

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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

## Students get firsthand look at local politics

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

After watching the give and take between RMI and USAKA officials at the 197th meeting of the Community Relations Council on Ebeye Thursday afternoon, James Jelke is as interested as ever in his chosen profession.

"I want to be a politician," said the 19-year-old Queen of Peace High School senior. Jelke, along with Kwajalein high school seniors Sean Cummings and Katie DeLong, was invited to attend the monthly meeting by the command.

"At least you'll get an appreciation of what's involved," Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., USAKA commander, told Cummings and DeLong during the boat ride to the new Ebeye Health Center, where the meeting took place.

The Community Relations Council is  
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(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Queen of Peace High School senior James Jelke, far right, gets some advice from teacher Dave Bramlett Thursday afternoon at a Community Relations Council meeting. Kwajalein high school seniors Katie DeLong and Sean Cummings also joined the meeting at the invitation of the command.

## With STDs, ignorance isn't blissful

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

The epidemic has been growing for years. But instead of just one disease, a myriad of sexually transmitted diseases, or STDs, make up the epidemic that rages silently and secretly around the world, including Kwajalein Atoll.

"Across the board, the numbers [here] are a little higher than in the United States," said Dr. John Janikowski, Kwajalein Hospital staff doctor. "When you say there is an epidemic across the United States, you have to say the same thing here."

In the U.S., 15 million people are infected each year adding to the more than 65 million people already infected with at least one STD, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

There are more than 25 diseases that can be spread primarily through sexual activity and more than one fourth of new cases involve teenagers, the CDC said.

Of the 25 diseases, there is a different mix of the more prevalent STDs depending on which state or city a person lives, according to CDC statistics. Chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, genital herpes, human papillomavirus, hepatitis B, trichomoniasis and bacterial vaginosis are the most

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

## Go for the egg

Gregory Coffey, 6, and Alyse Hester, 6, race for an egg during the annual Easter Egg hunt at the Richardson Theater, hosted by Community Activities Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of local children participated in the event, collecting eggs in specially designated areas for each age group. The event also featured a visit from Peter Rabbit and special prizes for special eggs.

# Kwajalein fashions bring out the red carpet on island

Last week, we saw all the rage that is the Oscars and, as usual, more people were interested in the fashions than who won the best studio film produced during a full moon with a greater than \$1 zillion budget.

Of course the big fashion winners were glamorous and scandalous. Take Gwyneth Paltrow's revealing two-part gown with black flowing skirt and tight see-through top. Anyway, if you didn't see it, it was so awful, I felt badly for the little worms that worked so hard spinning the silk used to make it.

With all the hubbub over now, however, *The Hourglass* invited some top fashion critics and a few schmucks to review Kwajalein fashions, to make sure we're still up on style, despite our remote location.

The following is a compilation of their remarks:

**Shoes** – We have two words for you – flip-flop. Tres chic baby and with varying styles and colors, you can express your own individuality without straying into the shark pit of fashion death. We love the platform flip-flop. Not only are they impractical, and possibly dangerous, they give you height, accentuating your whole casual mystique.

**Long pants v. short pants** – Shorts are in. It's a case of style and function. It's hot out here. We love the lace up shorts. They say "I'm hanging out with



friends, or I'm hanging 10." Either way, it's casual and understated. Pair it with a high crop tee or tank and a belly button ring and you're headlining the red carpet at the PDR, honey.

**Tops** – Again, we love it here because you can justify revealing as a matter of function, i.e., the heat. Gwyneth would fit right in. We love the tanks. Tees work, except for those goofy T-shirts that say, "So and so went to Hawaii and all I got was this lousy T-shirt." Those only work on Oscar night. Some guys are going with the collared golf shirt. Very conservative and ho hum. If you must, we suggest unique accessories. We're not talking Ellie Mae Clampett rope belts here, but something different to set you apart.

**Accessories** – The purses just don't match the belts and shoes here, but that's OK. That went out in the dark ages, during the Golden Globes. Men, especially because there are a million of you for every pretty girl, you need to stand out. Bright colors, bright colors.

And for crying out loud, hide those beer guts!

Girls, it's all about backpacks, and the smaller the better, preferably too small to fit anything except maybe a Swiss army knife. That says, "I don't need anything but to look good. Oh yeah, I could cut your head off, bait a hook and survive on a deserted island for a month, too."

**Final Thoughts** – What's with those dark multi-green and black colored outfits, anyway? Around 30 or so people are wearing them, like some sort of rock band cult thing, but we just can't accept it. A little modification would go a long way. We suggest a "Dark Angel" sort of cutoff look. Slash those pants at the knee and don't hem them. Lose the jackets, too, or cut off the sleeves, wear them unbuttoned with a clingy tee underneath. Trade those clunky combat boots in for a nice pair of black flip-flops, steel rimmed, if you must. [Brad] Pitt wore that look at last year's Cockadoodle Doo Awards and blew everyone away, including stylish wife Jennifer Aniston.

**Editor's note:** Needless to say, we won't be bringing this crew out again. In fact, we've sent them on to the Yogi Bear Trailer Park in Fort Broken Spear, Oklahoma to review the latest in the Ellie Mae Clampett Collection.

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



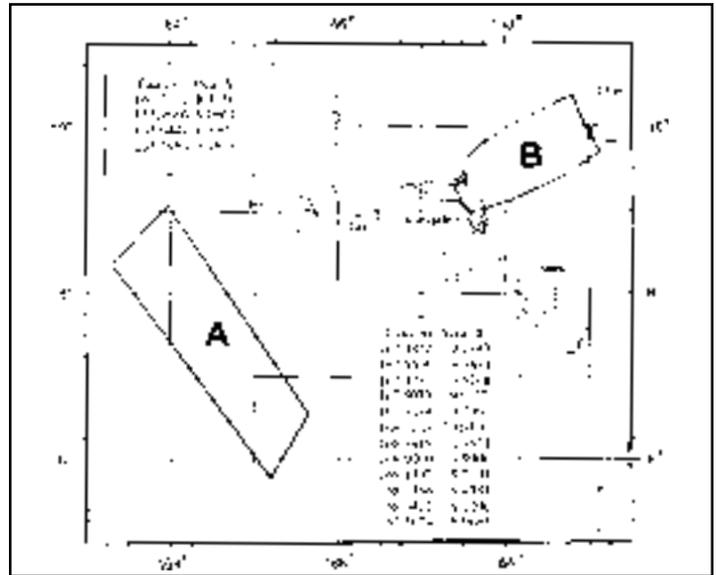
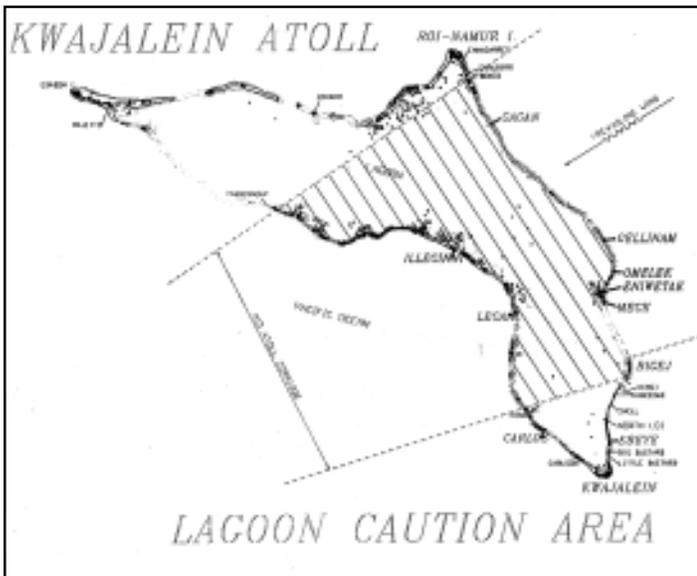
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## Range operation

From the Command Safety Office

A range operation is scheduled for Monday, April 8. Caution times are 7:01 p.m. through 4:01 a.m., Tuesday, April 9.

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 left.

Bigej Island, including the inner reef, is specifically excluded and is not a part of the mid-atoll corridor. Areas specified outside the mid-atoll are designated as caution areas. See map at 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. Friday, April 5, 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 the event of a mission slip, the caution times and areas will be in effect for the following days:

- 7:01 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, to 4:01 a.m. Wednesday, April 10.
- 7:01 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, to 4:01 a.m. Thursday, April 11.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to the Command Safety Office, range safety officer, 52477.

## New faces dot Community Activities ...

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"I told people I was moving to a tropical island and everyone thought I was kidding," Cole said.

Cole found it interesting too and still does, a week after arriving.

Said Cole, "I've traveled to Mexico and around some, and I've never seen such a unique community. You have everything you need, just not the selection, maybe, but I like it."

Pratt agreed.

## On track, U.S. missile defense looks promising

*The Daily Oklahoman* [Editorial]  
March 27, 2002

With little fanfare the people working to turn missile defense from dream to reality have put together a pretty good winning streak. Earlier this month a Minuteman missile carrying a dummy nuclear warhead was pulverized in space over the Pacific Ocean by something missile defense engineers call the exo-atmospheric kill vehicle, or EKV. It was the third consecutive bullseye for the \$25 million device.

The result didn't make big headlines. Test failures are better at grabbing media attention. Yet slowly and surely, the normal course in flight testing of sophisticated systems such as missiles and rockets, scientists are getting closer to the day when America will be able to deploy an anti-missile umbrella that can protect much of the country from enemy attack ...

"It's like hitting a golf ball across the

## What others are saying

country, from Los Angeles to New York, and getting a hole in one even though the pin is moving and there are a whole bunch of others that look just like it," Charles F. LaDue, program manager for Raytheon Corp., told the Times ...

Although that sounds like good progress to us, it's not good enough for the program's critics. They say tests so far haven't been realistic enough, even though during this month's test the EKV could discern its target from three balloon decoys. Let them complain. Every new weapons system goes through years of testing, successes and failures. Missile defense has a ways to go, but this latest successful test clearly indicates the program is coming along.

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# STDs pose serious issue on Kwaj, in Micronesia ...

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common STDs in the states.

Locally, there are differences in the prevalent STDs from island to island, according to Dr. Eric Lindborg, Kwajalein Hospital chief medical officer and Dr. Tin Soe, Ebeye Primary Health Care medical director.

Syphilis is the most common STD in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, with 0.8 percent of the population on Kwajalein Atoll, Soe said, explaining that although the statistics are for Kwajalein Atoll, "it is similar for all RMI." Since RMI medical facilities can't test for all STDs, the doctors use a "syndromic approach" — giving medicine that is also effective against STDs besides syphilis, he added.

Agreeing with Soe's statistics, Lindborg said that hepatitis B is also prevalent among Micronesians, with a "one to two percent incidence of chronic hepatitis B," which can be spread via unprotected sex.

"Chlamydia in both young Americans and Marshallese might be as high as 10 percent, while incidences of trichomoniasis in Marshallese women approaches 25 percent," Lindborg said. "The most common problem for male contract employees is urethritis, both gonorrhea and nonspecified urethritis, contracted both locally and during travels to Southeast Asia and other Micronesian islands."

New residents are screened with a complete physical before arriving on Kwajalein, but the screening may not pick up all the STDs, Janikowski said.

## Local STDs by the numbers

**Chlamydia** — up to 10 percent in young Americans and Marshallese

**Trichomoniasis** — up to 25 percent in Marshallese women

**Gonorrhea and Urethritis** — most common problem for male contractors, contracted locally and during travel to Southeast Asia and other Micronesian islands.

**Hepatitis B** — chronic cases 1-2 percent in Micronesia

**Syphilis** — 0.8 percent of the population on Kwajalein Atoll

**HIV** — disproportionately low, nine reported cases in last 10 years (the most deadly STD)

Source: Kwajalein and Ebeye Health Officials



"Unless something is going on symptomatically, at the moment ... you could easily miss something," he said.

There are multiple sources for STDs.

"People can come here with [STDs] and pass it on," Janikowski said. "These diseases didn't originate in the Marshalls; people brought them here from elsewhere and will continue to bring them.

"People from here vacation in Thailand and places where the sex industry is thriving and the percentage of those workers in the sex industry in those countries that are infected with STDs and AIDS is astronomical," he added.

Calling STDs "one of the most under-recognized health problems in the country today," the CDC said that despite the high cost and "sometimes deadly consequences" most people are unaware of the consequences of STDs except for one — the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV.

There is a disproportionately low incidence of HIV in the Marshalls, Janikowski said.

"HIV has still not hit the Marshalls hard," Lindborg said. "[There have been] only nine officially reported cases since reporting began over 10 years ago."

Despite the low incidence, HIV testing is done along with syphilis testing at Ebeye's PHC of pregnant women, all those requesting medical checkups and any patients suspected of having STDs, Soe said. Those requesting checkups through an Ebeye medical facility include students entering school or the Job Corps.

Some of the STDs are deadly, with the worst being HIV, said Janikowski. The next most deadly is hepatitis B because of the link to liver failure and liver cancer. Syphilis is next, but with the advent of antibiotics and monitoring, syphilis can be cured.

While most of the STDs can be cured, viral STDs like herpes, genital warts

and HIV cannot be cured, he said.

STDs can also be passed on to babies before birth or while they are being born.

"Babies are not routinely tested for STDs, but they are given some protection by the eye ointment they get after birth," Janikowski said, explaining that syphilis and gonorrhea can affect children's eyes.

Prevention is the key.

On Ebeye, STD prevention is "mainly the use of condoms," Soe said. "We distribute freely in the clinics, Anrosa hotel, the Family Planning clinic and STD clinic."

On Kwajalein, condoms are given out free through the pharmacy and Occupational Health Department.

Other than condoms, there is no real mechanical protection against contracting STDs, and condoms are not 100 percent reliable, Janikowski said. "Their main faults are [that] they may break, they may be put on late or taken off early. There may be some contact to some secretions that the condoms aren't protecting you from."

Besides teaching STD prevention at the clinics on Ebeye, abstinence is taught to students at churches and schools on both Ebeye and Kwajalein.

"In the public school, grades seven through 10 currently study the STDs from a variety of standpoints with the emphasis being abstinence," said AnnElise Peterson, Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School Health teacher.

Students from different religious backgrounds learned about abstinence before marriage and STDs as part of a six week-series given by the Protestant Chapel sponsored Senior High Youth Fellowship, said Sylvia Riley, co-leader of the group.

STD counseling and information materials are available at Kwajalein Hospital, First Stop and at the Occupational Health department.

Sexually active people need to use condoms, stay with one partner and watch for signs and symptoms, according to Kwajalein medical personnel.

"Most typically look for pain, burning, discharge or sores," Janikowski said. "If there is anything you are worried about, get an examination. If you do have [an STD], be sure your partner is examined and treated as needed."

## Council discusses Ten-Ten access, mid-atoll people ...

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a group that meets monthly to discuss local issues between the command and the Marshallese government. It's been in existence since 1982, before the Compact of Free Association, according to Maryanne Lane, Host Nation support officer.

"All local issues are dealt with," she said. "It's a very interesting meeting of the minds."

That was also the assessment by the students. DeLong said the discussion reminded her of a class when students broke into groups to debate and negotiate on behalf of various countries against the historical backdrop of Napoleonic Europe.

"It was very interesting," she said.

Added Cummings, "You find out some things you didn't already know."

On Thursday, the students learned about everything from why the DSC snack bar was closed — only to be reopened today — to who does and doesn't get access to Kwajalein from Ebeye and other islands.

"We saw the folly of our ways," said Maj. David Coffey, USAKA Community Relations Office chief, of the DSC closure. After the meeting, Wrenn fielded additional questions about the DSC from the students, explaining that business did not migrate from the DSC to the Three Palms Snack Bar as anticipated.

The students were then given a tour of the hospital. Jelke, who plans to attend the College of Micronesia in Palau, said afterward he would report back to his government class on what he learned.

### **CRC business**

Wrenn and Coffey headed the USAKA delegation and Botlang Loeak, RMI liaison to USAKA, and Phillip Kabua, RMI chief secretary, represented federal Marshallese interests, while Ebeye Mayor Wilmer Bolkheim represented KALGOV issues. The delegates discussed old and new business, including:

- **Ten-Ten access.** All full-time employees can shop at Ten-Ten during normal business hours, expanding the original time of 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Everything has gone quite smoothly," Coffey said of the decision to allow Marshallese employees to shop at Ten-Ten, the result of last year's working Joint Committee Meeting at Kwajalein.



The Community Relations Council meets Thursday afternoon at Ebeye Hospital to discuss local issues between USAKA and the Marshallese.

(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

"We don't anticipate any problems [with the new hours]," he added.

- **Part-time employees at USAKA.** Jack Riordan, with RSE Human Resources, reported that several promotions had taken place recently in the retail department, with at least one employee gaining full-time status. Riordan, responding to a question, said the most recent data he has shows 70 percent of part-time employees eventually taking on full-time positions. He said he would bring updated figures at next month's CRC meeting.

- **Title X project.** Coffey reported that more communication is needed between USAKA, the RMI government and Marshallese traditional leaders, who apparently feel they are not being included in discussions. Specifically, Coffey said the traditional leaders felt they were not consulted on an upcoming summer project to build a multi-purpose building on Ebeye.

Coffey said the issue is manageable, but wants communication addressed before the problem spirals out of control.

"I think this project is going to go off quite well," he said.

- **Water carriers.** Beginning April 15, constables at Ebeye will not allow the young Marshallese children who ferry back and forth between Kwaj and Ebeye to transport water. The Ebeye water system is up and running, and officials on both sides agreed it is palatable and safe.

Coffey said Host Nation even talked to the kids at the DSC and learned most of them had not even tried the water.

Stephan Notarianni, Host Nation

support officer, noted that the troops who will be out this summer to construct the Title X project on Ebeye will get their water locally. "The plan is for them to get their water here," he said.

The water spigot at the DSC will be relocated to allow access only from outside the DSC.

- **Bank of the Marshall Islands on Third Island.** RMI officials passed on a request from the bank to provide services to Enniburr, or Third Island, on Saturdays. USAKA officials responded they would first need to research the issue before they could respond.

"The people [of Enniburr] requested the service," Loeak said.

- **Housing for Mid-Atoll residents.** RMI officials asked for help from USAKA with finding ways to renovate and replace housing for people who were relocated by the U.S. government decades ago for missile testing. Loeak said there are more than 20 people living in one room at some homes.

"This is our concern and your concern," he said.

Coffey said the RMI assumed responsibility for those people, whose population has increased over the years, when the Compact was signed. However, he added, USAKA is not unsympathetic to their plight.

"There are things we can do to help," he said. For example, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently opened an office on Ebeye and has made low-interest home loans and grants available.

The next CRC is scheduled for April 25 on Kwajalein.

## 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, Beverly Schmidt, 52728, unless otherwise noted.**

**LEAD CUSTODIAN**, FOM Custodial Dept. Full time. Lead custodian for second shift. Supervise and perform janitorial duties at various facilities. Must be an on-island Kwaj resident and able to work flexible hours on weekends as needed. Previous custodial and supervisory experience preferred. Must be able to obtain a USAKA driver's license. May be required to undergo a criminal history background check.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE**, Project Planning and Control. Full time. Knowledge of construction, MS Word and Excel helpful.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**, RSE Human Resources. Full time. Call Andrea, 53705.

**DM TECHNICIAN**. Temporary, part time or full time. Must be familiar with Photoshop, Windows NT, MS Office and Adobe Acrobat.

**SPORTSWRITER**, *Hourglass*. Casual. Submit minimum of three clips to Jim Bennett, Box 23, Local, or at Building 805, second floor, at the *Hourglass* office or e-mail: [jbennett.kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil](mailto:jbennett.kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil). For more information, call 53539.

**SCHOOL-AGE SERVICES LEAD INSTRUCTOR**. A criminal history background check is required.

**SECRETARY, ALCOR**. General office clerical support for KREMS radars.

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

**RECORDS CLERK**, Kwajalein Police Dept. Full time. Must be able to handle confidential and sensitive police records by exercising a high degree of discretion and judgment. Must possess strong computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Access. Must be able to pass a background check. Submit application to the Kwajalein Police administration office by close of business Saturday. For more information, call Travis Coldwell, 54429.

**USAKA currently has the following job vacancies. For application information and announcement paperwork, call Cris Foster, 54417.**

**PROGRAM ANALYST**, GS-12. Closes April 3.

**BUSINESS PROCESS and TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR**, GS-09. Closes April 19.

**WANTED**

**SMALL KITCHENETTE** set with two or four chairs, to buy. Call 53518, days, or 52243, nights.

**PAIR OF sturdy boat outriggers** with a 1 5/8" maximum base diameter; old Hot Wheels. Call Ron, 58027W or 55122H.

**SAN JUAN Construction, Inc.** is accepting proposals for the salvage of one 24-room man camp facility on Kwajalein until April 15. Proposal should include all labor to dismantle and remove the complete structure. Equipment and transport assistance is available if needed. Call Troy or Larry, 51006.

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Extra!**



**Post Office Hours**

**Mondays**  
Finance window, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
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and 3-5:30 p.m.  
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and 3-6 p.m.

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**Sundays**  
Closed

**LOST**

**KEYSET** with 200,000-hour safety award on ring. Call Ed, 56287W or 56696H.

**NIKE JACKET**, black fleece, Friday night at Brandon Field after Sunrise/Criminals game. Call Simone, 53331 or 52306.

**GREY BILLABONG hat** at Emon Beach. It was a gift from Australia. Call 52450.

**CLASSES AND COURSES**

**GET READY** for the April ballroom dinner/dance. Brush up on foxtrot and waltz Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., beginning April 5 and running for three weeks. This is introductory level and partners are required. To register, call Donna, 53470.

**FOR SALE**

**DINING ROOM table** with six cushioned chairs on rollers, excellent condition, butcher block table top with white tubed frame, \$200; Kitchen Aid dishwasher, excellent condition, \$125. Call 53518, days, or 52243, nights.

**AREA RUGS**, 6' x 8', hunter green/beige, \$20; multi-muted colors, \$50; entertainment center, \$50; large table umbrella with stand, \$30; plants (see at Qtrs. 407-A). Call 52641.

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**BCDS, regulator, plants**. Call 51494.

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**BRASSTABLE lamp**, \$20; computer desk, \$20; infant carseat/carrier, \$20; infant bouncy seat, \$15; baby safety bath chair, \$5; crib bumpers, \$5. Call 52427.

**UNDER-SINK water filter**, \$40 or best offer; large plants; carpets; bikes; Burley with new cover; patio furniture; mini-blinds for 400-series house. Call 54530.

**19" TV/VCR, five-disc CD changer, complete stereo system** in cabinet, mountain bike, one year old. Call 52036.

**PLANTS; microwave**, \$75 or best offer; new computer table, \$100; custom-built corner shelving for trailer, \$150 or best offer; Instep carrier/stroller, \$50; ceiling fan, still in box, \$35; Scuba Pro regulator, \$100. Call 50896.

## 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 must observe the red flags on the southwest end of the island.



**Classified Ads and Community Notices**

**Annual Ballroom  
Dinner April 28 Dance**

**Tickets on sale**  
Call Cris, Call Nate,  
52935 53578  
Call Dick,  
51684

**Dance to the  
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Pacific's Most  
Dangerous  
Band!**

LARGE ENTERTAINMENT center, 57" long x 51" high x 19½" deep, excellent condition, holds TV, VCR, DVD player and stereo components, has slide compartment for video tapes and DVD discs, paid \$270, will sell for \$170. Call Kit, 53845, after 6 p.m.

PCS SALE. Berber carpet, two large pieces with padding, \$40 each; outdoor carpet cut to fit new housing backyard, excellent condition, \$100; double-jogging stroller, \$75; large computer desk with hutch, \$75. Call 52415.

WHIRLPOOL dehumidifier, \$50. Call 51925.

TWO HUNTER green outdoor plastic chairs with stools, \$15 for both; storage bin, \$100; Lands End hammock and metal stand, \$100; Little Tykes doll house, \$20; Little Tykes picnic table, \$12; Toys-R-Us plastic pool, \$20; Kenmore dehumidifier, \$75; small desk supported by two filing cabinets, \$35; Toastmaster breadmaker, \$50. Call 52667.

PICNIC TABLE, \$15; 55-gallon aquarium with all accessories, \$150; 8' x 10' carpets, \$25 each; mini-

blinds for 400-series house, \$3 each. Call 51145.

TOASTMASTER mixer, \$30; Panasonic vacuum cleaner, used three times, \$35; Hitachi breadmaker, \$50. Call 52426.

SCUBA GEAR: Women's medium Dacor BCD, Dacor regulator, octopus and console, long wetsuit, mask, fins, booties, gloves, weight belt, gear bag, \$325; men's large Dacor BCD, Dacor regulator, octopus and console, mask, force fins, booties, gloves, weight belt, mesh gear bag, \$250. Call 53227.

MEN'S WETSUIT, size small, sleeveless, long legs, used once, \$35; inflatable Stearns kayak, with paddle and foot pump, excellent condition, \$150; basketball, good condition, \$5; small box fan, \$5; 4' x 2' folding card table, \$10. Call Jeff, 52538.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

USAKA Host Nation is interested in compiling a list of on-island reservists (soldiers, airmen, seaman National Guard and IRR). Possible training opportunity locally. Call Host Nation, 52103.

BID FAREWELL at a reception honoring Judy McLaughlin's five years of service at the Child Development Center April 13, 6:30 p.m., in the elementary music room.

MARSHALL ISLANDS biodiversity study books are available at the MicShop. Come and browse our latest shipments.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets Thursday, 8:45-11 a.m., in the REB. There will be a presentation about using the library and its resources with your kids. The craft is scrapbooking with beach family photos, so bring your beach photos with you. All mothers of pre-schoolers welcome. Childcare provided. Questions? Call Lora, 54186.

IF YOU have a child who will be five by Oct. 31 and will enter kindergarten in the fall, call the school office, 53601.

KWAJALEIN Amateur Radio Club meets Thursday, 7 p.m., in the Ham Shack next to the adult pool.

YOUTH CRAFT Club is Tuesday, April 9, in the Hobby Shop as follows: grades 1-3, 4-5 p.m.; grades 4-6, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Make your own groovy wall hanging. Questions? Call Erika, 53331.

GEORGE SEITZ PTO meeting is tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music room.

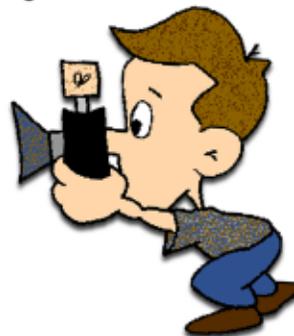
INFORMAL BRIDGE groups meet twice a week. To join, call Dotty, 52420, or Pat, 53355.

ROI POTABLE WATER may experience an outage tomorrow, 7:30-11:30 p.m. while testing is done.

BARGAIN BAZAAR will close April 1-7 for cleaning and will reopen April 8. We are stocked with safety helmets, golf and tennis equipment and computer software. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. For donation pickup, call 53686. Don't leave donations by the door.



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Kwaj calendar



Come to the Retail Office with  
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**Classified ad deadlines**  
Tuesday issue: noon Friday  
Friday issue: noon  
Wednesday

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**Oliver and Company (1988, G)**

An all-star cast of voices tells the tale of Dicken's *Oliver Twist* in this Disney animated feature. (Voices of Joey Lawrence, Billy Joel, Cheech Marin, Dom DeLuise and many more) (72 minutes)

*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**The Last Castle (New Release, R)**

Robert Redford plays a general locked up in a military prison. When he faces off against the prison warden, the battle just begins. (James Gandolfini)

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.*

**Snow Dogs (New Release, PG)**

Miami dentist Ted Brooks goes to Alaska to retrieve an inheritance he later learns has gone to the dogs. What's more, a mountain man wants his inheritance for himself and tries to send Brooks back south. (Cuba Gooding Jr., James Coburn)

*Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Sunday**

**Snow Dogs (New Release, PG)**

*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**The Last Castle (New Release, R)**

*Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Oliver and Company (1988, G)**

*Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.*

**Monday**

**Oliver and Company (1988, G)**

*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**The Last Castle (New Release, R)**

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.*

**For an updated recording of the latest films on Kwaj and Roi, call the Movie Hotline at 52700.**

**New pros join Community Activities**

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

Scott Pratt just can't seem to leave Marshall. At least that's the joke back home in Marshall, Mich., when he took the adult athletics supervisor job at Community Activities here in the Marshall Islands.

Pratt and Erika Cole, the department's new youth activities supervisor, started this week, coming out together March 23. And anyone involved in activities around the island will see them on a regular basis.

Pratt previously worked in recreation at the city of Marshall, while Cole worked in recreation in nearby Ferndale, Mich. Both cities are close to Detroit. Pratt coordinated adult and youth sports programs, while Cole worked adult and youth sports and youth after-school programs.

Both Pratt and Cole studied recreation in college, Pratt holding a bachelor's degree and Cole with a master's. Pratt plays three sports – basketball, baseball and football – and is certified as an umpire or referee in several.

"It is a profession," Cole said of recreation. "So much of it is getting your volunteers, knowing who can do what, maintaining what we're doing while thinking of new stuff."

One idea is adult kickball.

"I just came from a city where we



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

**Erika Cole, left, and Scott Pratt, center, work with Community Activities' Amy Hansen setting up the 2002 adult basketball schedule.**

played that and it was great," Cole said. "The people hadn't played since elementary school."

The program scored a Michigan State recreation award, too, according to Simone Smead, Community Activities manager.

"They are professionals with new ideas and that's exciting to me," Smead said. "They enjoy what they do. They have the schooling and the hands-on experience to go with it. Recreation is a labor of love and when you find people who really enjoy it ... that's the intangibles."

Pratt found the jobs for the couple doing an Internet search. He originally thought it was in Hawaii, where a sister lives, but later learned it was farther out in the Pacific. He contacted Cole and the two applied for the two vacancies.

He continued to research the island on the Web before taking the job.

"There were tons of sites and it all looked very interesting," he said.

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**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

**Winds:** Northeast to east at 8 to 14 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny with isolated showers.

**Winds:** Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

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

**April rain total:** 0.11"

**Annual rain total:** 10.16"

**Annual deviation:** -1.98"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday April 2	0647/1859	2323/1025	0700, 5.4' 1910, 4.4'	0040, 0.8' 1320, 1.1'
Wednesday April 3	0646/1859	/1118	0740, 4.9' 1950, 3.8'	1110, 1.3' 1400, 1.6'
Thursday April 4	0646/1859	0020/1213 <b>Last Moon</b>	0820, 4.4' 2050, 3.2'	0140, 1.9' 1510, 2.2'
Friday April 5	0645/1859	0115/1307	0940, 3.9'	0230, 2.4' 1750, 2.4'