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

## USAKA joins with U.S. agencies to help RMI



By Jim Bennett  
Editor

MAJURO — Many federally funded aid and education agencies in Majuro may have gotten a new partner Friday in USAKA.

“I see a lot of utility to getting involved here,” said Maj. David Coffey, chief, USAKA Community Relations. “I haven’t heard from one group here where I couldn’t see us doing something with them in the future.”

American officials gathered at the U.S. Embassy for what they call an Expanded Country Team Meeting. They try to get together quarterly, said Jennifer Brush, deputy mission director for the U.S. Embassy. It gives the local U.S. government programs directors a chance to review success stories and the various challenges each group faces, some common to the group, others unique. The meetings also cut the duplication

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

USAKA Community Relations Chief Maj. David Coffey, far right, and Stephan Notarianni, Host Nation specialist, carry a Christmas tree through the RMI government offices Friday on Majuro following meetings at the U.S. Embassy. See related story, page 5.

### Computer training for Marshallese pays big dividends

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

Proving that the six-week Windows Fundamentals computer class offered for Marshallese workers at the new Ebeye Computer Training Center is a success is easy. Just ask someone who attended the Monday afternoon class.

“I now type with both hands ... It used to take me two hours to do a report; now I’m faster,” said Thompson Tarwoj, Community Activities Bowling Alley coordinator, who used to use the “hunt and peck” method of typing. He also learned proper computer terminology. “So I can tell the

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A loadmaster packs away the MD-500 helicopter inside a C-130 used by a team with the Joint Terrorism Task Force of Hawaii, which was out here last week to image the islands and assess the installation’s infrastructure.

(Photo courtesy of the Joint Terrorism Task Force of Hawaii)

### Kwaj not forgotten in Homeland Security

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

Homeland security is not simply stopping at the borders of the United States. That shield is stretching 5,000 miles across the Pacific Ocean to include the

tiny but vital assets at USAKA.

A 13-member team with the Joint Terrorism Task Force of Hawaii paid a visit to the installation last week to assess USAKA’s infrastructure, accord-

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Editorial

# So long, goodbye and thanks for all the sashimi

In less than two weeks the most momentous and epochal event of the month, or at least that day, will take place — and, no, I'm not talking about another haircut.

That's right, campers, I'm outta here. Can you spell PCS?

And a one, and a two ... "Should auld acquaintance be forgot ... something, something, something ... Auld lang syne."

Anyway, now that the sappy part is out of the way, it's time to curse all of my enemies, beginning with ... Oh, just been informed I'm still under contract and can be fired and lose all unemployment benefits. In that case, there are a few people and such I would like to recognize.

Editor Jim "TDY" Bennett. Thanks to Jim for bringing me out here and ruining a perfectly good journalism career. A month or so after I came to Kwaj, my old newspaper was absorbed by *The Dallas Morning News*, one of the largest dailies in the country. I could be bureau chief by now.

Seriously, though, it's been a pleasure to work for and with this man. He may have been my boss, but he always treated me as a partner when it came to this job. I'll probably never have the creative and personal freedom I've enjoyed at the *Hourglass*.

And, far more importantly, he and his wife Gina have been tremendous friends, and in a place where generosity is as common as palm trees, their friendship



stands out and will be cherished always.

And to the rest of the *Hourglass* staff with whom I've worked so closely with for the last three years, four months, 26 days, seven hours and five minutes: Where has the time gone?

Karen, Dan and Barbara: Thanks for putting up with my moods and manias for so long. I'm a better writer and person for knowing each one of you.

Kwajalein is so much like the fictional bar on the TV show "Cheers." Not so much because we imbibe potent potables with improbable punctuality, but here everyone truly knows your name. When I first came here I wasn't so sure how I'd feel about losing my anonymity. But once I realized there weren't any porn stores where I could be recognized, I relaxed.

OK, all kidding aside: It's going to be difficult to leave Kwaj, not because of the hassles on the other side of that ocean — let's face it, we have our own problems here, and, if we didn't, we would do our best to make them up — but because

there's no where else in the world where I can ride a rusty Huffy down the road and wave to just about everyone I see. Most of you even wave back — and you use all five fingers; well, except for that time we temporarily did away with sports teams photos ... but that goes back to the curse.

Anyway, I'm going to do something I normally don't like to see too much of on the editorial page ... but, hey, I work here, so, without further adieu:

I would like to thank the following people (past and present) for joining me these last few years in what we all know as the Kwaj-condition, which, for a brief time, exists in a plane well above the human condition: Jeff and Kristin Mullins, Steve and Rhonda Snider, Ed and Amy Harris, Cowboy and Lexy Galloway, Chris Galloway, Joe and Deanna Gabinetti, Craig McCarraher and his stable of donkeys, LuAnne Fantasia and Col. Curtis Wrenn, the Flemings, Sue Rosoff, Julie Balter, Rich Feagler and the rest of the AFN crew, Chris Danals, Helmer Emos, Rusty Thomas, Thompson Tarwoj, our good neighbors at Community Activities with whom I've made countless friends, the Martindales, the Parker clan, the Herringtons and Tom and Heather.

Of course the biggest problem with these lists is that I'm sure to leave off someone, and, in this case, too many people with such meager space. Peace and good luck to you all.

### The Kwajalein Hourglass

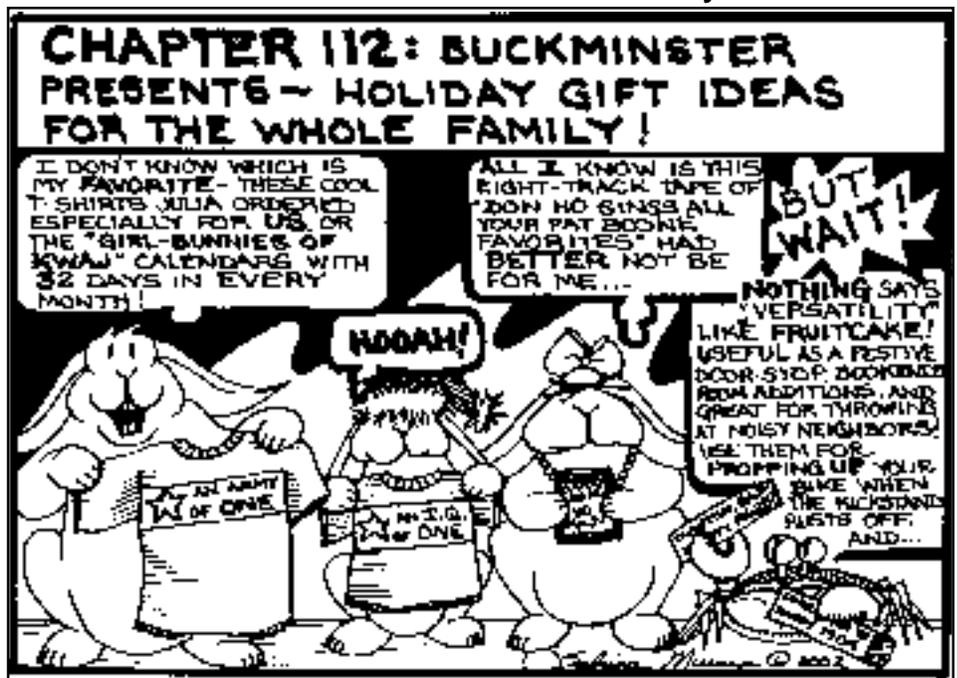
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## Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



## Retiring octogenarian outlasts two power plants

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

In 1941 American soldiers bombed a Japanese tugboat plying the waters near Jaluit. Leno Mejbon was on board, conscripted by the Japanese as a mechanic. Fortunately, Mejbon survived the bombing, and in 1959 he moved to Kwajalein to work in the power plant.

Now, after a total of 61 years of work — 44 years on Kwajalein — Mejbon is preparing for retirement Dec. 28.

Trained by his brother and picking up what else he needed to know along the way, he went to work as a boat mechanic and pilot before becoming a mechanic, operator and machinist, his current occupation, at the three different power plants on Kwaj over a 44-year timeframe.

Born on Jaluit in January 1922, Mejbon was conscripted by the Japanese military to work on the tugboat bombed in 1941. After the war, he moved to Majuro. He was assigned to Building and Grounds when he first arrived on Kwajalein, but within a month was moved to the power plant. At first, he lived in the workers' camp on Kwajalein run by the U.S. Navy, but moved to Ebeye when the camp was closed. He has outlasted two other power plants, all of his supervisors, co-workers, many of the government contractors and even the original caretakers of the base, when the U.S. Navy turned over the reins to the U.S. Army in 1964.

"I've seen a lot of changes," he said with the help of translator Diane Lomari, Utilities secretary.

Learning through on-the-job



Power Plant operator mechanic Leno Mejbon makes a subtle adjustment to the lathe. The octogenarian is retiring Dec. 28 after 44 years working at the Power Plant as operator, mechanic and machinist.

(Photo by KW Hillis)

training, Mejbon knows the machines he tends inside and out, according to Steve Quall, Power Plant mechanical supervisor.

"Actually, Leno and I work very well together," Quall said. "He has been here for so long I never have to tell him what to do. I can bring a project in here and he looks at it — he knows what needs to be done."

Power Plant Superintendent Sam Donahue said, "Over the years he has done some of all of it, from A to Z. Right now his primary job is associated with machine shop-type of work."

That sort of experience is not easily replaced, say his workers.

"Mejbon will be sorely missed," Quall said.

"He is the only machinist in this power plant," he said, adding that Mejbon taught himself how to use

the machines. "He has become a very skilled machinist."

Medical concerns have prompted him to retire, but is he ready to retire?

"At 80 years old, do you think it is time to retire?" laughed the spry octogenarian. His plan is to live on Ebeye where he has "lots of great-grandchildren" to keep him company since his wife, Jenuk, passed away two years ago.

Mejbon said he is getting a boat and plans to do some fishing. But, he added, that he won't be completely retiring.

"Maybe [I will] work a little bit on Ebeye," he said.

Mejbon takes with him a lifetime of experience and left one piece of advice for all employees on Kwajalein.

"Follow the rules," he said.

## ***New Year's dinner tickets sold out, but come out for the show***

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

If you don't have tickets for the New Year's Eve luau dinner buffet, then you're on your own for food. But that doesn't mean you can't still come down to the biggest blowout party of the year, says Ellen Smith, superintendent of Entertainment Services with Community Activities.

"You are still welcome to come," she said, adding that 289 dinner tickets were sold. "There will be seating there to watch the shows."

The party begins at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 31, at the fixed-wing hangar (bldg. 920), with the luau dinner, which lasts until 8 p.m. The local band Pure Aloha and its hula dancers will

perform during dinner, which is open to non-ticket holders as well. The band and dancers will be followed by the Tamari'i Porinetia Polynesian Revue from the Hilton Hawaiian, a troupe that includes a fire dancer.

Alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages will be available all night long until as late as 2 a.m., according to Smith. There will be five bars going — two full-service, two wine and beer and one serving virgin smoothies for the youngsters. No outside alcohol is allowed, she said, and kids must leave by about 10:30 p.m.

Fresh flower leis to complement the aloha atmosphere, can be ordered from Macy's West through Dec. 23, Smith said.

# Quarters of the Quarter



Guy and Dianne Tarnstrom, Qtrs. 203-A, Ocean

Alysse Catron, Qtrs. 453-A, Central



Bunny Glenn, Tr. 836, Emon Beach

Connie (and Bailey) Southwell, Tr. 557, South



Kevin and Ann Cohen, Qtrs. 126-B, North

John and Sally Rowland, Roi-Namur



## **Power situation on Ebeye now under control ...**

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of service.

The roll call reads like a who's who of federally funded programs in Majuro including representatives from Mission Pacific, CARE, rural development, disaster management, College of the Marshall Islands and *Waan Aelon In Majel*, a youth development program, to name a few.

"This way the U.S. government is speaking with one voice," Brush said.

While USAKA has always contributed to the Marshall Islands nationwide through regular contact with the Embassy and Pacific Command, Friday's meeting and potential subsequent involvement marks a more coordinated effort with specific aid agencies.

"The missing component is Ebeye," Brush said, adding she hopes to involve aid and education agencies from that island in future meetings.

Coffey reviewed the situation on Ebeye for the group, updating the power situation that had literally blacked out most of the island more than a month ago. He said power has been restored using a "patchwork of generators." New coils for one generator will be flown in within two to three days. That generator will then power Ebeye with the "patchwork" serving in back-up mode. Also, KAJUR is renting a new generator from an outfit in Australia and the KMRSS *Worthy* will bring that generator to Ebeye when it returns from

drydock later this month. Furthermore, four new generators will arrive in the February-March timeframe.

Coffey added that because of the back-up design, any future power outages won't affect the hospital, food storage, communications and other critical areas.

"Hopefully we're talking more about inconvenience and lower quality of life rather than a major health crisis," he said.

Cooperation between USAKA and RMI has taken other forms as well.

When an impeller broke at one of the reverse osmosis water stations on Ebeye, members of Kwajalein's FOM Machine Shop refashioned a new one. The water plant produces 300,000 gallons of water a day, one-third of the million gallons needed daily. In an emergency, USAKA can supply Ebeye with 120,000 gallons a day, Coffey said.

Coffey further discussed funding for the region, adding that Pacific Command's Title X money, which has been a source of many improvements, including most recently the multi-purpose facility on Ebeye, is now going to Afghanistan and Philippines in support of the war on terrorism.

Brush added that the U.S. is hoping to lure the Peace Corps back to the Marshall Islands. The Embassy hopes to get a Peace Corps assessment team here in the near future to examine the area.

Much of the meeting centered on introductions and project overviews.

### **Host Nation office delivers trees to RMI**

USAKA Host Nation played Santa Claus Friday following an Expanded Country Team Meeting at the U.S. Embassy.

Maj. David Coffey, chief, USAKA Community Relations, joined by Maryanne Lane, Stephan Notarianni and Noda Lojkar, delivered Christmas trees to the RMI national offices and Majuro Hospital.

"These gifts were possible because the junior and senior classes of the Kwajalein high school, USAKA and the U.S. Embassy in Majuro all worked together to share the Christmas traditions of trees and gift-giving that we have in common with our Marshallese hosts and neighbors," Coffey said.

— Jim Bennett

Brush reviewed the Compact of Free Association developments. The Compact was initialed Oct. 31 and the intent is to sign it in January, she said.

"The timing is critical," she noted. "Getting it signed after January threatens the administration's ability to put the Compact before Congress in time for funding in FY '04.

"We're very close but there are still a few remaining issues," she added.

## **Team with Homeland Security assesses USAKA infrastructure ...**

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ing to B.J. Worrell, with USAKA 500th Military Intelligence Group Detachment.

The team spent several days flying a special C-130 and MD-500 helicopter, known as a "little bird" in military circles, across the atoll, as well as Lib and Namu, Worrell said.

The plane flew as low as 1,500 feet imaging the islands, he explained. The process involved deploying two reconnaissance pods containing high-resolution cameras into the plane's jet stream once it opened its rear compartment.

"They took pictures of all the major islands," Worrell said.

The pictures include not only the obvious assets like radars, but fuel tanks, water tanks, power plants and any other infrastructure vital to the operation of the installation. A team on

the ground also collected data as detailed as the location of where the valves and other necessary components of these facilities are.

"They're looking at what are the vulnerabilities out here," he said. "People have looked at the radars before, but nobody had looked at what kept the radars running."

The team shot more than 9,000 feet of film during their five-day visit. Some of that data will be shared with the Host Nation office, Worrell said.

Maj. David Coffey, USAKA Community Relations chief, said the photos will help his office do its job better because its file photos are so old.

"Overhead imagery is a basic tool required to do the kind of long-range development planning we are trying to encourage in the RMI," Coffey said.

The team was made up of members of the Army, Air Force, FBI and the Drug Enforcement Agency. In fact, the plane belongs to the Air Force while the helicopter is a DEA asset transferred to the Homeland Security mission, Worrell said. Last week's visit was part of a sweep through the Pacific that included similar assessments at Guam and Wake Island, he added.

In November, Congress approved the creation of a Homeland Security cabinet-level department.

"It's a big deal that they came out here," Worrell noted. The visit was based upon a request from the 500th MI GP as well as the Pacific Command's desire to protect the nation's interest in the region, he explained.

"It's a good feeling knowing they haven't forgotten us," Worrell said.

## Classified Ads and Community Notices

**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.

**SCHOOL-AGE SERVICES/CDC INSTRUCTOR.** Full time. Responsible for developing and implementing the SAS program. Will also provide preschool instruction. Recreation or school-age background and/or early childhood degree is required. Additional training will be provided. A criminal history background check is required.

**VETERINARIAN TECHNICIAN.** Part time. Responsibilities include providing 24-hour emergency care, routine clinical services, minimal surgery using general and injectable anesthesia and assisting veterinarian when on island. Position involves approval of all pet importation and coordination with USAKA concerning pet policies and inspection of pet facilities on Kwajalein. Previous experience or nursing experience preferred. Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs a must. To schedule an interview, call Beth, 52225.

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

**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.

**Ebeye Public School has the following vacancy:**

FULL-TIME seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher. Prefer a volunteer, but will provide a salary to maintain a permanent teacher. For an interview, call Host Nation, 54848.

**USAKA currently has the following job vacancies:**

ATTORNEY-ADVISOR (General), GS-14. Closes Dec. 27

GENERAL ENGINEER (Directorate for Public Works), GS-13. Closes Dec. 26

For application information and announcement paperwork, call Cris Foster, USAKA Civilian Personnel, 54417.

**Boeing GMD has the following vacancies:**

BOEING GMD has numerous job openings at RTS for engineers and technicians to support the Ground-Based Interceptor launch effort. All positions require the ability to obtain a security clearance. Job duties will be performed at Meck Island. Some travel to CONUS locations will be required. All positions are currently posted on the Boeing employment Website at <http://www.boeing.com/employment/sitemap.html>. For more information, call John Correnti, 57161, or Steve Moore, 57072.

**WANTED**

LANDSCAPING BRICKS and king-size foam mattress.

Call 52592.

ANSWERING MACHINE. Call Eric, 53010, or voicemail 805-340-3807.

**LOST**

WOMEN'S READING glasses, bright pastels in neoprene case. Call Cynthia, 51357H or 53662W.

WEDDING BAND at softball game on Dally Field Dec. 12. Call Bruce, 52414.

SONY DIGITAL camera bag, black, with extra memory stick and battery. Reward. Call Simone, 53331 or 52306.

KEYS in vicinity of post office. Call 51385.

PLASTIC BAG containing two adult red/green/blue raincoats, one blue raincoat pants and one pink child's raincoat, at tree-lighting ceremony. Call 52379.

U.S. DIVERS mask at the marina dip tank Dec. 2. Call Eric, 53010, or return to tank house.

**FOUND**

BLUE GOGGLES with black rims at Emon Beach Nov. 30. Call 51950.

**FOR SALE**

PCS SALE. Three-person, 1200cc Kawasaki STX Jet, runs great, extra parts, \$4,000; two 20" TVs; eight 8' fence sections, \$300 or best offer; plants; ironing board and iron, \$10; dishes and glasses, \$30; golf clubs and bag, \$25; new 12' x 15' blue and green carpets. Call 54396.

ELECTRIC GUITAR, \$40; White's metal/money locator, like new, \$30; Osterizer blender, \$10; two ski vests, \$10 each; Conair Foot Spa, used once, \$20. Call 54784.

FULL-SIZE MATTRESS, box spring and frame, good condition, \$50. Call 53410.

BOAT #707 with twin Honda 40s and a great boatshack, see at lot #27, will sell as package or separately. Call 52733 or 52324, anytime.

SEIKO LADIES' WATCH, new in box, gold tone, automatic, \$100. Call Eric, 59662.

WHITE MODULAR dresser unit, \$300; treadmill, like new, \$300; 100 feet of 1' x 6' fence, \$650; new Bag Boy golf cart, bag, umbrella, and used clubs, \$100; new golf shoes, size 11½, \$20; gas grill, new tank, \$50; patio bar, \$75; Little Chief smoker, \$75. Call 52324.

PLANT SALE at Qtrs. 209-B. Small and large plants, \$5-\$100. Must see to appreciate. Call 52324.

**Christmas in  
the Marshall Islands**

**Friday,  
7 p.m., CRC gym**

**A performance by our  
Marshallese neighbors  
sharing their Christmas  
traditions with Kwaj**

### Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation tomorrow, 8 a.m.-noon, and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon.

All watercraft must observe the red flags on the southwest end of the island.



**Classified Ads and Community Notices**

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

26' COLUMBIA sailboat, great weekender, loaded, sleeps four to five, \$15,000 with boat lot #34. Boat lot #202 negotiable. Call 53276.

WATERFORD DECANTERS, \$90 each; child's helmet, new, \$30. Call 52197.

SMALL FREEZER, \$125; Cressi 2000 LD dive fins, \$90; O'Brien Black Magic hydroslide, needs new strap, \$20; Hawaiian sling, \$10; small microwave, \$40; soft weight belt, \$10; all items in good condition and best offer. Call 52540.

SONY DVD player, two years old, \$130. Call 52306.

LADIES' HUFFY bike with baskets, Kwaj-condition, \$25. Call 53711, or stop by Qtrs. 445-A.

9.9 YAMAHA ENGINE, runs great, \$1,200. Call 52245.

BIKE TRAILER, aluminum frame with hitch, \$200; Microsoft Publisher computer program, \$150. Call 54812, after 4 p.m.

PCS SALE. Three 6' bookcases, \$100 each; 19" TV, \$200; wood deck for new housing backyard, \$200; large and small plants, all for \$60; 12' x 15' off-white Berber carpet, \$25; 9' x 6' beige carpet, \$20; laser disc player, \$20. Call 52483, or come by Qtrs. 121-B.

ROLLERBLADES, size 7, \$50; electric Japanese tempura cooker, \$25; Kitchen Aid; pots and pans; stereo headphones, \$5; tan briefcase with combo lock, \$30; slide/movie screen, \$5; assorted Cloisonne Ware; dehumidifier, \$45; quilted throw pillows, \$15 each. Call 53640, 4:30-8 p.m.

TEAK QUARTER sawn plank, 6' x 7' x 2", \$150; set of

dive gear with Air II, \$200; Nacra 16' sailboat with brand new sails, \$3,500; 27" Sony Trinitron TV, one year old, \$400; over 30' of stainless steel chain, 1/4", \$200; three gallons of teak oil, \$75; women's size 7 rollerblades, \$10; JBL speakers, \$450. Call 53159.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

YOKWE YUK Women's Club Holiday Tour of Homes will be Dec. 23, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Call Patty, 52797, or Dianne, 55990.

HOSPITALITY KITS should be returned to Furniture Warehouse. For pickup, call 53434.

MARYLAND UNIVERSITY College will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 1 for the holidays. We will reopen Jan. 2.

TO OUR MARSHALLESE friends and neighbors: You are invited to shop at Macy's, Macy's West and Gimbels, Saturday, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Children under 18 will not be permitted on island to shop in the retail facilities. Gimbel's will not sell food, alcohol, books, newspapers, drugs or sundry items.

CONGRESSIONAL representatives from California, Texas and Missouri will be available to talk to their constituents tomorrow, 6-7 p.m., in the REB. RSVP to 51098 by COB Tuesday.

MASONIC FELLOWSHIP meets tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the Yokwe Yuk Club Kabua Room. All Master Masons welcome.

YOUTH SOCCER registration for ages 3-sixth grade is through Jan. 4. \$10 late fee after Jan. 4. Sign up at Community Activities. \$20 per child. Questions? Call

53331.

THE ROSSES and the Moselys are leaving town. Say goodbye tonight, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Yuk Club. \$5 per person. Heavy pupus and cash bar. Questions and RSVP to Frank, 52390.

DUE TO the absence of the USAKA PLCO, there will not be any unsolicited bid sales at DCCB until further notice. Questions? Call 51770.

DUE TO the high amount of requests for medical chart copies, allow at least three full working days notice prior to departure from Kwajalein. Charts requested without proper notice can be mailed to a forwarding address; however, there will be an additional charge. Questions? Call 52150 or 52220.

CARD NIGHT , Hearts and Spades, at the ARC is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Roi-Namur Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 p.m., at Tr. 8311. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 56292 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Kwajalein Wednesdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., at the PBQ, second floor, Room 250. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 51143 to leave a message. We will call you back.

OPSEC REMINDER: Providing our military forces with uncompromised defense systems is necessary to minimize risks and enhance our potential for the successful termination of a conflict. Apply OPSEC.

**Scuba Santa**  
arrives Friday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m.,  
at Emon Beach. Bring your family  
to this fun-filled event.



**CFW Ornament Exchange**



**Saturday, 5 p.m., in the REB.**  
**Bring a wrapped ornament \$10**  
**or less and a pupu to share.**

**Marshallese Word  
of the Day**

*Jobta - Church group*

**See you at the movies!**

**Wednesday**

**Undisputed (2002, R)**

A boxing champion ends up in prison and squares off against the top boxer of the penitentiary. (Wesley Snipes, Ving Rhames) (94 minutes)

Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

**Undisputed (2002, R)**

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Men in Black II (2002, PG-13)**

Super-agents Jay and Kay must once again save the world, this time from a monster alien disguised as a lingerie model. (Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones) (88 minutes)

Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

**Sunday**

**Austin Powers in Goldmember (2002, PG-13)**

Mike Myers is back as the retro British agent and the devious Dr. Evil in the third installment of the comedy franchise, which introduces a new villain — the very weird Goldmember. (Beyoncé Knowles) (95 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Lethal Force (2002, R)**

A cop (Richard Tyson) takes the law into his own hands. (95 minutes)

Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

**Monday**

**Undisputed (2002, R)**

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Ebeye computer class graduates 14 ...**

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Help Desk what is wrong.”

The class, which graduated 14 students Monday, is the first of a planned series of classes set up by the RSE Training department at a facility donated by Queen of Peace Elementary School on Ebeye. With funding by the Work Investment Act board in Majuro, furniture donated by Raytheon from the proposal center and RSE IT systems operator Annie Consul as the teacher, all that was needed were interested students to make the project a success.

“It is much better than we had anticipated because of the level of interest we’re getting,” said Romeo Alfred, RSE Training specialist. Originally designed to upgrade the skills of workers already using computers on Kwaj, a backup list of people who don’t have an immediate need to get the training is growing.

The enthusiasm of the students and the growing clamor for more classes

are the result of properly answering a need, said Alan Taylor, manager of RMI Employee Relations. The course is slower paced — offering the same material given in a one-day class on Kwaj over a period of six, four-hour classes — and uses a teacher fluent in Marshallese at a location near the students’ homes.

The class turned out to be a very lively group, said Consul, who incorporated tutorials in both typing and mouse use into the class. “They weren’t shy ... they asked questions.”

Two classes — Word and Windows Fundamentals — will be offered starting Jan. 27, 2003, and the classes are already starting to fill up, Alfred said.

Graduates include Tarwoj, Marok Lalimo, Kimo Keju, Toj Lain, Rusty Thomas, Rantak Samuel, Asmond Arelong, Alisa John, Joseph Iaman, Randy Kiluwe, Florian Latrik, Naomi Lavin, David Adde and Henny Lavin.

**Obituary**

George Ray Browne, 58, of Kailua, died Dec. 3, 2002, at his home after a long struggle with cancer.

Born in Hana, Maui, Browne was a resident of Kwajalein since Dec. 28, 1998, working at the Aviation Department as



George R. Browne

a Quality Control inspector.

George was fond of fishing with his buddies and sharing his catch with his friends.

The Aviation Department held a private memorial and farewell to George on the flight line Dec. 4.

He is survived by his wife, Gail; his mother, Christina Browne; daughter, Yvonne Vieau; two sons, Keoki and Mikaele; five sisters, Lavina Gouveia, Deborah Awai, Victoria Moniz, Marilyn Wallace and Irene Browne; and four grandchildren.

**WEATHER**

Courtesy of Aeromet

**Tonight:** Variable cloudiness with widely scattered showers.

**Winds:** Northeast 14 to 18 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

**Tomorrow:** Variable cloudiness with widely scattered showers.

**Winds:** Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

**Temperature:** Tonight’s low 79°  
Tomorrow’s high 86°

**December rain total:** 5.24"

**Annual rain total:** 103.86"

**Annual deviation:** 5.69"

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**Sun • Moon • Tides**



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday December 17	0656/1834	1629/0427	0240, 4.2' 1500, 5.1'	0840, 1.3' 2130, 1.2'
Wednesday December 18	0657/1834	1714/0516	0320, 4.3' 1530, 5.4'	0910, 1.1' 2200, 1.0'
Thursday December 19	0657/1834	1803/0608 <b>Full Moon</b>	0350, 4.4' 1610, 5.6'	0940, 1.0' 2230, 0.9'
Friday December 20	0658/1835	1856/0702	0420, 4.5' 1640, 5.7'	1010, 0.9' 2310, 0.8'