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President Note comes to Kwajalein

RMI head promotes U.S.-RMI relations, support to atoll

By Jim Bennett
Editor

As the LCM neared the cement pier at Emiburr Friday, RMI President Kessai Note and his entourage noticed the long line of residents holding leis and singing *Wotmarmar*, a Marshallese song about greetings. The 750 islanders had never received a president on their land and they wanted to extend a warm welcome. So the men, women and children lined up along the pier, dressed in their Sunday best, singing, clapping and later holding out their hands for handshakes.

"We're really happy he chose to come here," said the Rev. Antonio Koniske, pastor of Santo Assembly of God Church on Emiburr. "We want him to know that we will pray for him, help him and support his government."

Note returned the favor, leading his entourage down the line shaking every hand extended and patting small children on the head or briefly taking hold of their timid hands. The entourage included Mike Senko, U.S. ambassador to the RMI.

It was only the first of many warm welcomes for the RMI head of state during a four-day visit, during which Note pledged support to



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Emiburr residents greet RMI President Kessai Note with leis, song and clapping in a reception line that spanned the length of the pier and included an estimated 700 people.

both the citizens of Kwajalein Atoll and the U.S. military leaseholder, USAKA.

Eyes on Emiburr

The president and his entourage arrived Thursday afternoon, beginning his visit with briefings about the range and its mission, followed Friday by tours of USAKA's facilities

at Roi-Namur and the villages and people of Emiburr, Ebaddon and Carlos.

"Let me express my appreciation to the commander and the staff here for the accommodations and putting together a schedule that allowed me to see a lot here," Note said later.

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(Photo by KW Hillis)

Ebeye residents gather in the new Leiroj Kitlang Memorial Health Center waiting room during an open house Saturday.

RMI, U.S. dignitaries open new health center

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

After nearly seven years in the making, Ebeye's new health center opened its doors in a formal dedication ceremony and open house that brought dignitaries and much of Ebeye's population, especially children, to view the interior of the modern 40,000-square-foot building Saturday evening.

RMI President Kessai Note formally named the facility the *Leiroj Kitlang Memorial Health Center* after *Leiroj Kitlang Kabua*, who died Dec. 21.

"Our children are our future," Note said, reminding Ebeye citizens that "with benefits come responsibilities" of their personal and children's health. Note said that major health problems such as malnutrition, diabetes and hepatitis can be prevented if people "practice preventative

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USAKA and Kwajalein Atoll made impression on RMI president

Sitting down with RMI President Kessai Note Saturday, I realized that no matter the size of a nation, leadership carries a heavy burden of responsibility.

Mary Note admitted AFN's Sarah Muhich and me to the conference room at the Kwajlodge at our appointed time. She seemed cautious, but as gracious as anyone could be staring down a large television camera, tape recorder and notepad marked "Reporter's Notebook/ News, If found, please return to ..."

In one of those rare moments in journalism, the pre-interview get-to-know-you period, she joked about the media and her experiences with them traveling alongside her husband to Washington, D.C., and New York. It sort of reminded me of Laura Bush during her Texas first lady days and how before formal interviews she used to joke with reporters about the Texas Rangers' pitching.

When the president arrived a few moments later, he seemed friendly enough. He broke the ice with a few jokes about what he'd seen on Jay Leno the night before.

We often forget these public figures are people, too.

But, though always soft-spoken, he also played the role of the professional. Engaged in questions about education, transportation and the Compact of Free Asso-



ciation, he transformed into a man seemingly weighted down with the challenges of running a small island nation and a vision of where he wants to see it go.

You gotta start with a vision. And throughout the conversation, we kept coming back to education.

"It is a cornerstone of my administration," he said more than once.

You've got to have a plan, too, and his seems to revolve around education.

I asked him, "Doesn't it seem like there's never enough money?" to which he replied, "Once we become more educated, we're going to make more money."

It will be interesting to watch the investment in and the development of the new middle school in the works on Ebeye, the public high school that may get built there and the government support of CMI.

And while seemingly working toward total self-sufficiency in education and transportation, Note embraced throughout his visit the RMI relationship with

USAKA and the U.S. Rather than 15 years, he said he'd like to see the Compact extended to 50 years for continuity and improved economic development.

During the Sunday morning church service, the President spoke of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Such reprehensible acts have no place in this world and should be condemned," he said. "Let me reiterate our unconditional support ... That will continue as long as I am president."

The church crowd clapped, and the speech wasn't over yet.

Of course, the president primarily visited to open the new *Leiroj* Kitlang Memorial Health Center on Ebeye, a huge step forward in health care for local Marshallese. And on that, the president again went back to education and preventive health care to eliminate diabetes, hypertension and other prevalent illnesses.

"We want to make sure people take care of themselves," he said.

He's now planning a second health center to replace the outdated hospital on Majuro.

It's hard to say what will come from any VIP visit, but Note now knows the people and places here better, and to put it in his words, "I learned a lot."

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Buckminster and Friends

By Sabrina Mumma



ISAF: Shark attacks decline in 2001 from previous year

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Despite the sensational headlines of last summer, shark attacks on humans in 2001 actually declined slightly compared to the previous year, according to a Florida-based research organization.

Researchers at the University of Florida's International Shark Attack File recorded 76 unprovoked shark attacks worldwide last year after investigating 91 reported incidents. Unprovoked attacks are defined as incidents where an attack on a live human by a shark occurs in its natural habitat without human provocation of the shark, according to ISAF. Provoked attacks usually occur when a human initiates contact with a shark, ISAF said.

The 2001 total is down from 85 in 2000, a record year by ISAF records. The file is a record of all known shark attacks logged by ISAF at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Among the statistics may be Harold Parker's encounter with a grey reef while diving on the Bigej wreck about a year ago. Parker recounted that he and his dive buddies were descending on the World War II wreck when they noticed a small grey reef, about 3 1/2 to 4 feet long with heavy scarring, open its mouth and then disappear. The divers continued their dive, and when they reached the stern, the grey reappeared.

"It just happened so fast, there wasn't much time to do anything," he said. "I turned around

and there it was."

Parker said he had enough time to put a fin between himself and the charging shark, which then disappeared as quickly as it had appeared, leaving Parker a little shaken but unhurt.

"It hit [the fin] fast," he said. Parker later reported the incident to ISAF but said he was unsure if it was counted in the final tally.

The 15 incidents not accorded unprovoked status in 2001 included four provoked attacks, two scavenger events, two cases of sharks biting marine vessels, four incidents dismissed as non-attacks and two in which insufficient information was available to determine if shark attack was involved, according to ISAF.

More than half of the provoked cases, 55 total, occurred in U.S. waters, and 37 of those were in Florida. Both numbers were down slightly from the year before, but a summer season of high-profile cases made shark attacks big news before Sept. 11. The frenzy began July 6 when a bull shark bit off 8-year-old Jessie Arbogast's arm in the waters off Pensacola. The boy survived, but suffered brain injuries due to massive blood loss. The attacks eventually led Florida lawmakers to ban shark feeding for recreational divers, believing the activity was contributing to the attacks.

Elsewhere, South Africa had four attacks, Australia and Brazil had three each, and one each was reported in the Cape Verde Islands, the Marshall Islands, Mozambique and New

Zealand. ISAF reports that 11 attacks have occurred in Marshall Islands through 2000.

Surfers were the most commonly attacked group last year, with 35 recorded cases of unprovoked attacks. Swimmers and waders accounted for another 21, while divers and snorkelers were attacked 11 times.

The ISAF says shark attacks are steadily on the rise, despite a reported drop of shark populations around the world. The 1990s had the highest attack total (536) of any previous decade.

"The number of shark-human interactions occurring in a given year is directly correlated to the amount of time humans spent in the sea. As the world population continues its upsurge and interest in aquatic recreation concurrently rises, we realistically should expect increases in the number of shark attacks and other aquatic recreation-related injuries," the ISAF said.

The ISAF is a compilation of all known shark attacks. In existence since 1958, it is administered by the American Elasmobranch Society, an international organization of scientists studying sharks, skates and rays, and the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida. More than 3,450 individual investigations are currently housed in the ISAF, covering the period from the mid-1500s to present. For more information, visit the ISAF Web site at www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/sharks/ISAF/ISAF.htm.

Racism changes with the times, says Black History speaker

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Blacks can drink at any water fountain or dine in any restaurant they want to in the 21st century. But that doesn't mean racism is dead, according to Marshall Pittman.

"We actually have come a really long way," said Pittman, a consular associate with the U.S. Embassy in Majuro and guest speaker at Friday's Black History Month luncheon at the Yokwe Yuk Club. "On the surface, all looks well."

However, as society changes, so does the face of racism, Pittman explained. It's not the racists who chain a black man to the back of a pickup and drag him down the road until dead that we have to worry about, he said. It's the rewriting of history — such as the miscasting of Elizabeth Taylor in the role of an Egyptian queen — and less overt acts of racism we must worry about, Pittman said.

"Racism has changed," he said, a refrain throughout the speech.

What's the harm in a Hollywood movie?

"The answer's cultural pride," he said. "Knowing who you are, where you came from and being able to say you are somebody."

"My ancestors were kings and queens, master builders and astrolo-

gers," he added. "I am somebody."

Pittman started his career in 1969 at the Peace Corps, where he was responsible for the recruitment and placement of minorities into the Peace Corps' intern programs. Even then, in one of America's most liberal of institutions, he hit the racial barrier. There were few black volunteers, he said. He was told by superiors that they "couldn't find any" in Washington, D.C., a city with a large black population.

"Racism can rear its head any time," he said.

Today, Pittman said, the traditional "crazies" in the white robes and hoods are mostly gone. Today, there are new "crazies" in town.

"They're called terrorists," he said, imploring the audience that only through unity can we overcome racism and hatred.

"Our greatest enemy is not the Al Qaida, or the terrorists or the racists. Our greatest enemy is us," he said. "Together we stand for freedom and justice and righteousness, or divided we fall to hatred, bigotry and racism."

Sgt. 1st Class Donell Jones opened and closed the ceremony. Kwaj resident Tiffany Thompson read an essay on the accomplishments of black Americans through history at the beginning of the program.



Marshall Pittman

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"I was very impressed and enlightened from the presentation given to us and all the tours. It enhanced my understanding and appreciation of the significance and the importance of the mission here on Kwajalein."

On his arrival to Enniburr, the president could only say, "I was surprised. I didn't expect to see that many people on Enniburr. That was quite a turnout."

From the pier, the president and company hiked onto the island, viewing a community center under construction.

According to RMI Sen. Sato Maie, one of the atoll representatives in the *Nijela*, the national government pitched in \$7,000 while the local government, the Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority, the *iroij* and *alaps* and local families, added \$1,000 each. It's part of a cooperative grant match system used frequently in the outer islands for community projects, and it will see more use in the Kwajalein Atoll, Note said.

"It gets everyone involved," he said. "It becomes more theirs."

Local government workers should complete the construction by July, Maie said. The two-story structure features a large meeting hall on the ground floor that will host town meetings and activities, weddings, funerals, medical clinics, training courses and any number of other public events. On the second floor, two apartments will be available for guests of the community.

Maie said he will push for more such projects.

"This is a part of the Marshall Islands that has been neglected for many years," Maie said. "These people are my family."

Of the president's visit, Maie said simply, "I hope it reminds him of how the real way of life is for Marshallese people."

Johnsey Kobeney, Roi worker, Enniburr councilman and representative to USAKA, led the president on the islandwide tour from the community center, past the Army-built dispensary, homes and churches where residents live with no electricity or standard plumbing.

"He's here to see the people of Enniburr with his own eyes," Kobeney said. "We're so glad. Most of the infrastructure comes from work with the Army, cooperative work. Our thanks to the Army for their support. He [Note] wanted to know the process to see what he can do to help. I hope he can think of other projects, electricity and other things."

After the tour, the people followed him back

to the pier and sang, "Good Bye," as he boarded the LCM back to Roi-Namur. There, the group boarded a helicopter bound for Ebadon and Carlos, where Note continued to view the way of life firsthand and visit with his countrymen.

"I learned a lot on this trip," he said.

Talking Points

As he prepared for the hospital dedication Saturday night (see related story, page 1), Note sat down with the *Hourglass* to discuss the issues facing his administration and the key points of his visit to Kwajalein. Much of the conversation revolved around public education.

"It looks like we have to go back to basics," he said. "But this has been a priority in my government. We have increased funding for the second year in a row — resources, recruiting qualified teachers, bringing back English in primary schools."

Note added the government is looking at a deal with a private company out of Harvard, where college graduate students would work as volunteers, receiving only accommodations and stipends.

The government also has plans to "revamp and renovate the schools."

A middle or junior high school will be built on Ebeye.

"We're looking for good land to start building," Note said. "It's in the planning stages now."

And a high school could follow, he added.

With the College of the Marshall Islands facing re-accreditation this year, Note said his government will "try to upgrade and improve CMI."

"The challenge is education," he said. "The buzzword in the RMI government is 'capacity building.'" It is a cornerstone of our future development, not just of the workforce here on Kwajalein, but around the Marshall Islands. We have to prepare young Marshallese for future jobs in technology. The process of globalization makes it inevitable and imperative we change with the times. We are behind a lot of countries but nevertheless our efforts and desires are there."

But getting there from here can be difficult especially when you have more than 77 islands in just one of 29 atolls, raising transportation to the president's attention.

"I was not aware of how problematic it was here," he said. "Most people outside of Kwajalein Atoll think that every island is taken care of by the U.S. military. I didn't really know that they also depend on the government field trip ships out of Majuro. With a greater under-

standing of the situation, I hope to increase the frequency of the services. And in the meantime, we will continue to work with the military to see what can be done. That was one of the positives of this trip."

The president also focused on the relationship with the Army, a relationship he envisions extending for decades to come.

In fact, Note has proposed that the Compact of Free Association, currently under negotiations, be increased from a 15-year to 50-year deal.

"I proposed to the U.S. government that we should expand the use to up to 50 years, to provide stability and continuity. The RMI certainly needs that in attracting foreign investment, and the U.S. government, I'm sure, will continue to use Kwajalein for some other missions in the future," Note said. "Kwajalein has been an integral part of the U.S. military system, so I don't see them giving it up."

By the same token, Note sees an increased partnership with USAKA on the business level, through privatization of logistical and community needs on the garrison.

"Some of the programs and projects can be privatized [and] we should encourage more business," he said. "Shopping centers or malls, even the hotels — we have good hotels in Majuro, and restaurants as good as the ones here. I don't know the last time you were on Majuro, but the shopping centers have as good a selection and quality as what I saw here. The local transportation, taxi and bus service — a lot of things could be privatized."

But it won't happen overnight, Note conceded.

"As soon as we can, given the fact that we need to bring our local corporations up to U.S. standards where they can be accepted and approved by U.S. standards, reliability, dependability and quality of services. It's going to take some time, a transition period."

That period remains unknown, especially for Note, who after spending most of his adult life in public service in some form or another, enters his third year as president.

"I don't know what the future holds for me," he said. "I'm just doing right now what I have to do right now. I cannot say for sure what will happen in a year or two from now."

As for the legacy of his administration, Note said, "I really don't worry about it. My focus is trying to do a good job. I want people to remember that while I was there I did my best."

New health center features modern facilities ...

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health care.”

In addition to “aggressively target[ing] youths’ special needs during formative years,” Note said that visiting health specialists would be sought to upgrade the communities’ health care.

The facility was built with \$1 million from the Department of Interior, a \$9 million loan from Asian Development Bank, RMI government funds in the amount of \$3 million and \$355,000 from the Republic of China, Note said.

Thanking all those who helped, including project manager Robert Muller, with the construction and funding of the new health center, Note said, “[We] reserve our special thanks for our closest friends – the United States government.”

Note announced that the DOI has committed an additional \$1.8 million. The money, to be matched 100 percent by the RMI government, will be used for improvements to the health facility, to double the water production on island and for better education.

“We have obtained a positive moment here that we will continue to build on,” Note said thanking USAKA commander Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr. for help from USAKA.

Remarks by Ebeye Mayor Wilmer Bolkeim and a letter from the Asian Development Bank emphasized maintaining the new health center and taking more responsibility for individual and family health.

“[This] kind of development and progress we all want so much for Ebeye, and it is heartening that it follows on the heels of the improvements in power generation and the installation of the reverse osmosis plant,” said Mike Senko, U.S. ambassador to the RMI. “Further progress will take continued effort and leadership ... All of these goals are achievable. The U.S. can help and will help, but the motivation, the hard work, the decision-making will be largely Marshallese. The success of your efforts will be your success.”

Wrenn, in the Marshallese tradition, presented gifts.

“[These] are a gift from our friends and neighbors on Kwajalein to congratulate the Ebeye community [on] the dedication of this fine new facility,” Wrenn said as he gave gifts from Kwajalein designed to “brighten and beautify the halls of this center.”

He presented a nautical quilt donated by Lucienne DeMeo and a Kwajalein quilting group, a Hawaiian motif quilt donated by the Kwajalein Hospital staff and three posters,

designed by Connie Southwell, given on behalf of USAKA and Continental Airlines.

After the ribbon cutting and benediction by the Rev. Leonard Hacker, the doors of the new hospital opened and adults and children flooded into the bright, clean halls and pecked in rooms marked with small signs such as “Clean Room” and “Well Baby Clinic.”

“Hopefully, we will have the outpatient clinic operational by March 1,” Muller said. “The [old] hospital right now is pretty much leaking and we hope to move day patients in as soon as possible.”

Tripler Army Medical Center technician teams have done an initial inspection, giving advice mostly on the maintenance of the facility, Muller said. They will be out again to help the hospital with the transition, which should take place before the end of March.

“This hospital was designed to be self-contained and it has its own food service,” he said. “So it has to be operational to serve the patients three squares a day.”

Difficulties with the skeleton structure added both cost and time to the construction project.

“It took a while,” Muller said. “The building structure was not easy to work with. It’s a metal frame in a very harsh environment – heavy on salt spray. We put in about \$1 million and a half worth of remedial stuff.”

“Eighty percent of the doorframes had to be expanded to accommodate standard hospital gurneys and meet hospital codes,” he said.

In the spacious front waiting room, some residents sat as if already waiting for appointments.

“It is far better than what we have at Kwajalein,” said Bess Buchanan, Kwajalein Hospital First Stop physician’s assistant. “It’s a huge boost to the community health care system.”



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Ebeye residents gather at the entryway outside the new health center waiting room following the dedication ceremony Saturday night.

The modern and clean building gives “credibility to their hospital care,” Buchanan said. “They already had good doctors, but when they looked at holes in the walls and no bathrooms, they doubted [the care].”

Not only was there doubt about the health care, there was doubt whether the center would ever be built, according to *Trojilaplap* Anjua Loek’s welcoming remarks during the ceremony.

“[With] this project one is reminded of the old saying, ‘Out of chaos comes opportunity,’” he said, “Indeed many people thought this project was unachievable.”

After outlining the long difficult history of the new hospital, Loek asked everyone to pay attention to how the health center looked on opening day.

“[And remember] how impressive the facility looks today,” Loek said. “So that together we can help maintain and care for it. To show that we are truly concerned about our health and our children.”

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

USAKA is accepting applications for GS-09 Public Affairs specialist. Position is a term appointment NTE two years and cannot be extended beyond four years. Position is full time, on island. Rating will be based on applicant's experience. Duties are to serve as Public Affairs specialist for USAKA. Applicants must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-07 grade in federal service or equivalent education. Eligibility requirements are U.S. citizenship. Applicants must be able to meet requirements for a secret clearance. For job announcement and application package, call Cris Foster, 54417, USAKA Civilian Personnel. Applications will be accepted through March 6.

USAKA is accepting applications for GS-02 postal clerks. Rating will be based on applicant experience. Positions are temporary NTE one-year, on-island, full-time. Duties include receiving, sorting and distributing mail. Eligibility requirements are U.S. citizenship, must have or be able to obtain a driver's license, must be able to lift a maximum of 70 lbs., have minimum computer and clerical skills, be able to meet requirements for a national agency check, have good oral and written skills and have three months of progressively responsible clerical/office work or high school graduation equivalent. Call Cris Foster, USAKA Civilian Personnel, 54417, for job announcement and application package. Applications will be accepted through March 1.

COMPUTER INSTRUCTORS, University of

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WANTED

KWAJ BIKE. Call 52478, evenings.

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CLASSES AND COURSES

KWAJALEIN ART GUILD offers a shell candle class tomorrow and Friday, 6-9 p.m., in the MP room. Cost is \$25. Instructor will provide supplies, but bring a heat gun or propane torch if you have one. Sign-up forms are on the post office bulletin board. Questions? Call Dana, 54216, after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE

HUNTER GREEN and beige couch, excellent condition, \$750; ladies' dark blue Nike Air running shoes, size 7½, never worn, \$40. Call 51081.

NINTENDO Game Cube with one controller, two A/V cables, one game, "Star Wars Rogue Squadron II," \$250. Call 52524.

METAL FOUR-DRAWER filing cabinet, \$40; wooden two-drawer filing cabinet, \$25; sewing machine, \$25. Call 52327.

PCS SALE. Sony portable CD player, \$75; Canon computer printer, \$75; Sony Playstation with carrying case, five games, memory card and cheat notes, \$100; computer desk, \$30; two small poster frames, \$5 each; large poster frame, \$10. Call Kirk, 56470H or 56335W.

PUZZLES, board games and children's books. Call 52115.

TWO SKI VESTS, new, never used, \$50 each; small stereo system, \$50; right-handed and left-handed golf club sets. Call 54533.



Mongolian Barbecue

The 23rd annual Mongolian Barbecue is March 24 at the Vets' Hall. Tickets on sale at the mini-mall March 4, 11 and 18. Questions? Call Tom, 50944.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROI-NAMUR BACHELOR ADVISORY COUNCIL meeting is tomorrow, 1 p.m., in C Building. Council members from each BQ building are solicited. Unaccompanied personnel wishing to have input into this meeting should contact their representatives. All Roi-Namur residents are invited to attend. For additional information, call Community Services, 53400. Roi-Namur representatives are as follows: Ajax, Sandy Linell; Sprint, Tim Gernold; Apache, Robert Kersch; Nike, Dino Lakjohn; Spartan, Rick Everette; A Building, Gwen Cardoos; B Building, Trina Royne; Trailers, Joseph Woods.

THERE WILL be two planning meetings for the Spring Break Festival: Musicians only, tomorrow, 6:30 p.m., in CRC Room 7; all organizations, Thursday, 6:30 p.m., in CRC Room 1. Questions? Call Ray, 52447.

MARK YOUR calendars. The annual ballroom dinner dance is April 28 at the Yokwe Yuk Club. As usual, it will feature the Pacific's Most Dangerous Band. Watch the *Hourglass* for details.

COMMUNITY ADULT Education office will close March 23-March 29. Anyone needing a test proctored during this time needs to call 53601 to make special arrangements. Regular hours resume Monday, April 1.

REGISTRATION for Community Education's Spring A classes is through March 5. Classes include photography, Excel, computer graphics, SQL, Microsoft Windows, Japanese, Spanish, aerobics, pillow coverings and sewing class for kids. Questions? Call Teri, 51078.

JUNIOR HIGH Choir and Band Concert is Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m., in the MP room.

DON'T MISS Kwajalein Art Guild's Spring Arts and Crafts Show Monday, March 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the MP room.

SCUBA TANK SAFETY: Divers are reminded to transport scuba tanks in a secure manner. Strapping tanks and BCDs to the back of a bike is not safe. Additional weight can make biking awkward, and if a tank should fall it may cause damage to the valve and a potential hazard. Questions? Call 51503.

ISLAND ORIENTATION is tomorrow, 8-11:30 a.m., in CAC Room 6. All new island arrivals and family members over the age of 10 are encouraged to attend. After orientation, plan to join Host Nation for a trip to Ebeye, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bring lunch money and your K-badge to tour the town. Women should wear long dresses or modest skirts. Questions? Call Host Nation, 54848.

INTERESTED IN playing bridge? Two informal groups meet every week. For information, call Pat, 53355, or Dotty, 52420.

KWAJALEIN GOLF Association fees are now overdue. Send \$50 for adult and \$15 for junior to: KGA, P.O. Box 116, Local.

California Girls



BEACH MUSIC!

Saturday, March 2, 6 p.m.,
at Emon Beach.

Sunday, March 3, 8 p.m.,
at Roi Outrigger Club.

Questions? Call Pam, 54678.

YOUTH CRAFT Club strikes again! Come to the monthly craft club meeting Tuesday, March 5, at the Hobby Shop, and learn to weave a basket. First-third grades, 4-5:30 p.m.; fourth-sixth grades, 6-7:30 p.m. Questions? Call 53331.

COMMODORE'S BALL tickets are now on sale. Cost is \$30 per person. The ball is March 3. Questions? Call Lisa, 53663.

DURING THE MONTHLY supply barge operation Thursday, all personnel are asked to remain outside the barricaded one-block area around the supply warehouse complex. This area is bounded by Marine Road, Poinsettia Street, and 6th and 8th streets. This request is in the interest of everyone's

safety. Questions? Call Shipping and Receiving, 52180.

KWAJALEIN POLICE Department is holding a bike auction March 2, 4-5 p.m. All bikes will be paid for with U.S. currency. Proceeds benefit the USAKA recreation fund.

IT'S TIME to dust off the cobwebs and jump into water polo season. Start picking your teams. Managers' meeting is tonight, 6 p.m., at the family pool. Questions? Call Kristin, 52848.

WATER POLO officials and scorekeepers should attend the water polo meeting tonight, 6 p.m., at the family pool. It's a great way to earn some money and have a great time. Questions? Call Kristin, 52848.



Kwajalein Tennis Club sponsors a tournament through March 25. Men's singles, women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Call Steve, 52758, or e-mail stcummings@aol.com

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Alice in Wonderland (G)

A little girl goes on a fantastical adventure down a rabbit hole.

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Others (2001, R)

This "haunted house" movie takes place shortly after World War II. Grace lives alone in a mansion with her two children, who suffer from a photosensitive allergy — bright light causes them to break out in sores that can be fatal. To this odd household come three strangers looking for work. Soon, the children begin to see strange, spectral images. (Nicole Kidman) (105 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Bandits (2001, PG-13)

Join the "Sleepover Bandits" on their crime spree down to Mexico, where they hope to open a resort. After a couple of inmates break out of prison, they begin robbing banks, kidnapping the bank manager the night before and then accompanying him to work the next day. Along the way they pick up a bored housewife who wants to be kidnapped. (Bruce Willis, Cate Blanchett, Billy Bob Thornton) (124 minutes)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Bandits (2001, PG-13)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Others (2001, R)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Monday

Alice in Wonderland (G)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Others (2001, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Russ Camacho, Bud Teague and Ken Winchester of Out of Hand harmonize on the tune "Beautiful Brown Eyes" during Sunday's Kaleidoscope of Music held at the MP Room.

Music event tunes into scholarships

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Who knew the island featured opera singers along with a pair resembling the Blues Brothers and a bluegrass band?

A variety of singers and musicians turned out for the Kaleidoscope of Music Sunday, raising \$2,904 for the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club scholarship fund, according to Denise Bottomley, who, with Eileen Carson, coordinated the event.

The evening opened with classical pieces, vocals from Amy Hester, who also played the flute, Tony Correa, Cindy Barrs, Sheri Howard and Greg Grunden. Correa sang selections from operas "La Boheme" and "Turandot" by Puccini, and Grunden sang from "Griselda" by Bononcini. Howard sang from the rock-opera "Jesus Christ Superstar,"

while Barrs sang "On My Own," from *Les Miserables* and "Somewhere Out There," in a duet with Correa. Pianists Patricia Orlock and Lynda Golly, joined by Patrick Teagarden on guitar, provided the accompaniment throughout the first half. Janet Corbin and Orlock played solo tunes on the piano.

During the intermission, the club sold desserts at a \$1 apiece, raising \$214 of the total.

The second half opened on a different note, led by Curtis Wrenn and Jerry Cornell in their portrayal of the Blues Brothers. Bud Teague, Dan Eggers and Howard sang mellow tunes, while the group Bring It On played popular alternative music. The youth group Fast Food Tragedy entertained with the kid-in-love-with-best-friend's-mom ballad, "Dear Ana," and Out of Hand got the crowd clapping with bluegrass music.

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Winds: East-northeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Winds: East-northeast at 15 to 20 knots.

Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 86°

February rain total: 2.98"

Annual rain total: 4.29"

Annual deviation: -3.15"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday February 26	0704/1900	1755/0549	0350, 4.7' 1600, 5.9'	0940, 0.8' 2220, 0.3'
Wednesday February 27	0704/1900	1856/0645 Full moon	0420, 5.1' 1640, 6.2'	1020, 0.4' 2300, 0.1'
Thursday February 28	0703/1900	1956/0738	0500, 5.5' 1710, 6.3'	1100, 0.1' 2330, 0.0'
Friday March 1	0703/1900	2054/0829	0530, 5.6' 1750, 6.1'	1140, 0.1'