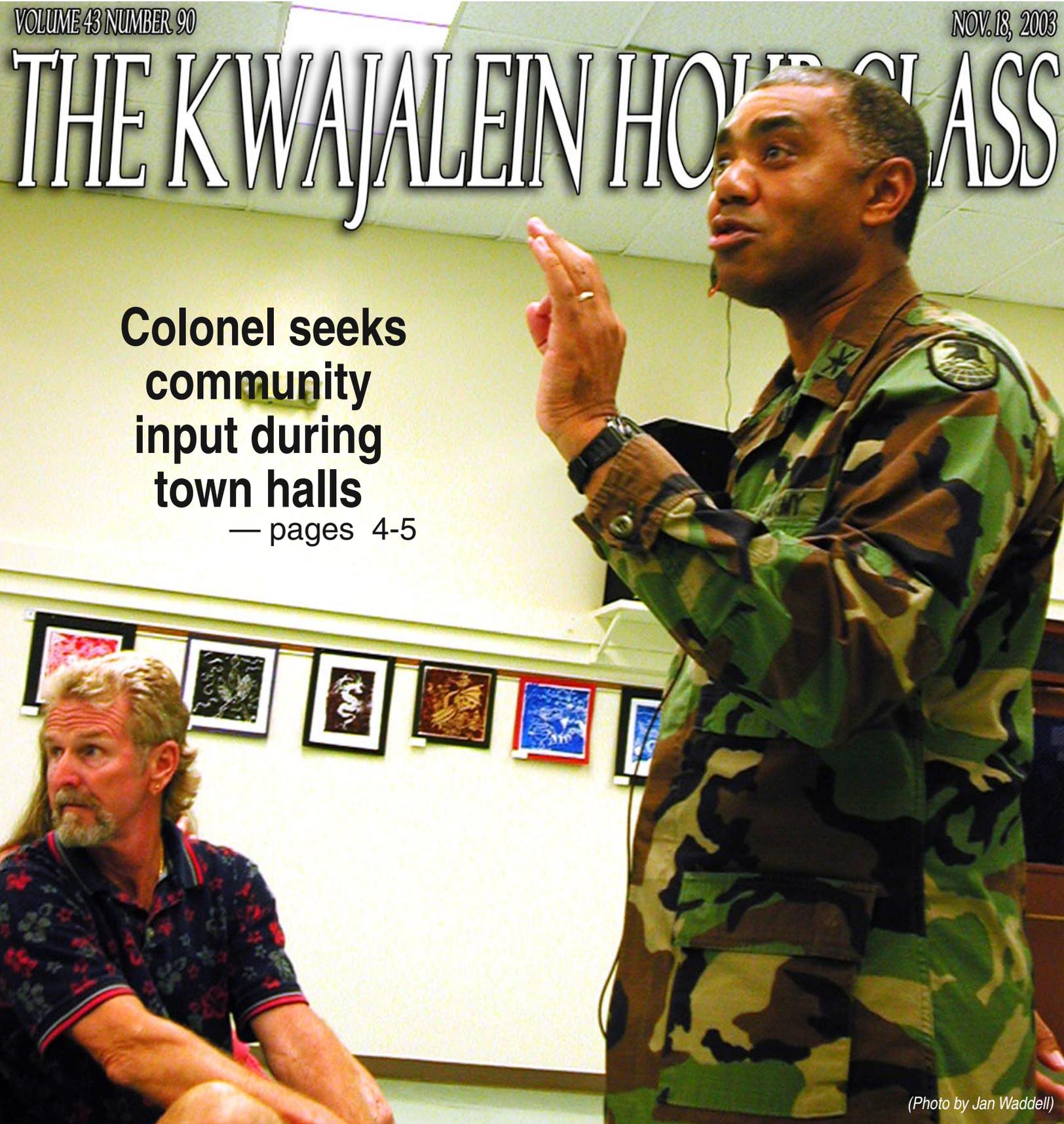


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(Photo by Jan Waddell)

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# Fathers 'don't know nothin' 'bout birthin' babies'

Visiting with an expectant father the other day, someone asked, "Are you ever really ready for your first-born?"

I scoffed, adding "I'm not ready for number two," but as I said it, I could hear my son, Jack, say, "Ready or not, here I come."

Turns out Kid #2, or Jack, will arrive in the world in the next week or two, and I'm on my way to Tulsa to be there for the big event.

This brought up the actual birth, and the expectant father had concerns about being in the delivery room.

In days of old, fathers sat outside the delivery room and handed out cigars to friends, family and complete strangers when given the news of their child's birth. This, of course, promoted smoking INSIDE a hospital, where it is now illegal to even carry a lighter within 500 yards of the parking lot.

Something had to be devised to discourage expectant fathers from lighting up stogies and otherwise occupy them throughout the labor process, and three-month-old copies of Glamour magazine in the waiting room wasn't doing the trick. One company proposed bubble gum stogies, and they still do a



heady business especially nine months after blackouts in New York City, but the dentists of the world weighed in and determined this promoted tooth decay, and most babies aren't even born with teeth.

Incidentally, we have a lot of expectant couples on-island delivering this month and next. Did we have a blackout last spring, or did folks celebrate the contract turnover a little too much?

And colonel, there's justification for expanding TV. Less TV equals more babies.

But back to our story.

Then some brilliant soul said, "Let's put dad IN THE DELIVERY ROOM. He was probably there at the start of this ordeal; he might as well be there for the finish."

So guys, today, we men have to stand tall in the saddle and do what we gotta do — book a business trip during the birth.

If that doesn't work, here's what you can expect.

When my 2½-year-old daughter, Marissa, was born, we got one of these "birthing suites," a room with TV, stereo, couches for visiting family, friends

and complete strangers all to view the "blessed event."

My wife excused the family, friends and most of the complete strangers from the room. But not me.

Now, the beginning of life is blessed and special, but if someone tells you it's beautiful, they've been hanging out with the stogie smokers 600 yards from the hospital parking lot.

I can only assume it's painful from my wife's comment, "You get that nurse in here with the drugs NOW!"

Throughout the ordeal, I ran to the bathroom and back preparing cool washcloths for her brow and counting contractions on the monitor. I looked for some discount on the bill for all the work I'd done, but couldn't find it.

On the upshot, we played Jimmy Buffett on the stereo and, my daughter came into the world to "Margaritaville."

As for pretty, my brother-in-law, who entered the suite a bit after the birth observed the scene, including the placenta, and said simply, "Well, it ain't no worse than guttin' a deer."

Yes, this is Oklahoma.

I don't know how Jack's birth will go, but my bid for a business trip failed, so I guess I'd better pack my Buffett.

Good luck to all you expectant fathers out there, and maybe we can get together later and smoke stogies about 600 yards from the hospital. Isn't that near KAPS?

## Marshallese Word of the Day

wia — buy

### The Kwajalein Hourglass

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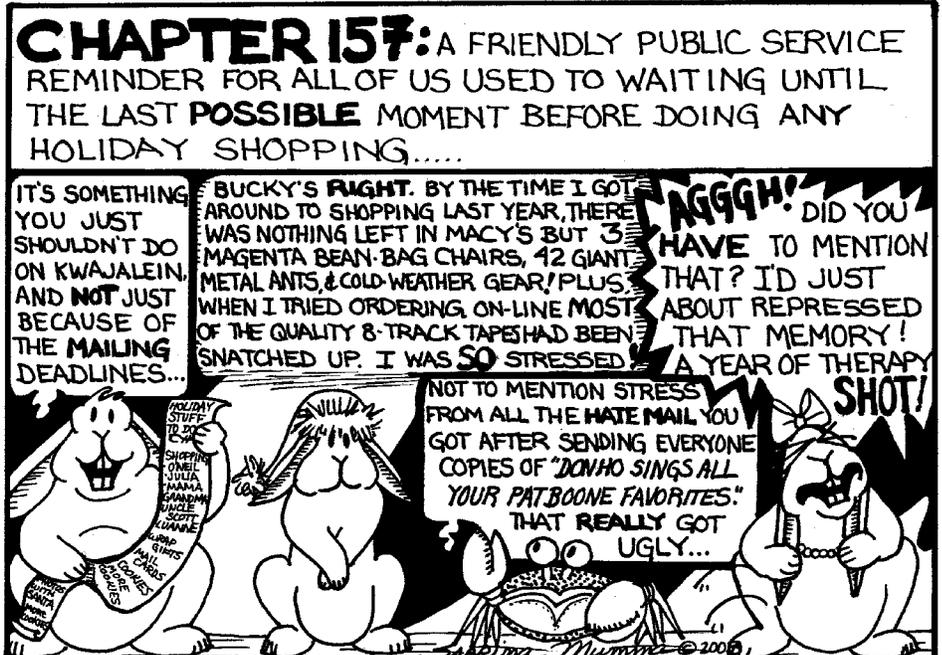
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## Buckminster and Friends

by Sabrina Mumma



# JCM examines more RMI business and fiber cable

By KW Hillis  
Assistant Editor

Economic development of Republic of the Marshall Islands companies and the status of a fiber connectivity project topped a working US-RMI Joint Committee Meeting, Wednesday on Kwajalein, according to Dr. John Fairlamb, SMDC Foreign Affairs specialist, a member of the U.S. delegation.

The JCM was originally set up to meet twice a year by the original Compact of Free Association as a mechanism to deal with any political or military issues or any issues between the Marshallese community and the military. For the last several years, due to fewer issues, the formal JCM has met once a year, in April, at the Pacific Command level, alternating between Honolulu and Majuro, he said.

## Expanding RMI business opportunities

"Our vision down the road is that ... RMI companies are on bid lists just like the ones in the United States, that they are competing together," said Nick Perry, KRS Contracts manager, who presented KRS's economic development plan at the working JCM.

In April, local RMI vendors brought fish, bottled water, crafts and black pearls to a commerce development fair on Kwajalein.

"It was a community outreach kind of thing," Perry said. "That was the kickoff."

KRS then joined the Majuro Chamber of Commerce and worked with the U.S. Embassy to try to get some business interchange going, first in a small way and then building — from fresh fish to construction.

"So what we thought we would do ... it in a crawl, walk, run fashion," he said.

This plan was necessary since dealing with the steps necessary to supply KRS and USAKA is involved, but when a very small order was requested from RMI companies a misunderstanding about what KRS meant by starting out small arose, Perry said.

"When you buy smaller dollar amounts from KRS we have certain government rules and regulations obviously from the Federal Acquisition regulation we have to follow," he said. "But anything under \$25,000 is considered a simple acquisition and you don't have to go through the same paperwork.

"So we were trying to get them

trained up in how to respond to our request for proposal," he said. "So what we wanted to do is start small so we can get some quick successes and then we can grow from there."

An additional trip back to revisit the Majuro Chamber of Commerce to further explain the step by step process and the explanation to the RMI delegates to the working JCM on Wednesday cleared up the misunderstanding, he said.

"They said, 'Now we understand; now we need to look forward. That is behind us,'" Perry said.

U.S. inspectors have already inspected the tuna caught and processed in Majuro and the bottled water plant, Fairlamb said.

"The inspectors said, 'We don't see any show stoppers. We were really impressed.'" he related.

Samples from both places have gone back to the U.S. for testing and the results should be released anytime. "Once that is released then things will move along in that area," he said.

KRS is looking at procuring goods and merchandise from RMI companies including bottled water, fresh fish and coconut soap first, and then fresh fruits and vegetables, Perry said. After that the company is looking at other items and services all the way up to construction bids from RMI companies.

"We have some very aggressive small business goals ... 70 percent of the available dollars we have for subcontracting we've committed to small business," he said.

U.S. small businesses are used; but because of KRS's goal to develop local businesses, the RMI, KRS and residents will benefit.

"Not only is it good for the RMI business, but it is good for taxpayers and KRS's bottom line," he said. "Think about it, they are closer. So that should cut down on your transportation costs and some of the goods and services should be more affordable than the ones in the states."

With over 8,000 subcontractors, the company spends about \$42 million dollars a year and would like some of the money to go to local businesses.

"KRS believes in sustainable development," he said. "We're here in the RMI's country, so some day we are going to leave. And when we leave, we want to be able to look back and say,

'Hey, we did something good.'

## Connecting to the world

The fiber connectivity project "was on the RMI agenda because the project has come to a make or break point," Fairlamb said. "We have been working on this for two years and the FSM [Federated States of Micronesia] and the RMI have each put money in escrow with Tyco to start the project. USAKA wants to participate in the project."

The project involves running a fiber optic cable from "Guam to Pohnpei to Kwajalein (there will be a spur that we will put in over to Ebeye) and to Majuro and we plan to cost-share that," he said, explaining that Tyco has stated that when they get the go-ahead, "it will not be more than 18 months to full completion of the project."

The cost has decreased dramatically while the capability has increased. What started out as an estimated \$92 million project is now \$67 million with "USAKA's share of the \$67 million being roughly \$27 million," Fairlamb said.

The FSM and RMI telecom company heads, because of a Tyco deadline to get "the project rolling by the end of the year" have requested a meeting in Honolulu for Nov. 18-19 and for all the participants — FSM, RMI, USAKA, Tyco, and Rural Utility Services, he said, explaining RUS offers low-interest loans to develop communications or other utilities in rural areas of the U.S. and that the RMI and FSM qualify for the loans and will use RUS for their portion of the project money.

"There has been some opposition back in Washington, but what everyone gets around to is, if you are ever going to need fiber-optic cable out here, this is a good deal," Fairlamb said.

The project will help develop business opportunities in the FSM and RMI, he said, and will increase phone and internet capability.

"It's a great project, I hope it comes together," said Mark Owens, IT manager and chief information officer, explaining that without any change to the existing infrastructure if the fiber optic cable project is completed, residents should see a major difference in their home computers depending on Internet congestion.

"Up to 10 times faster using existing computers and modems," he said.

# Town hall bites into parlor issue; illuminates drug policy

By Jan Waddell  
Reporter

Col. Jerry Brown found a cold reception to a proposed ice cream parlor and expressed his stance on island drug abuse during the Kwajalein Town Hall meeting Friday night.

After a brief introduction by Lt. Col. Gerald Davie, Brown took the floor welcoming everyone to the town hall meeting. He started off with praise, for the community, on the community's warm reception to Marine Raiders, recently on island, then gave special thanks to three students, C.J. Kemem, Tom Hansen and Ben Ouderkirk, and shop teacher Doug Helper, who built a treasure chest, later filled with mementos from Kwajalein for Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano Jr, outgoing U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense commanding general.

Brown presented the three young men and teacher with Cosumano's official coin.

He then presented the five winners of the Quarters of the Quarter certificates and praised them for their efforts.

Brown informed the audience of a two-year plan to fix the Yowke Yuk Club, the Child Care Center and Aviation hanger, which should start next year. He said he hoped for the go ahead Friday, before the town hall, but since he had not received word yet, he expected it sometime in the next week.

The hospital renovation was a separate issue Brown said, but that is also on the table.

He then opened the floor up to community concerns.

## Ice Cream Parlor

The major topic of concern was the recently proposed ice cream parlor, which KRS President Ike Richardson brought to light in his forum, earlier this month.

Some of the concerns and objections over the ice cream parlor were location and additional litter.

One person stated the ice cream parlor would increase litter outside the youth center and gym, which would put an added burden on clean-up crews.

Brown polled the audience of around 300 to see who was in favor and who opposed building an ice cream parlor. The majority of the

audience raised hands in opposition with around 10 in favor.

Brown said he would poll the teen audience on island, at his up-coming teen town hall meeting to get a feel for how they felt about this.

Joe Marshall, deputy program manager for Community Services, is looking to the community for feedback or ideas on the proposed parlor. He encouraged those with ideas and suggestions to contact him at [marshalj@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil](mailto:marshalj@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil).

## Zero tolerance on drug use

An audience member brought the issue of the recent drug abuse forum and Brown's stand on disposition of offenders.

The concern stems from a recent incident where four juveniles are under investigation for the illegal use of prescription drugs.

"Zero tolerance is my policy," Brown said. "I believe in zero tolerance ... We have a major issue we have to deal with as a community."

He explained there is still an ongoing investigation of the event, but he will deal with it on an individual basis.

He expressed his concern about the incident, but explained because of the severity of the offense, "We cannot tolerate this kind of behavior."

## Budget

Another audience member asked if Brown would address the budget issue.

Brown said that both sides, USAKA and the contractor, had made some mistakes and there was around \$11 to \$12 million which he explained, "We had to eat ... We are going to get past that."

He said it would take three or four months, but that he would find the money for the budget. (see related story, page 5)

## In other community concerns:

- Brown said playground equipment in New Housing is out of compliance and would be replaced next year.

- Brown said he and his staff were looking into hi-load shop service, the fees charged residents for work in on-island shops such as Automotive, for example, and is concerned as to whether it is at the right levels.

- Concern over the cost of the vacation trailers — \$35 per person, per night — came to light.

"Say no more," Brown said shocked. "That will be fixed."

- Brown promised to look into the time it takes and the paperwork involved in GSK orders.

- Brown promised to fix a problem with noisy patrons outside the Yowke Yuk Club late at night bothering residents at the BQ.

- Brown said he was not familiar with an unexploded ordnance issue on the west reef, which has closed that area to divers. Maj. Jud McCrary stated he is working with the EOD in Hawaii to remedy the situation.

- Removal of the trailers and replacing them with dome housing is part of a long-term plan, but different structures may also be used. Brown said he was working toward an arrangement with the private sector to build the new structures.

"We also have dollars to build homes next year," Brown said.

- On Nov. 30, KRS will have a policy in place which addresses the issue of patios, fences and additions, according to Phil Macklin, KRS deputy program manager for CONUS operations, who is standing in for Richardson.

- Internet access connection will be faster due to a new routing system. The new system routes the Internet through Huntsville and new T1 lines. Maj. Joe Southerland explained the new system should take place by Dec. 3, but he cautioned, the Internet connection will only be as fast as the user's modem. Most users have only a 56k modem in their computers and it will still be dial up, he added.

- KPD Police Chief Kevin Dykema addressed the issue of the recent dog bite incident stating they are currently building a pen where the dogs can exercise, but until the pen is completed the dogs are exercised at the south end of the island and a guard is posted at the entrance road to keep people out during the exercise period.

- Brown stated three more TV channels are expected in about a month and the antenna issues are currently being worked on.

- According to Southerland, echo-cancellors are being installed on the phone lines to eliminate/minimize the line echo on the primary phone lines. He estimates installation will be complete around Dec. 15.

# Roi residents talk of budgets, boats and broadcasts

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

Roi Rats shared concerns over the fiscal year '04 budget among other issues during the Roi-Namur Town Hall meeting Saturday night.

Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander, explained that the budget shortfall, more than \$11 million, resulted from both mistakes made early on by the government in the contract proposal stages, along with increased commitments to the worldwide War on Terror.

In fact, much of the withheld money remains at the Pentagon, as a contingency to costs likely to be incurred in the war, but if President George W. Bush's proposed budget goes through Congress with few cuts to the military portion, some of that withheld money could be freed up, Brown said.

"You've got some things running on the ragged edge," said resident Greg Howson referencing KRS' needs to run the range properly. "And how some companies ask for more to get what they need, that's not the case here. They're not crying wolf."

"The problems are bigger than we are," Brown said, adding he travels to Washington D.C. often to find funding sources. "It's much easier for them to tell me 'no' over the phone ... We're going to find a way to get these dollars."

## Meal Cards

One Roi resident asked about the use of meal cards at all dining facilities, a program originally introduced by KRS during the transition before March 1.

Brown deferred to Joe Marshall, deputy program manager for Community Services, who reported his group developed the point-of-sale system requirement but have run into budget issues.

He said they could implement the program in six months, "as soon as we have budget for that," he said.

Roi residents later said a lack of variety in food bothered them, though the group conceded that often visiting Kwajers found the food better than on Kwajalein.

The contractor promised changes, and Brown promised more frequent reviews of the food offered.

## Getting with the Programs

Brown committed the command

to sharing the three additional channels added to the Kwajalein line-up with Roi-Namur.

Currently, the channels must be sent via underwater fiber cable from Kwajalein to Roi, but the question over ownership of Roi television equipment, that currently gives residents there additional channels not seen on Kwaj and paid for by Roi residents, hampered efforts to move forward.

Concluding the matter, Brown said the required piece of equipment would be purchased, "to be given to you so you can keep your channels and get three more from Kwaj."

## Floating the issue

Roi residents brought up B-boats. The island currently has six, compared to Kwajalein's 13, and residents on Roi complained that their boats were in worse shape, and they had less access to boats, sparking a debate on the amount of recreational budget spent per employee on both islands.

Brown asked for a budget comparison to be drafted and released at a later date, but assured Roi residents, their boats were in no worse shape than Kwajalein's.

Gerry Wolf, of USAKA Community Services, explained that two new hulls with engines and four new engines were set for purchase this fiscal year, with some of those assets scheduled for delivery to Roi-Namur.

Marshall added that some boats arriving from Johnston Island would be sent to Roi.

In other business:

- Renovation work on the Tradewinds theater will be completed for the Enniburr Children's Christmas party, Brown said.

- The primary aircraft serving Roi-Namur will be the Dash-6, though aviation officials are looking for a long-term, long-haul aircraft to replace the Metroliner. Options include installing air-conditioning in the current Metroliners at \$30,000 or obtaining an air-conditioned version of the Metroliner and a KingAir 350.

- Brown called on KRS to hire a TV repair technician and Marshall said he will continue to advertise the position, normally worked in an after-hours manner; set a competitive salary rate; and, in the meantime,

offer overtime to qualified personnel to perform the required tasks.

The discussion raised the issue of computer repair, and IT manager Mark Owens said that several IT employees moonlight performing that work, and those needing help can call the Help Desk at 52444 to get a referral.

- On IT, one resident complained that computer training wasn't offered to Roi residents. Owens said, in fact, IT now employs two trainers, who currently were developing curriculum in both English and Marshallese with plans to roll out classes beginning after the new year.

Howson remarked on IT, "Things are getting better. The two guys you send up here, [Carl Waddell and David Diaz] they work hard, they're friendly and smart."

Owens said two additional staff would join those two in the near future.

"We know where the work is being done," he said, referring to the range sensors.

- Brown said his staff would revisit shuttle bus availability for Roi residents arriving at the Kwajalein Atoll Terminal.

- Roi residents asked that they not be charged paid time off for travel time between Roi and Kwajalein for medical appointments.

- Brown chastised the crowd for not calling in issues to the commander's hotline, saying "If I don't know your problems, I can't address them."

- Residents balked at paying beautician prices for a barber-style haircut while the barber is off-island on vacation. Later, Marshall said male patrons on Roi will pay \$6.50 for regular barber services regardless of the hair-cutter and men on Kwaj could obtain coupons at the shop to get a "regular haircut" at the barber price of \$6.50, as long as the barber is unavailable.

- On concerns over clothing availability, a question deferred to Marshall, who said stock is regularly reviewed and adjusted and the Gimbel's manager can order stock from Kwajalein if consumers express a need. Furthermore, Roi residents visiting Kwaj can have purchases sent to Roi at no charge.

## HELP WANTED

**KRS has the following on-island job opening. Unless otherwise noted, call Alan Taylor, 55154.**

SECRETARY, Quality Systems. Full time. Provide administrative support to Quality and Risk Management office, maintain spread sheets for claims, inspections and action items, prepare final versions of tech reports and forms, coordinate risk management and quality training.

SECRETARY, Education. Full time. Keep database for K-12 schools, prepare monthly enrollment and financial reports, maintain SAC minutes, requires working knowledge of Word, Excel and Access. Childcare clearance required.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, Cash Office. Full time. Temporary for two or three months. Perform bank reconciliations, data entry, requires good analytical skills, proficiency in MS Excel, problem solving skills and attention to detail. Accounting or cashier experience desirable.

CASHIER I, Tape Escape. Casual. Evening and weekend hours. Must be able to work independently and have good communication skills.

TEEN CENTER ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR. Full time. Assists manager of youth center in all duties, supervises students, develops activities and keeps records. Required to complete CYS training and secure a child care security clearance.

CERTIFIED TEACHER. Contract hire, Exempt. Third grade position at George Seitz Elementary School. Duties include development and implementation of lessons, grading, supervision of students and classroom routine. Must possess valid teaching certification from any one of the 50 states and be able to pass a childcare background check. Previous teaching experience at primary level desired.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. Provide supervision and instruction in the absence of the regular classroom teacher. Organizational skills and structure are a prerequisite. Teaching certification preferred, but not required. Childcare clearance required.

CYS ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

CYS HOMEWORK CENTER LEAD

CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB ASSISTANT

MS/TEEN HOMEWORK CENTER ASSISTANT

CYS and MS openings are flexible hours, afternoons/evenings. High school diploma plus childcare/youth experience, childcare clearance required.

**USAKA/RTS has the following job vacancies. For job information, call Cris Foster, Civilian Personnel officer, 54417. Access on-line at <http://www.cpol.army.mil>.**

SECRETARY, STENO OFFICE AUTOMATION, GS-0318. Office of the Commander. 24-month overseas tour with transportation and housing agreement. Announcement No. SCBK03485325. Closes Nov. 24.

SUPERVISORY GENERAL ENGINEER, GS-0801-14. Command Safety Officer, Command Safety Directorate, USAKA/RTS. 24-month

overseas tour with transportation and housing agreement. Announcement No. SCBK03497300. Closes Nov. 24.

SUPERVISORY GENERAL ENGINEER, GS-0801-14. Director for Public Works, USAKA/RTS. 24-month overseas tour with transportation and housing agreement. Announcement No. SCBK03497315. Closes Nov. 24.

SAFETY and OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH MANAGER, GS-0018-13. Command Safety Directorate, USAKA/RTS. 24-month overseas tour with transportation and housing agreement. Announcement No. SCBK03490050. Closes Dec. 9.

SUPERVISORY GENERAL ENGINEER, GS-0801-14. Program Support Division, Kwajalein Support Directorate. Duty station in Huntsville, AL. Full time temporary not to exceed two years. Announcement No. SCBK03497334. Closes Dec. 9.

## WANTED

HOUSESITTING for honest and dependable female college student Dec. 14-Jan. 7. She will be escorting 10-year-old to Kwaj for the holidays. Call Phil or Jean, 51472.

HOUSESITTING Dec. 1-Feb. 10. Will clean, feed fish, walk dog, mow lawn, etc. Call Mike, 55987.

19" or 20" COLOR TV/VCR combo in good condition. Call Mike, 52413, or e-mail at [fullarmor911@yahoo.com](mailto:fullarmor911@yahoo.com).

COMMUNITY EDUCATION is looking for teachers on Kwaj and Roi for the Winter B 2004 session. If you have a special talent or just want to teach the community a hobby, call Anthony, 51078. Deadline is Saturday, Nov. 22.

BICYCLES in reasonably good working order or needing minor repairs can be donated to the junior/senior high school PTO for use by Ebeye students while on Kwajalein as transportation on school activities. To donate a bike, call Gregg, 59747H/50952W, or Jennifer, 51950H.

## LOST

PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES with spring hinges, in old housing roads near the dock. Call 52319.

## FOUND

WATCH at Jabbar tennis court. Call 53790H or 53412W.

## FOR SALE

MEN'S WATCH, Porsche design by Eterna, model P10, made in Switzerland, self-winding, water resistant to 330 feet, leather case, new condition, paid \$1,500, will sell for \$500. Call 50010 and leave a message.

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CHEST FREEZER, in good condition. Call 53633.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

SMALL BOAT MARINA is open Thanksgiving Day, Friday, Nov. 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

CHRISTMAS in the Marshall Islands is Dec. 15, 7 p.m., in the CRC gym. Come experience the holidays, Marshallese-style. Sponsored by the Marshallese Cultural Center. Volunteers are needed. Call Cris, 52935.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S Fellowship is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner Friday, Nov. 28, 1 p.m., in the REB. Come feast and fellowship with other Christians. All are welcome. Families and singles. Don't be alone on Thanksgiving. Bring a side dish to share if you can. Questions? Call Amy, 52681.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S Fellowship's Ornamant Exchange is Monday, Dec. 8, noon-3:30 p.m., in the REB. All Christian women are invited to this fun and meaningful Christmas exchange. Bring a dessert to share and \$3 to cover the cost of lunch. Questions? Call Amy, 52681.

KWAJALEIN RUNNING Club needs member volunteers to help organize the 2003 midnight run. There will be a family friendly party at Emon main pavilion Dec. 31. A two-mile run will be held just before midnight, with the prize winner being the last person to run or walk across the finish line before midnight.

KWAJALEIN RUNNING Club's 2003 Turkey Trot two-mile prediction race is Monday, Nov. 24. Be at Emon main pavilion, 5-5:20 p.m., to make your prediction. Race starts 5:30 p.m. Turkeys presented to best predictions of actual finish times. No watches allowed. Other meat prizes to notable best and worst.

ATTENTION LADIES. CWF is having a quilting and craft day, Sunday, Nov. 23, noon-midnight, at the REB. We will work on prayer quilts and three different crafts. Do one or all. Stay for as long or as little as you can. Drinks provided. Questions? Call Amy, 52681.

ORTHODONTIST is coming to island Nov. 19-20. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

SUPPORT THE Outer Island Christmas Drop. Check out the bake sale Monday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m. until sold out, on Macy's porch.

ANYONE WHO is Native American and/or is interested in helping with a special recognition event, call Twilyn, 51404.

KWAJALEIN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP invites you to join Sunday morning worship service at 9:40 a.m., in the elementary school music room next to Surfway. There is also a Thursday evening Bible study at 7:30 p.m. at Qtrs. 127-D. For more information, call Ernie, 54173.

THREE PALMS Snack Bar is closing at 1 p.m., Nov. 25, for our monthly maintenance. We will reopen at 7 a.m., Nov. 26.

COME CHILDREN, one and all to the Children's Christmas craft workshop, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in CRC room 1. You will have a ball. It's your chance to make gifts for your family members. There will be necklaces, lotion, soaps, candles, ornaments and all sorts of things. To top it all off, special gift wrappings. If you are under 5, bring mommy or daddy. Bring a lunch for a puppet show during lunch. Sponsored by the Protestant Chapel.

THE HISTORY OF JAZZ weekly series continues 6-8 p.m., in the Adult Recreation Center on the following dates: Nov. 23. Dec. 14, Dec. 21. Turk is your host

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*Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.*

**Saturday**  
**Terminator 3 (2003 R)** John Connor is now living on the streets and is once again being targeted for termination.  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*  
**Matrix Reloaded (2003, R)** Neo and Trinity join Morpheus on a trip to Zion.  
*Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.*  
**Legally Blonde II (2003, PG13)** Elle Woods heads for Congress to protest her being fired.  
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Sunday**  
**Final Destination (2000 R)** A teenage horror film where passengers from a plane crash are still locked into fate.  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*  
**Wrong Turn (2003, R)** Six people are plunged into a night of terror when they turn down a dirt road.  
*Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.*  
**In Laws (2003, PG13)** A son-in-law finds out he may not be able to deal with his new in-laws.  
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Monday**  
**Terminator 3 (2003, R)**  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*  
**Legally Blonde II (2003 PG13)** A drama about a depression-era race horse.  
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

Get in the Game!

**NFL** MONDAY FOOTBALL

GILLIGAN'S BAR, NOV. 24.  
 GAME TIME: 9 A.M.-5 P.M.

Promotional opening. Future Monday Football depends upon attendance.

**TYPHOON**  
**TSUNAMI**

There will be an island-wide WEATHER ALERT EXERCISE on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, tomorrow, Nov. 19. Emergency sirens will be tested during the day, windows will be boarded up on some buildings and emergency shelter kits will be inspected, along with other practice procedures. Family assistance and EOC will be in operation. Questions? Call 51098

Enaj wor juon WEATHER ALERT EXERCISE eo im enaj jelot aolepen ailon in Kwajalein kab Roi-Namur, ilo Wonje, November 19. Emergency sirens ko renaj jaan aolepen raan e, windo in building ko renaj cover, im renaj bar etali emergency shelter kits ko im men ko ear lokwot. Ne ewor am kajitok ikijen men in, jout im call e Public Affairs, ilo numba ne 51098

**Classified ad deadlines:**  
 Noon Friday for Tuesday issue;  
 Noon Wednesday for Friday issue

**Photo reprints of the Marine Raider visit can be ordered at the customer service desk at Macy's**

# Proud family hangs tough for arriving soldier

By K.L. Vantran  
American Forces Press Service

BALTIMORE — “Today is Army day,” proclaimed 5-year-old Allan ‘AJ’ Hill II on Nov. 14 as he stood in the arrival area for international flights at Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

“TiTi is coming home,” he added and quickly looked at his father. “Right, Dad?” A confirming nod from Allan

Hill of Reading, Pa., put a smile on the youngster’s face.

TiTi (pronounced ‘tee-tee’) is the boy’s sister, Katrina, a private first class with the Pennsylvania National Guard from Allentown, who was due in on the next rest and recuperation leave flight from Iraq. Said Hill said, a Vietnam veteran. “I haven’t seen her in over a year.” He said his daughter graduated from high school last year, went to boot camp in

November, then to advance training, and then was called up.

Katrina had a chance to come home in October, but chose to wait and let another soldier come home first, said Hill’s wife, Betty.

At about 4:30 a.m. the family got word the flight had been delayed for about six hours due to fog. “That’s OK,” said a disappointed Betty. “She’s worth the wait.”

## Officer creates fellowship group

By Jan Waddell  
Reporter

Kwajalein police Officer Michael Williams, has started a non-denominational Christian fellowship group for law enforcement related individuals.

The Kwajalein Police Christian Fellowship group will be for police officers, constables and military law enforcement as well as family members involved with law enforcement, Williams said. But, they will not exclude anyone interested in attending.

“It is a chance to fellowship together,” Williams said.

The discussions will focus on what law enforcement does, he said.

“Just because we strap on guns and badges, people forget that we are human beings too,” Williams. “It gives us a sounding board and a way to share. As a group,

police officers also have one of the highest rates of suicide and early heart attacks,” he added.

This will serve as a positive support and outlet and help the members to grow in a relationship with God, he added.

It will help peace officers deal more effectively with issues faced on Kwajalein, Williams said. It will also teach spiritual growth.

“What perhaps sets peace officers apart is that we do — a job that is often highly unpopular because we enforce rules that can have a negative impact the lifestyles and activities of others,” Williams said.

Williams said organizers are looking at one, maybe two, meetings a month and are currently looking for a location to meet.

For more information call, 52413, or email Williams at [fullarmor911@yahoo.com](mailto:fullarmor911@yahoo.com).

## Airport takes on Wake traffic

By Jan Waddell  
Reporter

The Wake Island runway temporarily closed for repairs Oct. 1, leaving Kwajalein as the primary airfield for military flights and an emergency airfield for commercial flights.

The closure will last from six to eight months for routine, but significant repairs to the airstrip, said Andy Havard, Kwajalein airport operation manager.

Military flights, such as the slower moving C130s, need to stop to refuel more often and Kwaj will be the designated stop for the next few months, he added.

Kwajalein will also become the primary location for ETOPS, or Extended Range Twin Engine Operations, an emergency and safety diversion field.

“Wake was the prime one, but with the temporary loss of Wake we have to step-up and fulfill that roll,” Havard said.

According to Havard, there should not be an increase in commercial aircraft on Kwaj, but there has been a significant increase in military flights using the Kwajalein airstrip.

From March-September there was an average of 18 flights per month, Havard said. In October alone there were 38. These were unscheduled military and contract government flights.

There has been over a 100 percent increase, he added.

“My team is stepping up and doing what needs to be done,” Havard said.

### Weather

Courtesy of RTS Weather

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with scattered showers.  
**Winds:** Variable at 5-15 knots with higher gusts near showers.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny with widely scattered showers.  
**Winds:** Variable at 5-15 knots with higher gusts showers.  
**Temperature:** Tonight’s low 79°  
Tomorrow’s high 88°  
**November rain total:** 2.79”  
**Annual rain total:** 84.24”  
**Annual deviation:** -3.57”  
**Call 54700 for updated forecasts and sea conditions.**

### Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
<b>Tuesday November 18</b>	0643/1825	0107/1350	1150, 3.5' 2350, 4.2'	0520, 2.1' 1730, 2.4'
<b>Wednesday November 19</b>	0643/1826	0159/1434	1250, 4.0'	0640, 1.8' 1850, 1.9'
<b>Thursday November 20</b>	0643/1826	0250/1517	0100, 4.5' 1340, 4.6'	0720, 1.4' 1950, 1.3'
<b>Friday November 21</b>	0644/1826	0343/1602	0150, 4.9' 1420, 5.2'	0800, 1.0' 2030, 0.8'