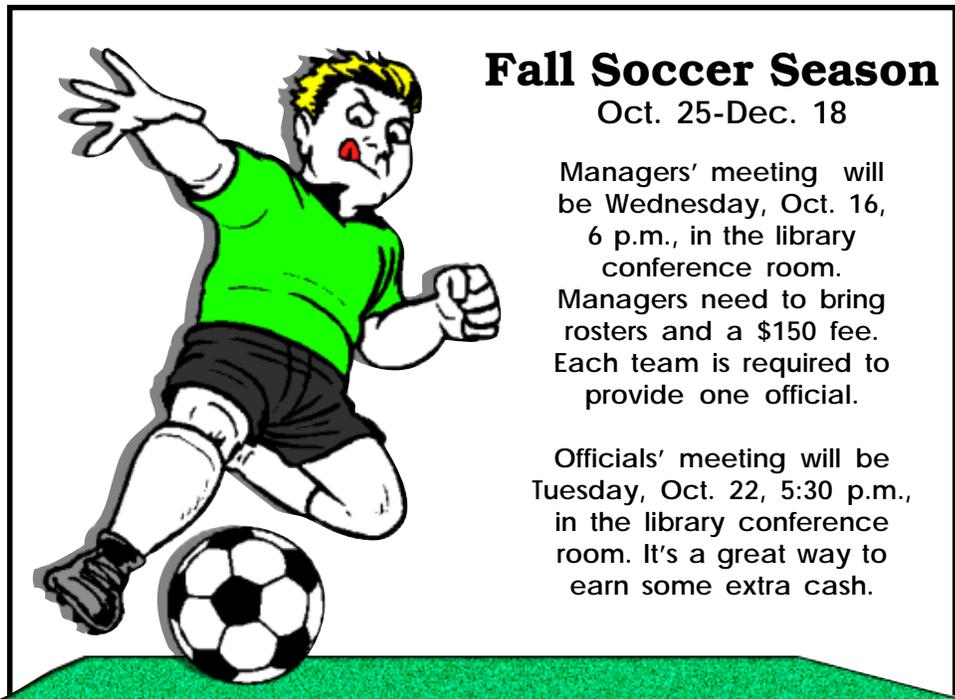
SOLID REDWOOD boards for fencing, \$150; 12' x 15' two-tone blue carpet, used for a few months, \$115; butcher block/kitchen island, great for trailer, \$100; royal blue crib bumper pads; fitted crib pad; maternity clothes, \$5-\$10. Call 52427.

1993 BAYLINER 2352 Trophy Walkaround cuddy cabin, Mercruiser 5.7L Alpha One, Yamaha 9.9hp four-stroke kicker, EZ Loader trailer, complete package includes boathouse with attached shed and boat cover, excellent condition, low hours, located at boat lot #83, many extras, \$50,000. Call John, 51546, after 5 p.m.

TWO HEAVY-DUTY fishing poles, one unlimited class, one 1-130# class, both have 14/0 reels, \$600 for both. Call John, 51476W or 53760H, after 5 p.m.

BLUE CARPET, new; three-year-old dishwasher. Call Dotty, 52420.

COMPUTER DESK, \$50; outdoor plastic blinds, new, \$5 each; floor lamp, \$10; Maui Jim sunglasses, \$100; king-size bedspread, in package, \$50; Playstation I, \$30; organic cloth diapers, \$100; Burley, \$50; red



Fall Soccer Season

Oct. 25-Dec. 18

Managers' meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m., in the library conference room. Managers need to bring rosters and a \$150 fee. Each team is required to provide one official.

Officials' meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m., in the library conference room. It's a great way to earn some extra cash.

wagon, \$30. Call Denise, 54630.

DISHWASHER, \$175; kitchen corner unit, \$40; rug, \$35; computer desk, \$50; scuba gear, \$300; scuba tanks, \$25 each; 200-series housing blinds, \$100; La-Z-Boy recliner, \$100; nursery set, \$60; Bob the Builder twin-bedroom set, \$100; sandbox, \$15; VCR, \$75; kids' lamp, \$15; pasta maker, \$15. Call 53760, after 5 p.m.

13" KAISER BALLERINA, white, \$50; German crystal decanter, blue, \$50; five colored hock glasses, \$70; Schwab Black Forest cuckoo clock, plays two melodies, \$75; trays, mirror base, beveled edges, brass side rails, one circular 14"; two hexagonal 14", \$20 each; 7" shell candle, \$7; Jenn-Air exhaust fan, new, paid \$100, will sell for \$50. Call 53640, 4:30-8 p.m.

NIKON N90S 35mm camera with MB-10 vertical grip, includes two new Tamron auto-focus lenses, 28mm-80mm and 80mm-210mm, two rechargeable batteries with charging unit, camera case and lightweight tripod, \$700 or best offer. Call Jim, 54313 or 51240.

USB 2.0 PCMCIA card, \$40 or best offer; Etherfast 10/100 integrated PC card, \$30 or best offer; never used, receipts included. Call 50229, before 6 p.m.

'96 YAMAHA Wave Venture three-person jet ski with rebuilt 2000/1200cc engine, new impeller, ride plate, scoop grate and battery, very stable with lots of power, includes current registration, cover, trailer and extras, \$6,000 or best offer. Call 54555, after 4 p.m., or leave a message.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TOMORROW'S 7 p.m. movie at the ARC is "Jumanji."

SAFETY REMINDER: USAKA Reg. 385-9 requires a flotation device when snorkeling in any location outside the roped area of Emon Beach. Snorkel safe, wear a vest.

BOATING ORIENTATION course is Thursday and Friday, 6-8 p.m., in CAC room 1. Stop by the Small Boat Marina with a \$20 fee to register. Questions?

Call 53643.

MARKER POLE "7," formerly "R," at latitude 8-47N, longitude 157-42.5E, approximately 1½ miles west of the north tip of Ebeye, is missing. A small white buoy has been put in place as a marker until the pole can be replaced. There is a coral head in this area and a marked depth of three feet. Avoid this area. Questions? Call 53798.

ROI-NAMUR Chili Cook-off is postponed until Nov. 10. Entry forms are available on Kwaj at the post office bulletin board and Building 1010; on Roi at the terminal and the Outrigger Club. Fill out the form and return it no later than Oct. 10.

DUE TO Marine Department operational requirements, the hyperbaric chamber is unavailable until Oct. 9. Recreational diving is limited to 50 feet during this time.

FIRST STOP-*Ejmour Mokta* is now in the main hospital building. Patients may register at the outpatient registration desk. New hours are 6:30-11 a.m. Employees are reminded that First Stop services are limited to first aid and acute minor illnesses/injuries that have an impact on work.

FAMILY POOL will close at 2 p.m. Sunday for a swim meet. Open swim is 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Questions? Call Becky, 52848.

ATTENTION hand-launch boat owners: All vessels in the hand-launch area must be marked with a boat number and current registration sticker. If you have a cover and trailer for your vessel, write your boat number on those as well. All unmarked vessels in the hand-launch area will be considered abandoned and will be hauled to the dump. Questions? Call Sadie, 53643.

MOPS meets Thursday, 8:45 a.m., at the REB. All mothers of preschoolers are welcome. We'll learn how to make lumpia and the craft will be handmade notecards. Childcare provided. Questions? Call Beth, 52763.

**Marshallese Word
of the Day**

Etetal = Walk or walking

See you at the movies!

Saturday

The Count of Monte Cristo (2002, PG-13)

Alexandre Dumas' classic tale of betrayal and revenge in 19th century France once again hits the big screen in this latest adaption. (Guy Pearce, James Caviezel) (132 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Accidental Spy (2001, PG-13)

Jackie Chan returns to his Hong Kong roots in this story about a mild-mannered salesman who finds out his father was a spy and is sent on his own mission to recover a treasure. (108 minutes)

C Building, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Tarzan (1999, G)

Disney loosely based this animated film on the famous book by Edgar Rice Burroughs. (Voices of Tony Goldwyn, Minnie Driver, Glenn Close, Rosie O'Donnell) (90 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Blade II (2002, R)

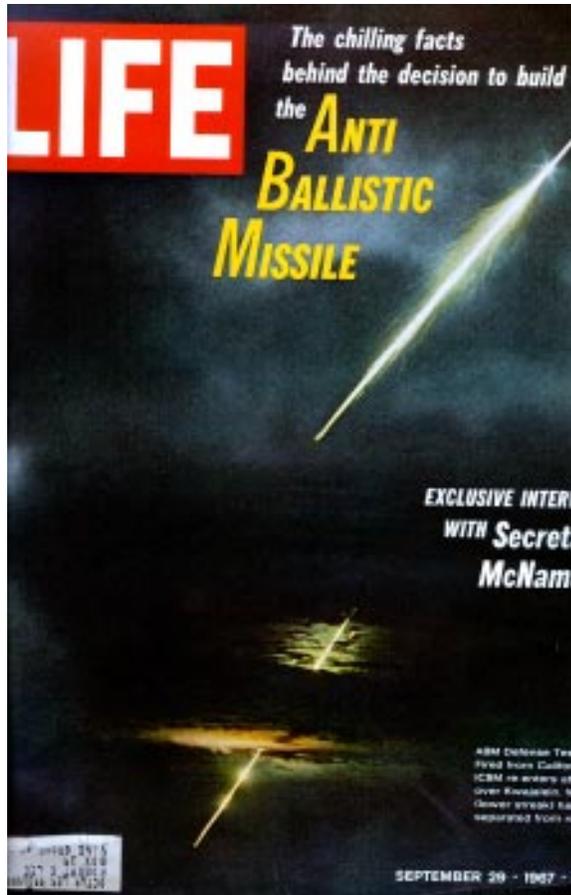
Wesley Snipes reprises his role as the vampire slayer who must team up with his enemies to fight an even more vicious breed of vampire that is terrorizing both humans and the undead. (Kris Kristofferson, Ron Perlman) (114 minutes)

C Building, 7 p.m.

Monday

The Count of Monte Cristo (2002, PG-13)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.



**Blast from
the past**

Nearly 35 years ago to the day this Life magazine hit newsstands. It was uncovered with a stack of other near-classic magazines in a closet at Building 805 during a little late spring cleaning. Does the cover look familiar? It should; that's a scene of an ICBM breaking through the clouds and into Kwajalein Lagoon. The story was an interview with then-Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara about America's plan to build a missile defense shield against nuclear attack by China. Another Life cover pictures an Israeli soldier, with the story describing ongoing conflicts between Israel and its Arab neighbors. The more things change, the more they stay the same ...

CMI on track to complete reaccreditation ...

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November covering issues including facilities, personnel, class schedules and accounting.

"If we don't have it done by November, we have to fly an accreditation team out separately. We don't want to do that," he said.

A recent visit by two people, an investigative agent and an auditor,

from the U.S. Department of Education confirmed that the school was on the right track on everything from funding and financial aids through accounting procedures and even Louis' trial preparation, he said.

"I asked if there is anything else we should be doing that we haven't been doing," Schmidt said. "They said, 'No, not a single thing.'"

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Scattered showers, some heavy, and a possible thunderstorm.

Winds: North-northeast to east at 7 to 12 knots, with gusts to 22 knots near heavy showers.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny with isolated showers.

Winds: Northeast at 7 to 12 knots.

Temperature: Tonight's low 80°
Tomorrow's high 87°

September rain total: 6.95"

Annual rain total: 82.73"

Annual deviation: 11.31"

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Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday October 1	0637/1840	0113/1415	0020, 3.1' 1240, 3.1'	0630, 2.3' 1750, 2.6'
Wednesday October 2	0637/1840	0211/1510	0040, 4.1' 1350, 3.6'	0740, 1.8' 1930, 2.1'
Thursday October 3	0637/1839	0311/1603	0150, 4.7' 1430, 4.2'	0820, 1.3' 2020, 1.4'
Friday October 4	0637/1839	0410/1655	0230, 5.2' 1500, 4.8'	0900, 0.8' 2100, 0.8'