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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Doug Boston, Human Resources transition manager for KRS, hands out job applications to potential Marshallese employees at a meeting on Ebeye Thursday night.

## KRS takes town halls to host nation

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

Kwajalein Range Services took their traveling town hall tour to Ebeye and Enniburr Thursday and Friday, before wrapping up their first series of town hall meetings Saturday on Kwajalein.

More will follow at the deputy program manager level.

The message from KRS, the apparent winner of the logistics and technical contracts on-island and probably the new employer of more than 2,500

island workers starting Jan. 1, centered on two themes: improving working conditions for Marshallese employees and "dignity and respect" for all workers.

"We are going to hire many of you, and you will be treated with respect and dignity," said Carmen Spencer, KRS president and site manager. "Our company is designed to take care of people. We are guests in your country and we are honored to be here ... We

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## No adults allowed— Colonel plans candid meeting with Kwaj youth

By Jon Cassel  
Contributing Writer

Kwajalein's teenagers will have an opportunity to voice opinions at an upcoming teen town hall meeting with Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander, 2 p.m., Thursday in the Dayve-Davis Multipurpose Room. For the first time ever, Brown and 1st Sgt. Leroy P. Balag Jr. invite seventh- through twelfth-graders to offer them their view of island life without any other adults.

"The idea is to hear the teenagers' side of the story," Balag said. "They represent a large part of the community as well."

Both Balag and Brown hope teens will open up and feel comfortable voicing their opinions.

Around the high school most kids are willing and excited to address and discuss their issues. For example, senior Robbie Hamill is comfortable and anxious to speak.

"I'm not nervous about discussion," Hamill said. "If there is something I want to bring up, I'll be sure to do so."

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The Small Boat Marina will be named for the late Col. Gary K. McMillen, USAKA commander from 1998-2000, pictured here with his wife, Pam, in a file photo taken in July 2000, prior to his farewell. Pam will be on hand for the dedication ceremony Nov. 6.

(File Photo)



## Former colonel to be memorialized at Small Boat Marina

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

The Kwajalein Small Boat Marina will be renamed in early November in remembrance of former USAKA/KMR commander Col. Gary K. McMillen, who died Sept. 7. His wife, Pam, will be on hand for the dedication, tentatively scheduled for Nov. 6, according to Maryanne Lane, who is organizing the

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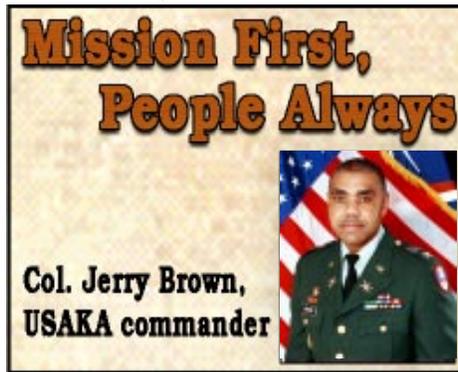
# Colonel responds to your town hall queries

We've had a busy last couple of weeks on the atoll. The new contract was awarded Sept. 25, and many of you have already met the Kwajalein Range Services' leadership during their town halls. I appreciate KRS being so proactive and forthcoming with information, and am very pleased that so many of you were able to participate. I still owe you some answers from my town halls on Roi and Kwajalein, Sept. 12 and 19, and thought now would be a good time to provide some of the answers. I will answer most of your questions today and the rest Friday.

1. *What are the procedures for determining what goes to Gimbel's, and why does Roi not get its fair share?*

Gimbel's is limited to approximately a 6,000-square-foot store/selling space. Our policy is to send Roi an assortment of new merchandise. Unfortunately, due to the limited warehouse and store display areas, we cannot send all items we receive at Kwajalein. However, Roi residents may request any item be sent from Kwajalein.

Gimbel's retail manager directs the merchandise sent to Roi from Kwajalein on a weekly basis. She receives a pick listing of new merchandise and a complete listing of what has been received on each barge. She canvasses the Roi community and keeps a list of requested and zero-balanced items and orders based on



these needs.

Bottom line is that Roi is not able to accommodate a straight percentage of merchandise received at Kwajalein because of lack of storage space; Gimbel's cannot support that amount of inventory. I am exploring ways to correct this shortcoming.

We absolutely make every effort to provide for Roi community needs at Gimbel's. Please use the store manager to special order those items we can't routinely stock on Roi until we're able to address the storage problem.

2. *Why are sales offered on Kwajalein but not Roi-Namur?*

I think this was an isolated incident and not a recurring problem. We try not to "short" the Roi community on promotions, sales or markdowns. Our policy is

that items reduced on Kwajalein are also reduced at Roi, with the exception of in-store markdowns, where store managers are authorized to mark down outdated items. We do have an area in Macy's for damaged items marked down for sale, but we don't ship damaged items to Roi. This could be the basis for the Roi town hall comment. Recent markdowns (Sony Playstations) were confirmed on Roi and Kwajalein.

We offer specific promotions on Roi similar to those on Kwajalein, i.e., Waterford crystal, Rosewood furniture, La-Z-Boy recliners and couches, Sealy Posturepedic mattresses, aluminum bicycles, logo Lee jean shorts and RTS shirts. Please feel free to communicate with the respective managers and supervisors on your concerns. I want everyone treated fairly and without bias. If you do see this happening in the future please make the store manager aware of it.

3. *Long distance charges were supposed to have been reduced, along with monthly fees, but it seems like they have increased.*

Toll calls to the U.S. are now billed at a 17-cents-a-minute flat rate to anywhere in the U.S., 24 hours a day. We also include the \$.07 minimum charge to help offset expensive satellite linkage costs. In isolated cases this could be an increase for  
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## Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



## New psychologist not Ruffing it on Kwaj

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

People go to a psychologist for the same issues whether he or she lives on Kwajalein, in Florida or even on Johnston Island, according to Marion Ruffing, psychologist and certified Employee Assistance Professional.

She arrived on Kwajalein Sept. 27 to take over the vacant psychologist and EAP position. She previously served as the only EAP for the 24,000 employees and their families assigned to Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Patrick Air Force Base until she moved to Johnston Island in March 2001.

"I'm going to see the same issues that I saw at Kennedy Space Center," she said. Adjustment issues may be more pronounced on the two islands because of the remoteness along with anxiety, she added.

"A little more anxiety [here], but not as much as Johnston because ... of the chemicals," she said. "But other than that you are going to see the same situations at work."

When Ruffing arrived on Kwajalein, she said that her reaction was a lot different from when she arrived on Johnston Island.

Recruited by the program manager for Johnston Island by e-mail, she said she didn't even know where the island was.

"I thought it looked like an aircraft carrier," and doubted her own judgment when she landed there.



Marion Ruffing

"It turned out to be a beautiful assignment; the people were very gracious and very welcoming and receptive," Ruffing said. "I ended up enjoying it very, very much and I possibly would be there to help them though closure if this did not come up the way it did."

Coming to Kwajalein, Ruffing knew about the island she was moving to.

"It's prettier and there are children and families and things that make life enjoyable," she said. She is still amazed at the warm reception she received.

Despite the fact she didn't have an office, a phone or computer, Ruffing started counseling residents within 24 hours of her arrival at the Religious Education Building and the hospital conference room. Her office is now located at the Adult Recreation Center.

A health educator, Ruffing's plans for the future include offering a four-week nutrition and health management clinic, emphasis on November's Great American Smoke-out, smoking cessation clinics and setting up a 10,000-step group.

The 10,000-stepper group, wearing pedometers, will walk 10,000 steps a day, she said. "The CDC [Centers for Disease Control] says that even if we don't exercise, if we can get 10,000 steps in a day ... we will be happier, healthier and in a better frame of mind," she said.

Born in Pennsylvania, Ruffing has lived in Florida since she was three. When her one son went to college, she went too. She earned a clinical psychology master's degree from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Ruffing's hobbies include golf and aerobics and she hopes to have some time for both on Kwajalein.

*For an appointment, call Ruffing at 55362.*

## Costume contest expands to carnival

### From Community Activities

Kids ages from infant to sixth grade are invited to join the Community Activities Halloween Costume Carnival, Oct. 28, 1-4 p.m. at the CRC.

The event is an outgrowth from the previous costume contests, but includes carnival games and prizes this year.

Here's how it works. Kids come in costume, register by age group on ar-

rival and when their age group is called parade across the costume stage. Every participant receives a prize. When done parading, costumed kids can have their pictures taken at the Great Pumpkin Picture Patch. There will be creative stations for kids to decorate picture frames and ice their own Halloween cookies.

*To volunteer, call Erika Cole at 53331.*

## Case closed on pot package

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

The case is closed on an investigation into the source of a package of marijuana found at the post office in June, according to a local Kwajalein Police Department investigator.

"They exhausted their leads in the states," said Lt. Moses Moreno. "Nothing additional was found."

A KPD K-9 unit sniffed out the package June 11, despite several layers of wrapping, including coffee grounds and fragrant dryer sheets, around the narcotic. There was more than a pound of marijuana in the package, which was addressed to a local resident, who denied ownership of the box.

A criminal investigation team from Schofield Barracks in Hawaii was called in to handle the case. Moreno said investigators tracked down the stateside address in North Carolina and interviewed a couple of people, but they didn't find anything of substance, he said.

The package had allegedly been addressed to former Kwaj resident Rickey Gonzales, who pleaded guilty to two charges in the RMI High Court last month in what Moreno said was a related case.

Gonzales is currently serving a 90-day prison sentence in Majuro for possession and distribution of marijuana. Two Ebeye residents gave police written affidavits saying Gonzales had supplied them with marijuana to sell on Ebeye. Gonzales originally pleaded not guilty at his arraignment at Ebeye in July, but changed his plea to guilty Sept. 4 at a status conference in the RMI High Court on Majuro.

## Corrections

Floyd Gideon is better known as Flynn Gideon. The *Hourglass* apologizes for this mistake in last Tuesday's article about the power plant.

In Friday's edition on page 3, the aerial picture of the Roundhouse was courtesy of Glenn Gandara.

## Marshallese to see training and education programs ...

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will provide training and education and give you the opportunity to earn more money."

A crowd of more than 500 island employees, estimated, filled the seats and bleachers set up in the new multi-purpose building on Ebeye Thursday night. Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander, introduced Spencer, who immediately began his energy-filled presentation. Both men incorporated the use of translator Noda Lojkar, USAKA ombudsman, speaking for a moment, letting Lojkar translate, and continuing on with their comments.

Spencer stressed the company's sensitivity toward indigenous populations, pointing out KRS team member Chugach, a Native American company in Alaska, and introducing its president, Martin Hanofee, who spent seven years working on Kwajalein before going to Chugach.

"I know many of you and I'm looking forward to working with you again," Hanofee said.

Spencer said KRS will hire 1,044 Marshallese employees initially, that number increasing through training programs that give Marshallese more opportunities on Kwajalein. Spencer outlined a Marshallese Training and Employment Program in which the company has identified 26 job areas currently unavailable to Marshallese, including work in information technology, communications, radio and television and the Fire Department, as well as a few other fields. KRS will provide training for the Marshallese to "get promoted into those jobs. And when you get promoted, we can hire another Marshallese to fill your job," Spencer said.

"Through on-the-job training, education and a strong partnership program, we will spend approximately two years training Marshallese to take these positions, including management positions," he added. "Our bottom line is we want to give back to the people that let us work in their country."

Additionally, KRS will sponsor a scholarship program that provides every year two four-year scholarships worth \$10,000 per year, along with four two-year scholarships to CMI covering fees, books and a small stipend, again, every year. The CMI students will also receive summer employment

with KRS related to their field of study.

Answering questions from the crowd, Spencer clarified, saying the four-year scholarship winners could go to any accredited college or university. The winner must study something related to business, human resources, computer science or engineering, the presentation showed.

A woman asked if children of employees would be eligible for the scholarships, to which Spencer stated that at present the scholarships were reserved for employees.

"But now that you bring that up, that could be a possibility," he added. "We'll have to look into it."

Currently under the plan, scholarship selection is based on how well an employee works and other factors as determined by a Marshallese Training and Employment Integrated Process Team. The team will make a recommendation to an Education Advisory

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— Carmen Spencer  
KRS site manager

Group. Members of the community and Marshallese representatives will make up the IPT.

Much of the discussion Thursday night centered on benefits granted grandfathered versus non-grandfathered employees, something Spencer said, "is spelled out in the Compact [of Free Association] and I cannot change that."

Grandfathered employees receive 11 paid holidays, 25 paid time-off days and a \$25,000 insurance plan, while non-grandfathered employees will receive under KRS 10 paid holidays and 15 PTO days, as do the rest of the KRS employees. Grandfathered employees enjoy a protected status under the Compact, their benefits untouchable by contractors. The Compact, however, is currently under negotiations between the U.S. State Department and the RMI.

"It's a difficult situation with the Compact," Spencer said. "Col. Brown is a man of integrity and, like me, loves

people and wants to do the best thing for all people. We are going to work hard to do the right thing for all Marshallese people. Neither Col. Brown nor I can change [the Compact], but we can talk to the right people and about doing the right things. I pledge to you we will do that."

All Marshallese employees will be eligible for "spot cash awards" for good work and bonuses.

"When my company makes money we share it with you, because you do all of the work," Spencer said.

Also, responding to one man's query, he said KRS will ask Bank of Guam about their ability to support an allotment program that will automatically draft from paychecks payments on hospital bills, utilities on Ebeye and other bills. KRS will announce details as they become available, Spencer said.

Several questions revolved around Marshallese working conditions, one man asking about the role American supervisors play with employees during disputes.

Said Spencer, "We will treat all people with dignity and respect, and if any of my management team does not, they go home!"

Spencer also said he didn't know about Raytheon's minimum wage, as he was not privy to their wage rates. He also noted that Marshallese workers would get paid the same amount as if working in the same position as an off-island hire, and, "should a Marshallese be selected for an off-island status job and housing is available, we would offer to the employee the opportunity, like Capelle DeBrum or the Marshallese pilots living on Kwajalein."

Marshallese working part-time are more than welcome to apply for full-time employment, he said, responding to concerns that part-timers be able to move up. KRS will eliminate a number of part-time jobs, from "a few hundred" to less than 100, he said, but all qualified candidates, including Marshallese, would be considered.

"Thank you and your company for making us feel welcome and important," said Annie Consul, echoing the sentiments shared by many in the crowd who nodded in agreement as she spoke.

In a series of questions on health care, one specifically noting the

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## Internet filters to remain; new contract promises change ...

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certain users if the bulk of their long distance calls are to the 805 area code. But for the majority, long distance call charges have dropped considerably.

4. *Internet access without filters, and higher speed Internet access.*

As I said during the town hall, Internet access speed will increase with new bandwidth early next year. Internet access is provided free to all via government circuits. We use filtering on the island Internet to prevent not only pornographic access, but also hate sites, criminal activity sites, sites advocating anarchy, etc. Filtering will remain active on the island Internet. However, individuals can access non-filtered sites via their personal ISP connection if they so desire.

In reference to the question I took about

sending pictures to family members ... seems to have been an isolated case from one user. Our Internet Technology team is trying to find a solution.

5. *Loss of airframes between Kwajalein and Roi-Namur.*

The number of seats and airframes will not decrease. The number and type of airframes are tailored to mission requirements. Part of that requirement is quality of life issues and support. The number of seats and airframes will meet the community's needs for seating capacity for not only mission support but quality of life as well.

6. *What's the current smoking policy?*

We are working to correct this area as it has been brought to my attention that we are not operating according to Army and DoD policy. The USAKA Safety Of-

fice and RSE are working together to determine air quality in several sections of the downtown area. Based on studies, we'll determine appropriate locations for smoking. In the workplace, the contractor and USAKA should enforce DoD and Army policies.

7. *Will there be anything different in new contract?*

Yes, there will be. But a lot of it is still to be determined as KRS learns more about how things are done here. They may choose to change very little after observing for the next few months or they may choose to change a lot. Many of you have attended the recent town halls offered by KRS and have heard some of their plans. But I think it is still too early to determine how much change there will

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## New contractor hopes to offer jobs by Dec. 1 ...

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Marshallese don't have accessibility to the dental clinic and dental care, Brown responded saying, "Like Mr. Spencer, we pledged to do all the right things for all people. I will see if I can find a way to restore it."

Brown promised to look into the health care issue in general, as well.

KRS managers handed out applications, written in Marshallese, to the crowd members after the meeting.

If no bidder files a protest, and KRS continues with their current transition schedule, company officials hope to begin interviews by Nov. 1, with job offers going out to Marshallese employees by Dec. 1.

Said Spencer, "Our goal is to offer you a job and do an interview with each of you to determine the best position for each of you."

Concluding the night, Brown thanked the crowd for attending and KRS for presenting their message. He added, "Many questions I am surprised by and concerned about ... I think you're going to love this team because they're going to find ways to fix some of these problems."

## Teens plan to talk openly ...

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Many students aren't sure what they want to bring up, but are elated at the opportunity.

Will the students speak openly about their feelings?

"I'm planning on speaking very openly with the colonel," proclaimed junior Timothy Samuel. "I have several issues I'd like to bring up at the meeting, and I feel like I can do so fairly."

Teens have been waiting a long time for this chance to speak. It's been a long time coming — no student can recall a colonel ever doing this.

"This is so awesome." Said Michelle

Corder, 16. "I'm happy the colonel thinks we're mature enough to hold these meetings. I hope to see more like it in the future."

Will students query the drinking issue? Will students' questions concerning island activities, isolation and boredom be answered? We don't know, but the steps are in line to find out.

**Editor's Note:** *Jon Cassel is a junior at Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School. He has worked for the Hourglass nearly six years, longer than most of the current staff, and recently joined the editorial department.*

## Marina fits McMillen's memory ...

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dedication and Pam McMillen's weeklong visit.

The SBM is a good choice since McMillen was a big proponent of sailing, having sailed out here from Hawaii on his sailboat, said Jim Crouch. Crouch and a group of fellow Kwajalein Yacht Club members ham radioed weather information to McMillen every night on his 17-day voyage from Honolulu to Kwajalein.

Although a KYC member, McMillen didn't have a lot of time for sailing once his boat, *Sand Flea*, was moored.

"He sailed maybe three or four times, since he was so busy," Crouch said. The boat was shipped to the McMillen's

home in Florida when they PCSed.

McMillen had plans to return, Crouch said.

"He talked to me several times about wanting to come out here when he retired ... and run the Small Boat Marina," Crouch said. "Unfortunately, that didn't come to pass."

A new facility sign identifying the marina as the Col. Gary K. McMillen Small Boat Marina will replace the old sign. A bronze plaque will also be installed, according to Lane who is raising funds to cover the cost. Additional information on the dedication ceremony will be available near the end of this month.

Call Maryanne Lane for donation information, 54848.

# Television and theater situation to improve ...

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be ... but there will be change.

8. *Why did we switch to Direct to Sailor?*

The Army Broadcasting Service, or ABS, is a subsidiary of Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, which shut the European feed we used to receive as a cost-cutting measure last month. Because of the limited viewing audience in the satellite footprint, ABS decided it was not worth the expense of the leased satellite link. We (USAKA/RTS) had no influence in this decision. Bottom line ... DTS is the only AFRTS feed our area can receive. Unless AFRTS decides to change things in the future, which is unlikely, we will continue to receive and transmit DTS. *Can we get Monday night football moved up?* This looks possible after we get our television system online early next year. At that time, all four Huntsville, Ala., network affiliate channels (CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX) will be available. National Public Radio will also be available early next year. In the meantime we are looking at temporary solutions and will broadcast NPR as soon as we can.

9. *West Reef has been off limits for a long time. When will this be solved?*

The Command Safety and Environmental Offices have been working with National Marine Fisheries Services to identify options for disposing of the hazards or providing other means to mitigate the risks to personnel. We believe we have found an acceptable solution that will be a big improvement for the dive community.

10. *It's very cluttered around the back of the post office, and difficult to get to the boxes. It's congested in front of post office, too.*

RSE Safety has been running an ad campaign on the roller for a couple weeks. We ask that the community help by not parking in front of the steps and walkways in the downtown area. If the situation does not improve through community involvement, it will be handled through the Kwajalein Police Department.

11. *Can we have bike racks by the Bargain Bazaar?*

Between Kwaj and Roi we are looking at about 360 racks total. This will take care of new locations that need them as well as replacement of the existing concrete/wooden racks. The new racks, like the ones near Macy's, are made from recycled plastic and are low maintenance.

Each rack costs about \$460. We did use \$6K of our APIC award money recently to purchase additional racks. Now, our total requirement for racks is about \$165,000, which we would probably spread over several years.

12. *With the [current] contract winding down, will we run out of things?*

No. Your quality of life will not be affected. There were some concerns initially in the supply area that they had exceeded their budget, and a logical outcome would be reduced item availability in the retail stores. However, I've approved an additional \$600K for this area, which should ensure that we receive adequate stocks for the duration of the contract.

13. *What's the status with the Richardson Theater and the sound system at the Yuk Theater?*

The Richardson Theater should re-open in two months. Equipment orders for the Richardson Theater system have been placed, and are with the buyer, who is in direct contact with the vendor. When we receive the equipment, we will coordinate the TDY for the technician to install it. We're making every effort to have the theater in operation by Christmas.

We thought the sound at the Yuk The-

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**[Early next year] all four Huntsville, Ala., network affiliate channels (CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX) will be available.**

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ater had been toned down, and have now made another adjustment to the bass levels. Nearby BQ residents tell us the problem has been rectified. If anyone has an issue, please contact Steve Snider at 53331 for resolution.

14. *What about the fly situation?*

I recognize that flies are an issue. We can all do a better job at reducing the problem at its source by sealing our trash and picking up after our pets. Spraying alone doesn't solve the problem, but the chemicals that are used are strictly controlled. The Sept. 24 *Hourglass* article provided more details in controlling this problem.

15. *Why are there so many scooters and vehicles in family housing after dark?*

The Kwajalein Police Department surveyed vehicle traffic after dark in the resi-

dential area. This included normal weekdays and an entire weekend. KPD's mid-night shift watched vehicular traffic in the residential area. They observed maintenance vehicles from FOM, the custodian from the school, some TDY and the pizza delivery cart. They did not observe excessive traffic in the housing area or any traffic around the 2 a.m. time-frame. The pizza delivery cart was busier on the weekend than during the week. We will continue to monitor this.

16. *Aluminum cans are not making it to recycling, there are no dispensers in front of Snack Bar or Dock Security Checkpoint, and how can we get big re-cycle containers by Bargain Bazaar and DSC area?*

My Department of Public Works coordinated with Solid Waste Management, and they will place containers at the DSC and in front of the snack bar. They should be in place within two weeks.

17. *Hiring freeze?*

RSE doesn't have a hiring freeze, but they are only filling critical positions at this time. The new contractor is accepting applications now.

18. *Will there be more dome houses built on Kwajalein?*

Possibly in the future.

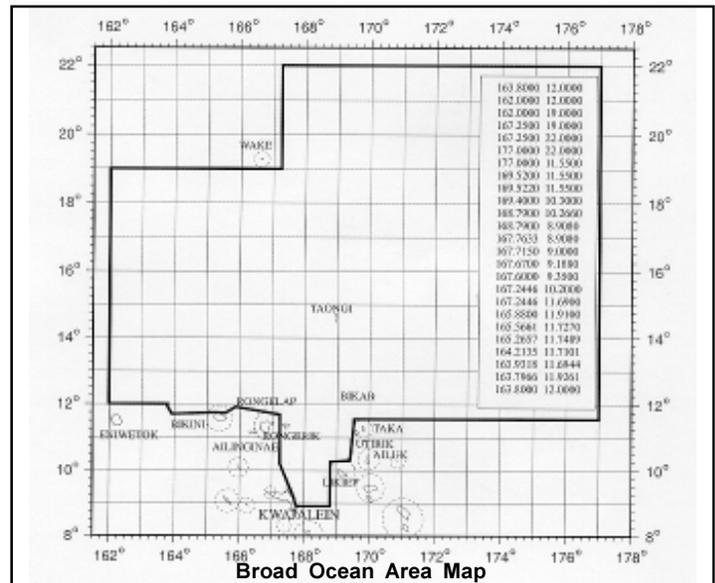
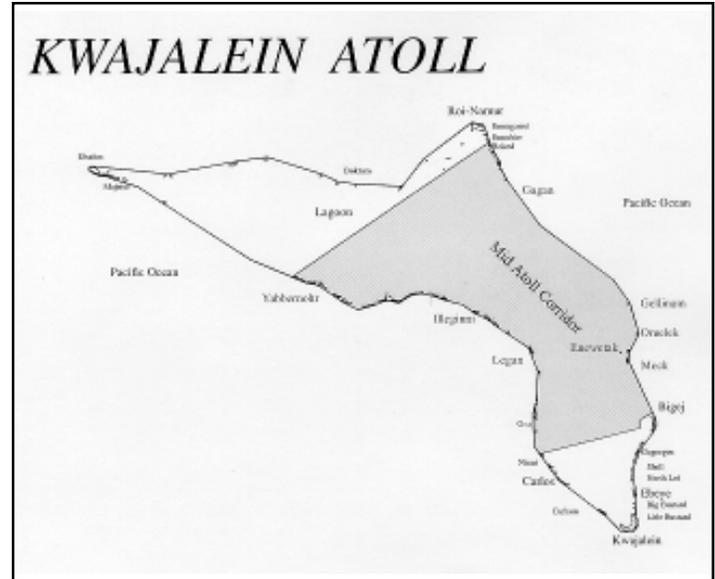
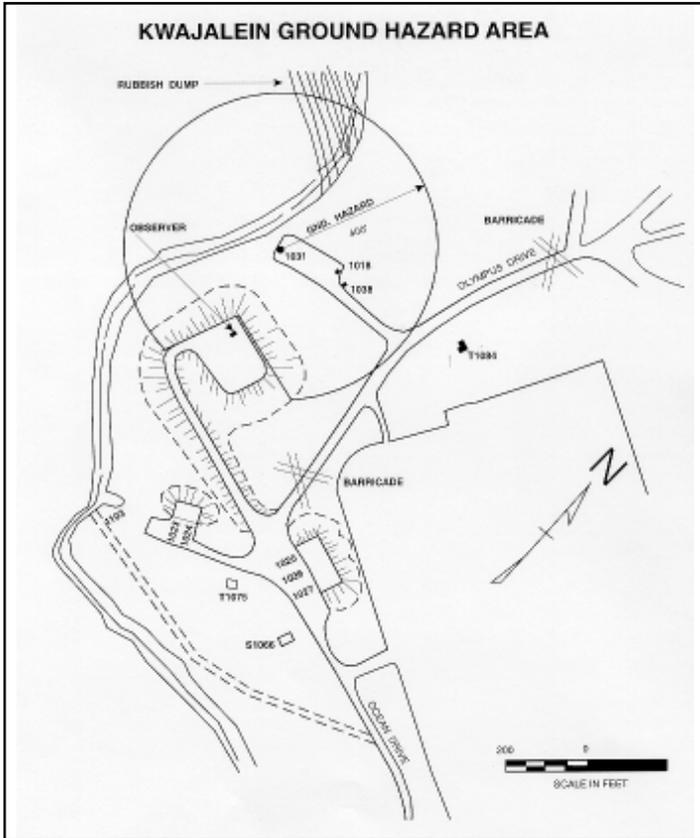
19. *What's the status on mammograms on-island?*

The mammogram machine is here and technicians should arrive this week to install it. Once a radiation physicist inspects, certifies and verifies the machine's safety, we can begin limited studies on an interim approval from the accrediting agency. Films would be submitted for certification review and at the end of approximately a three-month period, we should be eligible for full certification.

I appreciate your response to the "Ten most wanted/least wanted items" questionnaires we distributed during the town halls. Most of your requests are reasonable, and we will work with the retail manager to compile those and make appropriate changes. We'll publish our recommendations to the retail managers in a future issue of the *Hourglass*.

*Coming soon to a column near you*

In Friday's *Hourglass* I will answer your questions about other issues: the cost of transportation between Hawaii and Kwajalein, television on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, child labor and delivery services at the Kwajalein hospital, RMI taxes, airline fares, the post office and additional family housing.



## Range operation Oct. 15

**From the Command Safety Office**

A range operation is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 15. Caution times are 12:01 p.m. through 8:30 p.m.

In conjunction with this operation, a caution area will exist within Kwajalein Atoll, defined by the area bounded on the north by Boked Island on the east reef and Yabbernohr Island on the west reef, and bounded on the south by a line drawn north of Bigej Island on the east reef to a point at latitude 08 54.2N, longitude 167 45.8E, then to a point at latitude 08 52.8N, longitude 167 45.8E, and then to a point north of the high-tide mark on Ninni Island on the west reef. See map at top right.

Bigej Island, including the inner reef, is specifically excluded and is not a part of the mid-atoll corridor. An additional caution area extending from Kwajalein Atoll north into the broad ocean area is defined on the map at center right.

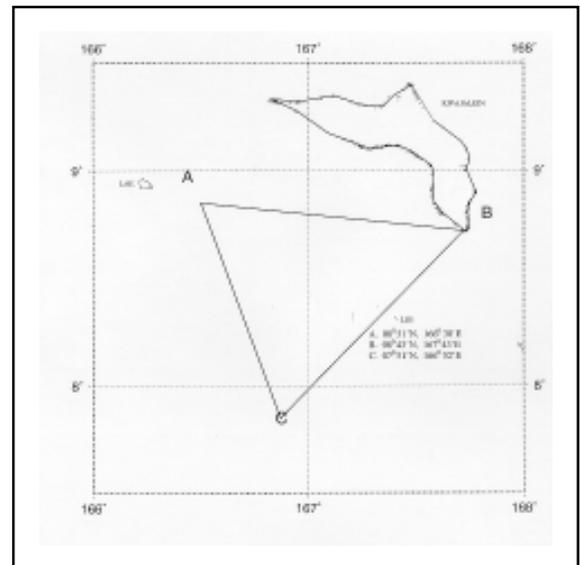
In order to ensure clearance of non-mission support personnel from the mid-atoll corridor by the window opening time, Kwajalein Police Department island clearance procedures will begin at approximately 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and continue until evacuation has been accomplished. Egress of all air and sea craft will be required when requested by authorized clearance personnel. Subsequent to lagoon clearance, the hazard area will be in effect until mission completion.

In conjunction with this operation, a Kwajalein met rocket is scheduled as soon as possible after the launch from Meck Island on Tuesday, Oct. 15. For caution areas, see maps above at left and bottom at right.

In the event of a mission slip, the caution times and areas will be in effect for the following days:

- 12:01 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16.
- 12:01 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to the Command Safety Office, range safety officer, 51910.



**Marshallese Word  
of the Day**

*enod* - fishing

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**Spiderman (2002, PG-13, VHS)**

This summer's smash hit tells the story of a young man who, when given super spider powers, must learn that with greater gifts come greater responsibilities. (Toby Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Willem Dafoe)  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Dragonfly (2002, PG-13, VHS)**

Kevin Costner plays a widower doctor who believes his wife is trying to contact him through patients' near-death experiences. (Kathy Bates)  
*Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.*

**Sunday**

**The Emperor's New Groove (2000, G, DVD)**

When his evil, power-hungry advisor, Yzma, turns him into a llama, Emperor Kuzco must lose his attitude and join forces with an unlikely partner to regain his throne. (Voices of David Spade, John Goodman)  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

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

Alexandre Dumas' classic tale of betrayal and revenge in 19th century France hits the big screen in this latest adaption. (Guy Pearce, James Caviezel) (132 minutes)  
*Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.*

**Monday**

**Spiderman (2002, PG-13, VHS)**

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

# Reefwalker makes house calls

By Peter Rejcek  
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Juda Joel is once again crossing the reef at low tide to make unexpected house calls at Kwajalein.

The Ebeye resident, after taking a hiatus for some time from his frequent visits to Kwaj, has renewed his unauthorized treks along the coral wall and into various trailers in the North Point area, according to Lt. Moses Moreno, Kwajalein Police Department investigator.

Moreno said Joel has made about 12 visits in the last month or so, with the most recent visit coming Sept. 25. He has been charged with trespassing and larceny. Police found four digital watches and a radio on Joel the last time he was caught, according to Moreno.

"We don't know what trailer he came out of," he said. "We have no victims."

If you feel like you may be a victim, call KPD.

Every time Joel is caught, he's put on

the next boat back to Ebeye, Moses said, but authorities there are unable to always monitor his activities, and he has not been charged with any crimes on Ebeye. Joel is mentally deficient, Moses added, and there are no facilities on Ebeye to take care of him.

Joel is not considered dangerous, but can show signs of irritation or aggression, Moreno said. Residents are asked to notify police immediately if they see him. He is a Marshallese man, about five foot, six inches tall, with short dark hair, bulbous eyes and open sores on his arms.

In an October article three years ago when Joel and a second reefwalker, Clemi Ajen, had become an extreme public nuisance, the *Hourglass* reported that Joel had crossed the reef an estimated 91 times in the last nine years.

Moreno said it is unclear as to why Joel has renewed his daytime visits. He may just be hungry, he noted.

"Sometimes we find him with fruit," Moreno added.

# Meteorological rocket set for tomorrow

**From Command Safety Office**

A meteorological rocket launch operation from Kwajalein is scheduled for tomorrow. Caution areas for this met rocket will exist in the ocean within an area defined by the following coordinates:

- 08 degrees 51 minutes north, 166 degrees 30 minutes east
- 08 degrees 43 minutes north, 167 degrees 43 minutes east
- 07 degrees 51 minutes north, 166 degrees 52 minutes east

The Kwajalein ground hazard is that

area contained within a circle having a radius of 400 feet from the Kwajalein rocket launcher.

All personnel and craft must stay out of the caution and hazard areas between the hours of 12:01 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. tomorrow or until the restrictions are lifted. The ground hazard area must be clear of all non-essential personnel no later than 12:01 p.m. See the maps in the Oct. 4 *Hourglass*.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements should be directed to the Range Safety officer, 51910.

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers.  
**Winds:** Variable, less than 8 knots.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** Variable, less than 8 knots.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 79°  
Tomorrow's high 87°  
**October rain total:** 3.93"  
**Annual rain total:** 86.66"  
**Annual deviation:** 12.55"  
*Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.*



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday October 8	0637/1837	0801/2012	0500, 5.8' 1720, 6.1'	1110, 0.0' 2330, 0.1'
Wednesday October 9	0637/1836	0900/2105	0540, 5.5' 1800, 5.9'	1140, 0.3'
Thursday October 10	0637/1836	1001/2159	0610, 5.0' 1830, 5.6'	0010, 0.4' 1210, 0.7'
Friday October 11	0637/1835	1101/2256	0650, 4.5' 1910, 5.1'	0050, 0.9' 1250, 1.2'