

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Mike Herrington, right, conducts the hands-on portion of B-boat training at the Small Boat Marina. For more on boating classes, see Page 6.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

Trivial news gets more attention than major news

By Tamara Ward

- Lindsay Lohan is arrested again.
- Some pages of the new *Harry Potter* book were leaked before the official release to the public.
- Oprah Winfrey's dog died.
- Hilary Clinton called Barack Obama "irresponsible and naive".

These are some of the stories and headlines that made the front page of the news — not the entertainment section — not the sports section — the front page.

I know certain things are important to certain people. I wouldn't dare criticize People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for protesting Michael Vick's treatment of dogs, and I know millions of kids are reading more than ever since the *Harry Potter* phenomenon began, but I do have to question what our priorities have become.

Trivial news items overshadowed important news such as:

- The European Union took the first step on Monday to send troops to protect refugees in the violent region bordering Darfur, a place where over 400,000 people have been slaughtered since 2003.
- Federal statistics now show the teen birth rate has hit a record low.
- Air traffic control towers are reported as being poorly maintained with 220 out of 314 of them having the potential to harm the flying public.

We have monumental and important things going on in our world and community, but you literally have to dissect

the news to find these stories.

I know entertainment is a part of our daily life, but at what point do we have to admit that we are doing a lot more than just letting the personal lives of celebrities and fictional people entertain us?

I know people stateside who TiVo about six programs a day because Jack Bauer from the show *24* is more important to them than the counterintelligence agents that are really out there risking their lives to serve and protect us.

Fictional kids like *Harry Potter* seem to get way more attention than Evan O'Dorney who won the Scripps National Spelling Bee this year or Akrit Jaswal, who at the ripe old age of 7, performed a surgery separating a little girls fingers that were burned and fused together.

Harry Potter's cool and all, but I'd rather see a child have a hero who can encourage them to aspire to goals they can actually reach.

I fear we're getting so caught up in tall tales and the misadventures of the rich and famous that we will start to miss some of the things that are going on that can really impact us. I don't look to the national experts to tell me the state of the world.

The simple facts are that more people subscribe to the *National Enquirer* than *Time* magazine and that individuals depend on the *Ghost Whisperer* for their life lessons, tell me all I need to know. In the words of Art Buchwald, "Pretty soon we won't be making up anything anymore. The world itself has become a satire. All we're doing now is recording it."



Michelle Yamaguchi

USAKA Person of the Week

Michelle Yamaguchi often goes out of her way to assist many of us from her position in the Honolulu freight forwarding office. But on July 20, she saved the day.

The Chugach logistics/finance computer quit working on payroll processing day. After a replacement part was located in Honolulu, Yamaguchi took care of all the paperwork late on the afternoon of July 20 and met the repair technician on her

own time after work. Then she made a special trip on July 21 to deliver the part to AMC ensuring the the part was on the Monday flight.

It was installed on Tuesday morning and all 1,060 Chugach employees will receive their paychecks on time. Working in a remote location like Kwaj has it's challenges, but people like Yamaguchi help get the job done.

Correction: A typo on a photo cutline in Saturday's issue referred to 'calvary' boots instead of 'cavalry' boots. *The Hourglass* regrets the error.

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Schexnayder holds community all-hands meeting forum on Kwajalein Tuesday

Delivers blunt assessment of budget, job remoting, future of range

By Nell Drumheller
Editor

Michael C. Schexnayder, deputy to the commander for Research, Development and Acquisition at the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, spoke with members of the Kwajalein community in a 'all-hands' format meeting Tuesday. Schexnayder was on island to participate in the Reagan Test Site change of command on July 20.

"The primary purpose I have today is to tell you a few things about money that may or may not have been said, in a way to try and reduce some of the anxiety that I know that you feel out here," he said. "The second is to tell you that I am firmly committed to everybody acting as a team out here. In Army speak, we have a multi-

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— Michael C. Schexnayder

compo organization. Said plainly, you military, civilians and contractors that work together to make this place work."

In introducing Schexnayder, Col. Stevenson Reed, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll commander said, "He is over 85 percent of my funding. He's trying to get a total picture of what's going on. He knows there's still work to be done."

Schexnayder explained his history with USAKA, stating that when he became the deputy commander for RD and A at SMDC in 2004, that there were leaders above his level who didn't see the need for a mission at Kwajalein.

"I'm sitting there in about the third week on the job and I get this nice little note from the SMDC G8, who is the money person, and it says, well the Army is building its POM [Program Objective Memorandum] for 06-11 and they've decided that they want to outsource, or get rid of,

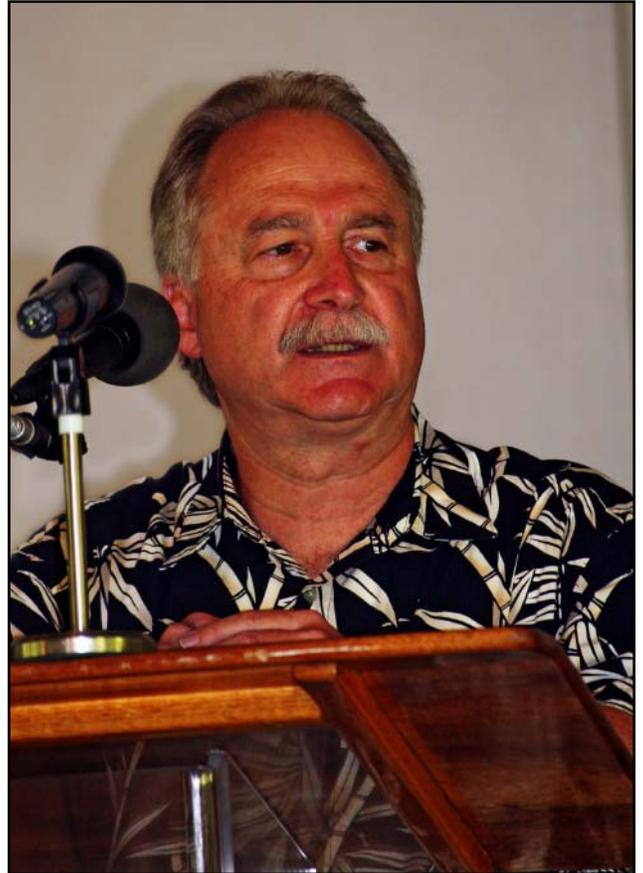
or sell off, whatever the right business term is Kwajalein." He said he was told "Kwajalein doesn't do anything to help the Army."

He admitted "That was pretty sobering for me. I was new in the job, I only knew a little bit about what Kwajalein did, but I knew that you did a lot to help the joint war fighter — particularly with what's done on Roi. I knew you did a lot to help develop the country's missile defenses which the Army does benefit from. I knew that there were things on the books out here, in the terms of rapid space launch or cost-effective space launch that were being done, and I knew that even though people don't like to talk about nuclear deterrence, that having missiles that are nuclear equipped provides the country with a lot of deterrence."

He continued, "So I was a little bit dumbfounded." It seemed the writing was on the wall — until Lt. Gen. Larry Dodgen was appointed to the command of SMDC. "Gen. Dodgen came out here and took a look around and he decided that there was a lot that happened out here that did help the joint war fighter, did make a big difference to the country, and that the problem was that certainly nobody inside the Army understood that."

You guys were making this place work.

The result of all of that was that Gen. David F. Melcher [Military deputy for Budget with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller] proposed to the chief of staff and the Secretary of



Michael C. Schexnayder, deputy to the commander for Research, Development and Acquisition for U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command speaks at an all-hands meeting in the Island Memorial Chapel Tuesday.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

the Army, at a time when the Army is really strapped for resources, he proposed to increase the budget out here by about \$400 million over the five year period."

That proposal was staffed, first through the Dept. of Defense, then office of management and budget, then it to the office of the president and finally over to the Congress. "So when President Bush proposed his budget in the beginning of February this year [with the recommendation], you can believe the money is going to come," Schexnayder said.

He defined what he expects of the Kwajalein community. "Your job, as this team, is to make sure that the

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people who proposed this money for Kwajalein, and the people who appropriated the money, the Congress, understand what you do and how hard you work. And that they understand that this — through an accident of geography — is strategic to the country. So I'm asking that every one of you take on that mission, because if we slip on this drive toward being a world class facility, then they will reduce their support for out here. It's just that simple.

"They put an extra approximately \$400 million in the budget, now that's the good news," he continued. "The bad news is that you could probably spend a billion out here a year in order to fix everything that needs to be fixed. So it takes everyone working together, being creative to come up with a way to make this place run with less money than we have in the past."

"Our actual budget is greatly reduced through FY13," explained Lt. Col. Jeff Klein, USAKA deputy commander, in an interview after Schexnayder's visit. The reduction in funds will begin in the 2009 budget. The \$400 million addition to the budget is an increase to the originally proposed POM budget, which had USAKA moving toward caretaker status. Klein added that USAKA will release more information on the budget changes soon. The \$400 million increase will not provide for facility and infrastructure improvements, but will maintain the current mission requirements.

Schexnayder continued, "Inflation doesn't make things cost less. It makes it cost more. So the fact that we are running this place with less Army money than the Army contributed in the 90s is no mean feat, the fact that you've done this up until now is no mean feat and I want to congratulate you for that. At the same time, I want to tell you that we are going to look for every way we can to operate this place more efficiently so that we draw more customers and figure out how to work on some of the infrastructure that is getting, in what I call, a desperate condition."

Schexnayder said the solution is to get other agencies to foot the bills. "I'm going to go and look for more people to contribute to that." He said he will continue to market USAKA to the Missile Defense Agency, Pacific

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— Col. Stevenson Reed, commander, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll

Command and other defense agencies such as Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

"There's a lot more that we can do," he said if the money was available, indicating that if the money was available, needs would include, "Upgrade sensors and upgrade cameras." He added, "I don't feel that we have a viable CONOP [Contingency Operations Plan] for the future. Remoting is a sensitive subject to most of you. It was portrayed in the 90s as closing most of the base. That ain't going to happen. I need you to get out of what I see as some fear about the future, get into being creative. To create the future, you can't be afraid for your survival. And at the same time, I can't tell you that everything is going to be ok. I will tell you that if we don't create the future we will be the victims of the future. I think you have the power, through teamwork, to help create the future," he said.

"I'm looking for good ideas for a CONOP, some people may call it a business plan, as to how this place should operate. Remoting is key to bring customers here," he said.

"I'm asking you to not look at remoting as a threat to your jobs. I'm asking you to be creative about coming up with a concept of operation that is affordable."

Schexnayder said he didn't like the options if a good CONOP isn't developed. "The alternative to that is to do something that I'd really prefer not to do, and that is to salami slice everything out here until it fits into the budget. And usually if you salami slice, you get really disappointed after about three years. The reason is that some things are more important than other things and when you salami slice you are saying they are equally important."

The bottom line, according to

Schexnayder is "The Army is not going to commit more money to cover fixed costs of operating this place. If anything, the Army will come under increasing budget pressure to live within their regular appropriation."

He challenged those at the meeting. "You have to deliver value to the war fighter. Think about ways to make this place better. The formal way is Lean Six Sigma."

However, he admitted that not all recommendations are sound. "If you see that it is going a stupid way, for god's sake say something to someone. Nobody knows more about what you do than you do. Nobody knows better what goes on Kwajalein than the people of Kwajalein."

He continued to speak about dollars and cents. "Kwajalein gets more money than any other test facility in the United States Army at a time when we're fighting in Iraq. And to a lot of Army officers that's inconsistent with the reality that we're in. Life is kind of strange in how things go."

He summarized that he'd like to see that everything that gets done in Huntsville on the remoting side gets done by paying customers.

"We spend other people's money."

He asked, "How do you fix this place and have a highly performing workforce in a time of declining resources?"

He told the group that he asked Reed to be open to ideas from the community and keep the USAKA family informed.

Reed concluded the meeting, "I'm going to form an IPT [Integrated Product Team] starting in August." He said he'd gather the right people in a room to come up with the answers for the community. "We can't have USAKA having its priorities, KRS having its priorities, Alutiiq having its priorities and no one being wanting to bend, because then it's going to be my system, because it's the government and I pay the check"

So, at the end of it, we have about three months to hear from everyone." Reed said he expects to have some answers in time for an October or November town hall meeting. "It's a hard process, and it's going to take a lot of brain muscle and we have to do it by October-November timeframe."

He added that at the town hall "Everybody will be able to hear it, see it, smell it and accept it."

Twenty three servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

The following 23 U.S. servicemembers have died in the Global War on Terror: **Pfc. James J. Harrelson**, 19, of Dadeville, Ala., died July 17 in Baghdad, Iraq of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

Four Soldiers died July 18 in Adhamiyah, Iraq of wounds sustained when their vehicle was attacked by enemy forces using an improvised explosive device and small arms fire. The Soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. Killed were: **Sgt. 1st Class Luis E. Gutierrez-Rosales**, 38, of Bakersfield, Calif.; **Spc. Zachary R. Clouser**, 19, of Dover, Pa.; **Spc. Richard Gilmore III**, 22, of Jasper, Ala., and **Spc. Daniel E. Gomez**, 21, of Warner Robins, Ga.

Sgt. Ronald L. Coffelt, 36, of Fair Oaks, Calif., died July 19 in Baghdad of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 503rd Military Police Battalion, 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne), XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Pfc. Brandon M. Craig, 25, of Earleville, Md., died July 19 in Husayniyah, Iraq of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Cpl. Rhett A. Butler, 22, of Fort Worth, Texas, died July 20 of wounds suffered when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device in Khan Bani Sa'd, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Washington.

Sgt. Jacob S. Schmuecker, 27, of Atkinson, Neb., died July 21 in Balad, Iraq of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 755th Recon/Decon Company, Nebraska Army National Guard, Oneill, Neb.

Cpl. Christopher G. Scherer, 21, of East Northport, N.Y., died July 21 from wounds suffered while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Bobby L. Twitty, 20, of Be-

dias, Texas, died Sunday from a non-hostile vehicle accident in Al Anbar province. He was assigned to Combat Logistics Battalion 6, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pfc. Juan S. Restrepo, 20, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., died Sunday in Korengal Valley, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Vicenza, Italy.

Pfc. Zachary R. Endsley, 21, of Spring, Texas, died Monday in Arghendab District, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using indirect fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Hohenfels, Germany.

Four Soldiers died Monday in Sarobi District, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle. They were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Vicenza. Killed were:

1st Sgt. Michael S. Curry Jr., 37, of Dania Beach, Fla.; **Sgt. Travon T. Johnson**, 29,

of Palmdale, Calif.; **Pfc. Adam J. Davis**, 19, of Twin Falls, Idaho and **Pfc. Jessy S. Rogers**, 20, of Copper Center, Alaska.

Hospitalman Daniel S. Noble, 21, of Whittier, Calif., died Tuesday, as a result of enemy action while conducting security operations in the Dilaya Province, Iraq. He was permanently assigned to 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, Camp Pendleton.

Three Marines died Tuesday while conducting combat operations in Diyala Province. Killed were: **Lance Cpl. Robert A. Lynch**, 20, of Louisville, Ky.; **Cpl. James H. McRae**, 22, of Springtown, Texas and **Cpl. Matthew R. Zindars**, 21, of Watertown, Wis.

Staff Sgt. Joshua P. Mattero, 29, of San Diego, died Tuesday in Baqubah, Iraq of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 749th Ordnance Company, 63rd Explosive Ordnance Battalion, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Sgt. Courtney D. Finch, 27, of Leavenworth, Kan., died Tuesday in Qayyarah, Iraq, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 714th Maintenance Company, Kansas Army National Guard, Topeka, Kan.

Magistrate judge sought for U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time U.S. magistrate judge for the District of Hawaii at Kwajalein Missile Range. The current annual salary of the position is \$3,824. The term of office is four years. A full public notice for the magistrate judge position is posted at the U.S. Post

Office on Kwajalein and at the of-

fice of the Clerk of the U.S. District Court at 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm. C-338, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The notice is also available on the court's Internet Web site at www.hid.uscourts.gov.

Interested persons may contact the Clerk of the U.S. District Court for additional information at (808) 541-1330. Applications must be submitted only by applicants per-

sonally and must be received no later than Aug. 24 and should be addressed to:

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General notice to public traveling through Kwajalein

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Passenger check-in varies by flight and may be up to three and a half hours prior to a scheduled aircraft arrival/departure. This is necessary in order to accommodate other flying public at enroute stations and schedule fuel and cargo loading aboard these aircraft due to load planning requirements. This initial check-in is required if you have not checked in online or if you have any checked baggage. If you have performed online check-in and have your seating and confirmation, you may go ahead of others and just check-in your baggage and then depart until your scheduled pre-screen time. If you check-in online and do not have checked baggage, you do not have to report at

check-in, but you must report as scheduled for your pre-screen. At check-in, passports and identification are verified and final seat assignments made, if not previously accomplished on-line. Passengers who have not checked-in online and fail to show for the initial check-in within this established period may be denied later boarding.

Check the following for aircraft check-in and pre-screen times:

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- Commercial Terminal Office, 52660
- Military, Air Mobility Command Passenger Service, 52169
- Kwajalein Flight Information Recording, 53589
- Armed Forces Network TV Station, Channel 9
- USAKAWEB/Community/Transportation/Air Ops/Current Flight Schedules/Select or USAKAWEB/Business/Logistics-Chugach/Airport Ops/Current Flight Schedules/Select

Let's learn

Monthly classes make learning safe,



The boating class taught by instructor Mike Herrington, includes a ski boat and sailing endorsement. (Photo by Nell Drumheller)

By Nell Drumheller
Editor

"It's a screaming deal. I never boated for so cheap," said Jane Erikson, a licensed recreational boat driver on Kwaj, when talking about boating here. Erikson has been driving boats for nearly 20 years and said that getting her B-boat, with ski boat and sailing endorsements, was a must when she and her husband and son moved to Kwajalein last year. She said, with a laugh, that her son, a teen, wouldn't have come if she hadn't gotten the ski boat endorsement. Learning to drive a recreational boat on Kwajalein is painless. Instructor Mike Herrington puts students through the paces every month.

"The class starts with a video from the American Power Boat, on basic boating," Herrington said. "This video covers rules of the road, right of way,

loading and boarding boats and safety equipment. The class is mainly about what USAKA [U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll] wants here at Kwajalein."

He continued, "We talk about recreational areas, and right of way as it applies to Kwaj. We do hands on with basic knots, GPS and radio procedures." The training spans two days of required course work. "The second night starts at the Small Boat Marina," Herrington said. "We do hands on of loading and starting, as well as some basic problems."

After classroom and hands on training, the students take a test. "We try to have the B-Boat Class on the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month," Herrington said. "From time to time holidays or missions change that. The classes are two and half hours. We had, in the past, used Friday for taking tests. It has worked better

to extend the Thursday class for taking the written tests."

After two nights of class, "You can go to the SBM and take your written test whenever you want. When people do that, they seem to put it off to long. If you do not take your test within one year, you need do it all over," he said.

Leonard Grandbois learned that lesson. He first took the course last year, but twelve months later he still hadn't taken his final and so he re-enrolled in the class. "I've taken the class again, will try to take the practical next week," he said optimistically.

Grandbois looks forward to completing the course and getting his license, he wants to have more control over when he goes diving and fishing.

"The biggest challenge is just taking the time and doing it. We have done everything we can to ease the process. When people put

off taking the tests, they tend to not follow through and get the license. The fact that the SBM will work with you on operation and docking is really a plus. That seems to be the one thing people worry about most. I think it is because someone is always watching. Doing it right is rewarding," Herrington said.

Herrington outlined the schedule for getting a license, "After the classes and the test, the SBM provides free docking lessons. Then an orientation trip is required. Anyone with a B-Boat license can take you out, sign you off. Then you need to take a Practical Power Boat Test. This test is, docking, GPS, man overboard, traverse SAR pass, and radio procedures. Sounds like a lot, but just the thought of it all seems to slow people down."

Students have varying skill and experience levels. "No prior experience is needed. We have a lot

about boating

proper recreational boating painless

of people with little or no boating," Herrington said. "We have also had people with Master Coast Guard License, people who have sailed around the world and people who have piloted air craft carriers."

Erekson is on the water quite a bit. She sails twice a month, takes out the ski boat typically twice a month and a B-boat once a month, "with my own reservation, or two or three times a month including trips with other people."

Though she said the coursework for getting the license was relatively easy, "The most challenging part was getting the ski boat endorsement because being new on Kwaj; we had a lot of difficulty trying to hook up with "someone" to take us out for two orientation rides in the ski boat. After weeks of trying to coordinate with different people that we didn't even know, my husband finally talked the marina people into having Gary go out with us." She continued, "The only thing I would change is the "find your own orientation rides for the ski-boat pass off" rule. There aren't enough ski-boaters to hook up with, especially when you are new on Kwaj and you don't really know anyone yet. In fact, after I received my ski-boat endorsement and started taking kids out, Tim Kirchner, who's lived here for many years, asked me if I would take him out for his "orientation ride" while pulling

the boys around. He apparently faced the same challenge I did."

According to Herrington, "The class is mostly about USAKA recreational areas, local rules and what the USAKA expects of us."

He further defined, "You need to be at least 16 years of age, younger than 18 need only parents' signature. Your license is good for as long as you are here on Kwaj. If you leave and return within one year, you get your license back. 1-3 years, you need to take the class but not the test. More than three years, start all over."

The SBM has 12 power boats, two sailboats, two Hobie Cats, six Lazers (a type of sailboat), one ski boat and the pontoon boat known as Shaggy.

"Once you get your B-Boat License you can get an endorsement for ski boat and a sail boat license," Herrington said. "This is a wonderful place to learn to sail. You would need to take a written test and a practical test to get a sailboat license."

Erekson said she uses the B-boats primarily for diving. "We don't have our own fishing gear. We go with other people when fishing is involved but we go out boating in general whether on our own reservation or on someone else's fishing and diving equally. Sailing is for the tranquility of it, ski boat is for the kids."

Boats are available for rental through the SBM.



Boating is enjoyed by all ages as during the Boy Scout fishing tournament held recently. (File photo)



The Small Boat Marina has added two new twin-vee boats to the rental fleet for use by licensed residents.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

Power, or B-boats rent for \$8 an hour, walk-in rate or a flat rate of \$40 for a half day on Sundays, Mondays and holidays or \$7 an hour before 4 p.m. and \$8 an hour after 4 p.m., with the same flat rate of \$40 for a half day on Thursdays through Saturdays.

Sailboats and Hobie Cats rent for \$5 an hour, Lazers for \$4 an hour, the ski boat for \$7 an hour and Shaggy is available for \$10 an hour or a flat rate of 450 for a half day. Fuel costs are not included, straight gas is \$2.34 a gallon and mixed gas which is used on one of the B-boats is \$2.50 a gallon.

Licensed recreational boat drivers have many options. "Your USAKA li-

cense is good at Roi only after an orientation of the area," Herrington said. "Same holds true with Roi down here."

He summarized, "I think we have a good class, but it is only the beginning. You will always learn something every time you go out. This is the greatest place I have ever been for diving, fishing, and sailing."

Erekson added, "I love the ski boat dock. I love Shaggy. The pontoon boat is a lot of fun for a snorkel/diving day with coolers and lots of people. The employees at the marina are really great."

For more information on boat rentals, call the SBM at 53643.

HELP WANTED

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AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN I, full-time position, Automotive, HR Req. K050069

BEAUTICIAN, casual position, HR Req. K031351

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ELECTRICIAN I, full-time, Kwaj Ops Electric Shop, HR Req. K050154

GENERAL MAINTENANCE I, full-time, Kwaj

Ops., HR Req. K050044

GRAPHICS DESIGNER/ILLUSTRATOR. Temporary, casual position with flexible hours. Must have proven graphic design skills and experience. HR Req. K050083

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II, full-time, Meck Operations, HR Req. K050150

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050038

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IV, full-time, Solid Waste, HR Req. K050155.

INCINERATOR OPERATOR III, full-time position, Solid Waste Mgmt., HR Req. K050112

INCINERATOR OPERATOR III, full-time position, Meck Operations, HR Req. K050144

MECHANIC I, full-time position, Automotive Services, HR Req. K050124

MECHANIC – SCOOTER SHOP II, full-time position, Automotive. HR Req. K031360

PLUMBER/PIPEFITTER II, full-time, Utilities, HR Req. K050040

PRODUCTION CONTROL CLERK, full-time position, Automotive. HR Req. K031250

SAFETY TECHNICIAN II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050046

SHEETMETAL WORKER II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050011

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, Education Department, HR. Req. K031285

TOOL ROOM ATTENDANT I, full-time position, Roi Operations, HR Req. K050137

TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. Temporary positions on a casual basis. Must have proven administrative skills in Microsoft office applications (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)

WAREHOUSEMEN LEAD, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, full-time position, HR Req. K050138

WAREHOUSE RECEIVING AND RECORDS CLERK, full-time, Property Management, HR

Religious Services

Catholic

Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small chapel.
Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m., in the main chapel.
Mass on Roi is at noon, in Roi chapel.

Protestant

8 and 10:45 a.m., Sunday and
Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.
Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m.

Latter-day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, in
Corlett Recreation Center, Room 3.

Baptist

9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school music room.

Church of Christ

10 a.m., Sunday, in Quarters 442-A.

Req. K050153.

CONTRACT HIRES

(A) accompanied (U) unaccompanied

Even numbered requisitions=CMSI:

odd numbered requisitions=KRS

AC &R TECHNICIAN II, HR Req. 031378 U

BUYER II, HR Req. 031837 Richmond, Calif. U

CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN III, HR Reqs. 031865 and 031913 U

CAPTAIN, 100T, HR. Req. 031392. U

CARPENTER II, III, IV; HR. Reqs. 031348, 031346, 031350 and 031442 U

CDC/SAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/ INSTRUCTOR LEAD HR Req. 031847 U

CERTIFIED TEACHER, HR Reqs. 031747, 0313813 and 031929 U

CHIEF ENGINEER, HR. Req. 031438. U

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031941, 031803, 031883 and 031885 U

CONTRACTS PURCHASES SPECIALIST, HR. Req. 031851 U

CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB LEAD, HR Req. 031851 U

Lunch

Sunday Carved top sirloin Kwaj fried chicken Grilled red snapper Grill: Brunch station open	Monday Swedish meatballs Broiled ham steak Heuvos rancheros Grill: Brunch station open	Tuesday Breaded pork cutlet Chicken/broccoli stir-fry Vegetarian pasta Grill: Buffalo burger	Wednesday Country-fried steak Kung pao chicken Ham/cheese casserole Grill: Fajita wrap	Thursday Apple-glazed chicken Beef tips in Burgundy Vegetable stir-fry Grill: Cheese sandwich	Friday Bombay chicken Veggie ragu Pesto mahi mahi Grill: Meatball sub	Aug. 4 Stuffed pork chops Surf burgers Baked spaghetti Grill: Corn dogs
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Dinner

Tonight Broiled herb chicken Beef stew Chef's choice	Sunday Roast pork butt Chicken stew Chef's choice	Monday Teriyaki beef steak Sweet/sour chicken Seafood chow fun	Tuesday Herb-baked chicken Barbecued meatballs Tofu/eggplant stir-fry	Wednesday Top round of beef Pasta a la pesto Chicken a la pesto	Thursday Baked meatloaf Chicken and dumplings Chef's choice	Friday Hawaiian huli chicken Five-spice pork roast Spicy tofu/veggies
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Café Pacific

Lunch

Sunday Hawaiian steak Chicken cacciatore Chili Mac Grill: Brunch station open	Monday Ligi's pot roast Lemon/rosemary chicken Eggs Florentine Grill: Brunch station open	Tuesday Meat lasagna Penne pasta Broiled mahi mahi Grill: Cheese sandwich	Wednesday Chicken/beef tacos Chicken chimichangas Pico De gallo Grill: Barbecued beef	Thursday Beer brat/sauerkraut Cornish game hens Pepperoni pizza Grill: Mushroom burger	Friday Marinated nairagi Miso grilled chicken Shepherd's pie Grill: Tuna melt	Aug. 4 Salisbury steak Chicken Florentine Cranberry pork chops Grill: Cheese sandwich
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Dinner

Tonight Stir-fried chicken Chinese pepper steak Sautéed snapper	Sunday Stuffed green peppers Beef tips/mushroom Chicken sukiyaki	Monday Pulled barbecued pork Kal bi barbecued chicken Citrus sword fish	Tuesday Chicken yakatori Chinese beef Pork Cantonese	Wednesday Grilled rib eye Chicken with lemon Crab and shrimp	Thursday Honey pork loin Herbed hebi Szechuan chicken	Friday Upcountry chicken Chicken-fried steak Black-eyed peas/ham
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Café Roi

DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR III, HR Req. 031767 A
DESIGNER/PLANNER IV, HR Req. 031308 U
DRAFTER II, HR Req. 031396 U
DRAFTSMAN III HR Req. 031873 U
DRIVER II, HR. Req. 031905 Honolulu
ELECTRICIAN II, HR Req. 031224 U
ELECTRICIAN III, HR Reqs. 031224, 031210, 031330, 031332, 031370, 031372, 031408, 031412 and 031452 U
ELECTRICIAN IV, HR Reqs. 031302, 031304, 031380 and 031414 U
ELECTRICIAN LEAD, HR Req. 031448 U
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN I, II, III, HR Reqs. 031719, 031743, 031383 and 031593 U
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, HR Req. 031907 A
ENGINEER, HR Req. 031436 U
FACILITIES ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 031240 A
FIELD ENGINEER, HR Req. 031729 U
FIELD ENGINEER II, HR Req. 031753 A
FIRE INSPECTOR, HR Req. 031426 U
FIRE SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031428 U
FIREFIGHTER, HR Reqs. 031268, 031270, 031312, 031316, 031318, 031368, 031430 and 031450 U
FIREFIGHTER/EMT, HR Reqs. 031278 and 031388 U
HARDWARE ENGINEER II, III, HR Reqs. 031733 and 031897 A
HOMEWORK CENTER LEAD, HR Req. 031835 U
HOUSING INSPECT/EST/MAINT SPECIALIST, HR Req. 030390 U
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER, HR Req. 031873 U
IT PROJECT PLANNER II, HR Req. 031887 A
KWAJALEIN POWER PLANT, MECHANICAL LEAD, HR Req. 031374 A
LEAD FIRE INSPECTOR, HR Req. 031424 U
LEAD WELDER, HR Req. 031198 U
MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, MECK, HR Req. 031386 U
MANAGEMENT & STANDARDS ANALYST III, HR Req. 031290 U
MANAGER, ENGINEERING & PLANNING, HR Req. 031262 A
MASONRY III, HR Req. 031336 U
MATERIAL DISPOSAL SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031911 U
MECHANIC III, IV, HR Reqs. 031418, 031432, 031246 and 031434 U
MECK POWER PLANT MECHANIC III, HR Req. 031286
MISSION PLANNER III, HUNTSVILLE, HR Req. 031757
MISSION TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, HR Req. 031799 A

MMW OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, HR Req. 031945 U
NETWORK ENGINEER III-MO, HR Req. 031227 A
OPERATOR, SPACE SURVEILLANCE, HR Req. 031697 U
PAINTER III, HR Req. 031366 U
PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, HR Req. 031449 A
PLANT TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031947 and 031949 U
PLUMBER PIPEFITTER III, HR Req. 031354 U
PRODUCTION CONTROL CLERK III, HR Req. 031420 U
PROGRAMMER/ ANALYST-PAYROLL SUPPORT, HR Req. 031349 U
PROGRAMMER/ ANALYST-SUPPLY and MAINT, HR Req. 031841 A
PROJECT CONTROLS ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031252 U
PROJECT PLANNER II, HR Req. 031296 A
PROJECT PLANNER III, HR Req. 031843 A
PROPERTY SPECIALIST I, HR Req. 031875 U
PUBLIC INTERNET SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR, HR Req. 031763 U
RADAR TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Req. 031717 U
RADIO/TV BROADCASTER/OPERATOR, HR Req. 031839 U
REGISTERED NURSE, HR Req. 031871 U
REPORTER, HR Req. 031933 U
RMI EMPLOYEE RELATIONS MANAGER, HR Req. 031899 A
ROI-NAMUR POWER PLANT, ELECTRICIAN II, HR Req. 031220 U
SAFETY ENGINEER, HR Req. 031891 A
SECURITY SPECIALIST, III, HR Req. 031893 A
SENIOR DOCUMENT CONTROLLER, HR Req. 031985 U
SERVER ADMINISTRATOR III, HR Req. 031819 A
SHEET METAL WORKER III, HR Reqs. 031446 and 031422 U
SIX SIGMA BLACK BELT, HR Req. 031817 A
SOFTWARE ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 031751 A
SPACE SURVEILLANCE OPERATOR, HR Reqs. 031619, 031915 and 031903 U
SR FLIGHT SAFETY RF FIELD ENGINEER, HR Req. 031627 U
SR PROJECT CONTROLS SUPERVISOR, HR Req. 031745 A
STYLIST, HR Req. 031823 U
SUPERVISOR, HAZARDOUS WASTE, HR Req. 031400 A
SUPERVISOR, CONFIGURATION AND DATA MANAGEMENT, HR Req. 031821 A
SUPERVISOR, BODY SHOP/LT VEH MAINT, HR Req. 031196 A
SUPERVISOR, PURCHASING HR Req. 031923 Richmond, Calif.
SUPERVISOR SECURITY, HR Req. 031937 U

SYSTEMS ENGINEER III and IV, HR. Reqs. 031909, 031939, 031797 and 031749 A

WAREHOUSEMEN LEAD, HR Reqs. 031360, 031398 and 031416 U

WELDER IV, HR Req. 031444 U

RTS WEATHER

ATSC, RTS Weather Station, has an immediate opening for an electronics technician. Training and experience in radar maintenance and repair is critical; work with weather radars is preferred. ATSC maintenance technicians: Survey, install, maintain and repair a wide variety of scientific instrumentation and communications systems. Background in telemetry, analog and digital circuitry, PC and LINUX/UNIX operating systems highly desired. Unaccompanied position. ATSC is an equal opportunity employer offering a highly competitive salary and benefits package. For information, call 51508.

The University of Maryland

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS to teach an eight-week term in the near future. If you have a master's degree and would like to know more about this unique opportunity, call Jane, 52800 or email jrussell@asia.umuc.edu.

U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, GS-1035-12, announcement SCBK07105582. Serves as Public Affairs Officer for USAKA. Plans, organizes and conducts a comprehensive and coordinated public affairs program of command information, public information, and community relations. Serves as a senior command spokesperson. Through articles, speeches and community involvement activities, assures public recognition and understanding of the command's mission and goals. Develops command public affairs policies, issues directives, explains PAO policies and procedures, assesses results and determines effectiveness of programs and activities. Closing date is Monday. To apply visit <http://cpol.army.mil>, or for more information, call Bennie Kirk at 54417.

OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANT, GS-0326-6, Announcement SCBK07112844. Four positions. The employee provides clerical support to ensure efficient office operations. Accomplishes various duties to provide essential office automation support and production. Performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of various database software packages. Prepares varied documents with complex formats using the advanced functions of word processing, desktop publishing and other software types. Performs systems maintenance functions for electronic mail systems, and a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of one or more spreadsheet software packages. Performs a variety of secretarial and other clerical and administrative functions, using judgment to answer recurring questions and resolve problems. Call Bennie Kirk, 54417.

WANTED

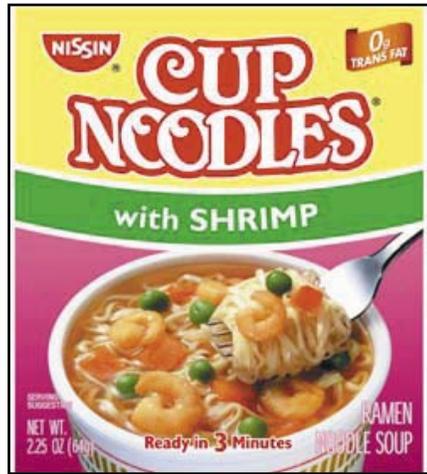
CHILD'S WAGON to buy. Call 52276.

LOST

LIFE VEST between Lagoon Road and Seventh Street on July 18. Call 55666 or 55300.

SMALL CREAM-colored shag carpet on Lagoon Road. Call 52400.

FOLDING KNIFE, single stainless steel blade, 3½-inch black plastic handle with clip, made in



FOOD RECALL

Nationwide recall of Nissin Foods shrimp-flavored noodle products because they contain seafood-flavored powder used in these Nissin products which also contains cod and lobster.

Individuals who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to cod or lobster may run the risk of a serious allergic reaction if they consume these specific shrimp-flavored products. The recall includes the following products:

- Nissin Cup Noodles Shrimp (UPC code 70662-03002-8)
- Nissin Original Chow Mein Shrimp (UPC code 70662- 08722-0)

If you have either of these products, return it and you will receive a refund.



Reminder to all boat lot custodians:
You are required to have an ABC, five-pound fire extinguisher and a National Fire Prevention Association approved flammable cabinet if you are storing hazardous materials at your boat lot by Sept. 1.
For more information, call 5-3643.



New on Island? Looking for a place to serve? The Island Memorial Chapel is in need of volunteers to teach Sunday School on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. for Grades K-1 and 3-5. Curriculum is provided and the commitment can be shared with a teaching partner. Call Cheryle, 51314, for more information.



Hourglass Rapid Improvement Event: A Six Sigma team determined a cost effective solution at the Hourglass resulting in the consolidation of one newspaper each week and one TV guide. This provided \$10,000 in savings.

Taiwan, in area of Small Boat Marina. Call 52557 or 57279.

FOUND

EARRING at Yacht Club on Tuesday. Call 52275.

BLACK BAG, 27-inches long, with 'BW' on it and small yellow rag tied to strap, at Camp Hamilton. Call 53380.

PATIO SALES

MONDAY, 7-11 a.m., Trailer 624. Multi-family sale. Household items, adult clothing and PCS items.

MONDAY, 7:30 a.m.-?, Quarters 404-A and 404-B. Multiple family PCS sale. Clothes, shoes, household items and sporting goods, No early birds.

MONDAY, 8-10 a.m., Quarters 438-B. Clothing and household items.

MONDAY 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Quarters 207-B. PCS sale.

FOR SALE

WOOD MICROWAVE STAND with cabinet, two wall shelves, children's sandbox and children's comfort travel backpack. Call 55382, after 5 p.m.

SCUBA BC's, three available, \$45 each; road bike, TREK 1200, \$400 firm; computer desk, \$40; Christmas trees, one six-feet, one four-feet with various decorations, \$50 for all and aluminum step ladder, 6-feet, \$20. Call 51322.

PIANO, \$300. Call 53884.

MAXIMUM SIX sheets paper shredder, almost new, \$20; Eureka True Hepa filtration vacuum cleaner, \$75; diver's wrist compass, never used, \$30; electric toastmaster hot pot for tea, instant coffee and soups, \$10; 15 two-CD album sets/big band era/from 1929 to 1947, the greatest musicians, \$5 each. Call 58899 and leave message.

POCKET KNIVES, 10, \$5 and one pack of Dominican cigars. Call 53004 or e-mail at kphidd@yahoo.com.

PANASONIC 27-INCH TV with compatible five-disc DVD and VCR, 25-inch PAL compatible Hatachi TV, 19-inch color TV, three DVD and two VCR players, Sony DVD/CD/AM/FM/cassette stereo/surround sound unit with speakers, and oak wall unit for 27-inch TV, all in excellent condition. Call 52594.

GRADY WHITE, 24-foot, Sparetime, \$40,000; Bayliner Avanti, Reunion, \$40,000, Japanese fishing boat, 35-foot, (project boat), \$15,000 and Boston Whaler, 17-foot, \$10,000. Call Dennis,

51850, work or 54489, home.

CLEARBLUE EASY fertility monitor, paid \$200, will sell for \$50; Chicco toddler/child attachable to table chair with seat buckle, \$20 and Snuzzler baby complete head and body support, paid \$35, will sell for \$15; Medela breast pump, \$35 and RCA TV without remote, 32-inch, \$50. Call 53626.

CANOPY FRAME, 14-feet by 22 feet, \$150. Call 53466.

CABIN CRUISER, 27-foot, 5.7 L, 350 Mercruiser stern drive, rod holders, 80-gallon fuel tank, trailer, Lot 309, boathouse, kicker and tools \$24,000; Baron racing boat, 21-foot, with 225 Johnson, rod holders, 50-gallon fuel tank, trailer, Lot 65, boathouse and tools, \$8,800 and Bose 901s with Bose equalizer, \$300. Call 59662.

HP HIGH POWER NOTEBOOK COMPUTER: 17-inch WSXGA+ screen, T7200 2.0GHz Core2Duo, 1GB RAM, GeForce 7600 w/512M Dedicated Video RAM, HDMI Output, 120GB SATA Drive (two hard drive bays), DVD burner, gigabit ethernet, 56k modem, WinXP MCE 2005, WinVista Home Premium upgrade, \$1,400. Call 51545.

X-BOX WITH six games, three controllers and one remote, \$225. Call 52200.

PET CRATE, extra-large, 700 series, \$350 or best offer. Call Walt, 52129.

HUFFY BIKE, 26-inch, \$15; three plastic patio chairs, \$5 each; set of bed risers, \$10 and men's large scuba fins, \$20; Call Mary, 51298.

BOAT HOUSE and hard top boat shelter, 30-feet by 16-feet, on Lot 305. Call Dennis, 52047 or 51195.

MARTIN DC-1E acoustic electric with hardcase, \$900; Steinberger Spirit with gigbag, \$250, telescope Celestron 6-inch f/5 Newtonian on CG-4 mount, with motor drive, webcam and carry case, \$350. Call 53329.

KING-SIZE MATTRESS pad, one set of king sheets fitted, flat, two king pillow cases, two standard cases, one king bedspread oatmeal color, two king pillows, and two regular pillows, \$75 for all. Call 54168 or 55176.

SEVEN-PIECE sectional couch (L group), \$650; black leather rocker/recliner, \$350; large aluminum and glass outdoor table and 10 chairs, \$350; many brown Q-Bits modular furniture pieces including computer desk and end tables; large area rug and many plants. Call 54455.

TOSHIBA GIGABEAT MP3/4 player, \$225; nylon anchor line 1/2-inch by 250 feet with eye splice, \$130; low cut booties, size 11, \$10; K2 inline skates men's size 9-10, \$50 and flash diffuser and LCD screen shade for Canon A 610/20/30 waterproof housing, \$10. Call 55959, home, or 53667, work.

KING-SIZE slate blue print comforter/ruffle/pillow shams and cases/sheet set, \$25; shower rod, \$4 each and spices in rack, \$4. Call 52319.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB'S monthly meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., tonight. It will be an Asian theme. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Questions? Call Denise, 51192 or 51700.

DOME HOMES 165-176 will be power washed through Tuesday.

JOIN CAFÉ PACIFIC for lunch Thursday. The

Saturday, July 28, 2007

WELCOME TO ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m., Wednesdays and 6 p.m., Sundays in the Religious Education Building, second floor, in Room 213 or 216. For more information about AA on Kwajalein, call 52338.

CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES BASKETBALL CLINICS



- **First session (Grades kindergarten-3), 3:30-5 p.m., Tuesday-Aug. 4, in Corlett Recreation Center Gym.**
- **Second session (Grades 4-6), 3:30-5:30 p.m., Aug. 7-11, in Corlett Recreation Center Gym.**
- **Register by contacting Central Registration, 52158. Questions? Call Jason, 53796.**

chefs will be preparing an array of Jamaican delights with a Caribbean twist including mambo pork roast, jerk chicken wings, Jamaica meat pie and islander's rice.

CORLETT RECREATION Center gym will be closed all day on Aug. 9 for cleaning. Questions? Call 52491.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT In accordance with the KRS Government Property Control Manual (CDRL AP23): A Request for Disposition Form (1046-A) must be completed. Property custodians may now run an R,RJRRFD report from KEAMS and select the e-mail option, which will arrive in a Microsoft Word format for easy modification. This report will generate a 1046-A form from KEAMS which must be validated with a stamp by a POSR before DCCB will accept items for disposal. Questions? Contact the Property Management Office, 53412.



BINGO NIGHT:
Kwaj Bingo will be Thursday at the Yokwe Yuk Club. Card sales

begin at 5:30 p.m. Bingo play begins at 6:30 p.m. Blackout at 50 numbers with a \$700 jackpot prize. Windfall completion at 28 numbers with an \$1,000 prize. Bring your K-badge to play. Must be 21 to enter and play.

Geren becomes 20th Army Secretary Friday

Army News Service

The Honorable Pete Geren became the 20th Secretary of the Army Friday, following his nomination by President George W. Bush and confirmation by the U.S. Senate. As Secretary of the Army, Geren has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to the U.S. Army: manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications and financial management. Geren is responsible for the Department

of the Army's annual budget and supplemental of \$170 billion. He leads a work force of more than one million active-duty and reserve-component Soldiers, 230,000 Department of the Army civilian employees and 280,000 contracted service personnel. He has stewardship over 15 million acres of land. Caring for Soldiers and their families has been Geren's top priority since his days serving as the 28th Under Secretary of the Army. In an opening statement during his confirmation hearing last month, he reaffirmed that commitment.



The Honorable Pete Geren became the 20th Secretary of the Army Friday. Here (second from left) he visits a Soldier memorial at the 25th Infantry Division headquarters during a visit early this month.

(Photo by U.S. Army Pacific)

"My year as Under Secretary of the Army taught me much - my four months as Acting Secretary of the Army taught me much more," he said. "I have been inspired by the selfless service of our Soldiers, and humbled by the sacrifice of their Families." Geren was the Under Secretary of the Army until Feb. 21, 2006. He was named Acting Secretary of the Army March 9. Geren joined the Defense Department in September of 2001 to serve as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense with responsibilities in the areas of inter-agency initia-

tives, legislative affairs and special projects. He also served as Acting Secretary of the Air Force from July to November 2005. Before joining the Defense Department, Geren was an attorney and businessman in Fort Worth, Texas. From 1989 until his retirement in 1997, Geren was a member of the U.S. Congress, representing the Twelfth Congressional District of Texas for four terms. He served on the Armed Services, Science & Technology and the Public Works and Transportation Committee during his tenure in the Congress.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Partly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 8-14 knots.
Monday: Partly sunny, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E at 8-14 knots.
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, 60 percent showers **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 5-10 knots.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, 40 percent showers **Winds:** ESE-E at 5-10 knots.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 8-12 knots.
Friday: Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E at 8-12 knots.
Aug. 4: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E at 8-12 knots.

Annual total: 35.30 inches
 Annual deviation: -11.40 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit www.rts-wx.com.

Sun • Moon • Tides

Sunday	6:40 a.m./7:11 p.m.	6:35 p.m./5:32 a.m.	3:50 a.m., 4.3'	10:20 a.m., 0.4'
			4:18 p.m., 3.3'	10:05 p.m., 0.2'
Monday	6:40 a.m./7:11 p.m.	7:26 p.m./6:30 a.m.	4:25 a.m., 4.6'	10:52 a.m., 0.6'
			4:51 p.m., 3.6'	10:41 p.m., 0.4'
Tuesday	6:40 a.m./7:11 p.m.	8:13 p.m./7:26 a.m.	5:01 a.m., 4.9'	11:24 a.m., 0.8'
			5:24 p.m., 3.9'	11:16 p.m., 0.5'
Wednesday	6:41 a.m./7:10 p.m.	8:58 p.m./8:20 a.m.	5:34 a.m., 5.0'	11:57 a.m., 0.8'
			5:58 p.m., 4.0'	11:53 p.m., 0.5'
Thursday	6:41 a.m./7:10 p.m.	9:42 p.m./9:13 a.m.	6:09 a.m., 4.9'	12:30 a.m., 0.7'
			6:34 p.m., 4.0'	
Friday	6:41 a.m./7:10 p.m.	10:25 p.m./10:05 a.m.	6:44 a.m., 4.6'	12:31 a.m., 0.4'
			7:12 p.m., 4.0'	1:03 p.m., 0.5'
Saturday	6:41 a.m./7:09 p.m.	11:10 p.m./10:58 a.m.	7:21 a.m., 4.1'	1:12 a.m., 0.1'
			7:53 a.m., 3.8'	1:38 a.m., 0.2'