

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



The flag of the Republic of the Marshall Islands flies alongside the Olympic flag and the flags of other nations at the Olympic Village in Beijing, China. It was the first Olympics for the RMI and the *Hourglass* is featuring swimmer Julianne Kirchner. See Page 4 for more.

(Photo courtesy of the Kirchner family)

Giving them wings to do great things

I don't have any children on Kwajalein, so I don't get involved in the schools or know many of the island youngsters and teens that well.

I mostly tend to think of children in terms of 'germ spreaders' and 'rug rats.' You know, the usual stuff for a grouchy old guy.

But we've all heard the saying that it takes a village to raise a child, and I for one think that's absolutely true.

Just this past weekend, I had the pleasure of meeting a young lady of Kwajalein who is obviously the product of good parenting, but also, so much more than that.

Despite the young teen's many accomplishments, she is modest about them and isn't full of herself like many would be.

She's had the friendship, mentorship, counseling and, I would say, love, of many adults on this island.

She will tell you that her coaches, her teachers and other adults who helped her are more than friends—they are family to her.

Some of her teachers volunteered

their time to tutor her. Other people ran with her or swam with her. They encouraged her in every way possible. All of them supported her in the dream she was trying to fulfill. They knew her dedication and determination was worthy of their support and caring.

The list of people who have influenced her life in such positive ways is a long one. And every one of them is or was a Kwajalein resident.

The young lady I refer to is Julianne Kirchner. She competed in the Beijing Olympics for the Marshall Islands during the country's first appearance in the Olympic Games.

Julianne is a perfect example of how a village can raise a child into a gifted, polite, intelligent and wonderful young person.

After having the good fortune to interview her for an article which begins on Page 4, I can only say to her parents, teachers, coaches and all the other adults who have been in her life — well done indeed.

It almost makes me want to get in-

The Way I See It

Dan Adler,
Media Manager



involved with children — I said *almost*.

I might be pretty good at showing them how to be grumpy, but beyond that, I'm not sure.

I offer my sincere congratulations to Julianne and her family on making her Olympic dream come true and to all those who helped her achieve it. Each and every one of you should be proud of what you have done in the life of this young girl.

Children can and do make it by themselves. They do it every day.

But having a supportive 'village' behind them can give young people the wings to do great things.

Just ask Julianne.

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Environmental project team conducts biennial survey of USAKA operations

By Tom Craven
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The USAKA Environmental Standards project team met August 13-15 on Kwajalein for their annual UES review and biennial survey of USAKA operations. The project team includes representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Republic of the Marshall Islands EPA, US Fish and Wildlife Services, US National Marine Fisheries Services, US Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command (SMDC/ARSTRAT), and USAKA. Attendees also included members of the RMI EPA Board and representatives from the Army Chief of Staff, Installation Management and the US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Prior to coming to Kwajalein this past week, the team visited Majuro to offer an informational briefing to the new RMI Administration. The team looks forward to further discussions on the UES and its proposed revisions as the GRMI continues its review of the Standards.

The Environmental Standards and Procedures for United States Army Kwajalein Atoll Activities in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, more simply known as the UES, apply to all activities of the United States Government that occur on the USAKA-controlled islands and the Mid-Atoll Corridor, as well as all USAKA-controlled activities within the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), including the territorial waters of the RMI.

The requirement for the UES comes from The Compact of Free Association Between the United States of America and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The Compact establishes the framework for administering governmental, economic, security, and defense relations between the RMI and the United States Government (U.S. Government). Title One, Article VI, of the Compact obligates the U.S. Government to develop environmental standards



Photo by Beverly Cannon

Members of the environmental project team check the shoreline on ocean side.

and procedures and to apply them to its activities in the RMI.

Back in 1990, SMDC/ARSTRAT was charged with organizing an effort to develop the required environmental standards and procedures for activities at USAKA. A project team was formed to prepare a draft of the UES for formal approval by the U.S. Government and the RMI. The project team was co-chaired by SMDC/ARSTRAT and US EPA, Region IX and still consists of the same resource agencies as members. The first edition of the UES was formally adopted by the RMI and US governments in late 1995.

In developing that first UES, the project team took a comprehensive approach. The team endeavored to prepare an integrated set of standards and procedures that would incorporate the substantive requirements of U.S. and RMI environmental statutes and regulations that are necessary for protecting public health and safety and the environment. In certain areas, standards more restrictive than US environmental standards were developed to provide additional protection for the fragile and limited environmental resources of the RMI. In other areas, standards less restrictive than US

standards were developed to provide protection that is appropriate for the particular environment of USAKA. Finally, procedures were developed to ensure full review of activities potentially affecting the environment at USAKA while simplifying many of the administrative provisions of existing U.S. statutes and regulations.

The Compact also provided that the UES should be reviewed periodically and revised as appropriate. This review occurs every two years. The UES team also reviews USAKA operations every two years. Those two requirements were the basis for the UES project team's meeting here at USAKA this past week.

While here, the UES team looked at operations on Kwajalein, Omelek, Ennylabegan, and Eniwetak. The team had hoped to tour Roi-Namur but changes in air ops schedules and mission requirements prevented that trip.

On Kwajalein, the team reviewed activities at the Free Issue Warehouse and the Vehicle Paint and Preparation Facility. John McCarroll of the US EPA cited the VPPF as an outstanding operation that has

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OLYMPIC-SIZE DREAM



Photos courtesy of the Kirchner family

The flag of the Republic of the Marshall Islands is carried into the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics at the Bird's Nest stadium.

Kwajalein's Julianne Kirchner one of five athletes representing RMI in country's first Olympics

By Dan Adler
Media Manager

It could be said that 16-year-old Julianne Kirchner's path to the Beijing Olympics began before she was born. "My mom ran the Columbus Day run when she was pregnant with me," said Julianne.

Mom Judy said, "That's right. I was seven months pregnant and did 6.2 miles. I guess that was Julianne's first major event."

By the time she could walk, Julianne would get out of her stroller and start running. When she was in first grade, she completed the Rusty Family Race by herself. In the second grade, she was on a team and did the bike portion. Since then, she's been on several

Julianne Kirchner at the Water Cube where the swimming events were held.



Rustman and Rusty Family teams and has always done the biking leg.

Julianne has always loved to run. She ran in the Pauper's Marathon on Kwajalein in 2006 and the Honolulu Marathon in 2007.

"I trained for my last marathon with Christi Davis, one of my teachers, and Doug Hepler, the woodshop teacher and a great friend, also helped me train," Julianne said. "He ran the Honolulu Marathon with me."

As far as swimming, the sport in which she competes in international competitions, Julianne said, "It's a lifestyle out here so I was swimming at a very young age."

Julianne's first swimming coaches were Ray and Leah Fogg and Cindy Moseley. But Judy got in on the act too.

"I guess I fell into coaching just from sitting on the side of the pool so much watching her," said Judy. "I swam as a child, but I was never as competitive as Julianne is. She's much better than I ever was. I guess I encouraged her to do what I always loved to do. That's just what parents do, I suppose."

Cris Lindborg was an important influence in Julianne's life too.

"Cris taught Julianne's first baby swimming lesson when she was 14 or 15 months old," said Judy.

Lindborg stated, "I was born in Argentina and there were no opportunities then for girls in any organized sports. Girls could do tennis or horseback riding. That took money and my family couldn't afford it. But I was always passionate about swimming."

Lindborg has taught swimming for over 30 years.



From left, Paula Fluhrer, Judy, Graham and Tim Kirchner, Cassia Griswold and Michael Taylor form a reception committee for Julianne's arrival at Kwajalein airport.

"I started out with little children on Kwajalein and pretty soon I was running the whole swim team. For about eight years I was head coach," Lindborg said. "Then opportunities started coming and I got involved in the Marshall Islands Swim Federation."

Through a lot of work by Lindborg that began almost 15 years ago, the Marshall Islands attained membership in FINA, a worldwide swimming organization. It allows smaller countries like the RMI to be funded for a limited number of athletes. Membership is critical because a country can't compete internationally unless it is accredited by FINA. Every time the RMI participates in international competitions, funding increases.

Now that the RMI has been in the Olympics, the RMI Olympic Committee wants to ramp up training and will have more money to do that, according to Lindborg.

"The International Olympic Committee will support the RMI more fully now," she said. "There will be grants for coaching and we'll tap into that. It all builds on itself once you've been in the Olympics. We've given the RMI credibility in international sports."

Because of the efforts of Lindborg and the funding by FINA, Julianne and other RMI swimmers were able to compete in the 2007 World Championships in Melbourne, Australia; the Short-Course Worlds in Manchester, England in 2008 and the Oceania Games in New Zealand this past June. Julianne also participated in the 2006 Micronesian Games in Saipan, but those games are funded locally. Having been born on Kwajalein, Julianne holds dual-citizenship and therefore is able to compete for the Marshall Islands.

That international experience was invaluable as athletes must have competition experience in the World Championships in order to be considered for the Olympics.

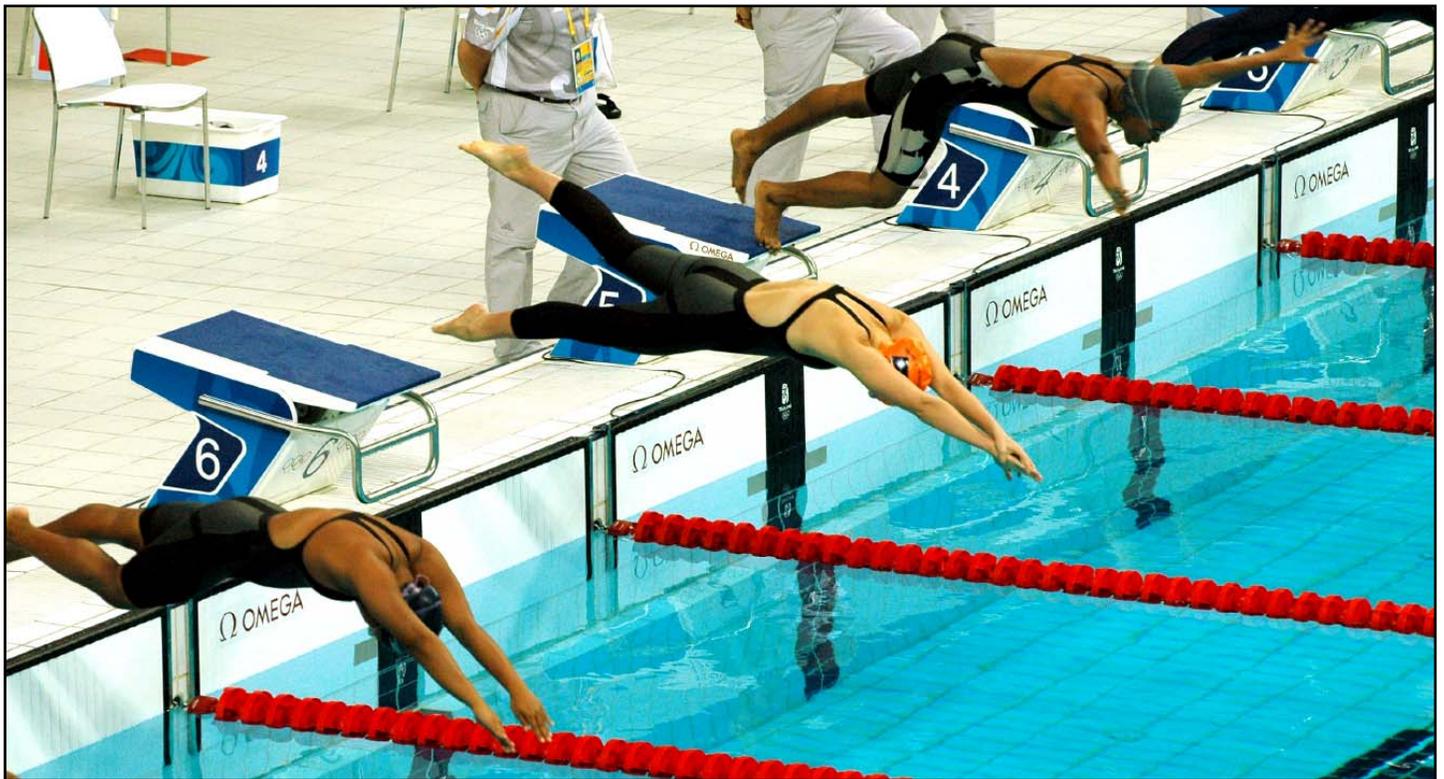
"At the World Championships, our athletes were competing against the big guys like Michael Phelps," said Lindborg. "So it was huge. It was exciting to be able to watch that."

The Marshall Islands was granted membership in



Waylon Mueller carries the flag of the Republic of the Marshall Islands while wearing traditional dress.

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Julianne Kirchner, center, starts the 50-meter freestyle race. She improved her personal best by almost two seconds.

the IOC in 2006.

When plans for the Olympics were under way, Jared Heine, a male swimmer who had graduated from Florida State, was slated to be the only swimmer for the RMI team in Beijing. But then, the possibility arose that a female swimmer would also represent the RMI as well.

When it started to look like more than just a possibility, "It was a dream unimaginable," said Judy. "We really couldn't believe it. We wouldn't talk about it at home. We told Julianne not to discuss it in public. It all might not happen and we didn't want to be counting our

chickens and that sort of thing."

Judy continued, "Until we knew for absolute certainty in March, we told almost no one. Then, it was like, 'Wow, our daughter in the Olympics.' What a totally unexpected blessing."

Julianne though, never had any doubts about it.

"I knew when it was first mentioned that I was going to go," she said. "I'm a Christian and I have a really strong relationship with God. I always like to have everything planned out and organized. Going to the Olympics wasn't in my plans. I was going to go to school here and graduate from high school."

She continued, "I certainly didn't plan on dropping out of school and going to the Olympics, but this was God's plan. He had a better plan for me. So when my mom kept telling me not to get my hopes up, I kept telling her I knew I was going to go."

Julianne said it was a kind of peace she had, like God was telling her, "You're going to go, so

don't worry about it." She said her parents were more anxious than she was.

She added, "I've grown up being a Christian and with the stress I've put on myself with school and athletics and just my personality, I've needed something stable in my life."

As an example of how she trusts in God, she related that two months before the Honolulu Marathon, she had a lot of problems and pain with her back. She



Julianne Kirchner greets Michael Taylor and mother Judy and father Tim upon her arrival home on Kwajalein.



Julianne with Cris Lindborg.

went to Honolulu for diagnosis. She wasn't able to train, run, lift weights or anything.

But she was determined to run the race. She prayed about it, and when it came time to run the marathon, she did better than she expected to do had she been well.

"My goal was to do it in four hours and 30 minutes," she said. "I did it in four hours and three minutes. I had no pain and wasn't even tired afterwards. I've learned to trust God in all things."

When asked what kind of training she did for the Olympics, Julianne said, "I do a lot of different things. I'd get bored just doing one thing all the time. When I was in Honolulu training, it was very difficult to just swim four hours a day."

She continued, "I love triathlon and open water swimming, biking and of course, running. It's just some of the things I do."

According to Lindborg, this was the first year the RMI got IOC money to help their athletes train.

"As a matter of fact, Jared Heine has been getting a scholarship for two years and he's been basically training full time for the Olympics," she said.

With the money provided by the IOC, Julianne was able to go to Hawaii in July and train. She was given money to rent a condo and for food for two months. She went straight from Hawaii to Beijing for the Olympics.



Julianne wears her Marshall Islands Olympic Swim Team Jacket.



The Republic of the Marshall Islands Olympic Team, left to right, swimmers Jared Heine and Julianne Kirchner, runners Haley Nemra and Roman Cress and Anju Jason, who competed in Tae Kwan Do.

Along the way, Julianne made a lot of sacrifices, not just by working so hard athletically, but by giving up social time and dropping out of school.

"I was teaching full time," said Judy. "So Julianne would not only have to do all of her athletic training but all of her school work on her own. She was taking courses from the University of Nebraska by doing a combination of online courses, books and correspondence courses. The courses she took were college level."

Fortunately, Julianne had some help with her school work. She was tutored by Paula Fluhrer, Paige Singleton and Peter Schulz.

"I was taking honors courses and it was very difficult," said Julianne. "I was doing college work for high school credit. An engineer looked at my chemistry lessons and said he hadn't done that until his third year in college. I just said, 'Well, we have to do this, so let's get started.'"

Judy said, "I'm really proud. She put everything else behind. All the social opportunities and all the time for fun. There were all the times when her friends stayed out late and she would going to bed at 8:30 p.m. so she could then get up at 5:30 a.m. to train. She's worked really hard."

Lindborg added, "She's very dedicated and that's why I supported her for the Olympics. You can't do

that for someone who doesn't love it and really wants it."

Judy said, "She's harder on herself that anyone else could be. I couldn't have driven her the way she drives herself. She gets up in the morning to run and goes to the gym faithfully. She goes to the pool day in and day out. And many times, she did it alone. Fortunately, Peter Schulz did a lot of swimming with her prior to her going to Honolulu to train."

Julianne said, "It's a mind set. It's a way of life. Everything you do and everything you eat, you constantly think about how it will affect your athletic abilities. When I was training, I never had social time, ever. I was either doing schoolwork or some kind of training. You have to make the decision up front what it's worth to you. Some people say it's not worth all the work for just two weeks of your life. But for me, I love the whole thing. I love the journey and I'm looking forward to carrying on."

When Julianne went to Beijing and arrived at the Olympic Village, lots of the other athletes found it hard to believe that this All-American girl with the blonde hair was from the Marshall Islands.

One might think that Julianne would have been very impressed by the opening ceremonies, but it was the Olympic Village Food Court

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that got most of her attention.

"It was just so interesting," she said. "It was just so hard to fathom that you're sitting in a room eating the same food and breathing the same air as the athletes who are the greatest in the world."

She continued that, "You can look at their bodies and tell what sport they are in. You see girls who aren't even five feet tall and you know they're divers or gymnasts. And then there are the girls with the big buns and all that gel in their hair and you know they're synchronized swimmers. There's the really tall guys and you know they play volleyball or basketball. Michael Phelps would come in and out and of course, everyone knew who he was. He sat down at a table just across from me at lunch."

Julianne said everyone thought she was a diver or gymnast because she is short.

"I had to keep telling everybody that I really was a swimmer," she said. "But they would keep saying, 'No, you're a diver.'"

Julianne said the food court must have been at least three football fields long and she couldn't see the far side of it.

"It was the biggest building I've ever been in," said Julianne. "And there was so much food. I could have sat there all day and just watched people."

The Olympics can get rough. Before the swimming events start, all the swimmers are in the pool warming up.

Anyone who doesn't think swimming is a 'contact' sport should talk with Julianne,

"You have to be careful when warming up in the pool because everybody is in there at the same time," she said. "I'd always get in the lanes the guys were warming up



Julianne sports her new Olympic rings tattoo.



The RMI Olympic delegation, left to right, Julianne Kirchner, Haley Nemra, Anju Jason, Jason Sam, Daniel Andrew, Jared Heine, Roman Cress, Waylon Mueller, Tony Mueller and Sandy Alfred.

in because they were nicer than the girls. Girls would swim right over the top of you and if you were near the wall, they would flip right on top of you. I've come out of the pool with big bruises and bloody hands."

Julianne said she was warming up in the lane next to Dara Torres, the 41-year-old American who went on to win a silver medal in swimming.

Julianne competed in the 50-meter freestyle which is not her best event. She is more of an endurance swimmer and the 50-meter is a sprint.

However, she shaved almost two full seconds off her personal best and finished fourth in her heat. Overall, out of 100 swimmers in

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Waylon Mueller, Julianne Kirchner and Haley Nemra at the Olympic ceremonies.



Photo by Dan Adler

Stormy weather

Rainy weather makes the Monday Labor Day Beach Blast a little soggy, but these children don't care as they play in the water slide.

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her bracket, she finished 75th.

When the games were over, Julianne attended the closing ceremonies but left before they ended.

"I didn't want to see the torch put out," she said. "Every night I could look out of my room at the village and see the Bird's Nest, the Water Cube and the torch. I could see the city and everything was right there. It was really beautiful. I'd just have the biggest smile looking at it all. It was hard to see it all come to an end. I went to my room and the torch was out and that was sad.

The experience of being in China was a good one for the Kirchners.

"The people couldn't have been friendlier or more helpful," said Judy. "They were really wonderful to us."

With her parent's permission, Julianne got a souvenir from the games. It seems it's a rite of passage for Olympic swimmers to get a tattoo of the Olympic rings.

"Normally I'd be upset that my 16 year old daughter got a tattoo, but I guess this is okay," said Judy. "It's a little bigger than I would like, but Oh, well."

Now that Julianne has returned home, she's coaching younger children and thinking about starting a swim clinic on Ebeye. She plans to give a talk about her experiences at the elementary school. She is committed to being a good role model for younger swimmers.

The list of people in Julianne's life who have helped her is a long one. Some of those people are Ray and Leah Fogg, AnnElise Peterson, Sarah Stepchew, Torrey and Kaya Landers, Michael and Ian Taylor, Andrea Lindborg, all of her teachers, many adults on island, and of course, Cris Lindborg, for her guidance and mentorship.

Julianne and Judy also want to express their gratitude to the members of the RMI Olympic Committee. President Kenneth Kramer, and his wife, Lani; Tony deBrum, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senator Michael Kabua for the support they gave her in so many ways.

Julianne and Judy give a special thank you to the RMI Olympic Committee Secretary General, Terry Sasser and his wife Amy, for their hard work in smoothing the

way to Beijing

About Julianne, Judy said, "She's just a real blessing. I can't take credit for it. She's so much more than I could have hoped for. I would have been happy with a well-behaved child and reasonable grades and for her to be happy. So all this is icing on the cake."

For her part, Julianne says modestly that she doesn't feel like she's done anything special.

"I've just been given this drive and a lot of energy and I had to do something with it. My mom has always been there for me and supported me. She's my best friend."

As far as what the future holds for Julianne, she said, "There's a list of things I want to accomplish. I want to make qualifying time the next time I go to the Olympics. It's really important for me to get there that way. I want to compete in an Ironman Triathlon, but I have to wait until I'm 18. There's some big marathons I want to run. And I want to swim the English Channel someday."

It seems young Julianne Kirchner doesn't dream small dreams.

Early diagnosis is key in surviving colon cancer

By Dr. Loren Helmuth
Kwajalein Hospital General Surgeon

At current rates, approximately one in 17 persons in the United States will develop colon cancer and nearly 60,000 persons die from this disease each year. This deadly disease is usually silent meaning there are no clearly discernable symptoms such as abdominal pain, weakness, weight loss, shortness of breath, or notable rectal bleeding until late in its course. That makes treatment much less effective than if discovered and treated at an early stage.

Making a diagnosis early enough allows early treatment and thus renders a much more favorable prognosis, often even a cure.

Risk factors for development of colon cancer include a first degree family relative with colon cancer, ulcerative colitis, granulomatous colitis, family history of colorectal polyps (non cancerous tumors of the colon and rectum) and a past personal history of polyps. Polyps have the potential to develop into

cancer, and thus they are removed when found. A colon free of polyps has a much lower chance of developing cancer.

Note however, that cancer most often develops in persons who have none of these risk factors.

The most sensitive method of detection of colorectal polyps and tumors is by a test called colonoscopy. In this procedure, a flexible tube with fiber optic light transmission is passed into the rectum and colon and is capable of diagnosing up to 98 percent of these tumors.

Prior to the test, the colon is cleansed with potent laxatives. The procedure is done either in the hospital or in a doctor's office. Sedation is used to facilitate patient comfort.

Other methods of screening for colon tumors includes testing of the stool for blood, barium enema along with proctoscopy (x-ray plus a short rigid examining tube placed into the rectum) and flexible sigmoidoscopy, which, however, examines only half of the colon.

None of these methods are as effec-

tive as colonoscopy, but have utility in certain circumstances.

Current recommendations for screening (meaning looking for colorectal tumors in persons who have no symptoms to indicate their presence) are to begin screening at age 50, or 10 years younger than the age at diagnoses of a first degree (parents, siblings) relative's diagnoses of cancer. About one percent of asymptomatic persons age 50 years or older have colon cancer, with a much higher percentage having polyps. Also, the older a person is, the higher the risk of having colon polyps or cancer.

Additionally, persons who have rectal bleeding need to have an evaluation to find the cause of the bleeding, and again, this is most effectively done by colonoscopy, particularly in the older age groups.

If you have any of the above conditions, symptoms, or family history, you should talk it over with your doctor. Take care of your health.

It is your most valuable possession.

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reduced environmental emissions, such as solvent and paint fumes and blast materials, dramatically since beginning operations in 2007. He remarked, "There is no other facility like this for several thousands of miles in any direction." Paul Haislip of KRS Environmental took the group through the Free Issue Warehouse where excess hazardous materials such as paints and thinners turned in after jobs are completed are offered to

other shops and island residents for use free of charge. John McCarroll also thought the Free Issue Warehouse was an excellent approach to waste disposal issues by accomplishing reductions in the amount of hazardous wastes disposed and even reducing amounts of hazardous materials brought on island. He suggested, "USAKA might want to hold these two facilities up as good environmental accomplishments and nominate them for some environmental awards."



Photo by Garry Davis

The effect of USAKA activities on marine life was studied by the team.



Photo by Dan Adler

Participants in the run-walk/swim-float event Monday begin the 2.6-mile run portion of the race.

Rain doesn't dampen run-walk/swim-float event

By Bob Sholar
Kwajalein Running Club President

Some 31 multi-talented athletes toed a rainy day starting line at 5 p.m. Monday and completed the 29th Annual Kwajalein Run-Walk/Swim-Float Biathlon.



Starting near Namo Weto Youth Center, the participants ran a 2.6 mile loop around most of the housing and commercial half of Kwajalein.

Then they kicked off their shoes and swam an out-and-back 600-yard lagoon course off Emon Beach.

Comfortably finishing first for the men was Peter Schulz in

Jennifer Dupuy, left, and Alex McGlinn tie for first.

30 minutes, 43 seconds. The fact that Schulz is in what is commonly known as the Seniors Division bracket (age 50 and over) makes his first place finish all the more impressive. Schulz is an expert swimmer and had the fastest swim time by over a minute in 10 minutes, 59 seconds.

For the ladies, there was an uncoordinated tie for first place. Alex McGlinn sprinted up Emon Beach to pull neck-and-neck with Jennifer Dupuy in 33 minutes, 35 seconds.

The youngest finisher was 11 year old Justin Hill in 45 minutes, 47 seconds, not far behind his mother Valerie.

The fast improving Jeffrey Fluhrer recorded the fastest run segment in 18 minutes, 27 seconds.

For the ladies, the fastest run was McGlinn's 20 minutes, 39 seconds.

The event was again that pleasing combination typical of Kwajalein Running Club: self improvement and camaraderie, but not without some squinty-eyed competitive spirit around.

Participants represented a broad sampling of USAKA's tenant organizations, but the Kwajalein schools dominated with 12 of the 31 participants being employees of our pre-school through high-school systems.

Go teachers!

Six servicemembers die in Global war on Terror

Spc. Steven J. Fitzmorris, 26, of Columbia, Mo., died on Aug. 25 of wounds suffered from enemy fire while on a dismounted patrol in Adhamiyah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

Spc. Carlo E. Alfonso, 23, of Spokane, Wash., died on Aug. 26 of injuries sustained when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device in Sadr City, Iraq. He was assigned to the 40th Engineer Battalion, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder,

Germany.

Pfc Tan Q. Ngo, 20, of Beaverton, Ore., died Aug. 27 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered in Zabul Province, Afghanistan, when his mounted patrol received small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Hohenfels, Germany.

Sgt. David K. Cooper, 25, of Williamsburg, Ky., died Aug. 27 in Baghdad, of wounds suffered in Qadasiyah, Iraq, when his dismounted patrol came under small arms fire. He was assigned to Forward Support Company, 4th Battalion, 42nd

Field Artillery, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Spc. Michael L. Gonzalez, 20, of Spotswood, N.J., died Aug. 28 in Baghdad, of wounds suffered by an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 340th Military Police Company, Fort Totten, N.Y.

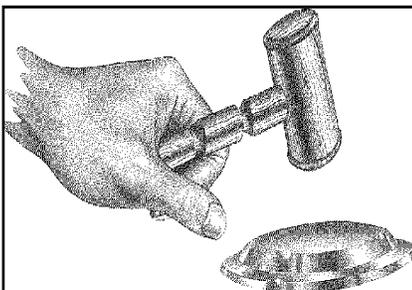
Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Harris, 36, of Lexington, N.C., died Aug. 30 from injuries sustained while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan. Harris was temporarily forward deployed from his assignment at Naval Special Warfare Development Group, Dam Neck, Va.



The Coast Guard cutter Kukui and its crew of 48 will visit Kwajalein next week. The vessel will be repairing navigational buoys in the Kwajalein Atoll. Kukui's crewmembers will be allowed access to the common areas of the island, but restricted from the housing areas.

The Kukui is a 225-foot, Juniper-class buoy tender home ported in Honolulu. In addition to servicing buoys and other aids to navigation throughout the Pacific, the crew also performs: law enforcement; marine pollution response; community relations, medevac, and search and rescue missions.

Public notice of appointment of part-time U.S. magistrate judge for the district of Hawaii at Kwajalein



The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time United States magistrate judge for the District of Hawaii at Kwajalein Missile Range. The current

annual salary of the position is \$3,919. The term of office is four years.

A full public notice for the magistrate judge position is posted at the U.S. Post Office on Kwajalein and at

the office of the Clerk of the U.S. District Court at 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm. C-338, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The notice is also available on the court's Internet Web site at www.hid.uscourts.gov. Interested persons may contact the Clerk of the U.S. District Court for additional information at (808) 541-1330. Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received no later than September 19, 2008 and should be addressed to:

MERIT SELECTION PANEL FOR KWAJALEIN
MAGISTRATE U.S. DISTRICT COURT, 300 ALA
MOANA BLVD., RM. C-338, HONOLULU, HI 96850

By Order of the Court
Sue Beitia, Clerk

Community events in September



Sept. 5-16: Optometrist visit



Sept. 18: 6:30 p.m., Bingo Night, at the Pacific Club



Sept. 10: 7 p.m., School Advisory Council Meeting



• Sept. 19: CDC parent board meeting



Sept. 12: Yokwe Yuk Women's Cub Newcomer's Welcome at Quarters 210-B



• Sept. 24: 6:30 p.m., Elementary PTO meeting



Sept. 12: 7 p.m., College Information Night, in the Multi-Purpose Room



Sept. 25: CYS 4-H Club Kickoff



Sept. 13: Mobile Kitchen event



Sept. 27: Mobile Kitchen event



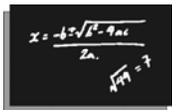
Sept. 14: KGA Scratch Club Championship



Sept. 15: KRC Fun Run



Sept. 30: Teacher Workday, no school



Sept. 16-27: NWEA testing, Grades 2-6



Sept. 17: 7 p.m., School Advisory Council Meeting



Sept. 30: Community Activities Double Tennis Tournament



Sept. 17-22: CYS youth sports basketball season

HELP WANTED

KRS and CMSI job listings for On-Island positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board outside of DVD Depot, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job listings for Contract positions are available at www.krsjv.com and on the bulletin board outside of DVD Depot and on the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract positions are located online at www.krsjv.com.

NEED EXTRA money? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for all Community Services Departments and the Human Resources Temporary Pool for Casual Positions such as: Sport officials, scorekeepers, delivery drivers, lifeguards, medical office receptionists, temporary office support, etc. Questions? Call 54916.

U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll

OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANTS, GS-0326-6. Temporary position not to exceed two years. The employee provides clerical support to ensure efficient office operations. The employee accomplishes various duties to provide essential office automation support and production. The employee performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of various database software packages. The employee prepares varied documents with complex formats using the advanced functions of word processing, desktop publishing, and other software types. The employee performs systems maintenance functions for electronic mail systems. The employee performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of one or more spreadsheet software packages. The employee performs a variety of secretarial and other clerical and administrative functions, using judgment to answer recurring questions and resolve problems. Apply at <https://cpolwap.p.belvoir.army.mil>.

VETS' HALL

BARTENDER AND BAR BACK. Call Brianne, 53074 or 52279.

AIRSCAN PACIFIC

AVIATION SAFETY TECHNICIAN. Entry level

position assisting in the administration of the aviation safety program, in accordance with Army, FAA and environmental safety and health procedures. Duties include assisting with investigations, safety and health surveys, conducting safety and orientation training for aviation personnel and other duties, as directed by the aviation safety official. Bachelor's degree in related field desired. Note: This position is subject to regular drug and alcohol testing as required by the Department of Transportation and local procedures. E-mail résumé to: lydia.thompson@smdck.smdc.army.mil. No phone calls.

AAFES

Roi-Namur STORE MANAGER. Apply at www.aafes.com <<http://www.aafes.com>>

KWAJALEIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Responsible for all aspects of the CAC office, issuing cards, working with DMDC on issues and updating spreadsheets. Must be a US citizen to issue CAC cards. Duties include updating and distribution of department rosters, access lists, authorized signature listings and point of contact listings. Handles all incoming and outgoing mail, distribution and faxes. Responsible for outgoing mail sent to the Corporate Office. Responsible for answering, directing, and screening telephone calls as well as the phone billing. Maintains Administrative Library and performs other tasks as assigned. Prepares various correspondence and other tasks as assigned. Responsible for coordinating the monthly Joint Area Law Enforcement Council meetings. Competitive Pay (U.S. tax exempt). Contract Completion Bonus \$500 (Initial Contract – one year), annual vacation (80 hours), paid sick leave and holidays. For an application, call 54427.

WANTED

WORKOUT PARTNER to work out three days a week. Call David, 52575, work, or 52512, home.

GENDER-NEUTRAL or girl toddler bed; bike trailer; futon frame; CD stand; vacuum cleaner and a pool table. Call Cera, 55880.

IRONING BOARD, with pad and cover, good condition. Call Barb, 52262.

MEMBERS OF Soka Gakkai International to start a study group. Call Judy, 54184.

Religious Services

Catholic

Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small chapel.
Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m., in the main chapel.
Mass on Roi is only on the first Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m., in Roi Chapel.

Protestant
Sunday

8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.

Baptist

9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school music room.

Latter-day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, in Corlett Recreation Center, Room 3.

Church of Christ

10 a.m., Sunday, in Quarters 442-A.

Jewish services

Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office for more information.

THE HOBBY SHOP needs donations of newspapers and paper bags. If you have a wood locker in the Hobby Shop or wood shop, call 51700.

BIKE TRAILER. Call Gail, 55658, home, or 51403, work.

LOST

SMALL, PINK suede zipper coin purse with leather Kwaj logo, left on bench between Post Office and barber shop. Call 53461.

CAMERA left on table at Emon pavilion Aug. 19, has photos of daughter's wedding on memory card. Call 52033 or send to P.O. Box 540.

STERLING SILVER plumeria ring. Call 54168.

FOX RACING OVAL SUNGLASSES, north of 6th Street in 200-series housing. Call 53921, home, or 51460, work.

FOUND

2008 PUPPY CALENDAR on sidewalk by Quarters 223-A. Call 54622.

BLACK-FRAME sunglasses at the hospital. Call 52223.

PATIO SALES

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-noon, Quarters 404-C.

Café Pacific

Lunch

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Sept. 12
Pork adobo	Pot roast	Beef tips in Burgundy	Spaghetti	Roast turkey	Chicken a la orange	Huli huli chicken
Beef/cheese turnovers	Herb-broiled chicken	Veal Parmesan	Italian sausage	Chili mac	Breaded clam strips	Beef pot pie
Sesame tofu	Ham Marco Polo	Three-cheese quiche	Chicken nuggets	Vegetable stir-fry	Tex-Mex stir-fry	Baked tofu
Grill: Teriyaki burger	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Sloppy Joes	Grill: Cheese dog	Grill: Gyro bar	Grill: Beef wrap

Dinner

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Stir-fry to order	Sausage lasagna	Short ribs Jadinieri	Barbecued pork butt	Salisbury steak	Steamship round	Roast pork loin
Korean beef steak	Spinach lasagna	Chicken paprikash	Turkey stir-fry	Spicy chicken curry	Chicken Cordon Bleu	Sautéed beef tips
Chicken sukiyaki	Chicken piccata	Red snapper Veracruz	Rice pilaf	Oriental veggie stir-fry	Pork chow mein	Vegetarian beans

THE FAMILY POOL

- 3:30-6 p.m., Tuesdays and Saturdays
- 3:30-5 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays
- Closed Thursday
- 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sundays
- Noon-6 p.m., Mondays

MONDAY, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Quarters 434-A. PCS sale. Kitchen items, plants, clothes and household items.

FOR SALE

PLANTS. Call Maria, 53925, after 5 p.m.

LAFITTE SAILBOAT, 44-FOOT, excellent boat for sailing all around the lagoon or even to Australia or Hawaii, sleeps 8, full galley, including stove and refrigerator, two heads, includes dingy, outboard engine, boat house, and mooring. Call Monte, 52834.

CORDLESS TELEPHONE, \$10; stereo system, play three CDs; AM/FM tape player, doesn't work, \$10; Samsung digital camera, a few scratches, includes memory card, \$125 and Homedics relaxation fountain, includes pump and rocks, \$25. Call 50167.

GOLF CLUBS with hard case, \$200; Panasonic 20-inch TV, \$100; DVD/VCR surround sound system, \$100; mini-blinds for 400 series house, \$10 each; Milwaukee 7-inch disc sander, \$100; carpets: 9-foot by 12-foot hunter green, peach, and beige, \$30 each; microwave, \$50; blender with food processor attachment, \$40; stainless steel grill, \$200 and HP Office jet printer/fax/copier/scanner, \$75. Call 53522.

PAIR OF ATOMIC split fins with Apollo C stainless steel spring straps, paid \$250, will sell for \$100. Call 52110, work, or 52342, home.

PLANTS, including red hibiscus, red ixorea, asparagus fern, green/white leafed bush and free plumeria tree. Call 54211.

CHOEY-LEE FRISCO FLYER, 26-foot, 6-inches, complete overhaul, new decks, poly paint inside and out, yanmar 10-horsepower diesel engine, new engine mounts, prop and shaft, spruce mast and boom, launchable on existing cradle, dinghy with new 2.5-horsepower Honda engine and trailer. Call Dave Goulet or leave message at 54523.

SHELVING UNIT, \$20; 6-foot by 9-foot carpet, tan, finished edges, \$20; weight bench with full weight set, new, \$100; wooden hope chest, \$20; redwood beach chairs, \$10; umbrella beach chairs, \$10; wood TV stand, \$20; two-drawer walnut filing cabinets, \$50 each; glass canister set, \$5 and glass vases, \$5 each. Call 55945.

FENCE, \$250 or best offer; Kenmore rolling dishwasher, \$250 and 12-foot by 16-foot tan rug, \$50. Call 52276.

CHILDREN'S TAP SHOES, sizes 12½, 13 and 1, \$5 each. Call 54530.

GRADY-WHITE 240 off-shore boat with Yamaha

38th Annual Kwaj Open Golf Tournament



NOTE NEW DATES

Schedule of events:

- Oct. 11: Tee-off social
- Oct. 12-13: First round play
- Oct. 13: One-club tournament
- Oct. 14: Obstacle course putting and longest drive/chipping and putting
- Oct. 15: Mixed Horse Race
- Oct. 17: Men's Horserace
- Oct. 18: Match play putting contest
- Oct. 19-20: Second round play

KGA members, \$100
Non-KGA members, \$135
(if paid by Oct. 1)
\$10 late fee after that date
Payments will not be accepted after Oct. 4.

For information and tee times, call Larry Cavender, 52406.

150-horsepower outboard motors, 150-gallon fuel tank, stereo, VHF, and dual-axle trailer, cabin with lots of storage space, lots of spare parts including two Yamaha engines, located on Boat Lot 4, \$30,000. Call 59335 or 59081.

CD/VIDEO storage cabinet, 48-inches, \$50; external zip drive and disks, \$30; 16 x DVD writer for PC, \$10; DVD reader for PC, \$5; lots of blooming flowers and plants, \$3-35, bowling ball, bag and shoes, \$25; 24-inch by 54-inch by 1/4 inch plexiglass (good for making aquarium top), \$3 and toolbox with tray, \$5. Call 52609.

VARIOUS POTTERY supplies, entire box for \$50 or sold individually. Call Rue, 54173 or leave a message.

OCEAN REEF Neptune space full-face mask with second stage and DVD, \$550. Call Joe, 55959, home, or 52222, work.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KWAJALEIN YACHT Club's Beer Can Race will be Sunday. A skippers' meeting will be at 1 p.m., at small boat marina. All sailors welcome. Hot dogs and hamburgers at the Yacht Club following the race.

THE ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL-sponsored 'Hang Time' will be 6:30-8 p.m., Monday, at Emon Beach. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. No alcohol.

THE NEXT boating orientation class is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, in Corlett Recreation Center Room 1. Cost is \$30, payable in advance at Small Boat Marina. Questions? Call 53643.

THE KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY BAND will begin rehearsals for the 2008-2009 concert season, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Tuesday, in the high school music room. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, September through May. The ensemble is primarily an adult organization,

supplemented by select members of the high school band program as necessary to balance the instrumentation. Adult band members are welcome and needed in all sections, especially clarinet, horn, drums and tuba. The band, now in its twenty-second season, will perform a program of Christmas carols in December, and concerts in February and May. A limited number of school-owned instruments are available for loan to the band members. For more information, contact the director, Dick Shields, home phone, 51684, or at the high school, 52011, or rshields@kwajalein-school.com.

ALL ISLAND residents are invited to attend the Kwajalein Scuba Club's monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in Corlett Recreation Center Room 1.

THE NEXT MOBILE KITCHEN event is Spanish Night on Sept. 13. For payment, see Maria in the Retail Office in Building 805 next to Bowling Center.

KWAJALEIN ATOLL International Sportfishing Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 24, at the Pacific Club. Food and beverages will be served.

MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES will no longer be available after Oct. 1. The hospital will inform residents when service resumes. Questions? Call 53522.

THERE HAS BEEN an increase in bicycles being parked in restricted/no-parking areas surrounding Building 602 Warehouse. In an effort to educate the community and provide ample time to correct these violations effective Saturday, the Kwajalein Police Department will begin placing tags on bicycles parked in unauthorized areas surrounding the Dock Security Checkpoint and warehouse industrial areas. Beginning Sept. 13, bicycles found parked in restricted/no-parking areas will be removed and impounded at the Central Police Station.

the burn cycle. It also is currently only operating 2 days a week. The team was shown the new loading mechanism being built at the incinerator to speed loading of refuse and ultimately increase the number of days it operates. Terri Hibberts of KRS Environmental said "USAKA and KRS are looking at ways to assist the burning of refuse but also to reclaim and recycle material in the municipal refuse stream. For example, sorting recyclable materials out of the refuse prior to being burned in the incinerator."

On Eniwetak, the team reviewed the Eniwetak Conservation Area activities including the monitoring of nesting birds and the ant eradication program. Several of the UES team remarked at the improvement of habitat since their last visit in 2006. John Bungitak of the RMI EPA observed, "Two years ago if you stood still for about a minute anywhere on Eniwetak you would be covered in ants; now they are hardly noticeable." John also noted the increased populations

of seabirds including reef herons. Mike Malone, KRS Environmental Office, took the group through the island and showed them several of the areas where nesting birds are monitored. Mike said, "The reduction in the number of ants has led to a visible increase in wildlife on island including bird nesting and turtle activity." Several individuals also snorkeled the fringing coral reef and noted the healthy coral diversity and cover along with a wide variety of fish species. As required under the Eniwetak Conservation Area Management Plan, the UES team had gotten written permission to approach and land on Eniwetak from the USAKA Environmental Office prior to departing from Kwajalein.

The team toured Omelek a few days after the last SpaceX launch. They reviewed the SpaceX facilities and operations on Omelek and looked at sites for proposed Falcon 9 activities in coming years.

The group went to Ennylabegan to look at facilities that have been abandoned and those that are be-

ing proposed for closure as parts of the Power and Facilities Reduction Plans. An Environmental Assessment is being developed to look at the potential environmental effects of facilities closures and ultimate demolition of closed or abandoned structures, the abandoned barracks building on Ennylabegan being one example.

The UES team concluded its trip by providing an outbrief to the Deputy Commander, Hugh Denny. The Team summarized its impressions of how incorporation of the UES into USAKA operations for the past 12 years has benefited the community in many ways. The current and potential value of the Eniwetak Conservation Area was highlighted, including the interest expressed by RMI leaders in enhancing future involvement of RMI community members in its management. The need to begin a focused effort to address a long-term strategy, as well as short-term emergency measures, to manage the issue of shoreline erosion at USAKA was also discussed.



SURFWAY HOURS OF OPERATION WILL CHANGE SUNDAY. THE NEW HOURS ARE:

• 11 A.M.-6:30 P.M., TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY

• 1-5 P.M., SUNDAYS

• 10 A.M.- 5 P.M., MONDAYS

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 10-16 knots.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-ESE at 10-16 knots.
Monday: Partly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 6-12 knots.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 6-12 knots.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-ESE at 8-14 knots.
Thursday: Partly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 6-12 knots.
Sept. 12: Cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** E-SE at 5-10 knots.

Annual total: 50.79 inches
 Annual deviation: -6.64 inches

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

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:29a.m./7:03 p.m.	11:34 a.m./11:24 p.m.	7:01 a.m., 2.9' 7:26 p.m., 3.3'	1:13 a.m., 0.5' 12:59 p.m., 0.4'
Sunday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	12:25 p.m./	7:23 a.m., 2.4' 8:02 p.m., 2.9'	1:47 a.m., 0.9' 1:18 p.m., 0.8'
Monday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	1:17 p.m./12:13 a.m.	7:49 a.m., 1.9' 9:23 p.m., 2.5'	2:43 a.m., 1.3' 1:36 p.m., 1.2'
Tuesday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	2:08 p.m./1:04 a.m.	2:01 a.m., 1.7'	7:19 a.m., 1.4' 4:56 p.m., 1.6'
Wednesday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	2:57 p.m./1:56 a.m.	12:52 a.m., 2.6' 2:17 p.m., 2.1'	8:12 a.m., 1.0' 7:34 p.m., 1.2'
Thursday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	3:44 p.m./2:48 a.m.	1:57 a.m., 3.1' 2:39 p.m., 2.6'	8:37 a.m., 0.5' 8:18 p.m., 0.7'
Sept. 12	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	4:29 p.m./3:39 a.m.	2:33 a.m., 3.6' 3:02 p.m., 3.1'	9:01 a.m., 0.1' 8:50 p.m., 0.3'