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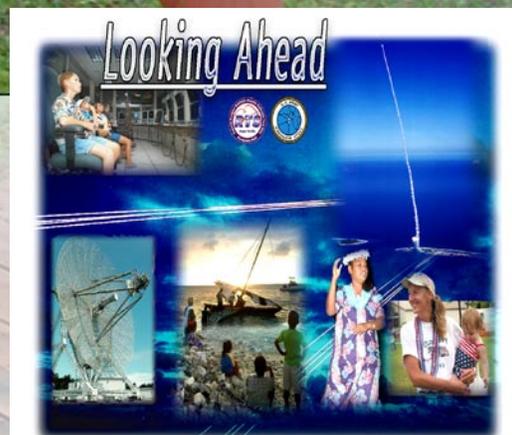
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# Fishing presents humbling experience for teen

By David Waddell

A few weeks ago, I went fishing with one of my friend's father. No biggie right? Well this story has a catch.

This was not pond fishing boys and girls. This was deep-sea fishing. I mean marlin-catching, tuna-wrestling; keep the shark's away mayhem.

We rented a B-boat from the small boat marina and met up with a guy named Les, who we waited for at the docks.

We loaded up and just as we were about to cast off, one of Les's friends showed up. We were expecting him, but since it was getting late we did not know if he could go. He loaded up and we were on our way with me, my friend's dad Rick, Les, and Les's friend driving.



Les put out the two hand-lines with hooks on them that looked like they could kill a cow and his fishing pole that was as thick as your thumb, and a very vicious looking hook.

We left the lagoon and went out SAR Pass, marked by green and red buoys. On our way out, I got a close look at the capsized remains of the Prinz Eugen. The ship was a German flagship during WWII and was used as a target ship during the Bikini Atoll nuclear

explore.

Upon reaching the other end of the pass, I was welcomed by 7-foot seas and soon an upset stomach. We tooled around for four hours seeing several islands I had previously not seen because they are located on the east reef, and a bird called a marlin bird, I am told, because it likes to go after your marlin lures. This one looked like it may have been caught because its stomach was ripped open and its insides were on the outside, but it was still flying with no sign of its condition.

On several occasions, I seemed to see birds suddenly pop out of the waves, glide a little and duck back down into the water, never getting more than a foot off the waves. However, to my realization these were not birds but fish.

Call me crazy but apparently a species of fish called flying fish can jump out of the water, spread their fins and glide for a good fifty yards. I had previously only heard about these fish in books and had thought they were fictitious. Boy was I wrong.

Anyway, we tooled around for four hours and returned to port skunked. Yes, no fish at all were caught that day by anyone in our boat. Ah well, I had fun anyway.

*(David Waddell is a sophomore at Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School.)*

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## Upon reaching the other end of the pass, I was welcomed by 7-foot seas and soon an upset stomach.

tests. It survived the tests barely and was toed back to Kwaj where it capsized and sank in the lagoon. Today, you can see the rusted remains of the stern which is out of the water resting on the coral for all to view. It is also a common and favorite place for divers to

## Marshallese Word of the Day

**likko — skirt**

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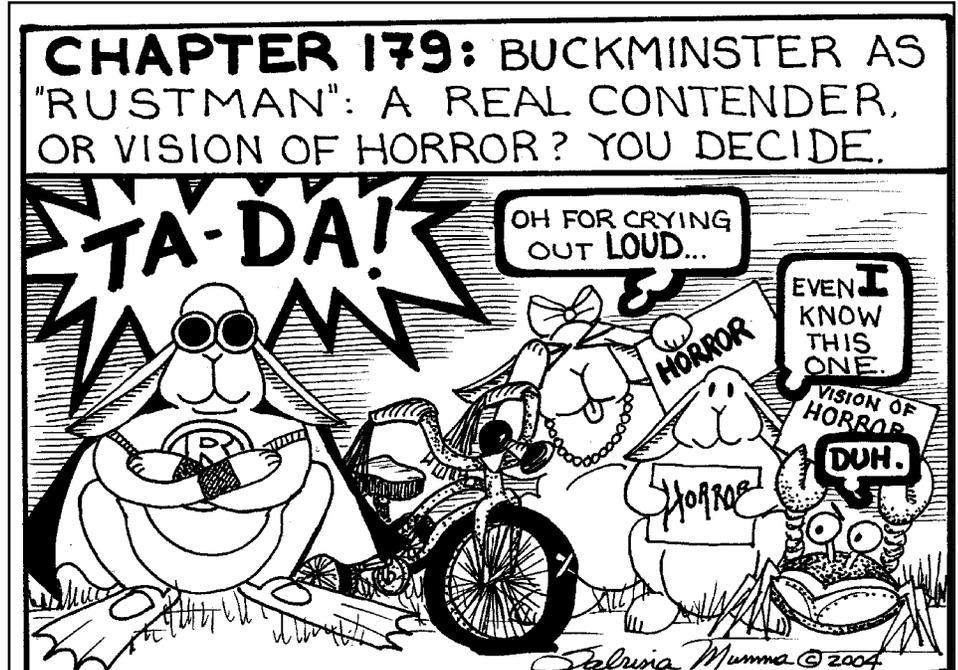
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## Buckminster and Friends

by Sabrina Mumma



# Automatic defibrillator could help save lives

By Jan Waddell  
Reporter

It looks similar to a child toy but this battery powered unit could someday save a life.

The Zoll Automatic External Defibrillator Plus was placed in the field this month after an extensive training program for Marine and Fire Department personnel.

AEDs are on the fire trucks and ambulances on Roi, Kwajalein and Meck. Each Catamaran has one AED on board and there are two at the Marine Department for ocean-going vessels, said Assistant Fire Chief Mitch Stanaland, who is a nationally registered emergency medical technician and paramedic.

"The current plan is deployment of the AEDs on the Meck ferries and for long-distance voyages by USAKA watercraft," said Dr. Eric Lindborg, chief medical officer.

AED are used when the person in distress is not going to have immediate access to a hospital.

"Early defibrillation is a life-saving intervention for individuals with certain types of sudden cardiac events," Lindborg said. "It has been said that the salvage rate decreases by about 10 minutes for each minute of delay in defibrillation. This means that in most cases the likelihood of meaningful salvage from a fibrillation episode is virtually zero after 10 minutes."

"The early defibrillation is the key," Stanaland said.

Early intervention increases the chance of returning the heart to normal rhythm, he added.

"The longer it takes to defibrillate a victim, the less chance there is of survival," said Kathy Campbell, a registered nurse with Occupational Health Department. "Brain death occurs at about the four-minute time frame."

AEDs are widely used in the states, Lindborg added. They are used by airports, on airplanes, police cars and at retail facilities.

"The reason we chose these, they are not complicated," Stanaland said.

The AED is battery powered and runs on a lithium battery which is locally available.

The pads have a four-year shelf life which lowers the maintenance of the machine, Stanaland said.

The picture coded front of the AED not only shows the steps which have



**Assistant Fire Chief Mitch Stanaland examines the Zoll Automatic External Defibrillator Plus. Though it looks like a toy, the device with drawings and voiced instructions could save a life in a cardiac event.**



(Photos by Jan Waddell)

to be followed, but the paddles, when placed on a person, also show the location for chest compression should that become necessary.

"It actually speaks to you," Stanaland said. "It has visible as well as audible instructions."

Marine Department personnel trained on the new AEDs with the Fire Department.

So far the only need for defibrillators has been on land and about once or twice a year.

"[It is a] proactive measure rather than a reactive measure," Stanaland said.

According to Stanaland, everyone at the Fire Department has trained to use an AED. In fact, everyone in the fire department has Red Cross training in cardio pulmonary resuscitation, first aid and the AED. First Responders have an additional 53 hours of training, EMTs have 110 hours and paramedics have two years of training.

Stanaland said there is continuing education at the fire department. This way the fire fighters keep up to date on all levels of their jobs.

"We train to the national standard," Stanaland said.

There are about 65 firefighters working on the three islands on any day of

the week. There are 12 firefighters on duty 24 hours a day on Kwajalein. On Roi, there are six and on Meck, when the island is open, there are six fire department personnel.

"EMT personnel can manage this quick response on Roi-Namur and Kwajalein but additional measures are appropriate when larger numbers of vulnerable individuals are working in other areas," Lindborg said.

The Fire Department also teaches the Red Cross Community programs which are CPR and first aid, Stanaland said. Those interested can call 53552.

"We will be happy to arrange training," he added. "When people call, we will plan a class."

The basic life support and AED takes about eight hours and is through the Hawaii chapter of the Red Cross.

"I encourage everyone to take a CPR class," Stanaland said. "You never know when you need those skills."

The Fire Department is also interested in the community's needs and, if there is a need for training or equipment, they will be happy to look into it.

"We are happy to meet the needs of the community," Stanaland said. "We want to provide the best service possible to the people of Kwaj."

# Chlorine gas spill exercise tests responsiveness



(Photo by Jan Waddell)

**Firefighters in chemical suits remove from the scene a victim overtaken by the chlorine gas.**

**The victims had various degrees of injuries from inhalation to chemical burns to two fatalities.**

**By Jan Waddell**  
Reporter

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, a 911 call went out from the Power Plant. Eleven victims were involved in a chlorine spill.

The Fire Department, Police, Environmental, hospital and automotive staffs responded to the mass casualty training exercise.

What they found was a truck carrying oxygen cylinders had hit a forklift carrying a drum of liquid chlorine, and chlorine gas had overtaken 11 victims, played by high school students.

The degree of chlorine poisoning depended on how the victim was exposed, the amount of chlorine spilled and how long they were exposed to the chlorine.

The victims had various degrees of injuries from inhalation to chemical burns to two fatalities.

Students were made-up to appear burned, and each student had a role to play as to their degree of injury, and a tag attached to them to tell what degree they were affected by the chemical.

Firefighters assessed the situation upon arriving at the scene, and then set up an area to hose victims down.

The fire department first called out to any victims who were able to walk to the staging area. Those victims were hosed down and their clothes removed, to remove any chemical on their skin or clothing.

Victims who were not able to walk to the staging area were carried on stretchers to the staging area.

The victims then went to a triage area several yards away, where they were assessed by a doctor and two nurses for the severity of their injuries.

Each victim was placed in the area either marked by a red, yellow or green flag which corresponded to their condition.

Once patients were triaged, they were then transported to the hospital in emergency vehicles.

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(Photo by Dan Adler)

**Dr. Jill Horner leads chemical spill victim Christina Padayhag into the hospital.**



(Photo by Dan Adler)

**Paramedics Karolyn Mills, left, and Marc Pullis treat patient Jon Cassel. Patients from the chemical spill exercise were taken to all areas of the hospital, the more serious upstairs, and these, less serious injured, in the waiting room.**

# Casualty exercise spills over hospital ...

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At the hospital, Dr. Eric Lindborg, chief medical officer, assessed each victim as they came in and depending on the severity of the injuries, they were either sent to the hospital lobby for medical treatment or upstairs, for more serious cases.

Most all hospital staff joined in the exercise in some form providing medical care and assessment of the patients.

In all, the entire exercise took around an hour for all victims to be triaged in the field and then transported to the hospital for care.

"I thought it went extremely well," said Mitch Stanaland assistant fire chief. "All participants performed to the level expected."

Stanaland said there were minor problems identified, and added the Fire Department will have additional training to correct these areas.

Stanaland said this exercise actually entailed three events; hazardous material, mass causality and rescue from a hazmat situation.



(Photo by Dan Adler)

Valerie Janikowski directs staff where to take a victim, due to the severity of the person's injuries.

## New chief brings varied experiences to table

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

Chief of Police Dennis Johnson has been here before.

Not exactly Kwajalein, but after living and working in law enforcement and security in 54 countries over the years, he finds some familiarity with Kwajalein.

"It's the same, but different," Johnson said. "I see so much positive, and maybe everyone when they're new, sees things that way, but for the first time, I'm not some place 'they' told me go. I wanted to be here."

Johnson, a 21-year, veteran Soldier, "retired out of the Army to get this job," he said. He came to Kwajalein from Iraq, where he served as a force protection sergeant major in a special operations unit.

His family – wife of 17 years, Rhonda; and 14-year-old son, Mitch – lived at Fort Bragg, N.C., while he was deployed, and will join him on-island in June.

In just his first two weeks on-island, Johnson has already earned a boating license, fished, gone to church and attended the Spring Music Festival. But that's

part of his m.o. to stay in touch with the Kwajalein community.

"I'll be fairly involved," he said. "That's how I'm going to have a pulse on what's going on."

Throughout his career, Johnson worked in military policing, both the law enforcement side of the house and force protection. He also worked as a recruiter, which honed his skills in interviewing people, he said. All of that experience, he says, will help him with the job on Kwajalein.

Johnson described the Kwajalein police mission as one of an "international peace officer."

"It's a difficult balance," he said, describing the challenge of policing a community with members of a host nation.

"This is their country," he said. "There are a lot of delicate things and how we're going to deal with them professionally and courteously."

After recent charges of harassment by the Marshallese athletic community, stemming from police activity in February and March during softball season, police announced the depart-

ment would increase its sensitivity training for new and current officers. The training is taught by a Marshallese officer and includes a trip to Ebeye. Johnson said he's taking the orientation as a new hire, but also looking at it with an eye for "exactly what everyone is getting from us."

In addition to working with the host nation, for law enforcement it's the broad spectrum of activity from airport security to harbor police to street cops, that adds the challenge.

"Normally, three to four different agencies would be handling that kind of work," Johnson said.

Despite the challenges, Johnson said he likes what he sees.

"I see a lot of good personnel," he said. "I'm very impressed. I wish we had more equipment and budget ... We'll continue to refine and improve what we already have in high quality."

And the new police chief feels at home, even if it is his 54th country.

"I've heard it said that everyone on Kwajalein has a unique story for how they got here," he said, "but they all belong here."

# Club closes kitchen for work; Aloha bags policy

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

The Yokwe Yuk Club kitchen is closed until further notice as officials address renovations needed to meet regulations.

Joe Marshall, KRS vice president and deputy program manager for Community Services, made the announcement during a sensing session that covered a number of island issues, Wednesday.

"We're trying to stay within the bounds of the law," he said of the needed renovations. "We have to take what we've got and do the best we can."

In response, the Food Services staff has turned a portion of the Three Palms Snack Bar into a restaurant with table cloths Sunday and Monday nights. Monday corresponds with the prime rib special at the snack bar, which the staff hopes customers will find appealing.

"You don't have to eat your prime rib off a paper plate."

The club's kitchen first closed in February 2003, after a portion of the cement ceiling separated from the rebar skeleton and crashed to the floor. Since then, crews have made repairs to the kitchen area, making portions safe and open. The public area was inspected and deemed safe and open to the public. But making the open areas meet food service standards have complicated matters.

Marshall said the kitchen will remain closed while officials look at longer-term renovations that would not only meet food service standards, but also add some improvements to public areas such as the restrooms, for example.

Marshall, and others, still hope for a new club to be built, but that will take one to three years after approval. (Col. Brown addresses this in his State of the Atoll outline under "Privatization.")

"And we need something to serve the customers in the meantime," Marshall said.

## Weighing In

Answering a concern that Continental Ticket Office was skewing sales toward Continental Airlines, Yvonne Duarte said, "We sell all tickets."

Duarte added, "since Aloha has

no child fares, KRS is not paying the extra \$120 for kids to fly on Aloha," which could account for the misperception.

In fact, the reservation system gives agents a look at all available flights a customer might request for a given destination, regardless of the airline.

In a related note, Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander, continues to work issues surrounding the recently canceled Delta Visit USA passes and baggage allowances for airline customers.

Continental allows each passenger two bags weighing up to 70 pounds each, and a carry-on bag.

Aloha, on the other hand, reduced passengers' allowance to 70 pounds of total baggage weight, but recently changed the policy.

Aloha now allows passengers flying from Kwajalein to Honolulu, to check a bag or bags weighing up to 70 pounds to Honolulu free of charge. Customers may check an additional 70 pounds in baggage free of charge, but on a space available basis. After that, any bags, up to 35 pounds, may fly space available for \$25 per bag.

Bags must remain under 62 inches in linear dimensions, or for \$25, up to 80 inches of linear dimensions.

The revision does not apply to flights from Kwajalein to Majuro.

## Serving the youth

The session discussed the apparent low-turnout at the Youth Center.

"CYS is doing innovative things," said Lynn Beckler, who represents KRS Education department. "The students are not necessarily responding."

"It's missing the 'cool factor,'" said Simone Smead, Community Activities manager, adding, "It's the ebb and flow of things here."

Smead suggested that the youth have too much, rather than not enough, to do and activities are "over-programmed."

"Organizations are competing for the kids," she said. "The kids that run these things [organizations] are overbooked. They're very involved."

She added, the teen center historically has been a place "to just hang out."

Duarte suggested catered events.

"Food attracts them."

"I know the staff is working hard," Marshall said, adding the staff is looking at new purchases to improve and update the atmosphere.

## Getting the word out

Sarah Stepchew, representing Raytheon at GBR-P, suggested improving critical communication after the recent illness that resulted in the death of Robyn Clark. Clark, 15, died of meningitis, but not the severely contagious variety. The rumor mill, however, raised concerns, and efforts to diffuse rumors through daily reports on the KRS Newline may have helped KRS employees and their families, but other contractors did not necessarily have access to the information. The committee discussed broadening the KRS Newline distribution.

"It's grown into a real tool," Smead said.

## In other business:

- MIT representative Lyn Long suggested doing away with the yellow box around the Post Office, saying it has created more safety hazards than it has reduced. Smead added a suggestion to add more racks to control parking.

But USAKA Community Services' Gerry Wolf said, "People have got to be more courteous," and added a suggestion that Safety close off all bicycle traffic to downtown, forcing parking to the ends of the mini-mall, as during the annual Christmas event.

Duarte agreed with Wolf, describing the near-misses and saying, "It's an accident waiting to happen."

- Stepchew asked for improved advertising for K-6 after-school activities. The after-school program hosted events during spring break, but Stepchew said many people were unaware of those programs.

- Long asked police to look at flight check-in times.

"Sometimes you sit there an hour before the plane lands," she said.

Waiting times vary from flight to flight, she added.

Wolf asked KPD site manager Lee Chewey to reexamine the policy and source of that policy, be it the airlines, Army or Transportation Security Agency, to see what, if anything, could be done.

# Looking Ahead



## Colonel outlines State of the Atoll

(Illustration by Dan Adler)

### Introduction

It's hard to believe that it's been more than a year since the first *Hourglass* article outlining my strategic vision for the future. As with the President's State of the Union address each year, we should take the time to assess our progress during the past year toward realizing the strategic vision, and consider the opportunities in the coming year — and the years beyond. In that light, this is my first annual "State of the Atoll" message. My purpose in this article is to provide an assessment and an update. Last year, I tried to provide a baseline for the vision. This year, I'll focus on the accomplishments, changes and opportunities.

Since the *Hourglass* article of a year ago, we have been actively engaged in strategic planning for the future. As a result, our vision statement has been reworded slightly to better capture where we want to go as an organization and as a community. To recap, our vision is for USAKA/RTS to be the world's best missile test facility, operated by the most experienced and capable people, to be a leader in technology development with unparalleled space operations support and surveillance capabilities, and to be a model for intergovernmental relationships. We want to accomplish these things while providing the best possible quality of life for our soldiers, civilians, contractors and their families,

## Mission First, People Always

Col. Jerry Brown,  
USAKA commander



while optimizing all of our resources.

As you all know, the past year has been one of transitions accompanied by many changes. Primary among them has been the transition of our logistical support and integrated range engineering contract responsibilities from Raytheon to Kwajalein Range Services. As with all changes of this scale, we lost some old friends to the lure of other opportunities and a change of scene, and gained new ones — those who have come for the challenge of difficult and responsible jobs, along with the chance to enjoy our one-of-a-kind island lifestyle.

Most important in this transition is that the missile test and space operations missions we are here to support continued without interruption and with the complete customer satisfaction that has always been the hallmark of this command.

In addition to our primary contract change, the essentially seamless transition of our meteorological services contract from Aeromet to 3D Research once again attested to the ability of our Kwajalein team to react quickly to the unexpected, stay the course with exceptional customer support and do it all with a smile.

Our mission at USAKA/RTS is essentially unchanged from what I wrote a year ago. We are providing a comprehensive missile system-testing environment, supporting space operations and surveillance, and representing Pacific Command in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. While we do not expect transitions of the scope that occurred this past year, there will be additional changes. I am confident, however, that those that do occur will be met with the same "Can Do!" attitude and with the same positive results.

As I said at the beginning, a year has already passed since I initially outlined our strategic vision. So, how have we done so far? Have we made any progress? The quick answer is "Yes, we have."

I will address what we've done over the short span of a year in the elements of our mission as well as in improvements to our quality of life. Perhaps more importantly, I want you to know where we're headed next, so I will also outline some of our plans for the future.

## Missile Testing

During the last year, we supported one Peacekeeper and three Minuteman operational tests, the missions for which we are best known. Peacekeeper mission, GT-32, was the first mission taken by the new contractor, Kwajalein Range Services, just 11 days after assuming full contract responsibility. Through a concerted team effort, the mission was supported successfully and all data collection objectives were met. We continue to maintain our long history of collecting the highest quality data for our Air Force customers.

The year 2003 marked a lengthy pause in Ground-based Midcourse Defense testing as the program transitioned to the operational booster intended for deployment. On Jan. 27, we supported IFT-13B, a successful test of a candidate booster for the GMD program. Planning and practice is now underway for the next test in the GMD series, IFT-13C, scheduled for June 2004.

Early 2003 marked the completion and final acceptance testing of an extensive modernization project at USAKA/RTS. This modernization affected nearly all of our sensors and enables us to more reliably and flexibly support our customers' dynamic requirements. However, we didn't dwell on these significant achievements. We held a completion ceremony and a celebration, and then moved on to the next exciting challenge, the RTS Operations Coordination Center, or ROCC.

## Space Operations and Surveillance

Due to our geographic location, USAKA/RTS is the first ground-based

radar site in the Space Surveillance Network to detect most new satellite launches from the Asian continent, including Russia, China and Korea. Space launches from these countries become visible to our radars shortly after lift-off, so our data is valuable for orbital location (Where is it?) and launch assessment (What does it do?). Of the launches that we supported last year, two were somewhat unique.

The first launch of note was the Rocket launch on June 30, 2003, from Plesetsk, Russia. This mission placed eight objects in orbit, including six so-called "micro-satellites," and provided an excellent opportunity to apply our unique sensor capabilities to a complex foreign launch in a complementary manner.

The second historic launch was the Shenzhou-V launched from China on Oct. 15, 2003. On that date, China became only the third nation in the world to place a man in orbit. The Shenzhou program has garnered worldwide attention as one of the most visible new foreign launch programs, and USAKA/RTS was the first site in the SSN to track the spacecraft approximately 20 minutes after launch.

Later this year, we will support the NASA Office of Space Science with their Equatorial Ionospheric Studies II, or EQUIS II, project, an activity designed to study disturbances in the ionosphere created by the interaction between the sun and the Earth's magnetic field. Project scientists from Goddard Space Flight Center, as well as Cornell University and Clemson University, will first determine the pres-

ence of appropriate disturbances using ALTAIR and other ground-based instruments. They will then launch a series of 14 sounding rockets with payloads to make measurements of the observed phenomena.

Similar studies were conducted at USAKA/RTS in 1990 that were tremendously successful. Look for these interesting scientific launches in the August-September timeframe.

In an exciting development for USAKA/RTS, a new company, Space Exploration Technologies Corporation, or Space X, is investigating the use of Kwajalein as a desirable launch location for its Falcon rocket family. This family of launch vehicles is intended to reduce the cost and increase the reliability of access to space.

It's clear to me that you, our experienced and capable people, are working hard to be the world's best missile test facility and to provide unparalleled space operations support and surveillance capabilities. We are making good progress toward those goals of our vision.

## Model for Intergovernmental Relationships

Last year, I talked about the direction I wanted to go with host nation relations. Amending the Compact and the Military Use and Operating Rights Agreement were major goals, as was increasing RMI self-sufficiency and USAKA's procurement of RMI goods and services. I am happy to report tremendous progress on all fronts.

## The Compact and the MUORA

The Compact was signed by President Bush on Dec. 17, 2003, and passed by the RMI's Nitijella on Feb. 16, 2004. It will officially enter into force in the next couple of weeks pending some administrative protocols. I cannot overstate the importance of this achievement.

Although the Department of State was the lead for these negotiations, the sensitivity of the process had a profound impact on our operations, and I am convinced that USAKA's input had a dramatic and positive effect on the final form of the agreement.

The MUORA provides USAKA the option of remaining in the RMI until at least 2066. Now USAKA and the RMI can both reap the benefits provided by this long-term commitment.

For those of us who have been encouraged to see so much improvement on Ebeye over the past couple of years with a new hospital, new water plant, new power plant, new community center and the modernization of the landfill ... the best is yet to come. I am very optimistic that ground will soon be broken for the



(File photo)

**Two re-entry vehicles streak through the night sky over Kwajalein during a Glory Trip last year in this time-elased photograph.**

first-ever public high school on Ebeye.

### **RMI self-sufficiency**

USAKA continues to work with KRS to refine a robust Marshallese Training and Employment Plan and to work on other human resource development projects like RMI scholarships and the USAKA/RMI intern program. In addition, KRS has taught Marshallese workers computer skills on Kwajalein, and in the coming months will sponsor the computer training center on Ebeye, graduating ten to 12 students per month. These programs are critical to real sustainable development of RMI human resources, but they are only possible when you have the stability provided by things like a long-term contract, Compact and MUORA.

### **RMI goods and services**

Another stated goal for the past year was to increase USAKA consumption of RMI goods and services. As a mechanism to make all this happen, USAKA, KRS, the US Embassy and of course the RMI, formed a Joint Business Board.

This board has served as a catalyst and a mechanism to advance several USAKA/RMI business ventures. Now that these doors have been opened, RMI businesses are working directly with KRS to let you, the USAKA residents, determine what level of economic interaction we will have with the RMI. This is why you may have seen new RMI items like the bottled water, black pearls, music CDs, and RMI clothing items in our stores.

### **Cultural exchange**

Although I didn't identify cultural exchange as a goal in my last article, it is an implied courtesy of any good neighbor. This community can be very proud of our accomplishments in this area over the past year. It starts with the new hire orientation. Although it is not mandatory, a large percentage of you are opting to attend the expanded, half-day Ebeye tour within the first 30 days of the start of your Kwajalein assignment. I have received dozens of positive reports on this tour, and I believe it must have prompted a great habit of cross-cultural interaction for most of you.

This past year, I saw large numbers from this community support Mani Day and Christmas in the Marshall Islands. In addition to our long history of sharing the holiday spirit within this atoll, the Boat Club and the National Honor Society have now initiated Christmas exchanges to the communities on Lib and Lae for the first time.

You, the Kwaj community, represent



*(File photo)*

**RMI Foreign Minister Gerald Zackios, right, signs the amended Compact of Free Association with U.S. Chief Negotiator Al Short, last May. USAKA/RTS played a role in bringing about the successful negotiations.**

the United States and this command better than anything we can do from my headquarters. You are the major reason that USAKA/RMI relations are at an all-time high. I want to continue to encourage and enable this type of community-level engagement. I want to continue to solicit ideas from those of you like Tarah Yurovchak, who asked our Host Nation Office to take the sixth grade on a field trip to Ebeye. This event was so successful that I hope other teachers and students will follow her lead.

In short, we are earning high marks in our efforts to be a model for intergovernmental relationships, and all of you are part of the reason for this success. Keep it up!

### **Quality of Life**

"Fine," you say, "but what about the things that affect the quality of life for my family and me?" Well, we've made significant progress in that area as well. Let me outline just a few of our many efforts over the last year.

### **Education**

I've told you that I am committed to ensuring that our children receive a quality education comparable to the best schools on the mainland. I am happy to report that our education system is on track and we are consistently scoring above the national average on SATs, ACTs and other nation-wide standardized tests. The staff and faculty are of the highest caliber and continue to improve. We offer a quality education

at all levels. This year is also the first time the Child Development Center and Child Youth Services are working directly as an integral part of the Kwajalein education system.

### **Driver's Education**

Last year, I wrote of my plan to bring back driver's education to the high school. In response, KRS hired a subcontractor to come teach a six-week driver's education course that consists of classroom and "hands on" instruction. The instructor arrived on island Jan. 17. Twenty-one students, 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, have signed up to take the course and, upon successful completion, 16 students received certificates of participation.

### **Medical Care**

Another thing I know you are all concerned about is our community hospital. We recognize the deficiencies of our current facility, and are aggressively pursuing options for building a new hospital on Kwajalein in the very near term. In the meantime, we will complete all necessary electrical upgrades that will allow us to continue using state of the art equipment and to provide reliable, quality medical services.

### **Housing**

I'm pleased with the progress we've made in housing improvements for both accompanied and unaccompanied personnel. By next month, we will have renovated 68 of our old "Navy" houses, providing those families with central

air conditioning, a second bathroom and kitchens with modern cabinetry and lighting fixtures. The renovations include new windows, flooring and carpets. Next year's housing plan will be more aggressive in an attempt to renovate a larger number of homes.

In addition to renovations, we are constructing new homes at North Point. Eight three-bedroom dome homes are under construction and will be ready for occupancy by August. We are also preparing to build eight to ten additional two- or three-bedroom units by the end of the year to replace our vintage trailers.

For our unaccompanied personnel, we completed renovation of the Ocean BQ in February. We now have 23 modern, studio style units that have private bathrooms and separate living areas with new countertops, cabinetry and carpeting.

#### **Privatization**

It's a pleasure to report that as a result of my most recent off-island trip, USAKA has received a commitment from the Department of the Army to develop a procedure for implementing a privatization lease venture here on Kwajalein. A PLV is a facilities investment proposal that will allow us to build community improvements that are not otherwise supported by traditional military construction funding. The modernization efforts, which I expect to be initiated this year, will include construction of a new community dining club, a new multipurpose complex that allow us to consolidate administrative offices and tear down many of the old unsafe structures currently housing various organizations, a new child development center and a billeting facility to replace the Kwaj Lodge.

The privatization initiative will also allow us to improve a very important area of quality of life — island food service. As you know, the only restaurant on island has been plagued with structural problems that have made it impossible to meet the community's needs for dining opportunities. The long-term solution for the failing Yokwe Yuk Club lies with the privatization initiative. We will build a new club at a lagoon-side location that will provide an atmosphere for dining unlike any other. However, we will also provide relief in the short term by finding funds necessary to make some major improvements to the existing club that will once again allow us to prepare and serve food while we are waiting for the new venue.

In the meantime, family dining will move to Three Palms twice a week to ease the inconvenience during the

"Yuk" upgrade. Dining will be complete with linen on the tables and professional waiters. Positive improvements are on the horizon!

#### **Master Plan**

In discussing these upcoming quality of life projects, let me assure you that we are not just shooting from the hip. We have identified all of these projects in the new USAKA Master Plan that addresses both mission and community requirements. The Master Plan includes replacing the trailers and what is currently called "new housing" with durable buildings that can stand up to the harsh tropical environment. I am exploring all options, but PLV appears to be our best option for providing an alternative way of obtaining many of the priority facilities included in my vision for the future of the atoll.

#### **TV Service**

A little over a year ago I told you we'd find a way to improve television on island. Well in the last year, we have tripled the number of available TV channels, with the promise of more to come. Gone are the days when our only op-

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tions were either hockey or cartoons.

We were very selective in our approach to what we wanted for our community, and I hope everyone will soon be able to enjoy the full range of options we now have. At one point last Fall, I had three different NFL games broadcasting simultaneously, and I had a hard time determining which one to watch. We've added a weather channel, flight information channel, news and sports channel, and a variety of other programming for our community with more on the way. Expect to see AFRTS Movie and Family channels as soon as they become available.

We have also come to resolution on fixing the TV reception issue. For residents not satisfied with the reception quality of internal antennas, we have tested and approved an aesthetic, external antenna that seems to be the right fit for our environment. I am told that the picture is perfect from anywhere on island with these new antennas. These antennas will be stocked at Macy's, and KRS installation teams will be available to help install the

antennas, should you elect not to install them on your own.

#### **Internet**

Another area of community interest is the expansion of our island Internet service. Our goal in this area is to obtain broadband service for the entire community. As a first step toward this goal, we expanded service, using the recently upgraded satellite link to CONUS to increase our off-island Internet bandwidth by a factor of six. We still have more work to do before true "broadband service" is realized, but we have a plan ready to execute. Within the next year, I anticipate awarding a contract to build an undersea fiber optics cable to Kwajalein. When completed in 2006, this system will provide the needed off-island bandwidth to realize our vision of full broadband multi-media — TV, internet, telephone — service to Kwajalein.

#### **Community**

Finally, let me say that I am convinced that one of the distinguishing features that sets Kwajalein apart from other American communities is the community esprit de corps and the tremendous volunteer efforts that are undertaken to benefit our community and that of our host nation. Volunteerism is the cornerstone of what makes Kwajalein a great community. Volunteer organizations, such as the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, have a long legacy (extending back to the early 1960s) of community support, and should be commended for their outstanding service to our Micronesian neighbors.

#### **Concluding Remarks**

I hope you can see the value of pausing to make a periodic assessment of the "State of the Atoll." In the process of reviewing information for this article, I was both surprised and very encouraged by the significant amount of progress we've made this past year in realizing our strategic vision.

Remember, I just outlined the highlights! There is much more I could have mentioned if Jim Bennett had given me more space.

As an organization, we have earned the right to be proud of our accomplishments during the past year. We continue to provide world-class support to our missile testing and space operations customers. At the same time, we are also making steady progress in completing needed improvements in our quality of life.

Thank you for your continued support last year. Stay positive and continue taking care of our wonderful island paradise. Hooah!

# Wednesday, April 21

Time	Channel 9 — AFN Atlantic	Channel 13 — AFN News-Sports	Channel 14 (Roi 24) — AFN News	Channel 17 — AFN Sports	Channel 23 — AFN Spectrum	Channel 26 — AFN Atlantic, no delay	Channel 35 — AFN Direct to Sailors
12:00AM	The Late Show	Good	Good	NHL Playoffs	Movie:	Today	Movie:
12:30AM	Access Hollywood	Morning America	Morning America	(Continued)	Star Trek:		(Continued)
1:00AM	Movie:	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	The Motion Picture	Arthur	Headline News
1:30AM	Brighton Beach	World News	World News			Disney's Doug	Tonight Show
2:00AM	Memories	Early Show	Early Show	Motorcycle Racing		Lizzie McGuire	with Jay Leno
2:30AM	Movie: <:45>				Ebert & Roeper	Amanda Show	Late Show with
3:00AM	Midnight Run			SportsCenter	Wild Thornberrys	Jeopardy	David Letterman
3:30AM					Fairly Oddparents	Headline News	Access Hollywood
4:00AM		FOX News Live	FOX News Live	MLB	The Simpsons	ESPNews	Movie:
4:30AM	Cinema Secrets				The Cosby Show	Headline News	National Lampoon's
5:00AM	Bulletin Board				Monk	7th Heaven	Vacation
5:30AM							Movie:
6:00AM					The Practice	Movie:	National Lampoon's
6:30AM	Morning America					Signs	European Vacation
7:00AM		Headline News	Headline News	NFL Draft Special	Inside the Actor's ...		
7:30AM		Inside Politics	Inside Politics		Drew Barrymore		Cinema Secrets
8:00AM	Dragon Tales				Movie:	Headline News	ESPNews
8:30AM	Wheel of Fortune	Headline News	Headline News		Star Trek:	Tonight Show	Headline News
9:00AM	Dr. Phil	Lester Holt Live	Lester Holt Live	Around the Horn	The Motion Picture	with Jay Leno	Today
9:30AM	Oprah Winfrey			PTI		Late Show with	
10:00AM	<9:46>	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter		David Letterman	
10:30AM	Guiding Lt. <10:35>	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News		Ebert & Roeper	Access Hollywood	
11:00AM	General Hospital	4 Quarters	ABC World News		Wild Thornberrys	4 Quarters	Headline News
11:30AM	<11:17>	NHL Playoffs	CBS Evening News	NBA Playoffs	Fairly Oddparents	NHL Playoffs	NHL Playoffs
12:00PM	Window on the Atoll	1st Round	Countdown With	1st Round	The Simpsons	1st Round	1st Round
12:30PM	Judge Judy		Keith Olbermann		The Cosby Show		
1:00PM	Hannity and Colmes		Hannity & Colmes		Ally McBeal		
1:30PM							
2:00PM	The Newshour	Baseball Tonight	The Newshour	NBA Playoffs	Star Trek:	Baseball Tonight	Oprah Winfrey
2:30PM				1st Round	Next Generation		
3:00PM	Arthur	Headline News	BET Nightly News		NOVA	Headline News	NBC Nightly News
3:30PM	Disney's Doug	ESPNews	Nightly Business Rpt.			ESPNews	Judge Judy
4:00PM	Lizzie McGuire	Larry King Live	Larry King Live		Secrets of War	ESPNews	Secrets of War
4:30PM	The Amanda Show			Inside the NBA		Headline News	
5:00PM	Jeopardy	Newsnight	Newsnight		Movie:	Sesame Street	Movie:
5:30PM	Access Hollywood	with Aaron Brown	with Aaron Brown	ESPNews	Star Trek II:		Star Trek II:
6:00PM	Bulletin Board	Paula Zahn Now	Paula Zahn Now	SportsCenter	The Wrath of Khan	Blues Clues	The Wrath of Khan
6:30PM	Headline News					Wheel of Fortune	
7:00PM	7th Heaven	Nightline	Nightline	NASCAR Nextel	Wild Thornberrys	Dr. Phil	The Simpsons
7:30PM		P.T.I.	Headline News	Cup Series	Fairly Oddparents	Oprah Winfrey	The Simpsons
8:00PM	Movie:	Hardball	Hardball	Advance Auto Parts	The Simpsons	<7:46>	Jeopardy
8:30PM	Signs	with Chris Matthews	with Chris Matthews	500	The Cosby Show	Guiding Lt. <8:35>	Headline News
9:00PM		CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak		American Idol	General Hospital	ESPNews
9:30PM						<9:17>	Headline News
10:00PM	ESPNews	O'Reilly Factor	O'Reilly Factor		Star Trek:	Headline News	8 Simple Rules
10:30PM	Tonight Show			SportsCenter	Next Generation	Judge Judy	Bernie Mac Show
11:00PM	with Jay Leno	Good Morning	Good Morning		NOVA	Today	America's Next
11:30PM	Late Show	America	America	NBA Fastbreak			Top Model

# Thursday, April 22

Time	Channel 9 — AFN Atlantic	Channel 13 — AFN News-Sports	Channel 14 (Roi 24) — AFN News	Channel 17 — AFN Sports	Channel 23 — AFN Spectrum	Channel 26 — AFN Atlantic, no delay	Channel 35 — AFN Direct to Sailors	
12:00AM	The Late Show	Good	Good	NHL Playoffs	Secrets of War	Today	The OC	
12:30AM	Access Hollywood	Morning America	Morning America					
1:00AM	Movie:	Headline News	Headline News		Movie:	Between the Lion	Headline News	
1:30AM	National Lampoon's	World News	World News		Star Trek II:	Teamo Supremo	Tonight Show	
2:00AM	Vacation	Early Show	Early Show	ESPNews	The Wrath of Khan	Popular Mechanics	with Jay Leno	
2:30AM	Movie:			NBA Fastbreak		Liberty's Kids	Late Show with	
3:00AM	National Lampoon's			SportsCenter	Wild Thornberrys	Jeopardy	David Letterman	
3:30AM	European Vacation				Fairly Oddparents	Headline News	Access Hollywood	
4:00AM		FOX News Live	FOX News Live	ESPNews	The Simpsons	ESPNews	Movie:	
4:30AM	Cinema Secrets			Baseball Tonight	The Cosby Show	Headline News	The Full Monty	
5:00AM	Bulletin Board			Motorcycle Racing	American Idol	8 Simple Rules		
5:30AM				FIM World		Bernie Mac Show	Movie: <:45>	
6:00AM				Superbike		America's Next Top	You've Got Mail	
6:30AM	Morning America				Star Trek:	Model		
7:00AM				Headline News	Headline News	Next Generation	The OC	
7:30AM				Inside Politics	Inside Politics			Cinema Secrets
8:00AM	Blues Clues					Secrets of War	Headline News	ESPNews
8:30AM	Wheel of Fortune			AFNews	AFNews		Tonight Show	Headline News
9:00AM	Dr. Phil	Lester Holt Live	Lester Holt Live	Around the Horn	Movie:	with Jay Leno	Today	
9:30AM	Oprah Winfrey			PTI	Star Trek II:	The Late Show		
10:00AM	<9:46>	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	The Wrath of Khan	w/ D. Letterman		
10:30AM	Guiding Lt. <10:35>	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News			Access Hollywood		
11:00AM	General Hospital	NBA Tip Off	ABC World News	NBA Tip Off	Wild Thornberrys	MLB	Headline News	
11:30AM	<11:17>	NBA Playoffs 1st Round	CBS Evening News	NBA Playoffs 1st Round	Fairly Oddparents	St. Louis Cardinals	American Idol	
12:00PM	Window on the Atoll		Countdown With		The Simpsons	at		
12:30PM	Judge Judy		Keith Olbermann		The Cosby Show	Houston Astros	Wheel of Fortune	
1:00PM	Hannity & Colmes		Hannity & Colmes		Dharma & Greg		Dr. Phil	
1:30PM					My Wife and Kids			
2:00PM	The Newshour	NBA Playoffs 1st Round	The Newshour	NBA Playoffs 1st Round	The West Wing	Baseball Tonight	Oprah Winfrey	
2:30PM								
3:00PM	Between the Lions		BET Nightly News			Power, Privilege, and Justice	Headline News	Headline News
3:30PM	Teamo Supremo		Nightly Business Rpt.				ESPNews	Judge Judy
4:00PM	Popular Mechanics		Larry King Live			Journeys to the	Headline News	Journeys to the
4:30PM	Liberty's Kids		Larry King Live			Ends of the Earth	Headline News	Ends of the Earth
5:00PM	Jeopardy		Newsnight		Newsnight	Masterpiece	Sesame Street	Masterpiece
5:30PM	Access Hollywood		with Aaron Brown		with Aaron Brown	Theater:		Theater:
6:00PM	Bulletin Board	Paula Zahn Now	Paula Zahn Now	SportsCenter	The Jury (Pt. 1)	Bear in the Big..	The Jury (Pt. 1)	
6:30PM	Headline News					Wheel of Fortune		
7:00PM	8 Simple Rules	Nightline	Nightline	MLB	Wild Thornberrys	Dr. Phil	The Simpsons	
7:30PM	Bernie Mac Show	P.T.I.	Air Force TV News		Fairly Oddparents	Oprah Winfrey	The Simpsons	
8:00PM	America's Next Top Model	Hardball	Hardball		The Simpsons	<7:46>	Jeopardy	
8:30PM		with Chris Matthews	with Chris Matthews		The Cosby Show	Guiding Lt. <8:35>	Headline News	
9:00PM	The OC	60 Minutes II	60 Minutes II		American Idol	General Hospital	ESPNews	
9:30PM					My Wife and Kids	<9:17>	Headline News	
10:00PM	Headline News	O'Reilly Factor	O'Reilly Factor		SportsCenter	The West Wing	Headline News	Scrubs
10:30PM	Tonight Show						Judge Judy	Scrubs
11:00PM	with Jay Leno	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	MLB	Power, Privilege, and Justice	Today	The Bachelor	
11:30PM	The Late Show							

# Friday, April 23

Time	Channel 9 — AFN Atlantic	Channel 13 — AFN News-Sports	Channel 14 (Roi 24) — AFN News	Channel 17 — AFN Sports	Channel 23 — AFN Spectrum	Channel 26 — AFN Atlantic, no delay	Channel 35 — AFN Direct to Sailors		
12:00AM	The Late Show	Good	Good	MLB	Journeys to the	Today	E.R.		
12:30AM	Access Hollywood	Morning America	Morning America	(Continued)	Ends of the Earth				
1:00AM	Movie: The Full Monty	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	Masterpiece Theater: The Jury (Pt. 1)	Disney's Hercules	Headline News		
1:30AM		World News	World News			Hey Arnold!	Tonight Show		
2:00AM		Early Show	Early Show	NBA Fastbreak		Pokemon	with Jay Leno		
2:30AM	Movie: <:45> You've Got Mail			PTI		Jackie Chan	Late Show with		
3:00AM				SportsCenter	Wild Thornberrys	Jeopardy	David Letterman		
3:30AM					Fairly Oddparents	Headline News	Access Hollywood		
4:00AM		FOX News Live	FOX News Live	ESPNews	The Simpsons	ESPNews	Movie:		
4:30AM	Cinema Secrets			Baseball Tonight	The Cosby Show	Headline News	The Wrong Man		
5:00AM	Bulletin Board	MLB	60 Minutes II	MLB	American Idol	Scrubs			
5:30AM							My Wife and Kids	Scrubs <:25>	Movie: <:45>
6:00AM	Good Morning America		FOX News Live		The West Wing	The Bachelor	An Officer and a Gentleman		
6:30AM									
7:00AM			Headline News						
7:30AM			Inside Politics			Power, Privilege, and Justice		E.R.	
8:00AM	Bear in the Big Blue	ESPNews		NFL Draft Special	Journeys to the	Headline News	ESPNews		
8:30AM	Wheel of Fortune	Headline News	Air Force TV News		Ends of the Earth	Tonight Show	Headline News		
9:00AM	Dr. Phil	Lester Holt Live	Lester Holt Live	Around the Horn	Masterpiece Theater: The Jury (Pt. 1)	with Jay Leno	Today		
9:30AM	Oprah Winfrey					PTI		The Late Show	
10:00AM	<9:46>	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter		w/ D. Letterman			
10:30AM	Guiding Lt. <10:35>	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News			Access Hollywood			
11:00AM	General Hospital	4 Quarters	ABC World News		Wild Thornberrys	4 Quarters	Headline News		
11:30AM	<11:17>	NHL Playoffs 2nd Round	CBS Evening News	NBA Playoffs 1st Round	Fairly Oddparents	NHL Playoffs	NHL Playoffs		
12:00PM	Window on the Atoll		Countdown With			The Simpsons	2nd Round	2nd Round	
12:30PM	Judge Judy		Keith Olbermann			The Cosby Show			
1:00PM	Hannity & Colmes				Hannity & Colmes		The Dead Zone		
1:30PM									
2:00PM	The Newshour	Baseball Tonight	The Newshour	NBA Playoffs 1st Round	Boston Public	Baseball Tonight	Oprah Winfrey		
2:30PM									
3:00PM	Disney's Hercules	Headline News	BET Nightly News		Dinosaur Planet	Headline News	Headline News		
3:30PM	Hey Arnold!	ESPNews	Nightly Business Rpt.			ESPNews	Judge Judy		
4:00PM	Pokemon	Larry King Live	Larry King Live		World of Wildlife	Headline News	World of Wildlife		
4:30PM	Jackie Chan			Inside the NBA	Animal Adventures	Headline News	Animal Adventures		
5:00PM	Jeopardy	Newsnight	Newsnight			Buffy the Vampire	Sesame Street	Buffy the Vampire	
5:30PM	Access Hollywood	with Aaron Brown	with Aaron Brown	ESPNews	Slayer		Slayer		
6:00PM	Bulletin Board	Paula Zahn Now	Paula Zahn Now	SportsCenter	The X-Files	Little Bill	The X-Files		
6:30PM	The Cosby Show						Wheel of Fortune		
7:00PM	Scrubs	Nightline	Nightline	NHL Playoffs 2nd Round	Wild Thornberrys	Dr. Phil	Dead Zone		
7:30PM	Scrubs <:25>	PTI	Headline News			Fairly Oddparents	Oprah Winfrey		
8:00PM	Window on ...<7:50>	Hardball	Hardball			The Simpsons	<7:46>	Jeopardy	
8:30PM	Bachelor <8:00>	with Chris Matthews	with Chris Matthews		The Cosby Show	Guiding Lt. <8:35>	Headline News		
9:00PM	E.R.	Primetime	Primetime		The Dead Zone	General Hospital	ESPNews		
9:30PM						ESPNews		<9:17>	Headline News
10:00PM	Headline News	O'Reilly Factor	O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	Boston Public	Headline News	The Simpsons		
10:30PM	Tonight Show					Judge Judy	Malcom in the....		
11:00PM	with Jay Leno	Good Morning	Good Morning	NHL Playoffs	Dinosaur Planet	Today	Survivor: All-Stars		
11:30PM	The Late Show	America	America						

## HELP WANTED

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Food Services.** Full time. Collects, compiles and analyzes moderately complex data, composes written descriptions of results. Requires business/technical vocabulary and knowledge of organizational operations and procedure, as well as ability to work independently.

**BENEFITS ASSISTANT.** Part time. Process new employee benefits information, student verification letters and terminations. Generate COBRA letters, answer general benefits questions, assist Benefits Coordinator with projects, clerical and other duties as assigned.

**CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER INSTRUCTOR.** Full time. Requires degree in early childhood, child development or primary teaching certification and ability to obtain childcare security clearance.

**SENIOR ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT.** Full time. Receives payments, posts accurately in KEAMS, reconciles cash drawer daily, makes deposits, ensures facilities operate according to SPIs, clerical and other duties as assigned.

**ACCOUNTING CLERK.** Full time. Daily payroll activities, including but not limited to data entry of timecards, sorting and preparing checks and timecards for distribution, clerical and other duties as assigned.

**TEACHER, Elementary School.** 2004-2005 school year. Current certification, experience and childcare clearance required.

**ASSISTANT YOUTH DIRECTOR.** Casual. Supervises students at the Youth Center under the direction of the Youth Activities Director. Requires childcare clearance. Approximately 20 hours per week.

**ANNUAL WORK PLAN ADMINISTRATOR.** Full time. Develop and monitor annual work plan in accordance with real property master plan, maintain all documentation, provide quarterly work schedules and variable workload/updates, create master job folders, ensure accuracy of work, staff work packages, determine availability of resources and provide bill of materials to the work in progress store.

**CDC AIDE, part time.** Assists in the CDC classrooms and works under the supervision of the lead teacher. Assists with supervision, instruction, playground and snacks. Interacts with parents as needed. Child care clearance required.

**SECRETARY, Education Services** at junior/senior high school. Full time. Duties include attendance records, transcript preparation and guidance support. Requires good working knowledge of Word, Excel and other computer applications. Childcare clearance required.

**USAKA/RTS has the following job vacancies. For job information contact Cris Foster, USAKA/RTS Civilian Personnel, 54417. Applications must be completed on line at <<http://www.cpol.army.mil/>> <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov> or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>. Army job application kits using the RESUME system are available from Cris Foster, USAKA/RTS Civilian Personnel, 54417. The job application kit is a guide to the application preparation process for government (Department of the Army) General Schedule and Wage**

**Grade positions. This guide contains information to aid in completing a resumé and applying for employment with the U.S. Government.**

**BUDGET TECHNICIAN (Office Automation), GS-0561-06.** Directorate for Resource Management. USAJobs announcement X-JB-04-6228-JB. Closes April 23, 2004. Two year term appointment, can be extended up to four years. Unaccompanied overseas tour.

## WANTED

FOLDING CARD table and bike trailer. Call Sandy, 54152.

## LOST

SCUBA TANK regulator at Small Boat Marina. Call Mark, 58607.

CHIPPER/PUTTER golf club, on golf course, Monday, April 12. Call 52216.

SUNFLOWER VINYL table cloths, from Emon Beach main pavilion. Call Cris, 52935.

## FOR SALE

MICROWAVE, \$50 27" JVC television, \$100; LA-Z-Boy beige recliner, \$100; carpet, currently in trailer, green, 8' x 10', \$40; brown carpet, 8' x 11' 4", \$40; small computer desk, \$10; pots and pans; golf club hard travel case, \$40. Call Lewis, 51619.

PANASONIC home theater system, 5.1 Dolby surround sound, 240-watts, DVD/CD, VHS, dual-cassette, AM/FM tuner, \$600. Call 56329.

UPRIGHT PIANO, excellent condition, \$950; sturdy utility shelf, 6' x 4' x 1', \$75; plants. See at Qtrs. 120-A or call 52704.

PEUGEOT RACING bike, Rustman ready, 12-speed, fits 5' 4"-5' 10", \$300. Call 54434.

MEN'S NEXUS 4 BIKE, one month old, \$200. Call Fred, 54971W or 52367H.

ACT and SAT 2003 deluxe personalized study system CD ROM, \$25; new bike helmet, \$25; paperback books; cross-stitch books. Call 52197.

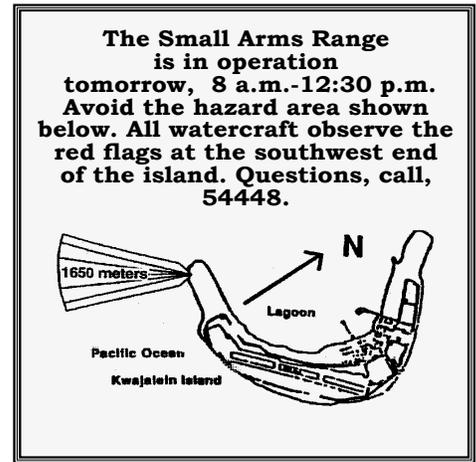
COMPUTER DESK, excellent condition, \$200 or best offer; kitchen cart/cabinet, \$50 or best offer; cat tree, \$25. Call 53342.

KETO SHAKE meal replacement drink protein powder, French vanilla, no aspartame or sugar, low-carb high-protein, delicious, sample available, great for Atkins or Rustman, make strawberry cheesecake, pumpkin, chocolate/peanut butter or fruit smoothies with this powder, \$16; Thai kitchen premium coconut milk, 14 oz., several available, \$1.50. Call 52262.

WOMEN'S ONE-SPEED bike, lock included, \$30; Men's one-speed bike, with baskets, lock included, \$35. Call 50010 and leave a message.

50-GALLON AQUARIUM, comes with under gravel filters, bio wheel, protein skimmer, almost new external filter, lights, everything you need to catch, feed and maintain fish, nets, slurlp gun, food, test kit, too much to list, will throw in fish and artificial plants, \$300 or best offer. Call 51114.

PCS SALE. SIMMONS CALIFORNIA king double-pillow top mattress, \$600; Black and Decker Dustbuster, \$15; toaster, \$10; Winnie the Pooh crib set, \$100; full-size light blue flower bedding set, \$90; five-piece Martha Stewart yellow bathroom set, \$10; Graco



Baby Pack N' Play, \$70; Hamilton Beach juice extractor, \$20; lots of plants. Call 54622.

CANNONDALE Silk Trail 400 bike, new seat and post, new tires, freshly strung wheels, stainless cables, needs headset replaced, part provided, \$250. Call 58954, after 5 p.m.

COMPLETE SET of golf clubs including bag and cart, \$200; VHF hand-held SMR, Sea Lab-9000P, rechargeable, \$80. Call 54555, after 3 p.m., or leave a message.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

KWAJ KWILTERS will meet April 22, 7 p.m., in CRC room 1. Bring 15 fabric squares for the charm quilt. We will discuss the Christmas block swap.

BALLROOM DINNER/DANCE tickets are now on sale. Get yours by calling Cris, 52935, Dick, 51684, or Nate, 53578. The event is April 25, 6:30 p.m., at the Yokwe Yuk Club. Enjoy an elegant evening to the tunes of the Pacific's Most Dangerous Band.

ALL CHILDREN of USAKA residence and in the Kwajalein school system are invited to participate in the KRS ES&H 2005 calendar contest. Rules and coloring forms can be found at the school administrative offices or at the ES&H office. Prizes will be awarded. Deadline for submission is 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 8. Questions? Call 58300.

MEDIEVAL ART SHOW by elementary students is April 23, 7-8:30 p.m., in the MP room. Great art, food and prizes.

MULTICULTURAL ART Show by junior/senior high students is April 29, 7-8:30 p.m., in the MP room. Great art, food and prizes. Wear a multicultural outfit and show your spirit.

JOIN KWAJALEIN Filipino Civic Club April 25, 6 p.m., at the Pacific Club. Bring the family and a dish to share. For more information, call Dolly, 53534, or Marilyn, 53999.

YOUTH CENTER "Lock In" for students in grades 7-12 who are registered with CYS, is Friday, April 30, 10 p.m.-Saturday, May 1, 8 a.m. Signed permission forms must be returned to the Youth Center by 9 p.m., Thursday, April 29.

GIRL SCOUT leader appreciation night for our leaders this year, Anne Carlson, Linette Chewey, Shelley Corbett, Tammie Cotton, and Lora Kendrick, is April 22.

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB will hold its monthly meeting Saturday, April 24, 6:30 p.m., at the Yacht Club. It's membership appreciation night with live music and a fish fry. Members free. Non-members, \$5.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL meets tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music building. The agenda includes a presentation of the Ebey

kindergarten selection and the final approval of the social studies and visual arts curricula. The public is invited. Questions? Call 53761.

KWAJALEIN POLICE and Firefighter Christian Fellowship meets tomorrow, 5:30 p.m., at the ARC. The topic will be "Wild at Heart." While we are geared towards public safety personnel, we are open to anyone seeking a real and vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ. Come join us for relaxed, nondenominational Christian fellowship and Bible study. For more information, call Mike, 52413, or e-mail at [fullarmor911@yahoo.com](mailto:fullarmor911@yahoo.com). Refreshment will be served.

EARTH DAY is April 22. Join Environmental for two presentation at CAC room 6. 6-6:30 p.m., The Diverse Marine Life on Kwaj's Coral Reefs; 6:30-7 p.m., Environmental History of the Marshall Islands.

ATTENTION GOLFERS: To support the Rustman, holes # 6, 7, 8 and 9, will close at 4 p.m., Monday, April 26. Questions? Call Bob, 53768.

PARENT WORKSHOP on "Ways to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten" is April 30, 6:30 p.m., in the elementary music room. All interested community members are invited.

STOP BY Grace Sherwood Library to register for the book draw now through April 26. You could win "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll, illustrated by John Tenniel.

CONSERVATION TIP: Housing residents should check the A/C filters once a month. Replacement filters are available at Self Help. Your A/C will work better and you will be more comfortable.

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE

#### U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Real Property Master Plan Implementation. Programmatic Environmental Assessment. Notice of Availability.

**Summary:** This notice announces the availability of the United States Army Kwajalein Atoll Real Property Master Plan Implementation Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA). The public is invited to review the PEA and provide comments if desired. The Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) Implementation PEA characterizes and analyzes the probable and possible environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the RPMP at the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) and the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS), Republic of the Marshall Islands. The proposed action and subject of the PEA is the implementation of the RPMP. The RPMP includes integrated facilities and infrastructural improvements for the next 20 years at USAKA/RTS. Some broad areas that are analyzed in the PEA include Central District Consolidation on Kwajalein Island; Replacement or rehabilitation of housing on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur Islands; Airport and aircraft service facilities replacement and upgrade on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur Islands; Upgrade and reorganization of Port and Warehouse district on Kwajalein Island. Infrastructure upgrade and modernization of all USAKA/RTS; Upgrade and rehabilitation of mission facilities on Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Meck Islands. The RPMP is phased into two time periods: 2005-2011 (Short Range Component) and 2012-2025 (Long Range Component) culminating in the full expression of the RPMP. Copies of the document are available at the following public libraries: Alele Public Library, Majuro; Grace Sherwood Library, Kwajalein; Roi-Namur Library. The PEA can also be viewed via the World Wide Web at [www.smdccen.us/rpmp/pea](http://www.smdccen.us/rpmp/pea). Deadline for receipt of written comments is May 1, 2004. Point of contact: Submit written comments on the PEA to: U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Attn SMDC-RD-TE-K-CP, Mr. Kenneth Sims, Environmental Coordinator, P.O. Box 26, APO AP 96555-2526, or fax comments to Mr. Sims at 805-355-4554.

April 20, 2004

# Marshallese DANCE FESTIVAL

A SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE JOBWA STICK DANCERS, OUTRIGGER CANOE RIDES, MARSHALLESE FOOD AND TWO BANDS FROM EBEBE PLAYING MODERN MUSIC.



Saturday, April 24, 5:30-8:30 p.m.,  
at Emon Beach.

## 2003-2004 Yearbooks on sale!



Pre-order yours after school, April 20-24, at the high school library or elementary school office. Take a photographic walk through the school year. Bring a check for \$40 made out to KRS.

# Tiger Woods trains with military and families

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Golf superstar Tiger Woods traded in his green jacket for an Army battle dress uniform and his golf spikes for combat boots this week to follow in his father's footsteps and train with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

The world's top-ranked golfer, whose father is a retired lieutenant colonel who served in the Army's Special Forces, said he was "amazed to see how dedicated everyone is" and praised the contributions the soldiers make every day to the nation's security.

Woods said that in many respects, the physical and mental demands of the military training he received are similar to those he experiences as a professional golfer.

"You have to be mentally ready," he said. "The only difference is that (the soldiers are) putting their lives on the line. I'm not. They're doing it for our country and to keep us safe, and they are to be commended."

Woods arrived at Pope Air Force Base in his private jet April 12, one day after playing in the Master's Tournament in Augusta, Ga., to take on what some might consider an even bigger challenge: four days of Army special operations training.

He called the weapons training he received "an absolute blast." His father, retired Lt. Col. Earl Woods, said his son learned on the sniper course something that could have a direct impact on his golf game: that his left eye is his dominant eye. This, he said, will help his son with his "plumbing" on the course to determine where the ball will go.

The junior Woods said the four-mile run he did in a 400-man formation, singing cadence "at the top of



**Golfer Tiger Woods offers one-on-one instruction to Keith Wilbur, son of Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Wilbur of Headquarters, 18th Aviation Brigade, at Fort Bragg, N.C., April 16.**

(Photo by Donna Miles)

my lungs" was a far cry from what he'd ever experienced running solo with his MP3 player to train for his golf game.

He also received close-quarters combat training and trained in a vertical wind tunnel used to train paratroopers.

But the highlight of the training experience, Woods said, was two tandem jumps on April 15 with the Army's parachute team, the Golden Knights.

"It was an experience I'll never forget," he said. "I was so excited, I couldn't wait to go." Woods described the jumps, from 13,500 feet, as "feeling like you're floating, but at 120 miles an hour."

Earl Woods joked that his son was "like a little boy" who, as soon as he finished the first jump, asked, "Can I go again?"

Today, wrapping up his visit here, Woods hosted the Tiger Woods Foundation's 30th Junior Golf Clinic at the post's Stryker Golf Course. The foundation supports community-

based programs that promote health, education and welfare for children.

The two-hour clinic featured one-on-one golf instruction to 84 military children, most from Fort Bragg. The top eight junior golfers received personal instruction from Woods.

Military family members, too, expressed appreciation that Woods took time from his busy schedule to spend time with them.

"It's amazing that a man like him would make time to run a clinic like this at Fort Bragg," said Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Wilbur from the 18th Aviation Brigade, whose son, Keith, received personal instruction from Tiger Woods. "It shows that he cares and is concerned."

Tiger Woods said his experience to military training has reinforced his deep respect for the men and women in uniform.

"It's an honor to walk in my father's footsteps by training with the service men and women at Fort Bragg," he said. "It's an experience I will never forget."

## Weather

Courtesy of RTS Weather

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

**Winds:** East-northeast to east at 15-20 knots.

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

**Winds:** Northeast to east at 15-20 knots.

**Temperature:** Tonight's low 81°

Tomorrow's high 88°

**April rain total:** -2.84"

**Annual rain total:** 10.77"

**Annual deviation:** -6.73"

Call 54700 for updated forecasts.  
www.rts-wx.com

## Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
<b>Tuesday April 20</b>	0638/1859	0652/1930	0436, 5.6' 1647, 5.1'	1048, 0.5' 2248, 0.5'
<b>Wednesday April 21</b>	0637/1859	0732/2017	0501, 5.7' 1713, 4.9'	1115, 0.5' 2311, 0.6'
<b>Thursday April 22</b>	0637/1859	0815/2107	0526, 5.6' 1739, 4.6'	1143, 0.6' 2333, 0.8'
<b>Friday April 23</b>	0636/1859	0900/2157	0551, 5.4' 1804, 4.3'	1212, 0.9' 2356, 1.0'