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Hello Bunny

(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Zoe Martindale, backed up by dad, Jack, greets the Easter Bunny Sunday at Brandon Field where she participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Helping the Easter Bunny is Community Activities' Becky Wortman.

Cases mount though SARS virus isolated

By KW Hillis
Associate Editor

Although the Centers for Disease Control announced April 14 (stateside) that they isolated the virus that causes SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, new cases and undisclosed previous cases are cropping up across the world and travel from the disease hot spots is becoming more and more restricted, even locally.

"The latest reports are that the virus is a coronavirus," said Dr. John Janikowski, Kwajalein Hospital Staff doctor and exotic disease expert. "This is the same family of viruses that cause the common cold, but the SARS strain is apparently new to humans. [There are] still no cases here."

Janikowski recommended reas-
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Yuk Club to reopen

By Jim Bennett
Editor

The sky is not falling, anymore, at the Yuk Club and the bar is set to reopen in four weeks, according Lloyd Jordan, Retail Services manager.

"We're preparing the facility and have to make sure there are no safety hazards," Jordan said.

The Yokwe Yuk Club bar closed Feb. 16 after portions of the concrete ceiling separated from the rebar skeleton of the building and crashed down in the kitchen.

Since then, officials have reexamined the facility, considered options and worked to provide the bar and fine dining service once available at the Yuk.

A structural engineer from Honolulu inspected the building, taking core samples from the concrete ceiling, said Jeff Jones, a local mechanical engineer working on the project.

The club, also known as Facility 502, consists of three sections, the center, with the foyer and kitchen, built in 1952, according to the most recent Analysis of Existing Facilities. The dining area on the east and bar on the west, were added in the early '60s.

"The main work is in the kitchen area, but we're not going
(See BAR, page 5)

RMI Trade Fair opens local opportunities

By Jim Bennett
Editor

This is not your usual fish story. It just started that way.

Maj. David Coffey, Host Nation chief and fresh seafood fan, arrived on-island in 2001, only to discover he couldn't get locally caught fish at the Yokwe Yuk Club restaurant.

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "We've had [congressional delegations] here since who wonder what kind of bureaucracy enabled a system where Marshallese sell fish to the U.S. but not here."

Two years later, Coffey and others may have solved the problem as Marshallese businesses prepare to apply for "approved source" status by the Department of Defense, but the measure goes beyond fish.

Monday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., more than 24 Marshallese businesses will gather at the mini-mall, all showcasing wares from fish to produce to soap to

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Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Free the turtles

Dear Editor,

Have you ever run an article on the sea turtles being kept on Kwaj? Perhaps other newcomers might be interested in this as well. How did the turtles come to be there? Aren't these threatened and endangered species? How is this legal? Are they Army property? Has anyone ever started a petition to have these animals released?

I have heard it said that "they could climb out of the pool if they wanted to." This ignores the fact that these turtles operate on instinct, and they only leave the water to lay eggs. I doubt that they are intelligent enough to know that if they climbed out of that pool and across some very sharp rocks, they would have a very different, and probably happier, life.

I have also heard it said that they have been in captivity too long and wouldn't survive if released. But again, these animals operate on instinct. No mother teaches them where to go or what to eat. I think that if they could do this as hatchlings they could manage as adults. Dangerous though it may be, I would

suggest that releasing these animals so they can breed and live a normal life would be preferable to the animals and the species, as a whole.

Put yourself in their position, a little pool or a vast ocean? They just need a little help to get there.

The Consortium of Oceanographic Research and Education in D.C. has been doing a census of marine life around the globe including projects which tag and track animals electronically. Perhaps these turtles could be tagged and released and make their own contributions to science. Maybe some of the computer whizzes on-island could set it up so Kwaj folk could watch "their" turtles.

— Carrie Rieden

Editor's Note: *Our earliest stories on the turtles that we have handy reference the turtles to before 1995. Stay tuned for our follow-up story.*

TV games defy logic

Just like a fine wine, "Kwaj excuses" get better as the years go by.

This past week during lunch, I was watching the final game of the Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament. The first half had been completed and the commentary between the halves had just ended. Approximately five minutes into the second half our local TV station cut in and began to show the roller information.

After about two minutes of this, I called the station and asked why. The reply was, "The ballgame aired yesterday."

What's the logic in showing only half a game?

This isn't the first time our local TV station has made this kind of decision. Last weekend a program was interrupted for 20 straight minutes, nothing but AFN commercials were shown. When our local station did return to the program, it was a completely different episode. Another closely contested ballgame during the weekend was interrupted with 50 seconds remaining to play in order to show an MCPON Navy commercial.

Who's making these kinds of decisions and what kind of logic is the individual using? It makes perfectly good sense to show half a ball game? Twenty uninterrupted minutes of AFN commercials is entertaining?

I realize with "breaking news" that program schedules will change as well as being interrupted, even out here. But lately it seems these interruptions have been taking place more frequently than normal. And please don't use the war news as an excuse. That's a cop-out. No games during the week were pre-empted because of war news.

Is it so difficult to use a little common sense? But then again, maybe common sense is not needed when a "Kwaj excuse" will suffice.

— Tom Farris

Marshallese Word of the Day

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The Kwajalein Hourglass

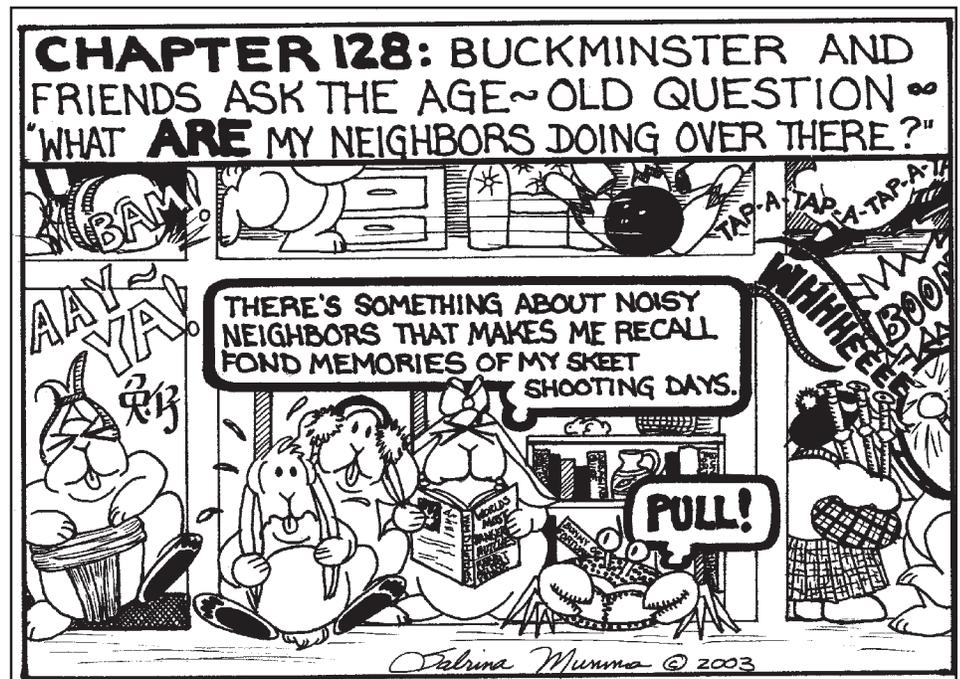
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Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma



Regional course studies people as well as places

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

As Host Nation officer, Stephan Notarianni's job responsibilities include resolving issues between the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll and the Republic of the Marshall Islands traditional and political leaders and keeping both countries' perspectives in mind. Over the last three months, he upgraded this and other negotiating and communication skills during the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies Course in Hawaii.



Stephan Notarianni

"The ultimate goal of the course ... would be, before you push that button or make that call to attack or to invade, the hope is that you will talk to one another," he said. The course put "a face and a voice on issues."

The U.S. Department of Defense APCSS in Hawaii is designed to "enhance cooperation and build relationships through mutual understanding and study of comprehensive security issues," according to the APCSS' Public Affairs office. There are only two such institutes in the world, the Marshall Center in Germany for European coun-

You don't only learn from the course, you learn from the people, as well.

— Stephan Notarianni
Host Nation officer

tries and the one in Hawaii for the U.S. and Asian-Pacific nations.

One of 11 people from other commands and agencies representing the United States, Notarianni also represented SMDC and USAKA at the cross-cultural conference.

A total of 32 countries and 88 senior military and civilians attended the conference.

Countries represented at this course included: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Comoros, East Timor, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

What the students, some from countries at odds with one another, learned over the three months of attending classes and socially interacting was "security as a state of mind, international security which entails cooperation," Notarianni said.

Even with the beneficial atmosphere

set up by APCSS and the Pacific Command, there was conflict, he said.

"We did have some confrontations because people don't see eye to eye," he said. "When you talk about chemical weapons that Russia was producing, the Russians are there trying to defend — emotional — people crying.

"You don't only learn from the course, you learn from the people as well," he said.

Both the war in Iraq and the SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, which came up while the course was in session, brought emotions to the surface and gave the students a way to really understand different view points.

"When Sheik Mohammed was captured in Pakistan and we had four Pakistanis in the course, they had a hard time with that," he said. "But you talk to them because you have to maintain dialog. That's the key."

SARS caused a lot of worry especially for students from the hard-hit countries, he said.

At the end of the course many had to change their flight plans to return home.

The course and interaction with people from other nations gave him a new perspective on what he saw on the news and how understanding others, he said.

"I think it will improve my way of doing business in the Marshall Islands," he said.

YYWC promotes cultural exchange and friendship

By KW Hillis
Associate Editor

Women from Kwajalein's Yokwe Yuk Women's Club and the Jine Tip Tip Club will enjoy Majuro's hospitality, May 2 - 6, and learn about Marshallese culture and customs while their hosts get to know more about American mores.

"The purpose is cultural exchange and friendship," said Dianne Tarnstrom, YYWC past-president and member. "We get to know each other and break down barriers."

The YYWC is a service organization, benefiting both the Kwajalein and Marshallese community, she said. The club provides scholarships for Kwajalein high school seniors, delivers Christmas gifts to outer islands, hosts a Christmas Exchange dinner with Ebeye women, runs the Bargain Bazaar and the Mic Shop to raise money for Micronesia's educational needs and sponsors the Kaleidoscope of Music in addition to visiting Majuro every other year for the cultural exchange with the women's clubs there. On off years, representatives of Majuro's clubs visit Kwajalein.

The women will have the opportunity to tour Majuro's Adele Museum and other cultural and government loca-

tions, said Maryanne Lane, Host Nation officer and YYWC member. Mary Note, the Republic of the Marshall Islands president's wife, and Editha Senko, U.S. Ambassador Mike Senko's wife, will each host a meal for the group. A large dinner celebration and gift exchange complete with games and music is scheduled for the last night.

"If you are really trying to make friends with people in the Marshallese community, this is a good club," Lane said.

Anyone who wants to go to Majuro with the group should call Tarnstrom, 55990, as soon as possible.

"We dress in dresses of the same fabric, we take presents and learn some songs to match Marshallese customs, so it takes some preparation," she said.

Even if the trip to Majuro is out of the question, the club is looking for new members to help with service project, Tarnstrom said.

The club will have a newcomer's wine and cheese get-together at the commander's quarters, April 27, 4-6 p.m., for anyone who wants to know more about the club and its service projects.

"Newcomers and old-timers are welcome," she added.

Downtown min-mall to go non-smoking

By Jim Bennett
Editor

The mini-mall will see a few new signs, the latest calling for no smoking except in designated areas, according to Lloyd Jordan, Retail Services manager.

Government regulations prohibit smoking within 50 feet of an entrance to a public building. But in the downtown area, where a number of ashcans sitting by doorways have reduced the amount of cigarette butt-litter, officials also have seen an increase of resident complaints based on smoking in those areas.

"We've had increased complaints and we're trying to look at the overall process and make something workable for everyone," Jordan said.

KRS has proposed to the command establishing a separate covered area, initially a tent, away from Macy's near 7th Street. That would be followed by a pavilion-like structure to be built later.

"Johnston Island might have something, too," Jordan said. "We don't know about that yet."

Some other designated smoking areas, perhaps near the Post Office or Tape Escape, or both, may also be a part of the plan, he added.

In other news:

- Macy's will now cash personal, one-party checks for up to \$250, rather than the previous limit of \$200. The change comes as part of the new contract requirements.

- Surfway now accepts credit and debit cards at two of its four cashier stations. On the other hand, with communication upgrades going on lately, the process for clearing credit cards has, on occasion, slowed because of fewer lines dedicated for that purpose. Jordan said that should clear up in the next week or two.

Correction

Jeff DeLong is the KREMS Radar manager, not KEAMS Radar manager, as reported in the April 18 issue.

The *Hourglass* regrets the error.



(Photo by Dan Adler)

Powering up

Marine Department workers lower a diesel engine into LCM 8601 at the synchro-lift dry-dock, Saturday. The installation of the refurbished engines are part of the cyclic maintenance on the LCMs, according to Bob Babcock Marine Operations manager. Regular maintenance is performed every 45 days. Refurbishment of engines is performed every six years. The LCMs at Kwajalein log more hours than any other LCMs in the Army.

Kwajalein still SARS-free ...

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sessing any travel plans to affected countries and the Federated States of Micronesia government agrees.

"The government of FSM has issued an emergency order that restricts the entry of passengers traveling from countries that have had significant numbers of SARS cases," said Yvonne Duarte, Continental Travel office manager.

Anyone returning from Gina's Guangdong and Shanxi Province, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Hanoi in Vietnam and Toronto, Canada in the last 14 days is not allowed to enter the FSM according to an April 15 bulletin, she said.

This primarily Continental Airlines restriction is added to last week's notice that passengers on the island-hopper are not allowed to get off the plane until they are at their destination terminal.

Aloha, AMC and ATI do not report any changes in access on or off their planes according to military and civilian airline officials.

As of this morning, the World Health Organization reports 3,861 cases of

SARS worldwide with 495 deaths. Of the total cases reported, 1,873 so far have recovered. The numbers are expected to bump up due to China's underreporting of cases and deaths, according to the CDC.

In addition to travel precautions and restrictions, the disease is modifying "business as usual" in many places including Catholic church congregations in Toronto, Canada according to a April 18 MSNBC web news report.

Health and church officials, to limit transmission of the disease in this city with the largest number of SARS cases outside of Asia, sent recommendation to each parish. The recommendations included no sharing the communion cup, no use of the small confessional rooms and no traditional handshakes or embraces as signs of peace.

One religious group of 500 people was notified that they should observe a 10-day home-quarantine, MSNBC reported.

That is not the case on Kwajalein. "Still no cases have been seen here," Janikowski said.

Fair features fish and more ...

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bottled water.

The fish, from ahi to blue marlin, come from an American-owned commercial fishing enterprise in Majuro that currently sells sashimi-grade to the U.S. and Japan. It's never frozen, only chilled, and sells, on average, for less than \$4 a pound, depending on the type and size of fish, Coffey said.

Produce such as cucumbers and peppers and local favorites like pandanus and breadfruit are essentially organically grown on Lora Island near Majuro. Coffey inspected the farms noting they use rotating crop rows, one product in between another, to preserve the soil and add a fish-based fertilizer made locally, with only a small amount of additional nitrogen added.

"We can be buying stuff in Surfway that was picked the day before and not treated with anything," Coffey said.

The soap is coconut-based giving it moisturizing properties. Some in Coffey's office make a point of buying it when they're passing through the capital.

For bottled water, one might also turn locally, as a Marshallese company operates the same filtration and water purification equipment as many of their stateside and European competitors.

And that's just a few of the products. Other vendors on hand will offer black pearls, charcoal, insurance for boat owners, bottled water and tourist trips.

Some will give handicraft demonstrations and door prizes, including travel tickets, pearls and fish, will be awarded every hour.

"We're not asking anyone to buy anything in a charitable effort," Coffey said. "We haven't entered into any contracts, and we've made it clear to the Marshallese they have to compete. This is an opportunity to inform the community what's available locally once the approval is in place."

Once the Marshallese apply, an Army inspector from Hawaii will visit and could grant approved status immediately if the companies meet the requirements. Kwajalein Range Services officials have said they would then need 30-45 days to complete contracts for sales. An Army inspector visiting earlier this year said many of the companies could be very close to achieving that status.

But though the fair offers an opportunity for Kwajalein shoppers, "it is not the finish line," Coffey said. "The real goal is to be able to walk into Surfway or some other facility and have this available."

Bar side to reopen, while fine dining gets creative ...

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to use the kitchen area," Jones said. "We'll shore it up to make it safe though."

He added the dining area would be closed off from use, as well.

More importantly, the inspector found the ceiling in the foyer, where the entrance and bathrooms are located, and bar area to be safe, and crews over the next three weeks will work on the ceiling to shore up any minor, loose chips, Jones said.

For the short-term, the bar side will reopen serving drinks and a small bar-food menu, using the short-order grill behind the bar. The menu will include Buffalo wings and quesadillas, along with local favorites such as the coconut prawns and Kwaj burger.

For the long-term, however, "We're hoping eventually to build a new facility but, of course, that is all contingent on funding," Jordan said. Such a project would require the money and around two years of work from the engineer-

ing design to the actual construction. Reopening the bar was a priority given that profits from the operation support the recreation fund, though officials transferred most of the functions to the Oceanview and promoted alternative events.

Despite that the closure, "impacts bar sales which is a large revenue-maker for the recreation fund," Jordan said.

On the other side of the house, the elimination of fine dining at the club prompted new, creative efforts including a catered-meals-at-home service or, even on the beach.

For example, Mike Herrington led his wife, Sandy, to the beach one evening last month, saying he wanted to take pictures of the windsurfers at sunset. On the way, he spotted a parqu-floor dining area set apart from the rest of Emon Beach by palm fronds. He asked his wife what that was and led her over to investigate. That's when she discovered the dining area was set for her in

Wrestlers are a hit at Walter Reed

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Army Pvt. Fernando Gonzalez enjoyed a visit from professional wrestlers "Bradshaw" and "Faarooq," who visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center recently.

Gonzalez, 18, who was shot in his left thigh five days after arriving in Iraq, said he has been an avid wrestling fan since he was a kid.

The Riverside, Calif., native, joined the Army in August 2002 because, "That was the best thing for me to do, at the time," and it was "a stepping stone going into law enforcement."

Gonzales said later, "They're pretty big guys, but they're real people. They're really down-to-earth people and they're easy to talk to. The fact star wrestlers visited me makes me feel good."

"This is my way of saying thank you very much to these guys for what they've done," Bradshaw said. "They've done a hell of a lot."

Asked what prompted him to visit the soldiers, Faarooq said, "Why wouldn't you come to visit these guys? For what they're doing for us over there, sacrificing their lives, this is the least I could do. I wish I could do more."

honor of a birthday and anniversary.

"He surprised me," she said.

The two dined on steak and side dishes, along with a salad and dessert, all while watching the sun set in the lagoon.

"It was absolutely wonderful," Sandy said.

The catering group is now serving two or more such special meals at homes and other locales every week, according to Walter Turner, catering manager and executive chef.

"We actually made champagne out of lemons," Turner said, playing off the common lemons-from-lemonade cliché analogy. "There's a high demand for this," he added.

"That's helped a lot with the [financial] impact on the fine dining," Jordan added, saying the recreation fund has not seen any damage yet.

Other fine dining options will open at the Café Pacific on April 26 and at the Country Club, "in the near future," Turner said.

HELP WANTED

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

REPORTER. The *Hourglass* needs someone who can research material, interview sources, take photographs and write news stories. Knowledge of desktop publishing software helps. Previous journalism experience a plus.

USAKA has the following job vacancies. For application information, call Cris Foster, 54417.

GENERAL ENGINEER, GS-0801-14. Duty stationed in Arlington, Va. (Missile Defense Agency). Closes April 25.

University of Maryland College has the following vacancy:

ASSISTANT FIELD REPRESENTATIVE. Duties include processing registrations, administering placement tests and proctored exams, correspondence, word processing, filing and other duties of field representative. Individual must have good organizational skills, interpersonal skills and knowledge of MS Excel and Word. For more information, call Gena Hansen, 52800.

WANTED

ABUSED AND unwanted plants for a good home, BQ flower garden project. Call 54826 and leave a message.

BEGINNING SURFBOARD for 12-year-old. Call Greg, 59019.

WOODEN BARREL for prop in school play. Will return after April 24. Call Leah, 52777.

LOST

BLACK LEATHER wallet containing cash, credit cards and driver's license. Reward for return of cards. No questions asked. Call 50738 or 54791.

BLACK METAL frame glasses in black pouch between IT training building and GSK. Call 53784 or 50894.

FOUND

WATCH at North Point. Call Starr, 54691.

FOR SALE

FOUR-SPEED Kwaj bike, good condition, \$40; three complete sets of scuba gear with BCD, regulator, AIR 2 and weights, one size ladies' small, two size men's medium; ladies' wetsuit, small, excellent condition, \$35. Call 58672.

PCS SALE. Two floor-to-ceiling bookshelves; two-shelf bookshelf; two 35 lb. weights; 40 lb. punching bag; scuba BCD and regulator; utility shelf. Call 52293, evenings before 9 p.m.

AEROBARS: Clip-on Profile Design Airstrike 2000, turn any road bike into a Rustman triathlon bike, \$35. Call 54210.

KODAK DC5000 digital camera, Kodak top-of-the-line, complete with carrying case, extra memory stick, extra batteries, charger, manuals and software, excellent condition, \$300. Call Rick, 55565H or 53931W.

COMPUTER DESK/HUTCH, \$15; two bookcases, four-shelf, walnut-finished metal, \$10 each; men's new Henderson wetsuit, medium, \$100; shorty wetsuit, men's medium, \$25; TV antenna, \$15; 8' patio shade, \$20; 32" roll-up shade, \$5; Kwaj-condition bike, \$10. Call 59508W or 54879H.

PCS SALE. CAL 20, great shape, needs bottom paint and TLC, includes 8 hp Yamaha outboard with less than 10 hours use, currently out of water, includes mooring; computer hutch, \$500 new, sell for \$200; Burley, new, \$150. Call Eileen, 51420.

PCS SALE. SHAKER ROCKER, \$40; paper shredder, \$25; assorted large plants in large pots, \$10 each; microwave, \$45 and microwave cart, \$35, or \$75 for both; two Rubbermaid storage sheds, \$100 each; cast iron fry pans, set of three, \$30; 73-quart storage bins, \$4 each; wall shelves, three for \$15. Call 58823, 10 a.m.- 7 p.m., only.

MACINTOSH Performa 6220CD with monitor and TV tuner card, 2G hard drive, keyboard, TurboMouse, SCSI zip drive, CD ROM, 64M RAM, OS 8.6, \$200 or best offer; 55-gallon aquarium with lots of essentials and extras including Fluval 404 filter, Magnum polisher, undergravel plate, spare filter medias, \$400. Call 52370.

LAMP, comforter, pots for plants, VCR. Call 54691.

TWO ADULT female Sun bikes, four-speed, good condition, many new parts, \$60 each; four Tiki torches and fuel, never used, \$5 each; green patio chairs, \$5 each; large rear bike basket, never used. Call 50158.

KITE SURFING GEAR: Nash four-line inflatable kites, 7.5 and 9.5 with control bars, lines and pumps, \$300 each; "Da Kine" kite or sailboard harness, \$75; kiteboard, bi-directional with straps, fins and leash, \$200; two surfing knee-boards, \$150 each; new Sector Nine long skateboard, \$100. Call 53170.

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

BOAT SHACK #36, \$1,100. Call Debra, 52279, or LuAnne, 58172, after 5 p.m. or leave a message.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

REUTILIZATION and DISPOSAL holds a special unsolicited furniture bid sale Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon. Minimum acceptable bids are posted. The USAKA PLCO and a representative from finance are on hand to approve all bids and accept payment. Transportation of items to Ebeye provided by special barge. Tentative departure from Kwajalein is 3 p.m. All furniture is unloaded at the Ebeye pier. USAKA and the contractor accept no responsibility for furniture after payment is made. Closed toe shoes strongly recommended.

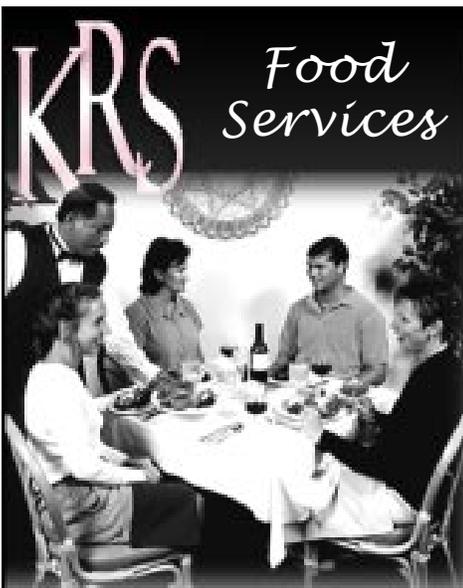
KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB presents a slide show highlighting the Alinglaplap outrigger canoe race Tuesday, April 29, 7 p.m., in CAC room 6.

PLACE YOUR special orders for La-Z-Boy and Sauder furniture, Sealy mattresses and Sony or Panasonic video and audio products at the Retail Office, Building 708, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL art show featuring Roman and Greek art is tomorrow, 6-8 p.m., in the MP room. There will be drawings for art prizes. Wear a toga to show support. KRS will show appreciation for teachers and parents by providing refreshments.

A LANGUAGE ARTS curriculum meeting for parents of students in grades 7-12 is Friday, 7 p.m., in the high school library. Everyone is welcome. Copies of the curriculum can be picked up at the high school office.

KRS FOOD SERVICES strives to give the best customer satisfaction possible. To ensure success, we request at least a week's notice prior to catering an event.



KRS Food Services

Fine Dining is back! Saturday, 7:30-10 p.m., at Café Pacific. No reservations required.

Country Club Bar is open tomorrow and Friday, 4-7 p.m.

Come to the 10% off sale at the Micronesian Shop Friday, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

All profits support educational grants throughout Micronesia.

ISLAND WOMEN are invited to the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club newcomer wine and cheese get together Sunday, April 27, 4-6 p.m., at the commander's quarters. A lei making demonstration and information on island activities is available. Questions? Call Dianne, 55990, or Denise, 54630.

WANT TO volunteer at the Micronesian Handicraft Shop? A training session is Monday, April 28, 2 p.m., at the shop. For more information, call Dianne, 55990.

MARSHALLESE CULTURAL Experience presented by George Seitz Elementary School students is Saturday, May 3, 7 p.m., in the MP room. Students will share their knowledge of Marshallese culture through song, dance, drama and stories.

BUNKO! Come to the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club general membership meeting tomorrow, 7 p.m., in CRC room 7. Never played Bunko before? No problem. It's simple, lots of fun and you might be a winner. Mic Shop prizes awarded. RSVP to Jody, 53235.

SCUBA CLUB is holding a two-tank dive trip to Legan and Lone Palm April 27. The boat will depart from Small Boat Marina at 7:30 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Snorkelers are welcome. To sign up, call Mac, 59559 or 52860.

LCM FERRY RULES: After 7 p.m., all passengers are required to remain in the well deck under the canvas covers. No passenger is authorized to be in the wheelhouse area after that time.

BALLROOM DINNER/DANCE tickets are on sale now. This annual extravaganza featuring "The Pacific's Most Dangerous Band" is April 27. To purchase tickets, call Cris, 52935, Nate, 53578, or Dick, 51684.

GRADUATION FOR Scouts is May 5, 6 p.m., at family pool. Bring a dish to share for a Mexican potluck. Bring a swimsuit.

PASSPORT PHOTOS are taken every Tuesday, 1-4 p.m., at the RTS Photo Lab, Building 1002. Pay first at Finance. Questions? Call 53773.

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.



In the spotlight

"The Castaways"
A musical presented
by 4th, 5th and 6th
grade students,
Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m.,
in the MP room.

**FREE
admission**

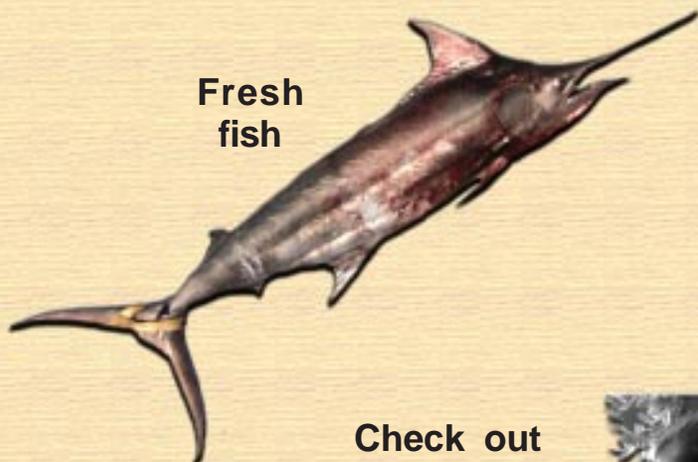


RMI Trade and Craft Fair

Monday, 9 a.m., by Macy's Porch

The USAKA community can experience Marshallese goods and services as more than two dozen RMI vendors sell fresh fruit and vegetables, shushi, shasimi, black pearls, handicrafts and share information on dive experiences in the Marshalls.

Fresh fish



Check out the handicrafts



- Tour the dive boat at the pier
- Door prize drawings every hour on the hour for trips, dinner cruise, AMI tickets and more

See you at the movies!

Wednesday

The Banger Sisters (2002, R) Two former '60s groupies — one still wild, one straight-laced and married — meet up in 2001. (Goldie Hawn, Susan Sarandon)
Adult Recreation Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday

The Other Side of Heaven (2001, PG) An Idaho Falls farm kid travels to Tonga to become a missionary during the 1950s.
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Red Dragon (2002, R) In a precursor to Silence of the Lambs, an FBI agent contacts Dr. Hannibal Lector for help with another psychotic criminal. (Edward Norton, Anthony Hopkins)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Red Dragon (2002, R)
Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Sunday

A Bug's Life (1998, PG) Flik, an ant who can't get anything right, embarks on a plan to free his colony from the clutches of evil grasshoppers. Features an all-star cast of voices including Dave Foley, Kevin Spacey and Julia Louis-Dreyfuss.
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Twister (1996, PG-13) A estranged couple, both scientists, reunite to chase a super tornado across Oklahoma. (Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

8 Mile (2002, R) A young rapper in Detroit deals with the pain and frustration in his life through music. (Eminem)
Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Monday

The Other Side of Heaven (2003, PG)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Red Dragon (2002, PG-13)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Surfside Beauty Salon manager Brenda Panton prepares to cut Chris Danals' hair. The hair is destined for non-profit Locks of Love, where it will be made into a wig for children with medical hair loss.

Hair today, donated tomorrow

By KW Hillis

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About once a year, a long-haired resident opts for a shorter cut and donates his or her tresses to Locks of Love, according to Brenda Panton, Surfside Beauty Salon manager.

Chris Danals did Thursday.

"I suggest Locks of Love if their hair meets the length requirements, but Chris already knew about it and wanted to donate," she said.

Locks of Love, a non-profit organization, makes human hair prosthetics

and gives them to disadvantaged children with medical hair loss. Donated hair must be at least 10-inches long and meet certain requirements listed on www.locksoflove.org.

We do know how to cut hair to get the optimum length, Panton said as she cut the last lock of Danals' hair and laid it next to the bundle on the counter.

Tired of long hair, Danals said he wanted to see it put to good use and wasn't concerned about cutting so much off all at once.

"It's just hair," he said.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Numerous showers, some heavy, and a possible thunderstorm.

Winds: East at 13-17 knots, with gusts to 26 knots near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny with widely scattered showers.

Winds: East at 13-17 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Temperature: Tonight's low 75°
Tomorrow's high 86°

April rain total: 6.50"

Annual rain total: 13.69"

Annual deviation: -3.49"

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Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday April 22	0637/1859	/1127	0740, 5.1' 2020, 3.7'	0110, 1.4' 1420, 1.6'
Wednesday April 23	0637/1859	0034/1227 Last Moon	0850, 4.5' 2200, 3.3'	0200, 2.0' 1550, 2.1'
Thursday April 24	0636/1859	0129/1323	1030, 4.1'	0330, 2.5' 1800, 2.1'
Friday April 25	0636/1859	0218/1416	0040, 3.4' 1230, 4.1'	0610, 2.5' 1930, 1.8'