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Pressure UNDER

By Karen Hillis
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Ebeye focuses on teen mental health

Teenagers drinking, smoking, doing drugs, getting pregnant and joining gangs are all symptoms that can be the result of depression or factors that can contribute to depression, according to psychologist Dr. Theo Riley.

Depression can even lead to suicide, she said.

Although these problems plague teens worldwide, risky behavior is being seen more and more on Ebeye, said Dr. Sandra Yao, Ebeye Hospital chief of staff. With 60 percent of the Ebeye population 16 years of age or under, any increase in the number of teens with behavioral problems is a major concern.

In conjunction with the World Health Organization, which this year

is focusing on mental health around the world, Ebeye Hospital is presenting a series of adolescent mental health lectures to high school students on Ebeye and surrounding Marshallese communities. Because Ebeye lacks mental health professional resources, Yao called upon local professionals to help. Riley, psychiatrist Dr. Amy Prince and Dr. Abigail Seibert, clinical psychologist, are the featured lecturers.

At an early April meeting, Yao, along with Aruo Aluka, Ebeye's only substance abuse counselor, and Bremity Lakjohn, Ebeye Hospital public health nurse, met with Prince to discuss the upcoming lectures and to brief her on Ebeye's problems and resources.

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Army targets suicide issues

A new Army suicide prevention program is attempting to address a growing problem at bases worldwide — a problem that does not just affect the military.

Over the last 10 years, suicide has ranked as the second leading cause of deaths in the Army. In fact, 10 times as many soldiers have committed suicide than have died in hostile fire, according to the American Association of

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Earth Day events planned Saturday

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

The statistics are staggering: The average U.S. home produces about 23,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year. Americans also consume about 17 million barrels of oil a day. Meanwhile, about two billion people worldwide are currently without electricity.

And consider this: About 81 tons of mercury are emitted into the atmosphere each year as a result of electric power generation, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Mercury is the most toxic heavy metal in existence.

Earth Day 2001 is around the corner. Locally, RSE Environmental has planned a number of events to get the community involved with conservation and ecological cleanup efforts.

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(Photo by KW Hillis)

Reaching for the prize

Julianne Reynolds, 8, reaches for an Easter basket — her prize for finding a golden egg during Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt at Richardson Theater, sponsored by Community Activities.

There's really nothing to worry about — we'll survive

We in the print media enjoy a paradoxical relationship with the electronic-based media — from radio to TV to the Internet.

On one hand, there's always been a bit of smugness on our part. In newsrooms I've been around there's the attitude of "they may have gotten the word out first, but we got it right." Opinion polls show more people trust the print media than other forms. I would like to think that's because we generally try to put more effort into accuracy. But it's probably because most people think if someone took the trouble to write it down, it must be true. True?

Then there's the purely fearful, paranoid relationship between print and electronic media. Every technological advance seems to be a harbinger of the newspaper's demise. TV was once seen as the Grim Reaper by newspaper publishers, but thanks to programs like "The Today Show," our jobs are still secure.

The Internet, of course, is the latest incarnation. Again, however, it seems reports of our death have been greatly exaggerated. At least until they install computers in bathroom stalls ...

But now I'm really worried. There's a new force out there to reckon with,



more powerful than Jerry Springer showcasing Martian prostitutes during sweeps week.

It's called reality TV.

The trend probably started with MTV's "The Real World," but didn't reach mass popularity until recently with shows like "Survivor."

Better ink than mine has been spilled dissecting this latest phenomenon. Many theories abound for this new medium's success: It's merely a symptom of America's voyeuristic tendencies for sex and violence; it's the fullest expression of Andy Warhol's dictum of 15 minutes of fame for everyone; or it's an insidious plot by right-wing radicals to undermine the moral and social fabric of the country. Or is it left-wing militants?

Anyway, there's only one way to counter this new threat to America's last bastion of truth, justice and my steady paycheck. I call it reality news.

The premise is simple: Every week

the *Hourglass* staff will engage in edge-of-your-seat competitions that best reflect our skills. There will be grueling proofreading drills that would test the most hardy English teacher. Is it lay, laid or lie? Is it effect or affect? YOU decide.

Who can take the cutest kiddie picture? Who's the quickest double-click on the mouse? The result will be reported in every Friday issue. Man, this could get nasty quick.

Obviously it's too expensive and detrimental to vote staff members off the island — we would only last about five or six weeks, unless we count our courageous paper carrier kids — so I've come up with an alternative plan that will further involve all of the island residents.

The losing staff member will be outfitted with an enormous dunce cap, and in the spirit of China's Cultural Revolution, they'll be verbally abused, denounced as counter revolutionaries and then sent to labor in the Kwajalein Public Gardens. People can go by, point and laugh at them, and pick up a nice plant while they're out.

Now we just have to figure out a way to top public executions ... Oh, KW ...

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Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma



Earth Day offers plenty of opportunities to get involved with cleaning up Kwaj ...

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Kwajalein's Earth Day is Saturday, though the day is officially observed April 22.

Elizabeth Tevault, RSE Environmental engineer, said the event was moved up a day to maximize participation.

Activities include building and installing collection boxes for used batteries at Self Help and other buildings. Tevault explained some batteries can leak lead, cadmium and mercury, which seeps into the groundwater. While there is no danger to the lens well used for potable water, she said metals have been found in wells at the landfill.

"That gradually can go into the sea," she said.

Another activity that will put kids to work on behalf of the local environment involves stenciling storm drains with a picture of a fish and the words, "Dump No Waste, Drains to Lagoon."

The biggest source of pollution is not industry but the debris that's washed through the storm drains and into the lagoon when it rains, according to RSE Environmental.

"This means that chemicals, fertilizers, litter, pet wastes, spilt automotive products ... are dumped untreated into our waterways," said Phil Malloy, RSE Environmental engineer. "Pollution and harmful bacteria go

straight into our local fish habitat, swimming areas and beaches."

Malloy's advice is not to dump anything that you wouldn't be willing to swim in or drink.

Other activities include cleaning the turtle pond with the help of the National Honor Society and a fashion show for elementary kids using trash to create clothing. CDC kids will plant foliage around buildings, as well.

In addition, the new logo for canvas bags will be unveiled. Amy Hester's design of two dolphins facing each other in a heart shape beat out about 30 other entries, Tevault said. Inside the heart-shaped circle it reads, "Have a heart. Do your part. Keep Kwajalein beautiful."

The canvas bags will be sold at retail outlets, with the community being asked to use them rather than plastic or paper.

Earth Day began in 1970, after former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson introduced legislation.

"We would like to have the community participate in Earth Day in their own way," said Wayne Cran, RSE Environmental manager. "Whether it is picking up litter or donating time at the Public Gardens. Kwajalein is such a small island that a small effort goes a long way."

For more information about local Earth Day activities, call 51134.

"So long as the human species inhabits the Earth, proper management of its resources will be the most fundamental issue we face. Our very survival will depend upon whether or not we are able to preserve, protect and defend our environment. We are not free to decide about whether or not our environment 'matters.' It does matter, apart from any political exigencies. We disregard the needs of our ecosystem at our mortal peril."

*Gaylord Nelson
U.S. senator who
proposed Earth Day
in 1970*

Cosumano confirmed by U.S. Senate, still waiting for promotion

(*InsideDefense.com*, April 10, 2001) The Senate on April 6 confirmed Maj. Gen. Joseph Cosumano as the next commander of the Army's Space and Missile Defense Command, USAKA's major command.

Cosumano has yet to take over the top slot at SMDC from interim commander Brig. Gen. John Urias, who has been running the command since Lt. Gen. John Costello retired last month.

In addition, Cosumano has yet to be promoted to three stars, given certain "technicalities" such as the limited number of slots for three-star generals available to the Army, a service spokesman told *InsideDefense.com* today.

The service expects to promote Cosumano soon, the spokesman added.

Jeramon non kom

"Jeramon non kom" is the Marshallese way to say, "Goodbye and good luck friends."

Departing Thursday are **Brad** and **Terry Morton**.

Brad is USAKA logistics management specialist, and Terry is civilian personnel liaison.

They are headed for Anniston, Ala., where Brad will be facility manager at the Center of Military History Clearing House at Anniston Army Depot.

They say, "We hate to leave ... but we were voted off the island."

Lary Hayden departs Kwaj Friday on Continental, returning to Los Altos, Calif.

Lary is manager of Cafe Pacific for Sodexo Marriott. He will oversee food services as the general manager for Space Systems/Loral in Palo Alto, Calif.

In parting, Lary said, "It was a privilege to work here and be part of the Kwaj community. I will always remember my time here, and I will certainly miss the diving and my good dive buddies."

Healthy planet, healthy people

•Approximately 30,000 lives are cut short in the U.S. each year due to pollution from electricity production. (*ABT Associates study*)

•About 81 tons of mercury are emitted into the atmosphere each year as a result of electric power generation. Mercury is the most toxic heavy metal in existence. (*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*)

•Burning fossil fuels to produce energy releases carbon dioxide and other global warming-causing gases into the atmosphere. Global warming will increase the incidence of infectious diseases (including equine encephalitis and Lyme disease), death from heat waves, blizzards, and floods and species loss. (*Chivilan and Epstein, Boston Globe, April 10, 1997*)

Kwaj mental health professionals assisting Ebeye ...

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"Alcohol used to be a problem with boys only. Now [there are] more problems with boys and girls," Yao said, adding that more young women are smoking, as well. There is also an increase in suicides, Yao said. "[There] is a problem with depression with young people," Lakjohn said. "People are noticing it more [and there] are more problems than there used to be."

In addition, teen and pre-teen pregnancy is on the rise. Lakjohn said that an 11-year-old was pregnant. The baby died.

One in every five, or 20 percent, of girls under 18 become pregnant on Ebeye, Prince said.

Although there isn't a stigma attached to teens having children, both Lakjohn and Yao said they are seeing more cases of malnutrition due to the increased number of mouths to feed and the young age of the mothers.

There is no one reason for the upswing in the number of problems with Ebeye's teenagers, Yao said.

"When I was raised up, there was more discipline. Now more parents are involved in working," Lakjohn said.

Some of the answers for the increase of depression can be found in the writings of Fr. Francis X. Hezel, S.J., Riley said. Hezel, Micronesian seminar director, writes extensively on Micronesia and is a major source of information on cultural differences and social problems.

Writing about Micronesian suicides on the Micronesian Seminar's website, Hezel notes striking differences between Micronesian suicides and those in the West. "There is almost none of the chronic depression, the vague sense of meaninglessness of life." Micronesian suicides result from "a disruption in a significant relationship ... the dominant emotion at play in suicide, ev-

erywhere in Micronesia, is anger."

He concludes that understanding Micronesia's social problems requires looking at them in the context of the culture's meanings and values, not American or European meanings and values. Using this focus "has yielded a more satisfying understanding of these social problems, as the work on delinquency, drinking, suicide and child and spouse abuse attests," Hezel writes.

There are some resources already on Ebeye to deal with the issues.

For example, Aluka has established a mental health singing group, which gives some of the young people an activity

after school. Aluka said he wants to increase the number of sports teams because exercise helps, but lack of space allows for only volleyball and basketball games.

On April 9, armed with this information, Prince and Seibert gave the first lecture to over 100 students at Gugegue's Queen of Peace High School. Besides the lecture, the doctors talked with the audience and showed a video about alcoholism in Micronesia, focusing on positive solutions.

"We brought up activities that were opposite of the risky behaviors ... sports and reading," Seibert said. "They said they liked to read, play or listen to music. They acknowledged they had trouble getting the things they like to read — comic books and romances."

Prince added, "They talked about limited resources. So many really good programs have been started up on Ebeye ... but continued adult support is needed."

How to handle peer pressure or pressure from a boyfriend to have sex was brought up, Prince said. But the large size of the group and cultural taboos prevented any real discussion of sexuality.

Seibert did talk about setting goals and having something to look forward to as a way to steer away from risky behaviors.

She said she was encouraged by the responses. "They understood the difference between what they should be doing and what's not so good for them to do."

Both Seibert and Prince encouraged their audience to go to caring adults if they needed help, especially in the case of contemplating suicide.

"They have a higher portion of completed suicide," Prince said, explaining that in the U.S., pills are commonly used and there is more time to intervene. "Their most popular method is hanging."

Riley, who will give the second lecture on Ebeye in the next few weeks, said that according to Hezel's studies suicide is viewed differently in Marshallese culture. "We're trying to solve on-going problems and still respect their culture."

But no matter which culture — Marshallese or American — teenage behavior can be swayed by peer pressure, temptation and boredom, Seibert said.

"It is difficult for teenagers in either culture to make healthy decisions," Seibert said. "Teenagers in both cultures will say there is nothing to do. It is a universal teenage situation."

"Over there they really don't have anything to do. The future is very limited," she added.



Dr. Theo Riley



Dr. Abigail Seibert



Dr. Amy Prince

"When I was raised up, there was more discipline. Now more parents are involved in working."

— Bremity Lakjohn
Ebeye Hospital
public health nurse

Help available for those in need, depressed about life ...

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Suicidology and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion. But the civilian rate was even higher than the Army rate in 1993.

The American Association for Suicidology, which studies contributors to suicide and preventive methods, said six percent of the American population has thought about suicide within the last 12 months. In many cases, the person does not want to die, but acts upon the thought. That's classified as a gesture. Attempts are failed suicides.

Locally, Kwajalein has recorded at least two suicides since 1999, with two deaths under investigation. In 1999, there were two suicides and one attempt. Last year, there were two attempts, and two deaths are still under investigation. One suicidal gesture occurred in February of this year.

"The Army is extremely meticulous in determining a suicide, suicide attempt, or suicide gesture," said Kwajalein Police Chief Bruce Bell, explaining that the deaths that occurred in 2000 are still under investigation. "The investigation includes a psychological autopsy. They look at every aspect of their life ... try to dissect the deceased's mental state at time of death.

"[We] can't really compare [Kwajalein] to the rest of the Army because the demographics aren't alike," Bell said. "We're not all 18 to 31 [years old] young, healthy men. But we are deployed out here like the Army."

Although demographics may not be the same, suicidal behavior seems

to have a common thread.

Last year, about 75 percent of all soldiers who committed suicide experienced "significant relationship problems," said Lt. Col. Glen Bloomstrom, a chaplain in the Family Ministry Office for the Army's Chief of Chaplains, in a recent Army news story.

Depression is probably the underlying cause, and relationship problems and alcoholism are just outward signs, said the Rev. John Dorr Jr., Protestant chaplain. Distance from the relatives and friends in the states may be part of the problem, but Dorr said that he sees more problems with the accompanied families.



Bruce Bell

"The unaccompanied are more accustomed to dealing with being alone," Dorr said. "Marital issues can lead to depression."

Psychiatrist Dr. Amy Prince agreed that more accompanied people seek treatment on Kwajalein, but that could be because their family notices a change and makes the person seek help. Unaccompanied people with depression or suicidal behaviors may not have that support, she said.

"A handful of them go to work and then to the BQ, living lives of quiet desperation," Dorr said, adding that others around them, including supervisors, need to be aware of behav-

ioral changes.

Understanding, supporting and seeking help are the keys to prevent suicide.

"The key is to catch it early," Dorr said, "Talk it over with a counselor or friends."

"There have been dramatic gains in prevention since 1993, the year with the highest suicide rate," said psychologist Dr. Theo Riley, who attended suicide prevention training through the American Association of Suicidology.

The suicidal gesture in February points out that family, friends, co-workers or teachers need to aid someone in getting help, Bell said.

"The man made a comment to a co-worker who passed it on," Bell said. "CIS responded to the man's house. We asked whom he would like to talk to. He was willing to talk to [a doctor]. From that point on, we stayed in the background and monitored the situation.

"We secure the situation to keep it from getting worse ... we go to the support channels," Bell said, adding that there is a large support group of trained professionals on Kwajalein to contact if a resident is having problems with depression or suicidal thoughts.

Who to call

Health professionals:
Dr. Theo Riley, 53606
Dr. Eric Lindborg, 52220
Suicide negotiators:
Rev. John Dorr, 53505
Fr. William Sullivan, 52116
Kwajalein Police:
Chief Bruce Bell, 59045
Army Suicide Prevention Programs:
1st Sgt. Billy Jarrell, 52101

Johnston Island chemical disposal unit celebrates end of mission

FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII (Army News Service, April 12, 2001) — An Army unit that helped destroy chemical weapons in the Pacific for the past 30 years had a ceremony this week to mark the end of its mission.

The U. S. Army Chemical Activity Pacific, or USACAP, held a Chemical Surety Decertification ceremony April 11 at its headquarters on Johnston Island, part of an atoll about 825 miles southwest of Hawaii.

Lt. Gen. Edwin P. Smith, United States Army Pacific commander, presented the unit with the U.S. Army Superior Unit Award.

The ceremony honored the unit for the successful completion of its mission to safely store, secure, transport and account for chemical weapons on the remote island. The chemical demilitarization facility on the island eliminated the last of its stockpiled chemical munitions, nerve agent VX, Nov. 29, and the plant is being prepared for closure.

USACAP was responsible for safety and security measures designed to protect the Pacific community and environment plus all the workers on Johnston Island, officials 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, Andrea, 53705.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE LEAD, Finance. Full time. Oversee cash office, informal and formal receivables as well as invoice billings, assist employees as needed, provide backup support for other department members and process end-of-month closing reports. Excellent communication and customer-service skills and computer experience required.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK, Finance Dept. Full time. Formal collections, end-of-month closing reports, interaction with USAKA/KMR and on-island contractors, backup for telephone system and PCS functions and backup for cash office when needed. Excellent communication skills, customer-service skills and computer experience required.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK, Finance Dept. Full time. Create accounts receivable invoices, perform detail analysis on customer accounts, prepare monthly reports and financial charge applications, process employee payroll deductions and other miscellaneous projects as assigned. Excellent communication skills, customer-service skills and computer experience required.

BOTANIST. Part time. Seeking individual with Bachelor of Science in botany, biology or related field. Responsibilities include determining requirements for maintenance of Kwajalein Public Gardens, plant care and maintenance tasks, coordinating and directing employee and volunteer projects within Kwajalein Public Gardens, species identification and diversification of Kwajalein species with native species from other islands, coordinating solicitation of volunteer help and planting vegetation within various Kwajalein landscaping projects, maintaining records to reflect work accomplished and other duties as assigned.

APPLICATIONS are now being accepted for the Raytheon Summer Employment Program. We are seeking individuals who enjoy working with children and can help provide a safe, fun learning environment. Adults and students are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted through May 15. Applicants selected will be required to support the Summer Fun program as instructors or recreation aides. First session begins June 12. Applicants may be required to undergo a criminal history background check. Applications can be picked up at the Raytheon Human Resources Office in Building 700. Applicants will be required to fill out a supplemental questionnaire. For more information on the Summer Employment Program, call Andrea, 53705.

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

WANTED

PATIO COVER for 400-series house. Call 54641.

LOST

ROSE IN a pot. Call 53633.

KGA GOLF visor, tan, at Koenig/Jabar Tennis Courts during Majuro tournament. Call 52680.

RAZOR SCOOTER during Spring Break. Call 52379.

KALLOY SCOOTER with green wheels. Call 52517.

GOLD "KWAJALEIN" ring April 11 or 12. Call 51684.

FOUND

CHILD'S BINOCULARS at elementary school playground. Call 52276.

CHILD'S SIZE (pee wee) baseball mitt on new housing playground. Call Vanessa, 54577.

TYR GOGGLES with blue lenses and blue plastic scoop toy at Emon Beach. Call 52663.

FOR SALE

PCS PLANT SALE: Former Quarters of the Quarter plants, all must go; metal bike cart, \$125; kayak, \$350; 8' x 8' and 4' x 9' patio decks; queen-size mattress, available May 10. Call Toni, 54698 evenings.

FULL-SIZE COMFORTER with matching sheet set (multi-colored tropical fish design) and king-size bed in a bag, with comforter, sheet set, and bed ruffle (pastel floral design). Call 52648.

BAMBOO FENCE, posts and rails, make an offer; GE dishwasher, 2½ years old, \$125; two staircase runners, \$10 each. Call 52793.

16" GIRLS BIKE, \$15. Call 54642.

21' YAMAHA powerboat with 115 hp outboard and 8 hp kicker, center-console style with small cabin in front, runs great, needs nothing, good boat for fishing, diving or water skiing, includes boat house No. 300, over \$12,500 invested, will sell for \$10,500. Call 53070.

SCUBA TANKS: two U.S. Diver HP 3500 steel 80

**Small Arms
Range Notice**

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



CF and one U.S. Diver HP 3500 steel 105 CF, for sale separately or together. Call 52450.

BIKES: 24" Kwaj-condition and 20" boys bike, used but not bad condition, \$10 each. Call 52415.

PCS SALE. Fence and window blinds for 400-series house. Call Sgt. Gutierrez, 53461/53424W or 53731H.

"KIMO SABE." 25' center-console, direct-drive powerboat with 351 cubic inch Ford engine, includes aluminum trailer, covered lot and boat shack with all the necessities to fish or dive, great Mother's Day gift. Call Jim, 51494.

PC COMPUTER games: *Thief, Starship Titanic, Tiberian Sun, 12 O'Clock High, Deus Ex, Symbiocom, Magic and Mayhem, Shadow Watch, Mummy, Starcraft*, \$10 each. Call 52161.

MICROWAVE OVEN, \$150; toaster oven, \$40; two wood file cabinets, \$25 each; kitchen dinette set table with four cloth-covered chairs with wheels; aluminum bike, \$50; computer desk, \$50; Sony 50+1 CD player, \$275; JVC stereo VCR, \$175; large beige recliner, \$200; La-Z-Boy recliner, blue, \$175. Call 52312 after 4:30 p.m.

Children's author**Donna Guthrie**

will be on island April 20-28.

Children can display their collections in the MP room April 23, 9 a.m.-noon.

Guthrie will talk about her new book "Collect This."

Adults can attend a writing workshop Wednesday, April 25, 7-9 p.m., in the high school library.

Sponsored by
George Seitz PTO

Questions? Call Janice Riordan, 53085.

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Why OPSEC?

"It's elementary!"



Our adversaries have developed methods of collecting valuable information about USAKA/KMR activities and operations. OPSEC is used to counter agents in their efforts to determine our weaknesses and vulnerabilities.

BERBER CARPET for 200-series house; aluminum charcoal grill, \$30; inflatable boat, \$20; Infinity minuet 5 speakers with 50-watt subwoofers, \$500; Sony TR81 camcorder, Ikelite underwater housing, Sony Sport weather housing, all just \$750; super fast skateboard, \$30; JVC 31" TV, \$400; desk, \$300; 8' bookshelf, \$150; pond with fountain, \$100. Call 52602.

TWO GIRLS Speedo bathing suits, size 30, new. Call Erica, 52527.

GARMIN E-Trex global positioning satellite unit, new, used twice, great to get you to dive sites, \$100 firm. Call Drew, 51161.

STAIR-STEPPER and foosball table, both in good condition, \$50 each or best offer. Call 52439.

HOOVER MACH 2.1 Wind Tunnel vacuum/carpet sweeper, with attachments. \$75. Call 51038 after 4 p.m.

FAX MACHINE with extra paper, \$30; mens dive gear: BCD, XL, weight belt and weights, regulator, in great condition, \$200; two ceiling fans, new, still in box, \$40; 9"-13"-19" Olimar tri-metal woods, graphite shafts, with head covers, \$200; golf bag pull cart, \$30; AT&T answering machine, \$20. Call John, 51130.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

"THE ROCK SLINGER and His Greatest Hit," a musical drama presented by the third-sixth grade children of the chapel will be Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service. Questions? Call the Chapel Office, 53505.

SCRAPBOOKING extravaganza will be Monday, noon-6 p.m., in the REB. Come work on your scrapbook or stop by to see what scrapbooking is all about. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Questions? Call Mary, 52793.

MOPS MEETS Thursday, 8:45 a.m., in the REB. The topic will be raising a healthy baby and immunizations. We will make a tooth fairy pillow. Questions? Call Lora, 54186.

AMERICAN LEGION Post 44 and women's auxiliary invite prospective members to a free spaghetti dinner Sunday, April 29, 6 p.m., at the Vets' Hall. For eligibility verification, call Marlene, 52426, or Toni, 54698, by April 24.

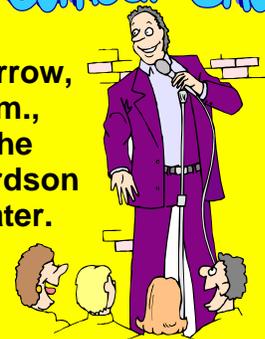
PCS PARTY for the Fleming family will be Sunday, 4 p.m., at Camp Hamilton. Bring a dish to share and drinks of your choice. Paper goods provided. Questions? Call Heather, 52573.

REMINDER FROM Community Activities: Cancel your reservation for a pavilion or a CRC/CAC room if you will not be using it.

CDC IS rescheduling the Home Alone workshop to May 1 in the school-age classroom. Sign up through Community Education, 51078.

USO Comedy Show

**Tomorrow,
7 p.m.,
at the
Richardson
Theater.**



The show is rated PG-13 and is recommended for adults only.

Sodexho Marriott will serve picnic baskets of cold chicken, cheese and other items.

Sponsored by Department of Defense, Armed Forces Entertainment, AT&T, USAA, Glaxo-Smithkline, BAE Systems and Yahoo!

HIGH SCHOOL art show and recital will be May 3, 6-8:30 p.m., in the MP room.

PROPANE TANKS, purged or brand new, are no longer authorized to be shipped with household goods on a PCS move. Questions? Call the Transportation Office, 52101.

NEXT BOATING orientation class will be May 2-3, 6-8 p.m., in CAC Room 1. Fee is \$20 and attendance both nights is required. Sign up at Small Boat Marina or Community Activities. Questions? Call 53643.

BOWLING CENTER will be closed Saturday, April 28, 6-10 p.m., due to high school activities. Questions? Call Ramton, 53320.

THERE WILL be a poetry reading by local island authors Saturday, April 28, 7 p.m., in CAC Room 7. Attendance is free and includes refreshments. Children are welcome and invited to read their poetry. If you would like to participate, call Eileen, 52244 evenings or weekends.

HOLMBERG FAIRWAYS Golf Course will be closed for tee-times Monday, April 23, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in support of the KGA-sponsored fun tournament. Questions? Call Community Activities, 53331.

JOIN US in wishing Bob and Kathy Valencia a fond farewell Sunday, 6:30 p.m., at the country club pavilion. \$12 per person for a Santa Maria-style barbecue. RSVP by tomorrow to Darlene, 51517.

MASONIC FELLOWSHIP meets tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the Yokwe Yuk Club Kabua room. For more information, call Bob Hatcher, 53279.

SCHOOL ADVISORY Council will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music room. Action items will be the science and computer curricula. Public is invited.

**Kwajalein Community
Team Building
presents**

**Introduction to Contracts
as They Pertain to
Kwajalein**

**Why does the Army contract out?
What role does the Army play in the contracts?
How does the rebidding process work?
Who is the customer?**

**Jim McMahon, Raytheon RSE site contracts manager,
will answer these and other questions:**

Friday, 7 p.m., in CRC Room 7



See you at the movies!

Saturday

Recess the Movie: School's Out (G, New Release)

Based on the popular animated children's program Disney's Recess, this full-length film finds young pupil T.J. Detweiler looking forward to a wild summer vacation. He gets his wish when he uncovers a plot by an evil school principal trying to banish summer vacation forever by using a machine to create perpetual winter. (82 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Shadow of the Vampire (R, New Release)

A director bent on creating the most authentic horror movie, even to the point of actual bloodletting, hires an actor known for his obsessive methods to play the vampire. Soon, the actor is out of control, attacking fellow cast members and plucking bats out of the air for midnight snacks. (John Malkovich, Willem Dafoe, Cary Elwes) (93 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

O Brother Where Art Thou? (PG-13, New Release)

A trio of escaped prisoners meet crazed Bible salesmen, sirens, mobsters and a slew of other strange and quirky people as they search for a treasure. They even find time to cut a hit record. This Coen brothers comedy is set in the Deep South during the Great Depression. (George Clooney, John Goodman) (106 minutes)
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

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**What's playing?
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(Photo by KW Hillis)

Kids, a canine and cake

Sgt. DJ the dog celebrated his 10th birthday with his partner Sgt. Steve Dunham, of the KPD Canine Unit, and a classroom full of CDC admirers including, from left, Lilliana Klinger, 3, Jaclyn Sikes, 5, and Sarah Colclough, 2. DJ will retire this year. "He'll be my dog when I PCS this fall," Dunham said.

International coral reef center opens in Palau

A new, modern marine research and visitor center is now open in the Republic of Palau.

The Palau International Coral Reef Center is located on an 8,000-square-meter pier in the city of Koror.

The center is composed of three main buildings — a research facility, visitor education and awareness center and an administration complex.

Visitors can journey through the diverse ecosystems of Palau displayed in outdoor pools and over a dozen aquarium exhibits that provide a view into mangrove, sea grass bed, inner reef, reef crest and outer reef systems.

For more information about the center visit www.palauaquarium.org. For more info about Palau, visit www.visit-palau.com.

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet



Sun • Moon • Tides



Tonight: Partly cloudy.
Winds: East-northeast to east at 8 to 13 knots.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny with morning showers.
Winds: East-northeast to east at 8 to 12 knots.
Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 87°
April rain total: 1.12"
Annual rain total: 7.53"
Annual deviation: -7.13"
Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday April 17	0639/1859	0203/1359	0120, 3.1' 1235, 3.9'	0542, 3.0' 1946, 2.2'
Wednesday April 18	0639/1859	0248/1447	0206, 3.6' 1344, 4.2'	0735, 2.6' 2018, 1.8'
Thursday April 19	0638/1859	0330/1534	0231, 4.1' 1423, 4.6'	0818, 2.1' 2044, 1.5'
Friday April 20	0638/1859	0411/1620	0254, 4.6' 1455, 5.0'	0850, 1.6' 2109, 1.1'