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Inspector General sorting out mail

By KW Hillis

Associate Editor

The virtual flood of mail which inundated Korea starting in September, instead of flowing to Kwajalein, Johnston Island and Bangkok, has dwindled to just a trickle. Thanks to concerned people located thousands of miles away, that trickle should stop completely by mid-summer.

"We all understand how important mail is to those deployed away from the United States, especially when you are in remotes sites such as Kwaj," said Col. David J. Thomas, SMDC Inspector General. "I just hope all on the island understand that your 'zip code problem' was indeed taken seriously by those in the position to fix it."

In September, first class and parcel
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Communications alert

Expect off-island phone call difficulties

By KW Hillis

Associate Editor

Over the next few weeks, island residents can expect difficulty calling off-island from either work or home phones and a possibility for limited island Internet service.

"We're upgrading communication capability from here to the states," said Scott Dixon, KRS Satellite communications lead.

This upgrade is the first step in a long-term upgrade plan designed to support and enhance the efficiency

of command and community communications, he said.

"We're all working together to minimize the effect, but with any major upgrade you are going to have some temporary disruptions," he said. "We understand that no one really wants to have their communication off-island limited, and we apologize for any inconvenience."

Although there will be disruptions in calling off-island, on-island calling will not be affected. Any phone that cannot make an on-island call should be called into Telephone Repair, 55111.

As to off-island calls, Dixon said, "The only recommendation we make is to just keep trying, there will be a limited number of lines available."

Roi pier projects help neighbors



(Photo by KW Hillis)

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After decades of performing the daily ritual of ferrying fresh water from Roi to Enniburr in buckets and barrels, Enniburr residents virtually ceased the practice two months ago.

"The water project was designed to enable us to get more water over to Enniburr," said Floyd Corder, Roi Operations manager.

Three long-awaited projects — installation of a fuel line and a larger water line on Roi's Small Boat Marina pier and installation of lights on Enniburr's pier — were completed January.

"The water was the key thing," Corder said. "They have no running water, no sewers, no electrical, except for an occasional gas generator."

Prior to the installation of a 2-inch water pipe, a half-inch water line was available on the pier to fill up Enniburr residents' containers and a 500-gallon water tank on the LCM ferry, Corder said. The ferry traveled to Enniburr three times, every day, transporting a

On Roi's Small Boat Marina pier, Roi Operations Construction leader Leon Russell checks the new fresh water line. The line is used to fill up the 1,000-gallon water tank on the Roi-Enniburr commuter LCM five times a day.

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Editorial

'Kids ... people are all the same; just different'

I know March is Women's History Month and I should write just about that, but I also wanted to write in honor of Black History Month, since I was gone most of February.

It's a writer's challenge to combine two subjects with very different focuses. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized there is a common thread connecting the peoples honored in "History" months — in the past, they were looked as not being the same as other people.

My Dad knew better.

He was a truck driver. He drove all over the country when I was still under his wing. He loved traveling and he loved meeting people. He used to say, "Kids. Always remember no matter where you go people are the same. They're just different."

"Ain't nobody better than you and you ain't better than nobody."

Occupations and titles didn't matter in Greeneville, Tennessee. Gender didn't matter. We didn't think about ethnic groups or ancestors. Skin color didn't matter. We weren't segregated. We were just Americans and we were all



poor. I was raised to believe you invent yourself. You get what you look for. When I joined the Army in the 70's, my parents were surprised ... maybe a little stunned, but supportive.

And, I didn't know about prejudice against black people until I was 11, and started paying closer attention to the news from Alabama and other parts of the country. I didn't understand what all the fighting, rioting, marching and killing was about.

As incredible as it seems, I remained naïve to prejudice through college, the Army, and most of my adult life. After all, "people are all the same; just different." That is so embedded in my core principles, I've never considered otherwise.

A few months ago, my friend shared his "History of Jazz" video tapes with me. He watched them with me again, although he had seen them many times. But, he appreciates all kinds of music because they all trace back to Jazz. I

love history and music, so I watched. I danced. I laughed and I cried ... because you can't learn the history of Jazz without learning the history of black people.

Louis Armstrong: One of the founding fathers (if not THE founding father) of Jazz music. His beautiful song, "Black and Blue," is just part of the legacy he left to the public. "My only sin is in my skin, why am I so black and blue?"

And, Billie Holiday, the musical and cultural icon. Columbia Records refused to deal with the controversial "Strange Fruit," for which she was judged and scorned for daring to sing in public about public lynching of black people. "Southern trees bear a strange fruit, blood on the leaves and blood at the roots..."

Nina Simone, a classically trained pianist at Juilliard School of Music, and her self-penned anthem, "To Be Young, Black and Gifted." — "There are times when I look back, and I am haunted by my youth."

I hear husky-voiced wisdom and sorrow in her voice. She said once, "I simply bring out the emotions that most people have inside and can't express."

Spoken like a true artist of any kind; musician, singer, writer, painter, poet, dancer, red, yellow, black, white, female, male, green, blue, gay or straight.

Marshallese Word of the Day

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The Kwajalein Hourglass

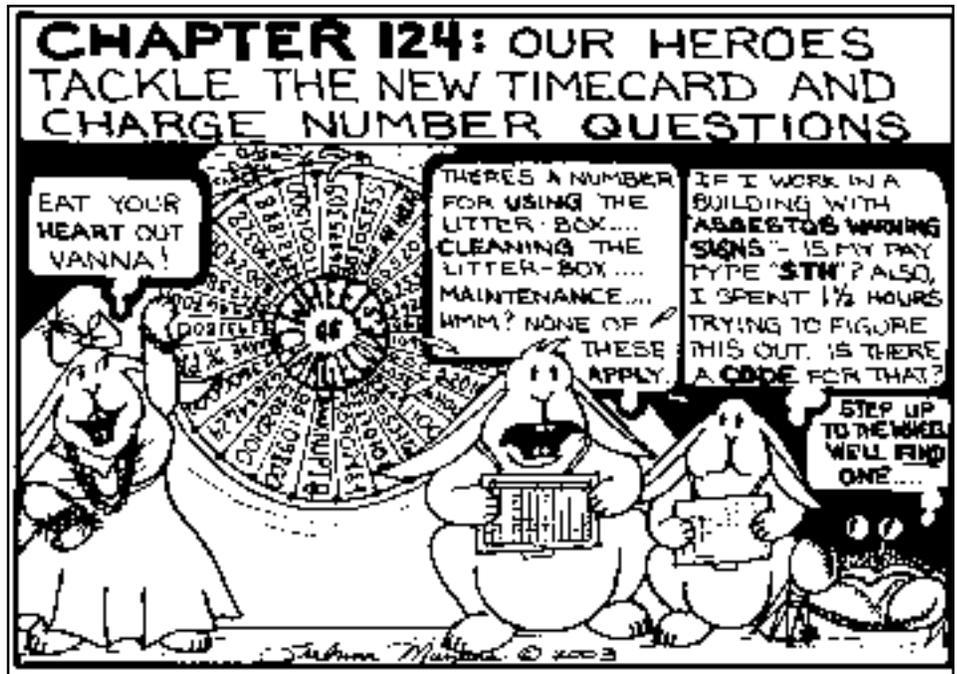
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Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



KRS Food Service caters to residents' tastebuds

By KW Hillis

Associate Editor

Like a phoenix from the rubble of the Yokwe Yuk Club's ceiling, KRS Food Service is rising to meet the challenge of finding creative places and providing innovative ways to tantalize residents' taste buds.

The Catering Department is expanding to offer more than just catering traditional events in traditional venues like the upcoming Kwajalein Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball at the Country Club, pupus at an Emon beach PCS party or coffee and pastry for an office meeting.

A recently launched "Rent-A-Chef" service can provide anything from a simple buffet in a Bachelor Quarters room to an elaborate seven-course meal complete with a waiter in a home, according to Executive Chefs Walter Turner and Mark Sevars.

Special themed food events open to the public at Café Pacific, Oceanview and the Country Club are already planned. Plans are afoot to transform the Café Pacific's cafeteria setting into a fine dining establishment and Oceanview's single after work atmosphere in to a place where everyone wants to go.

Rent-A-Chef

The "Rent-a-Chef" idea brings a new dimension to food service on island.

"We really want to enhance outside catering," Turner said. "There is always a need here for that."

Turner and Sevars said they will cater to any of the beaches or to your home, whether it is hard housing, a trailer or even a BQ room. Since BQ rooms don't have kitchens, the chefs can prepare and deliver a BQ room buffet.

The price depends on what the customer wants with the price for a normal buffet prepared ahead starting at \$15 a head, Turner said. Added services add to the price.

"You can order anything from very informal to where we just drop the food off to setting grills up, setting a bar up, china, cooking and a waiter to serve," Sevars said. "It can be as simple or as complicated as you can dream."

Suggestions include a candlelight dinner for two at Coral Sands or a barbeque party at the beach for an entire group.

"We actually did our first residential catering on March 7," he said, adding the menu included beef tenderloins, portabella mushrooms and tiramisu.

For the bigger catering events, the Catering Department needs seven business days notice, for smaller catering services, it could be as short as a two-day turnaround, Sevars said.

"You can pick things up on shorter notice, but it will be limited to what we have on hand," he added.

The KRS Food Service phone number is changing today, so residents should call Directory Assistance for the Catering Department or Walter Turner's phone number.

Fine Dining

Café Pacific will undergo a metamorphosis from cafeteria into a fine dining café Saturday evenings starting April 5. Complete with piano bar, full-service bar, elegant table settings and waiters, the ala carte menu offers grilled antipasta with baba ganoush and lavoush as one of the appetizers and bacon-wrapped filet mignon with brandied peppercorn sauce as an entree. All entries come with a



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Bob Jarvis waits for his breakfast order made by KRS Food Service cook Robert Hering this morning at Café Pacific.

choice of sides. The dessert menu is still under wraps. Fine dining will be offered from 7:30 p.m. with the last order taken at 10:30 p.m. for the kitchen.

"Just like the country club this will be a kind of a test bed," Sevars said.

Special events

Variety is the keyword at both the Café Pacific Sunday brunches and open events at the Country Club and Oceanview.

Two days ago, brunch aficionados found a Mediterranean specialty brunch complete with roasted lamb along with favorites like peel and eat shrimp and full breakfast menu awaiting them at Café Pacific.

Next Sunday, the café will offer a Greek buffet.

Last Saturday, "Meet Your Neighbor Night" at the Country Club offered sit down dining. went very well, Turner said. About 90 people showed up despite the last minute announcement of the event. "We are offering quality services at a very acceptable price."

"The food was good and I'd go to it again," said diner Neil Dye. "I think there were a lot of other things going that night like the Kaleidoscope of Music, but if they coordinate with other events on island I think they will get a bigger crowd."

More open dinner events are being planned for the Country Club and shuttle service will be offered.

The Oceanview has taken on a whole new importance since the Yuk closed and Club Manager Debbie Spencer said she is doing everything she can to "Make the Oceanview a place where people want to go instead of thinking they have to go there."

Country Western Night on Sunday is part of that effort.

In support of Marshallese Shopping Day on March 29, KRS Food Services will offer Marshallese specialties at the Three Palm Snack Bar

More plans to expand the food service capabilities on Kwajalein and Roi are being discussed, "but these [mentioned] are all very realistic plans out there now that the Yuk is down," Sevars said.

Turner added, "Don't worry Roi we haven't forgotten you, there are some changes that will be announced soon."

Software fix stemming tide of misdirected mail ...

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mail addressed to certain APO zip codes: 96555, Kwajalein; 96558, Johnston Island; and 96546, Bangkok; was routed to 96206, Yongsan, South Korea. The misrouted mail was then returned to the sender.

At that point, The Joint Military Postal Activity in the Pacific was inundated with queries from people, at all three locations, who had not received their mail or received it weeks late.

A combination of two zip code errors — one missing code and one incorrect code — found in the U.S. Postal Service's Address Management System software during a routine database update, "might have triggered the problem that is plaguing the mail delivery system ... although the exact cause of the problem may never be known," wrote U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Christopher Stoddard, Military Postal Service Agency, in an email.

"When the problem was first detected, it was almost [every piece of mail], except for personal mail where the address was handwritten," Thomas said in a telephone interview Saturday. "Any mail with an automated bar code affixed to it had a 99 percent chance of being misdirected. The computer can't read handwriting."

Part of the AMS database accessible to the Joint Military Postal Activity — Pacific was corrected by the end of October and another piece of code was corrected in January, Stoddard wrote.

AMS software is used by big commer-

cial businesses and vendors, such as Sears, Cabelas, AMEX and Reader's Digest; and also smaller businesses to bar code label packages and envelopes.

Changes to AMS are published monthly and vendors are required to purchase the software and update their databases twice a year. Most big mail order companies usually purchase and update once a month, but smaller businesses only update as required, Thomas said.

"I wish every company in the country updated on a monthly basis ... but smaller companies don't have the capital to do it," he said.

Made aware of the problem during his December visit to Kwajalein, Thomas gives much of the credit for finding the cause and a solution to Department of Defense Postal Operations Director Ed Pardini and his team.

"[They] have done yeoman's work to get this thing turned around," he said. "They are the real heroes in this, not me. I was just the copper wire carrying the current along."

In January, Thomas traveled to South Korea and talked to the Post Office mail director.

"He told me that bulk mail had slowed considerably," Thomas said. "I expect it to stop completely by mid-summer."

Although most of the big companies have updated their mailing systems with the new AMS software, there are still some companies that have not, as Thomas definitely knows.

"I have at least 30 e-mails on my computer and that does not include

phone calls and interviews," he said. "All must believe that a lot of energy and time went into this."

In addition to updating the AMS software and making it available to vendors, first class mail is now being screened on a daily basis at zip code 96206 in South Korea and also at the Information Systems and Computing Office in San Francisco, which routes the mail to APO addresses, Stoddard wrote.

Until all the bar code mailing software is updated in all mail-order companies, there are some steps that a Kwaj resident ordering items can do, he wrote.

Submit change of address cards to vendors, send e-mails and phone the customer account representative of any business that you routinely use, Stoddard wrote.

"Phone calls to the customer service reps may be the best method despite the remote location and time difference," he wrote.

As a test, a big mail order company, Cabelas, was called and once the zip code situation was explained, they said they had the ability to "manually flag that account's address/zip ... Presumably, this creates an override to any updated AMS address tapes," Stoddard wrote. "It is not known if all vendors have this capability."

Thomas said that he will be visiting Kwajalein in mid-April and will be glad to meet with anyone with a problem, whether it is about mail delivery or some other issue.

Safety concerns fuel two pier improvement projects ...

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total of 3,500 gallons a week. The water tank fill-up time limited the number of times the LCM could travel to Enniburr with a full water tank.

"It used to take two or three hours to fill the tank up," said Russell Leon, Roi Operations Construction lead, who worked with Kerry Young, Plumbing lead, on the project. "Now it takes 10 to 15 minutes."

Thanks to the shorter fill time and a larger 1,000 gallon tank mounted on the LCM, about 34,000 gallons of water of fresh water is transported to Third Island each week, said Bob Smith, LCM captain. Although the LCM makes six runs a day, water is transported only on five of the runs since the tank on the Enniburr side won't hold anymore.

The installation of water and fuel lines on the historic World War II-era Yokohama Pier, also known as the SBM pier, required negotiations between the Republic of the Marshall Islands Environmental Agency, RMI Historical Preservation Office and USAKA.

Once the project was allowed, an archeologist made sure that the pier stayed the same despite the construction.

"Even through we had to modify some of the structure, we repaired it identical to the way it was taken out," Corder said. "We had to put everything back and match the concrete."

At the pier, Leon, pointed out where the water and fuel lines were installed. Part of the problem in the installation and reconstruction, he said, was there were

really two piers, "one structure within the other."

The new fuel line, put in at the same time as the larger water line, was installed as a safety measure. Previously the fuel was dispensed into containers at Automotive and transported a half-mile to the boats at the pier which could lead to spills, he said.

Two solar-powered lights were installed on Enniburr pier for safety reasons since there were no lights making loading and unloading passengers dangerous.

"We had people trip and fall in the water," Corder said. "Fortunately, no one has been hurt."

The lights also help the LCM captain dock the boat at night and during inclement weather, he added.

Pentagon to Congress: missile defense 'moving forward'

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, U.S. Army
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Faced with the threat by North Korea of a nuclear warhead reaching the United States, senior Pentagon officials told the House Armed Services Committee March 20 they are moving forward with a billion-dollar missile defense system.

"We have achieved a number of successes in the missile defense test program, which have added momentum to the development effort and bolstered our confidence that we will be able to meet the challenges that lie ahead," Edward E. "Pete" Aldridge Jr., undersecretary of defense acquisition, technology and logistics, told the committee.

Aldridge, joined on Capitol Hill by Thomas Christie, DoD director of operational test and evaluation, and J.D. Crouch II, assistant secretary of defense for international security policy, testified on the progress of a missile defense testing facility in Alaska and on U.S. missile defense policy.

Last year, President Bush ordered the Pentagon to field a "hit to kill" missile defense capability by the year 2004. The United States currently has no defense against long-range missiles and limited defense against shorter-range missiles.

Aldridge said the Pentagon's confidence in the program lies in tests done by the Missile Defense Agency, which has oversight of the program. Those tests, although criticized as being highly controlled, show promising results despite several misses.

In September, an Aegis sea-based theater defense radar aboard the cruiser USS *Lake Erie* was able to track all stages of a Minuteman III ICBM launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. In October, the Navy destroyer USS *John Paul Jones* used its Aegis radar system in a test to track long-range target ballistic missile.

Overall, MDA has recorded four successful tests of out five for the long-range ground-based intercepts, and was three-for-three for the short- to medium-range sea-based intercepts. The agency was five out of seven for short-range ground-based intercepts, Crouch said.

"When tests have failed, we understand what went wrong and have taken measures to correct the problem,"

Crouch said. "Some test failures are to be expected with advanced technology development programs."

But the Pentagon cannot afford to fail in this program. North Korea has had an active ballistic missile program for years, Crouch testified.

"North Korea caught us by surprise when it launched its three-stage Taepo-Dong I space-launch vehicle/ballistic missile in August 1998," he said. Now, he said, the Taepo Dong II long-range missile is capable of delivering a nuclear weapon-sized payload to parts of the United States and "could be flight-tested at any time," he noted.

Crouch said that, according to the National Air Intelligence Center, the Taepo Dong II missile might be exported to other countries in the future. Also, Iran and other countries also are working on space-launch vehicles and intercontinental-range ballistic missiles that could be ready for testing in the next few years, he said.

"We knew North Korea was developing longer-range missiles, but we were surprised at the presence of a third stage on the missile," Crouch explained. "We have been surprised many times in the past by foreign ballistic missile developments. We likely will be surprised again in the future," he added.

The problem for the Pentagon is that some in Congress believe the military is moving forward too fast on a costly, unproven missile defense system.

Christie said that he "understands and shares concerns raised by members of Congress" regarding the precedent of field operational systems without adequate testing. But he told the committee the Missile Defense Agency must move forward with completion of the test bed to further missile defense development.

"If we don't develop an operational concept and an attack comes, then we will have failed in a most serious way," he told the committee.

The Missile Defense Agency says it will cost \$7.7 billion and \$8.7 billion over the next two fiscal years and about \$8 billion a year thereafter to run the program. The Pentagon began building a missile defense test site in Alaska last summer. It is scheduled for completion next year.

The Pentagon missile defense plan calls for 20 ground-based interceptors to protect against an intercontinental-

range ballistic missile threat. Those missiles will be stored in silos at Fort Greeley, Alaska, and at Vandenberg.

Crouch said the United States has asked the United Kingdom and Denmark for permission to upgrade early warning radars in their countries to track ballistic missile threats from the Middle East.

"The U.K. has granted permission, and we look forward to hearing from Denmark later this year," he said.

To address the medium-range threat, Crouch said three Navy Aegis-class ships will be equipped with up to 20 SM-3 Standard missiles.

"This will provide a highly mobile missile defense capability to help protect U.S. forces and allies and provide some limited protection for the U.S. homeland against shorter-range missiles launched from ships off our coasts," Crouch said.

For short-range threats, Crouch said that Army would continue to field additional air-transportable and mobile Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile units with up to 346 PAC-3 missiles and 42 PAC-3 radars. The PAC-3 missile is the first upgrade of the Patriot system to feature a "hit to kill" missile that can help defeat chemical and biological threats.

Marshallese Shopping Day Ferry Schedule (badged workers only)

March 29, 2003

The regularly scheduled LCMs
will still run

Depart Kwaj	Arrive Ebeye	Depart Kwaj	Arrive Ebeye
0830	0855	0900	0925
0930	0955	1000	1025

Normal 1140 run

1240	1305	1310	1335
1340	1405	1410	1435
2000	2025	2030	2055

Return to normal schedule

*Catch the earliest possible ferry to
reduce waiting time*

*After 1900 hrs. LCM limited to 150
passengers*

*Note: This schedule is subject to
change without prior notification.*

HELP WANTED

KRS has the following job opportunities. Unless otherwise noted, call Alan Taylor, 55154.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Prefer five-years-plus experience. Excellent communication, computer and organizational skills a must. Ability to multi-task and work in a fast-paced environment. Contract/procurement background is a plus. Need to be able to file and maintain a suspense log.

ELECTRONICS REPAIR TECHNICIAN, Merchandising Dept. Part time. Repair TVs, DVDs, VCRs and audio equipment. Responsibilities include coordinating a quality, time-focused diagnosis and repair process including ordering parts and supplies, conducting accurate diagnosis of electronic problems, completing quality repairs within time guidelines and coordinating the process with store personnel and customers. Applicant should have technical training in electronics and relevant experience in electronics repair. Submit application or resumé to the Retail Office, Paul Divinski, 53308.

WANTED

BLACK YARN for craft project; rope to use for tarp cover. Call 51800.

TV TO BUY, 27" to 32". Call 51044.

LOST

RAZOR SCOOTER with red handgrips and wheels, name written on bottom in black marker. Call 51044.

FOUND

BRACELET/ANKLET with no clasp at bike rack in front of high school. Call 54991.

PATIO SALE

TONIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY evening, 5-7 p.m., Tr. 541. PCS sale. Lounge chair, Sony Trinitron 27" TV, convection/microwave oven, new Panasonic vaccum cleaner, toaster oven, Gateway 450 computer with DVD, sound speakers, Millenium 2000, Outlook Express and Microsoft Office, movie tapes, wall shelving, bookcases, snorkeling equipment, clothes. Call Mike, 51426W or 53614H.

FOR SALE

VIDEOS, \$6; 42" three-shelf bookcase, \$35; 28" three-shelf bookcase, black, \$30; 27" computer desk, can be used to hold microwave or TV/VCR, \$30; rug runner, \$20; toaster oven, \$20; wardrobe, plastic and metal with wheels, \$25; Easy Rider exerciser, great for problem knees, folds up for storage, \$50. Call Mary, 51614, after 6:30 p.m.

QUEEN-SIZE bed with headboard, \$350; 19" color TV, \$125; two brown La-Z-Boy recliners, \$125 each; comforter, \$35; two large and four small plants, \$35 for all. Call 54691.

15" COLOR MONITOR, \$60; JVC picture-in-picture VCR, \$100; upright solid oak TV/VCR entertainment unit with cabinet, holds 27" TV, \$275. Call 53276.

HEWLETT PACKARD Inkjet color cartridges #HP51625A. Call 54152, after 5 p.m.

100 FEET OF WOOD fence, bike stand, plants, snorkel gear including vests, fishing pole, trolling lures, hard lines, floor fan. Call 51946W or 51919H.

PLANTS, all sizes at Qtrs. 435-B, or call 54227.

VERTICAL BLIND for patio door; plants. Call 51925.

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**They must be visible
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backpacks,
wallets or purses.**

SURROUND-SOUND system: TEAC 400-watt receiver, Kenwood 200-CD jukebox, KLH center and side speakers, Realistic rear speakers, AIWA powered 60-watt subwoofer, \$450; entertainment center, \$50; teal recliner, like new, \$200; ladies' dive gear, \$675 per set; wetsuits; patio aluminum storage cabinet, \$45; UPS, \$35. Call 59508W or 54879H.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOKWE YUK Women's Club Majuro exchange planning meeting will be Thursday, 7 p.m., at Qtrs. 203-A. Call Denise, 54630, or Dianne, 55990.

KWAJALEIN YACHT Club meeting will be Friday, 6:30 p.m., at the club. Bring the family for cheeseburgers, hot dogs and fun.

SPRING BREAK Music Festival will be Arpil 6 at Emon Beach. Live music 1-10 p.m. KRS food services will provide food and drinks. KYC will hold a chili cook-

**Father/Daughter
Dance**

**I Love you
Yokwe**

Saturday, April 12, 6-8 p.m., in CAC room 6
Come for a special evening of music and dancing just for fathers and their little girls. The theme will be "I Love You—Yokwe." Tickets are \$5 per person. Photos, finger food and drinks included. Dress is island formal. Tickets must be purchased by Thursday. For ticket information, call Beverly, 50225.

**Last
chance
matey!**

Tomorrow is the last chance to buy Commodore's Ball tickets

\$28 members/\$30 non-members

The Ball is March 30 at the country club and features fine dining and music by The Zooks

For info or tickets, call
Kim/Jeff, 52250,
Jim/Sarah, 53500,
or Julie/Rod, 52834.

**UNIVERSITY of
MARYLAND
TERM IV:**

NSCI 170, Concepts of
Meteorology (3), Tuesday and
Thursday, 6-9 p.m.;
NSCI 171, Laboratory in
Meteorology (1), Friday, 6-8 p.m.
Instructor is Brian Morrison.

EDCP 101, Effective Writing Skills
(3), Wednesday and Friday, 6-9 p.m.
Instructor is Susannah Jones.
Registration is through March 29,
1-5 p.m., at the University of
Maryland office, Building 368.
Classes start April 1.

off with proceeds going to local charities. Kid's activities are planned. Shaved ice and cotton candy will be available. Ethnic foods will be on sale. There will be a homebrew garden (21 years or older) to sample local brews.

ISLAND ORIENTATION and Ebeye cultural tour will be tomorrow. To take the Ebeye tour, arrive at Dock Security Checkpoint in time to catch the 7:20 a.m. ferry. Women should wear long dresses or modest skirts. For more information, call 54848. Island orientation will follow the tour at 1 p.m. in CAC room 6. Orientation is mandatory for all contract hires and recommended for family members over 10 years of age. For more information, call 51134.

THE MICRONESIAN Handicraft Shop has a wide variety of crafts from the Marshall Island, Pohnpei, Palua, Kosrae and Chuuk. Wood carvings, baskets, wall hangings, jewelry, shells and more are available. The shop is located across from Café Pacific. Hours are: Mondays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 5-7 p.m. All proceeds go to the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club education programs.

HYPERBARIC CHAMBER will be unavailable March 27-28. Recreational diving is limited to 50 feet during this time. Questions? Call 52182.

BOY SCOUTS: Have kayaking fun March 31, 8 a.m., at Emon Beach. Questions? Call 58672.

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL officials' and scorekeepers' clinic will be Friday in CRC room 1. Scorekeepers' clinic will be 5 p.m.; officials' clinic will be 6 p.m. For more information, call Erika, 53331.

PARENTS: If you have a child who will be turning five years old before Oct. 31 and will be entering kindergarten in the fall, contact the elementary school, 53601.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Kwajalein Wednesdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., at the PBQ, second floor, Room 250. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 51143 to leave a message. We will call you back.

OPSEC REMINDER: Providing our military forces with uncompromised defense systems is necessary to minimize risks and enhance our potential for the successful termination of a conflict. Apply OPSEC.

KSC Safety Meeting



Kwajalein Scuba Club's annual mandatory safety meeting will be April 9, 7 p.m., in the MP room. Annual dues should be paid at this meeting. Checks only. Questions? Call Ivy, 54814.

Notice of RMI Visa Requirements

Under the Status of Forces Agreement between the U.S. and the RMI, those who are not U.S. or RMI citizens or resident aliens (foreign nationals with a valid Permanent Resident Card commonly known as a "Green Card" and/or a valid VISA issued either by the RMI or the US) must obtain permission to enter the RMI, including Kwajalein.

This means if you want to bring a friend, spouse, or family member who is not a U.S. or RMI citizen or resident alien to USAKA, under the Guest Sponsorship (480) Program or as a resident (55R or 55A), they must have permission from the RMI Government before entering USAKA.

The procedure to obtain this permission has been clarified this past week and is as follows, under the Guest Sponsorship Program:

- 1) obtain permission to enter USAKA through the Guest Sponsorship Program using Form 480
- 2) prepare a letter requesting issuance of an RMI visa (a sample is available at the USAKA Legal Office)
- 3) fax the letter with the approved Form 480 and official itinerary to the RMI Immigration Division (692) 625-5218). The Immigration Office will fax back a letter authorizing entry.

For those who intend to bring spouses or family members to live on Kwajalein as residents, the process is a little different:

- 1) obtain exception to USAKA Regulation 190-10 (Entry/Exit Control) through the Provost Marshal's Office for the person to reside on USAKA
- 2) obtain USAKA entry authorization as a Permanent Resident (Form 55-A or 55R)
- 3) prepare a letter requesting issuance of an RMI VISA (a sample letter is available at the USAKA Legal Office)
- 4) fax the letter with the approved Form 55-A or 55-R and official itinerary to the RMI Immigration Division.

If you have questions about either of these procedures, call the USAKA Legal Office at 53417.

See you at the movies!

Wednesday

Half Past Dead (2002, PG-13) An undercover cop in prison must rally the prisoners to fight a gang of mercenaries who have broken "in" to the prison.
Adult Recreation Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Charlotte's Web 2: Wilbur's Great Adventure (2003, PG) Cartoon. The famous sheep-herding pig has more adventures.
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

8 Mile (2002, R) A young rapper searches for his identity and future in music while battling his own anger and frustration. (Eminem)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Domestic Disturbance (2001, PG-13) A divorced father worries about his son's new step-father who may be a murderer. (John Travolta)
Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Inspector Gadget 2 (2003) The Inspector is up to solving and preventing crimes masterminded by the evil Dr. Claw. (French Stewart)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

I-Spy (2002, PG-13) Classic '60s spy-comedy updated to the big-screen. Inprobable team Eddie Murphy and Owen Wilson team up to find an invisible stealth fighter jet.
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

8 Mile (2002, R)
Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Monday

Charlotte's Web 2: Wilbur's Great Adventure (2003, PG)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

8 Mile (2002, R)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.



(Photo by Jon Cassel)

From left to right, Chris Desmarias, Sarah Alves, Michael Graham and Stephanie Winter hope for the best as their mousetrap creations take off during the finals Thursday at the high school Science and Technology Night.

Technology races through MP room

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Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines.

But, in the case of Thursday's 4th annual Science and Technology Night, it was: Wind your wheels.

High school and elementary science students showed up at the event sponsored by MIT/Lincoln Lab to test their skills at engineering, building and racing mousetrap-powered cars.

The cars had to be built to meet certain specifications, but still achieve a minimum distance of 17.5 meters across the MP room floor to run in the finals.

Once in the finals, the fastest car won.

The night was filled with excitement, anxiety, and several close races.

In the end, the first place, a \$100 prize, was captured by junior Christina Padayhag. Sophomore Beka Ladd won \$50 for second place and eighth-grader Michael Taylor took home \$25 for third.

Junior Camilla Morrison won the Judges Choice \$25 award for the most industrious and creative entry.

"This was a really fun and worthwhile contest," Padayhag said.

Each year a different type of homebuilt racing vehicle is mandated. Next year's vehicle is still under wraps.

"I can't wait until next year," Padayhag said.

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Winds: East-northeast at 14-18 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny with a shower or two possible.

Winds: Northeast at 14-20 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Temperature: Tonight's low 80°
Tomorrow's high 87°

March rain total: 2.08"

Annual rain total: 7.19"

Annual deviation: -3.77"

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Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday March 25	0651/1900	0045/1238 Last Moon	0900, 4.5' 2150, 3.3'	0220, 1.8' 1600, 2.1'
Wednesday March 26	0651/1900	0144/1336	0150, 4.1'	0330, 2.4' 1840, 2.2'
Thursday March 27	0650/1900	0241/1433	0100, 3.3' 1310, 4.2'	0620, 2.5' 2010, 1.8'
Friday March 28	0650/1900	0332/1527	0220, 3.7' 1420, 4.6'	0800, 2.1' 2050, 1.4'