

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Left to right, Camp Adventure counselors Ms. Jade, Ms. Tulip and Ms. Lily act out a skit with children in the multi-purpose room. For more on Camp Adventure, see Page 4.

Photo by Sheila Bigelow

The stories we don't get enough of

I just love it when I'm watching TV news or a program like *Entertainment Tonight* and the host says breathlessly, "And now, the story you just can't get enough of!"

Do you remember when Anna Nicole Smith died? I don't know about you, but I had enough of that about 30 seconds after it was announced she had passed away. I really didn't want to turn on the news every evening or on weekends and hear more of what they kept saying "You can't get enough of."

I mean, did I really care who the father of her baby was? Was I unable to sleep until I knew?

Uh . . . No!

Then there was Heath Ledger. He was a fair actor I guess. I saw a couple of his movies, but I don't think any of them will ever be classics. So the guy overdoses and goes to the great beyond. Of course, that became another story we were told, "You can't get enough of."

I don't know, maybe it's just me. But

once again, about 30 seconds of hearing about Ledger's death was enough. I think my reaction, which was while I was eating dinner, was something like, "Gee, that's too bad — pass the potatoes."

And don't even get me started on the 'Octomom.'

Now there's all this Michael Jackson stuff. Yep, you guessed it — another 'story we can't get enough of.' Not only did they televise the memorial just once, it went into reruns. Maybe it will be a permanent summer program. Hopefully, by the time you read this, all of the hoopla about it will be gone from our TV screens. I doubt it though.

I don't know what you thought of Jackson. Personally, I thought he was a remarkable entertainer and a musical genius who left songs that will be around for decades. I also think that something in his life caused him to be a very tormented person who had a lot of trouble finding happiness or, apparently, any kind of normalcy.

The Way I See It

Dan Adler,
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Some TV pundits and some politicians have loudly proclaimed that he was a pedophile and a child molester and unworthy of all the adulation.

Well, a jury found him innocent and I guess there's only a few people who really know if the molestation charges against Jackson were true. We sure can't ask him anymore.

When people think of Jackson in the future, some people will remember the molestation charges and some will remember the drug misuse and the weirdness he exhibited. Some will simply

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Buckminster and Friends by Sabrina Mumma



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The *Ugli Stick* band entertains on Kwajalein, Roi during Armed Forces Entertainment tour

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Don't judge a book by its cover because there is nothing ugly about the *Ugli Stick* band. They are a group from Mobile, Ala. on their second Armed Forces Entertainment tour. This year they visited Hawaii, Guam, Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. While here in the Marshall Islands they performed at the Vet's Hall on July 8, Roi Outrigger Bar on July 9 and the Ocean View on July 10.

The *Ugli Stick* currently has three independently released albums of original music to date. The band is getting more and more popular over the years, playing around 200 shows per year. Once you see them live it is easy to understand how they've become so popular. The band graciously handed out hundreds of sample CDs and download cards so that Kwajalein and Roi residents can continue to enjoy their music after they leave.

The *Ugli Stick* has a unique sound in that they play almost everything – reggae, funk, hip hop, rock, easy listening and some blues. They incorporate a variety of musical sounds into their sets which gives a little something for everyone to love. Every song was a surprise; you had no idea if it was going to be reggae, rock or hip hop. Either way, it kept

you in your seat, eager for more tunes and waiting to see what they were going to do next.

"Every kind of song sounded like it was their forte," said fan Flynn Gideon. "Most bands are good at playing one area of music and are just OK at the rest. But these guys sound like they've been playing forever, no matter if it's easy listening, rock, or rap."

They started off their show at the Vet's Hall with a couple of reggae funk songs with a Bob Marley feel to them. They played some of their original songs and even though few had ever heard them before, it was impossible not to enjoy it. The crowd still attempted to sing along to the catchy lyrics and at the very least, danced along in their seats. They also included well-known, feel good songs like *I Don't Want to Wait in Vain for Your Love* and *Always Have to Steal My Kisses From You*. Some of their songs had a bluesy sound to them. They were the kind of songs that sound sad but make you feel so good to listen to.

After a serene start, the band stepped it up with some rock and hip hop songs. They played songs like *Every Rose Has Its Thorn* and *Bulls on Parade* for rock lovers and *My Perogative* for hip hop lovers. Their rock songs may have been loud but they were somehow still soothing



Lead guitar and backup vocalist Dale Drinkard and drummer Tim Stanton perform at the Vet's Hall while visiting Kwajalein on the AFE tour.

to the ears. The band immediately drew wild eruptions from the crowd as they started performing crowd favorites like *Rough Riders*.

The *Ugli Stick* sure knows how to put on one heck of a show. They are as much fun to watch as they are to hear. There wasn't a single person in attendance that wasn't singing along, tapping their feet, bopping their heads or outright dancing along to the music. The band threw out a little head banging here and there along with some dance moves and other hilarious antics.

By the time the band got ready to play their last gig at the Ocean View June 10, word had gotten around the island about how great they were. Everywhere you went on island, most of the talk was about how much everyone enjoyed their show at the Vet's Hall. For two days, the band was the only thing on people's minds. They couldn't wait to see another show, even if it did have most of the same music they had just



Lead singer, Eric Erdman, and bass guitar player, Quintin Berry, of the band the *Ugli Stick* clearly enjoy performing while at the Vet's Hall on the AFE tour here in Kwajalein June 8.

Camp Adventure creates magic moments and memories for Kwajalein children this summer

Article and photos by Sheila Bigelow
Associate Editor

Camp Adventure is back this summer and with it brings new counselors and new themed-fun for Kwajalein kiddos. Camp Adventure is a world-wide youth organization offered at 150 sites in Europe, Asia, North and South America. It is staffed by college students from around the United States. Their vision of, "We create magic moments and treasured experiences for children and youth that last a lifetime," and their motto, "Catch the Magic," gives you an idea of just how upbeat, enthusiastic and fun they make camp for the children. Camp Adventure has been here to Kwajalein four out of the past five years.

The Camp Adventure program serves all military branches and is located on most military installations. The basic program is the same for all camps worldwide. Each year the songs, dances, games and themes are the same worldwide for each camp; however, each camp experience is different. Counselors learn the basic core values of the program but are trained to use local resources and make the program uniquely fit at each site. So Camp Adventure in Kwajalein is not the same experienced in Italy.

This year, themes included Madcap Museum at Midnight, Enchanted Frogs and Fairytales, Supersonic



Dominic Leines and Kierah James show off their Coat of Arms they drew during art time at Camp Adventure this summer.



Hannah Finley, Quincy Breen and Morgan Dethlefsen sing along to *Herman the Worm* during Blitz Time at Camp Adventure this summer in the MP room.

Outer space Chase and Ice Age Escapades.

They played games like Pinball-Dodgeball where two opposing teams tried to knock down three cones on the other team's side by throwing dodgeballs at the cones. They also had art time where they made Coat of Arms depicting their family members, favorite colors and favorite activities. They also made popsicle stick houses, crowns out of construction paper and jewelry with pipe cleaners. They got plenty of time for fun-in-the-sun with field trips to the beach and family pool. In the morning, they have Blitz Time where they sing songs like *Herman the Worm*, clapping, snapping their fingers and dancing along to the music. They repeat the words after the counselors sing them, laughing and giggling at the silly verses. They perform different skits each day. Counselors change the story up a bit to relate it to life on Kwajalein. One skit was about some of the kids and counselors getting trapped by purple people on Emon beach. The children played different roles and helped act out the story. The other kids sat and watched, laughing and enjoying the performance.

A big part of Camp Adventure is the chants where the counselors yell out a rhyme and the kids answer back. This is also used as a tool to get the kids to listen and do a particular task. For example, while playing outside, one of the counselors will yell, "When I say circle, you say up. Circle." And the kids yell, "Up." "Circle," says the counselor. "Up," yell the kids in return. Before you know it, 30 kids are circled up around the counselors. It was a very effective tool.

A big part of what makes Camp Adventure as fun and exciting for the kids as it is has to do with the enthusiasm and zest of the counselors. This year Kwajalein was staffed with four new counselors, none

of whom has ever been here before. All the counselors are named after flowers and at the end of the summer, the kids try to guess their real names. Counselors give them hints throughout the summer.

Ms. Tulip is the Project Coordinator for the group with the responsibility to facilitate how camp is run and serves as the Point of Contact between this year's team here in Kwajalein and Camp Adventure headquarters. She is also the go-to-gal for parents and has the responsibility to handle any problems or situations with any of the children while at camp. Ms. Tulip just graduated from the University of San Diego with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies, a minor in multicultural studies, an American Humanities Certificate and a multi-subject teaching certificate. She is a seasoned veteran of Camp Adventure, having been with the program for seven years and has done not only the summer program, but the winter and spring as well.

Ms. Lily is spending her first year with Camp Adventure here in Kwajalein. She is a senior at Iowa State University, studying political science, and hopes to run for office after graduation. Her mom and sisters are teachers so working with children seems to run in the family. So far she is enjoying her time here in Kwajalein. She's having fun with the kids and loves going to the beautiful beaches with them. "It's funny how the kids are so used to salt water and we're not," she says. So far Camp Adventure has been a challenge, but all in all, fun.

Ms. Jade is also new to Camp Adventure, spending her first summer here in Kwajalein. She is a sopho-



Left to right, Ms. Rose, Ms. Tulip, Ms. Lily and Ms. Jade act out a skit with the kids during Camp Adventure in the MP room.

more at Western Oregon University where she is a double major in Dance and History. She had never heard of Kwajalein before coming here with Camp Adventure and is "eating up the history here." So far she is finding work with Camp Adventure really rewarding. "We have one-on-one reading time and it really reminds you of what we're really doing here." She likes the atmosphere and is fitting in well; she's been on other islands and is familiar with "island time."

Ms. Rose is a sophomore attending the University of California Davis. She is currently undeclared but may study History or International Relations. She has worked with Camp Adventure before and likes working with the kids and the traveling involved. She had originally hoped to be placed in Okinawa. Her mom was in the Navy and she spent the first five years of her life there.



Ms. Rose, left, and Ms. Jade, right, pretend to capture Cameron Jones and Kaya Sylvester while acting out their skit during Camp Adventure this summer.

She had never heard of Kwajalein before but is glad that it happened. "Not a lot of people have been here, I'm one of the few that gets to experience this place," she said. "The kids here get so excited and want to be involved. At camps in the past it's sometimes hard to get the kids motivated. Here they always want to participate." About Kwajalein she said, "It's nice to see something so lovely because you don't see that every day."

Camp Adventure is a great way for Kwajalein kids to spend their summers. They get to have fun and play with other children in a group and individual setting. They learn while having fun, keeping their minds sharp for when they go back to school. It's a great program and we're lucky to have it keep coming back to Kwajalein year after year.

Keeping Paradise Clean



Help needed to keep Kwajalein beautiful

Hourglass Reports

The first thing most people notice about Kwajalein is its beauty. They appreciate the clear blue water, the beautiful sandy beaches and the lush green palm trees.

The cleanliness of the beaches and the water just doesn't happen however.

Sandy Lummer, Pools and Beaches Coordinator, and her lifeguard crew work hard to keep Emon Beach clean, and she invites all residents to help.

Sometimes, while walking the beach, Lummer and crew fill their pockets and bags with cigarette butts, beer can tabs, bottle caps, broken glass and other items. Besides being unsightly, this trash can also be dangerous. A rusted bottle cap or glass from a broken bottle could cause injuries, especially to children or

anyone in bare feet walking along the beach and can lead to an infection. And as we all know, infections on Kwajalein are sometimes very difficult to get rid off.

Residents are reminded that glass bottles are not allowed in the water off the beach areas at any time for obvious reasons. Not only can broken glass injure swimmers or divers, it can also be a danger to marine life.

Lummer and her crew need residents' help to keep the beaches clean. A lot of what is found is recyclable and there are several trash receptacles, recycling bins and cigarette disposal bins in and around the beach areas for residents to use.

Everyone enjoys the beach areas being clean and free of litter and trash, but for that to happen, we need your help. Please always pick up after yourself and your parties, and whenever possible pick up other loose



trash around the beach. By doing so, you will make the beach safer, look better, and help control the fly population.

Here are a few hints for when you plan a party:

- Make clean up part of your party planning.
- Take down palm fronds and party decorations and remove all staples and tape used to hang them after your party.
- Have extra plastic bags handy to pick up empty beer bottles, bottle caps, cigarette butts and plastic cigar tips left over from your party.
- After your event, do an area trash patrol.
- If you are hosting a large party at one of the pavilions, call Community Activities during the work week to pick up extra trash liners to help you with your trash patrol.
- Always tightly seal trash bags to stop flies from gathering and procreating.
- And finally, dispose of trash bags in the trash receptacles or in the large black trash cans at either entrance to the beach.

The pools and beaches crew, Solid Waste Department and Pest Control all appreciate your help keeping community facilities clean. A little goes a long way.

If you are interested in doing more for island upkeep, please look into Community Activities' Adopt-an-Area



Such items as rusted bottle caps, broken glass, aluminum tabs, cigarette butts, plastic cigar filters, rusty nails and golf balls have been found on Emon, Coral Sands and Camp Hamilton beaches. Trash is unsightly and could cause injury. Everyone's cooperation is needed to keep our beaches and island clean and safe.

program by calling 53331 or send an e-mail to callie.chavan@smdck.smdc.army.mil. There are several areas on Kwaj and Roi that still need your help. You can adopt an area as an individual, with a friend, as part of your department, or any other group, and all it takes is a few hours of your time a month.

For example, Kwajalein Baptist Fellowship meets the first Monday of the month to clean their designated area. Others keep their areas tidy by picking up here and there as they see need.

Community Activities thanks and commends the

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Quality of Life funding used for many varied purposes on Kwajalein and Roi

Hourglass Reports

One of the unique functions here on Kwajalein is the Quality of Life (QOL) Fund and the QOL Committee.

QOL funding comes from the Department of Defense (DoD) under the Indian Incentive Program (IIP) and results from implementation of US law, which provides an incentive to prime contractors that use Native American organizations and Indian-owned economic enterprises as sub-contractors.

Kwajalein Range Services receives funds based on the payments it makes to Chugach Management Services, Inc (CMSI), an Alaskan native corporation, and a percentage of those funds are to be used to enhance the Quality of Life for the entire Kwajalein Community.

KRS established a Quality of Life Committee to manage these funds. The charter for the committee is "To gather input from all demographics of the USAKA/RTS in order to develop recommendations to senior management that facilitate the use of Indian Fund expenditures for items that improve the morale and living conditions on the USAKA/RTS community. This committee evaluates and recommends usage of KRS team donations to the USAKA/RTS community. NOTE: This is not a sensing committee for island operational issues, that committee exists elsewhere."

The committee meets monthly and considers recommendations from all sources. Committee members may poll their constituents for needs and desires on USAKA/RTS or the community may bring their proposals to the QOL Committee. Proposals, that are typically in a business case format, are then presented at the QOL Committee meeting for funding consideration and after due consideration are voted on by the QOL Committee with approval or disapproval made on a majority vote.

The QOL Committee members represent a cross-section of the community: KRS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Lincoln Lab,



Quality of Life funding was used to bring back fireworks for Independence Day this year.

Chugach, USAKA, Raytheon, Alutiiq, Atmospheric Technology Services/RTS weather station, a community-at-large representative, a Roi-Namur representative, and high school students.

The QOL Committee has approved expenditures totaling \$1,358,134 to improve the morale and living conditions for the USAKA/RTS community since 2004.

Anyone with questions or recommendations should contact one of the following current committee members: Jim Willman, Amy Hansen, Kim Scruton-Yarnes, Beth Turnbaugh, Cherie O'Brien, John Payne, Akino Lippwe, Kathy Bull, Tony Stephens, Lynn Long, James Landgraff, Sarah Stepchew, Linn Ezell, Kimm Breen, Tom Tarlton, Alexis Yurovchak, Kitlang Kabua, and Janette Bishop.

Examples of projects approved for QOL funding in 2009 include:

- Scholarships for Kwajalein High School and Ebeye graduating seniors
- 4th of July fireworks
- New Hobby Shop and Woodshop equipment
- Hospital diabetic clinics
- New carpet, furniture, equipment

for the ARC

- Roi tennis court repairs
- Additional benches and tables to be placed near Emon Beach
- New chapel speakers
- Various small Community Activity projects (bowling pins, library program, gym equipment, CRC projector, etc)

• Approval of a plan to spend up to \$150,000 to provide DSL and wireless public internet access to Kwajalein (BQ and housing) and Roi-Namur residents pending resolution of a method for establishing systems sustainability.

Some of the many other projects QOL funding has financed since 2004 include the mobile kitchen; the renovation of Emon Beach; a new projector for the Richardson Theater; repairs of the Family Pool, the Adult Pool, and the Small Boat Marina piers; and purchase of the QOL rental scooters and pickup. For Roi-Namur the QOL has funded equipment and DVDs for television and radio broadcasts, Parrothead Club Repairs, theater repairs, Outrigger Bar improvements, a sports complex bathroom, and games and furniture for the Community Building.

Hazardous operation scheduled

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Due to a mission hazardous operation taking place July 26 and 27, the airfield and golf course will be closed from 5 a.m., July 26, until completion of the airfield operations.

Kwajalein Police Department will place barricades on the Ocean and Lagoon sides of the runway roads on July 26. These barricades will prevent non-mission essential personnel from traveling south/east past building 1010 on Lagoon side and past the terminal on Ocean side until completion of the hazardous operation.

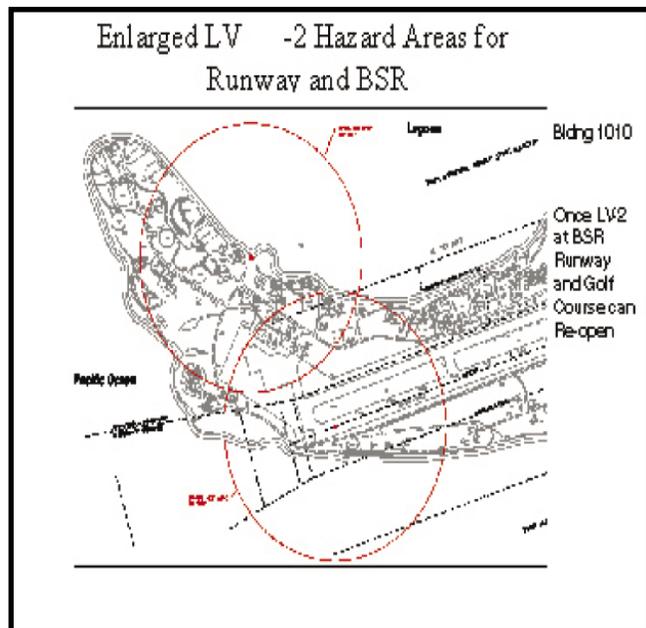
The airfield and golf course will re-open once hazardous cargo moves from the runway to the Barge Slip Ramp on the south end of the Is-

land, expected to be by close of business on July 26..

The Barge Slip Ramp area will remain off limits through July 27 until the cargo has departed.

More to follow on the Roller and in next week's *Hourglass* with maps showing the road blocks and the hazardous operations areas.

Contact Billy Trawee, USAKA Safety, 54841, if you have any questions pertaining to this hazardous operation.



Solar eclipse to take place Wednesday

By Lisa Shier
Astronomer

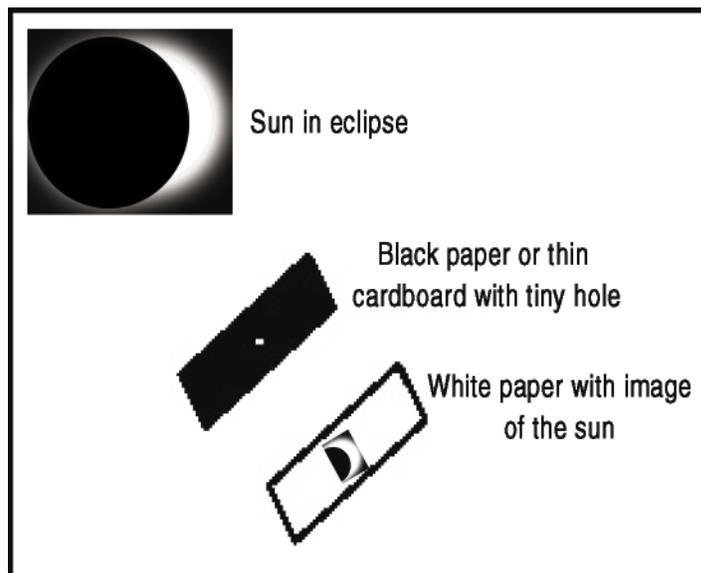
Parts of the Marshall Islands will see a total solar eclipse on Wednesday afternoon.

Kwajalein and Roi-Namur will get a very deep partial eclipse, with over 90 percent of the sun covered by the moon. Totality will be observed at Jaliut Atoll, Alinglaplap Atoll, southern Namu Atoll, Lib Island, Lae Atoll, Ujae Atoll and Enewetak Atoll. The maximum eclipse will occur at Kwajalein at 3:43 PM. It will not get dark at Kwajalein, but some darkening of the sky may be noticeable, similar to very cloudy weather.

A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes directly between the Earth and the sun. The moon's shadow sweeps over a very long, narrow region called the path of totality. In the path of totality, the sun is completely obscured by the moon for a few minutes. The sun's corona will shine around the moon. For thousands of miles on either side of the path of totality, a partial eclipse will be seen.

The path of totality for the eclipse will begin in India, north of Mumbai, pass west across India and into China, where it will pass over Chengdu and Shanghai, then through extreme southern Japan and into the Pacific, finally ending in Kiribati. A partial eclipse will be seen in most of eastern Asia and the western Pacific.

Solar eclipses occur about once a year. The Moon's orbit is inclined with respect to the Earth's orbit around the sun, so the moon does not pass directly between the earth and the sun each month. The last solar eclipse was on Aug. 1, 2008 and was visible in the arctic, Siberia, and China. There will be a solar eclipse on July 11, 2010. That eclipse will be seen in the South Pacific and South America.



It is never safe to look directly at the sun, even during an eclipse. Permanent blindness can result from looking directly at the sun, even for a few seconds. Sunglasses absolutely do not provide adequate protection for your eyes. There are a few safe ways to observe the eclipse. There are special eclipse-viewing glasses. A few organizations on island, such as the Kwajalein Yacht Club have ordered a very limited number of the glasses. Another method is to construct a pinhole camera and view an image of the sun. Take a sheet of dark, heavy paper or thick cardboard and make a small hole with a tack or paperclip. Hold this paper perpendicular to the sun's rays. Hold a sheet of white paper 12 - 24 inches behind the heavy paper to see an image of the sun.

Army releases suicide data for June

U.S. Army press release

The Army released suicide data for the month of June today. Among active-duty soldiers there were no confirmed suicides and nine potential suicides. In May, the Army reported one confirmed suicide and 16 potential suicides among active-duty soldiers. Since that time, seven have been confirmed and nine remain under investigation.

There have been 88 reported active-duty suicides in the Army during calendar year 2009. Of these, 54 have been confirmed, and 34 are pending determination of manner of death. For the same period in 2008, there were 67 confirmed suicides among active-duty soldiers.

During June 2009, among reserve component soldiers not on active duty, there were no confirmed suicides and two potential suicides; to date, among that same group, there have been 16 confirmed suicides and 23 potential suicides currently under investigation to determine the manner of death. For the same period in 2008, there were 29 confirmed suicides among reserve soldiers not on active duty.

“Every soldier suicide is different and tragic in its own way,” said

Brig. Gen. Colleen McGuire, director, Army Suicide Prevention Task Force. “Our current research and prevention efforts are identifying common denominators that lead soldiers to take their own life. It’s often a combination of many factors that overwhelm an individual.”

“Although suicide can impact anyone, we’re finding that male soldiers, in combat-arms occupational specialties, between ages 18 and 27 are more vulnerable,” McGuire said. “That’s why we’re looking at existing programs and other institutional safety nets to see what works, and what needs to be changed to enhance the support network of trained leaders and behavioral healthcare providers who can identify and treat risk factors before young soldiers get to the point where they feel there’s no way out.”

A three-phase Army program will include sustained annual suicide prevention training for all soldiers, emphasizing common causes of suicidal behavior and the critical role Army leaders, friends, co-workers and families play in maintaining behavioral health.

The Army’s Suicide Prevention Task Force will continue imple-

mentation of the Army Campaign Plan for Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention to further enhance suicide prevention and behavioral health programs that directly affect our Army community and save soldiers’ lives.

Soldiers and families in need of crisis assistance should contact Military OneSource or the Defense Center of Excellence (DCOE) Outreach Center. Trained consultants are available from both organizations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The Military OneSource toll-free number for those residing in the continental U.S. is 800-342-9647, their Web site address is <http://www.militaryonesource.com>. Overseas personnel should refer to the Military OneSource Web site for dialing instructions for their specific location.

The DCOE Outreach Center can be contacted at 866-966-1020, via electronic mail at Resources@DCoEO Outreach.org and at <http://www.dcoe.health.mil/resources.aspx>.

The Army’s most current suicide prevention information is located at <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide/>.



Keeping watch

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Sanchez and Cpl. Lavachery, with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, peer out of a window at Patrol Base Jaker, in Nawa, Helmand province, Afghanistan, on June 20. The Marines are deployed in support of NATO’s International Security Assistance Force.

DoD photo by Staff Sgt. William Greeson, U.S. Marine Corps. (Released)

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heard a few nights before.

The *Ugli Stick* packed the Ocean View, inside and out. They played on a stage out back, the only lights coming from the stage and the bright moon overhead. Lead singer Eric Erdman played the whole show barefoot saying, "It just feels right with the ocean only a few feet behind us."

This show was the most upbeat of them all. The area in front of the stage was quickly turned into a dance floor and you couldn't get the SpaceX employees to sit in their seats; they were dancing machines all night long. Couples slow danced to mellow, blues songs. The band even played a country song and filled the dance floor with two-step fun.

Even when Mother Nature poured buckets on the crowd, the show didn't stop. Once the rain ceased, they cleaned up the stage, wiped down the equipment and the show went on. While they were getting the stage ready, Erdman played a private, one-man show inside. He had everyone laughing as he played songs and tunes from the popular Nintendo Mario Brothers video game.

Erdman drew cheers and applause for his amazing singing and rapping skills. Erdman and lead guitar and backup vocalist Dale Drinkard got the crowd in a laughing frenzy with their come-



Residents enjoy the music of the AFE band *Ugli Stick* July 9 evening at the Vets' Hall.

dic commentary and banter with one another throughout the show. Quintin Berry drew loud cheers as well with his skill, unique style of bass playing, dance moves and my favorite, his Mohawk. Drummer Tim Stanton was the heartbeat of the group, keeping the tempo upbeat and fun.

By the end of the show it was obvious why the *Ugli Stick* was asked back for a second AFE tour. They are incredibly talented musicians.

They addressed the crowd during the show and thanked all the military members for all that they do. Erdman also said, "This is the most fun we've had since we've been here (playing at the Vet's Hall). We love Kwajalein and do not want to leave."

It seemed most of the attendees did not want them to leave either. Comments heard from the crowd other than "Whoohoo," were, "These guys are so awesome."

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following volunteers for doing such a great job in doing their part to keep our island beautiful:

- USAKA Community Services - North of Kwaj Lodge to north of Ham Radio Shack.
- Charlie Kuzy - North of Ham Radio Shack to north of adult pool.
- Val Bazar and Carol Roy - North of adult pool to south of Pacific Club.
- Kwajalein Hospital - South of Pacific Club to south of Ocean View club.
- William Craft - South of Ocean View Club to 6th street.
- Masina McCollum (GSES) - 4th street to south of family pool.
- The Command Office - South of family pool to 50 yards south of Colonel's house.
- MIT - Oceanside Bunker Hill behind buildings 227, 102 and 104.
- Kwajalein Kids Club (Susannah Jones) - Open area behind CAC and building 365.
- Kwajalein Baptist Fellowship - North of CRC to south of original dome home area.

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- Junior Girl Scout Troop #4 (Lora Kendrick) - Emon playground and grassy area.
- Fumiko Kemem (Jinetiptip Club) - South of tennis courts to DSC.
- Tom Anderson - Grassy area behind and adjacent to Camp Hamilton.
- Kwajalein Yacht Club - Grassy area behind Yacht Club.
- Griswold family - Old Boy Scout area.
- Kwajalein Police Department - Flag poles
- Children of the Island Memorial Chapel - Grassy area between airport and chapel.
- Kwajalein Surfing Organization - DCCB surf spot.

There are still plenty of areas to adopt around the island. If you are interested in participating in the program, contact community activities at 53331.

Those of us who live on Kwajalein have a unique opportunity to live in one of the most beautiful and pristine areas of the world. Let's all do our best to keep it that way for everyone.

Lead Levels Above the Drinking Water Action Level on Meck Island

Hourglass Reports

The Meck Island water tests performed during first quarter FY08 showed lead levels in the water above the limit or action level.

This is not an emergency and the high levels of lead detected were either due to the water in the building plumbing remaining stagnant because of decreased usage on Meck and/or water plumbing containing lead com-

ponents.

As a precautionary measure, run the water for one or two minutes prior to utilizing it for consumption. As a result, the environmental department increased monitoring of lead and copper from annually to every six months, investigated the need for a corrosion control treatment, and performed additional source water and water quality parameter monitoring.

The analytical results from the water samples taken during the third

quarter of FY08 showed lead levels below the action levels, however, lead levels were detected above the action level in first quarter FY09. Lead and copper samples were collected again in June 2009 and will continue to be collected at Meck on a semi-annual basis until two consecutive six month monitoring periods demonstrate lead levels below the lead AL.

If you have any further questions, contact Anne Robinson at 58301.

Elap Jonan Lead eo ilo Dren in Idrak eo ilo Meck

Ilo 1st Quarter in FY08 eo, ar komon teej ko non lale jonan lead eo ilo dren in idrak eo ilo Meck. Im rar loe ke jonan lead eo ar bed ilon in "action level" (15 parts per billion [ppb]). Ejjab menin idin im uwota kin an le jen jonok in "action level" eo an lead ilo tore in. Unin an wor lead ilo teej ko ej kinke dren eo ilo building eo ejjab toor ak ej bed wot ilo pipe kin an driklok operation ilo Meck. Naan in kakkol bwe mokta jen am ilimi dren eo ilo Meck, kotlok bwe en toor 1-2 minute aetok. Im kin un in, enaj laplok im emakijkij lok e department eo an environmental etale im teej e jonan Lead im Copper eo, laplok jen 1 katen ilo 1 yio non aolep elikin 6 alon. Result ko jen teej ko komon ilo kota jilu ilo FY08

rar kwalok ke lead eo ar bed ilal in "action level" eo, ijoke teej ko jen kota juon ilo FY09 rar laplok. Jerbal in teej ko non dren in drak eo ikijeen lead im copper rar koman June 2009 im renaj bar komon lok in aolep 6 alon, non ne jonok ko rebed ilal in jonok ko emoj karoki ilo kakien ko.

Elane ewor am kajitok, kiir Anne Robinson ilo 58301.



Teaching survival skills

A U.S. Air Force airman with the 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, attached to the 93rd Military Police Battalion, instructs an Iraqi Police officer from the Abu Ghraib district during range training at Forward Operating Base Mahmudiyah, Iraq, on July 8, 2009.

DoD photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Edwin L. Wriston, U.S. Navy. (Released)

Sixteen servicemembers die in Iraq, Afghanistan

Petty Officer Second Class Tony Michael Randolph, 22, of Henryetta, Okla. died July 6 in an improvised explosive device attack on his convoy in northern Afghanistan. Randolph was assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eight, Sigonella, Italy, and was deployed with his platoon to Joint Task Force South conducting counter-improvised explosive device operations in support of Task Force Zabul in Afghanistan.

Spc. Christopher M. Talbert, 24, of Galesburg, Ill., died July 7 in Shindad, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment, Marion, Ill.

Pfc. Nicolas H. J. Gideon, 20, of Murrieta, Calif., died July 6 at Forward Operating Base Salerno, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered earlier that day in Paktya, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Four Soldiers died July 6 in Konduz, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle. Killed were: **2nd Lt. Derwin I. Williams**, 41, of Glenwood, Ill. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 106th Cavalry Regiment, Dixon, Ill.; **Sgt. Brock H. Chavers**, 25, of Bulloch, Ga. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment,

Americus, Ga.; **Spc. Chester W. Hosford**, 35, of Hastings, Minn. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 106th Cavalry Regiment, Dixon, Ill. and **Spc. Issac L. Johnson**, 24, of Columbus, Ga. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 108th Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition Squadron, Rome, Ga.

Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Darren Ethan Tate, 21, of Canyon, Texas died of non-hostile causes July 8 at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. He was assigned to the *USS Iwo Jima*, and deployed as an Individual Augmentee to Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan.

Sgt. Michael C. Roy, 25, of North Fort Myers, Fla., died July 8 while supporting combat operations in Nimroz province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 3d Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pfc. Lucas M. Bregg, 19, of Wright City, Mo., died July 8 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Lance Cpl. Roger G. Hager, 20, of Gibsonville, N.C., and Master Sgt. John E. Hayes, 36, of Middleburg, Fla., died July 8 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. They were

assigned to 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Spc. Joshua R. Farris, 22, of La Grange, Texas, died July 9 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

Cpl. Matthew R. Lembke, 22, of Tualatin, Ore., died July 10 of wounds sustained on June 24 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Lance Cpl. Pedro A. Barbozaflares, 27, of Glendale, Calif., and **Master Sgt. Jerome D. Hatfield**, 36, of Axton, Va., died July 11 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. They were assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Eric J. Lindstrom, 27, of Flagstaff, Ariz., died July 12 near Barge Matal, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol using small arms and indirect fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.



Another day at the office

Army Capt. Christian Lightsey, of Jacksonville, Fla., looks out over the village of Sarhani during a patrol, June 30. Lightsey, and fellow Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, have been patrolling Afghanistan's volatile Kunar province since arriving in early January.

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 by the Continental Travel Office, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job Listings for Contract Positions will be available at www.krsjv.com, on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com.

NEED EXTRA MONEY? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for Casual Positions in the Community Services Departments, Medical Department and the HR Temp Pool. Some of the Casual positions are: Recreation Aides, Medical Office, Media Services Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and HR Temp Pool Office Support. Questions? Call 54916.

THE KWAJALEIN POLICE Department (KPD) is now hiring for the Common Access Card (CAC)/Administrative Assistant position. The contract is an on-island position, full time and comes with competitive benefits. Must be a US Citizen and able to obtain a secret security clearance. Contact KPD administration for an application at 54427.

WANTED

SEA GLASS/BEACH GLASS. Don't just toss it away! I will buy your unwanted Kwaj Sea Glass/Beach Glass. Call Billy or Jane at 5269 after 5:30 on workdays, anytime weekends. If not home leave a message.

FAMILY-SIZE microwave in good condition. Call 53290.

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.

Jewish services

Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office, 53505, for more information.

RELIABLE KWAJ BIKE for reasonable price. Anyone PCSing? Call 5-3290.

LOST

SWISS TRI-FOLD WALLET, dark red, lost somewhere on the road from the marina to Coral Sands or possibly Emon beach, on July 5th around 7 p.m. If found contact Sean at 5-3990.

UV RASHGUARD SHIRT, Maui Surfwear, medium, navy blue, lost near Kayak shack. Please call 5-4632.

FOUND

RADIO/IPOD player found at Emon Beach 4th of July weekend. Call to identify, 5-4932.

PATIO SALE

SUNDAY and MONDAY, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Quarters 467-B. PCS sale. Clothes, sports equipment, colot TVs, five bikes, bike trailer, gas grill with two gas tanks, candles, blankets and desk with glass top. Early birds welcome.

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-noon, Quarters 135-E.

MONDAY, 8-10 a.m., Quarters 435-B. Clothes, dive equipment, plants, kitchen items, Christmas tree, dishes, TV trays, Panasonic receiver and speakers, golf clubs, desk, and blankets.

FOR SALE

TWO MEN'S BIKES, aluminum frames, 21-speed, \$100 each; men's bike, aluminum frame, 15-speed, \$85; women's bike, 10-speed, \$50; bike trailer, \$60; bike parts, lubrication/oils, \$15; wood desk with glass top, \$75; comforter, king, \$50; comforter, queen, with two pillow shams, \$25; artificial Christmas tree; Kenwood stereo system with wooden cabinet, cd player, cassette player, amp, tuner, record player, surround sound speakers, \$150. Call 55625/2435.

AQUARIUM, 125-GALLON, with stand, all accessories included, very clean and ready to go, \$500 or best offer. Call 52680.

TOWELS, shower curtain liners, hair products, cleaning supplies, bedding, brand new bike. Call 52161, after 3 p.m.

HD DVD collection, more than 25 titles, new/unopened, \$7 each. Call 53290.

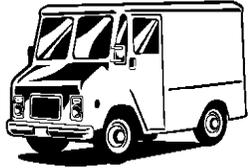
CARPET, good condition, medium pile, slate/blue color, 8.5ft x 10ft, \$30. Call 52544 or 50798.

30GB IPOD CLASSIC, one-year-old, black, has almost 2,000 songs on it, paid \$250 will sell for \$225. Please call 55310 after 4:30 p.m.

SCUBA GEAR: large BCD, three regulators, dive tool, dive skin, fins, weights, bag. \$100. Call 59154.

CHRISTMAS TREE and decorations, George Forman family size grill, stained glass assorted colors and

**Reminder to
air passengers**



Airport Shuttle Service is available for ATI and Continental flights. The last scheduled pick-ups are 30 minutes before lock out. Call 58294 24 hours in advance to make a reservation.

sizes, candles. Email Koalani25@yahoo.com.

CARPET, large enough for 400 series master bedroom, blue, used, \$140 or best offer; BCD (size XL) with regulator set. Call 53290.

GAS GRILL, \$30 or best offer; Cushions for patio furniture, never used, \$20 for set. Call 54674.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE MIC SHOP IS MOVING downtown! In preparation for our move, the Mic Shop is permanently closing the doors at its current location and moving next to Gold Mine Jewelry and Tropic Jewelry in the area formerly used by the DVD Depot. Moving is anticipated to take approximately two weeks. Please join us for a grand re-opening celebration in August, exact date to follow.

TO FACILITATE INSTALLATION of new carpet in the lobby of the Kwaj Lodge, the ATM will be unavailable from 7:30 a.m., July 18, until 12:30 p.m., July 21. For questions contact Billy Abston at 5-4840 or the Community Bank.

MANDATORY ISLAND ORIENTATION will be held from 12:45-4:30 p.m., July 29, in CAC Room 6, Building 365. It is required for all new island arrivals. The island orientation is not recommended for dependent children under the age 10. Questions, call KRS ES&H at 51134.

Café Pacific

Lunch

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>July 25</i>
Pot roast with gravy	Beef tips in Burgundy	Spaghetti	Breaded pork cutlets	Chicken a la orange	Roast turkey	Grilled porkchops
Herb-broiled chicken	Brown rice casserole	Italian sausage	Chili mac	Breaded clam strips	Beef pot pie	Pepperoni pizza
Ham Marco Polo	Three-cheese quiche	Chicken nuggets	Hawaiian chopped steak	Chef's choice	Sweet-and-sour tofu	Veggie pizza
Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: N/A	Grill: Giribaldi sub	Grill: Gyro bar	Grill: Cheese dog	Grill: Swiss burger

Dinner

<i>Tonight</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Sausage lasagna	Short ribs Jadinière	BBQ pork butt	Salisbury steak	Round of beef	Roast pork loin	Pancake supper
Spinach lasagna	Chicken paprikash	Ranch-style beans	Spicy chicken curry	Chicken cordon bleu	Sautéed beef tips	Smoked brisket
Turkey Alfredo	Mahi Vera Cruz	Turkey stir-fry	Oriental veggie stir-fry	Pork subgum chow mein	Vegetarian beans	Chef's choice

The Excess Property Processing Facility at the DCCB will suspend sales activity on July 21-22, and will resume August 4 - 5. Excess property receiving activities will continue as scheduled on July 14-16 and July 28-30, and viewing property for reutilization will continue to be by appointment only. Questions? Call 51770.

"THE LAST RESORT TOBACCO Free Program" begins at 6 p.m., July 7, in the Hospital Conference Room. You will not be charged for quit-smoking aids (medication, patches, and/or gum) if you successfully complete the 12-week program from July 7 to September 22. Classes will be at 6 p.m. every Tuesday. See your physician for admission into this program. Call 55362 for further assistance.

THE ADULT POOL IS CLOSED for repainting. The Family Pool is open for adult only lap swimming. The new hours are effective July 7. Monday, 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m., Friday, 6-7:30 p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Questions? Call Sandy, 52847.

CYSS YOUTH SPORTS is offering six weeks of free recreational sports to island youth. Week three offers 4th-6th graders a week long volleyball program, July 28-31. Register July 21-25 at Central Registration, Building 356. Limited spots available. Call 53796 for more info.

DURING THE ABSENCE of a priest, the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Island Memorial Chapel. This service will be held June 28 through August 2.

WOODSHOP ORIENTATION classes are held 6-9 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month. Come by the Hobby Shop to sign up for the class. The fee is \$10. Questions? Call Denise, 51700.

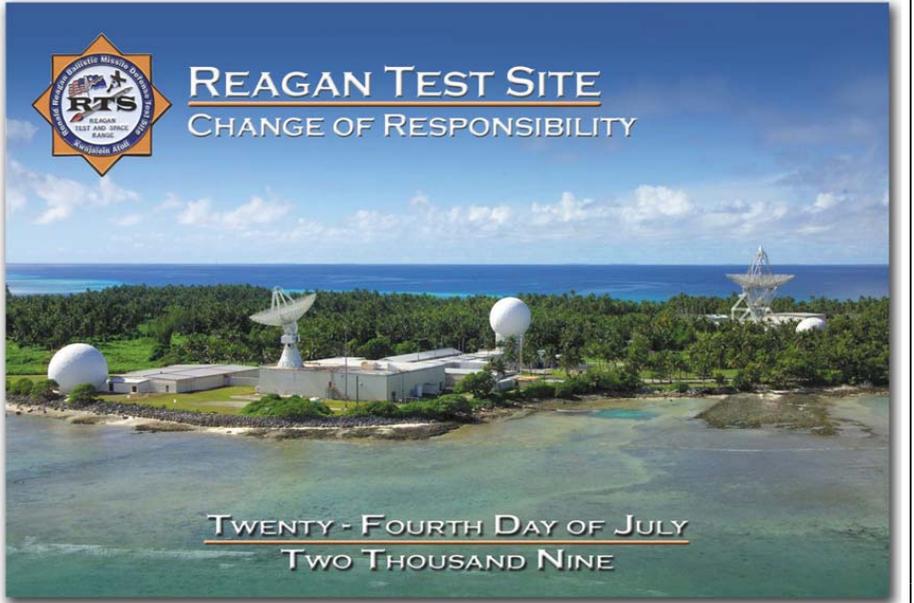
AA MEETINGS on Roi-Namur are now being held at 1:30 p.m., every Wednesday, in the KEAMS Training Room at the Terminal Building. Call Bill, 52338 or Marion, 55362.

REMINDER TO DRIVERS: Emon Beach pathway is off limits to all vehicular traffic. This includes scooters. Pavers will break under a vehicle's load. Questions, call Community Activities, 53331.

HOBBY SHOP summer classes for children begins in June. The fee is \$15 per child payable in advance. Classes are limited so sign up now.

IS TRAINING now has classes available for adults who do not have a CAC. E-mail cindy.brooks@smdck.smdc.army.mil for a schedule of classes.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT Support Group meets at 5 p.m. every Friday in the Hospital Conference Room. The community is invited. Questions? Call 55362.



**The Commanding Officer
U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll
requests the pleasure of your company
at the
Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site
Change of Responsibility Ceremony,
Friday, July 24, at 10:30 a.m., in the
Island Memorial Chapel, at which time LTC Harold Buhl, Jr.
will relinquish responsibility of the Reagan Test Site to
LTC John Eggert.**

**Reception immediately following in
the Religious Education Building
Military dress: army combat uniform
Civilian dress: casual**

Projected menu-subject to change

Café Roi

Lunch

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>July 25</i>
London broil	Pork roast with stuffing	Sicilian sausage	Beef/cheese turnovers	Salisbury steak	Fish filets	Broiled brisket
Chicken breast	Pasta with chicken	Chicken cacciatore	Tofu/veggie stir-fry	Pasta primavera	Beef Stroganoff	Potato & pea samosas
Eggs Florentine	Eggs Florentine	Beef ravioli	Mashed potatoes	Vegetable of the day	Parsley noodles	Mashed potatoes
Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: N/A	Grill: Turkey & Swiss	Grill: Chicken sandwich	Grill: Kielbasa roll	Grill: Chicken roll-ups

Dinner

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>July 25</i>
Pork ribs	Kal bi chicken	Seafood pasta	Grilled steak night	Fried chicken	Szechuan chicken	Buffalo burgers
Chicken breast/avacado	Ginger beef stir-fry	Cabbage rolls	Hoisin lime	Pulled pork	Shredded pork	Chicken breasts
Chickpea & yam stew	Sautéed noodles	Pasta Alfredo	Peking duck	Stuffed eggplant	Szechuan tofu	Home made chili

Fire department gives tips to avoid kitchen fires

Hourglass Reports

Cooking in the home is the number one cause of fires in the United States today. That goes the same for Kwajalein.

Here are some easy steps you can take to try and reduce the risks associated with cooking.

- Put a lid on a grease fire to smother it, and then turn off the heat. Baking soda will also work.

- Never move a burning pan, this can result in an injury to you and could aid in also spreading

the fire to other areas.

- Never use water on a grease fire.

- Stand by your pan while you are cooking. Unattended cooking pans are the number one cause of kitchen/cooking fires.

- Wear short and tight fitting clothing; this will reduce the possibility of a clothing fire.

- Keep pot handles turned inward.

- Keep a three-foot safety zone around the stove. Keep the little ones away while you are cooking

to reduce the possibility of burns and scalds to your loved ones.

Kwajalein has had numerous cooking/kitchen fires over the last five years. Each of them could have been prevented. Let's all do our parts to make sure that this number is zero for the next five years.

Any questions about cooking in the house or what appliances can be used in the BQ's please call the Fire Prevention Office, 52137, and we will be happy to assist you and your family.

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remember his music. That being said, why is it when celebrities die, thousands of people make shrines, leave flowers, personal items and letters proclaiming their undying love and admiration for the deceased. I mean, give me a break. How can that many people have no lives?

I watched some of the Jackson coverage and people were saying how they had driven 1,000 miles, or hitchhiked or whatever just so they could say goodbye to the 'King of Pop.' I half expected someone to come on screen and sobbingly tell how they had sold their kidneys to raise money for the trip. The scary thing is that if someone had actually said that, it wouldn't have been all that surprising given how screwed up today's culture and our priorities are.

What happens to the rest of the world when some actor or musician decides to be stupid, takes too many drugs and dies? Isn't there still a recession with millions of people losing their jobs? Aren't there still two wars going on with a lot of the best men and women America has to offer dying in them? Isn't our country still deep in economic crisis? What happens to all of the 'other' news?

But, according to those TV hosts, we just can't get enough of those 'stories we keep asking for.' The only thing I'm asking is for them to shut up!

And about that travelling 1,000 miles or more to attend Jackson's memorial — the only time I'd travel 1,000 miles to attend a funeral, especially if I had to drive or hitchhike, would be if it was a member of my immediate family, one of

my oldest and dearest friends, or someone whose last will and testament said I'd inherit a lot of money if I showed up.

Well — now wait a minute. There *is* something else I'd travel a long distance for. When my wife and I leave Kwajalein and retire to our home in Texas, I'd like to travel to Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day or at Christmas or maybe both.

I'd like very much to honor those who served our country by helping to place flags on their graves on Memorial Day or place wreaths during the holidays. That's something I would be very proud to do.

I might leave a letter acknowledging how huge a debt I owe to those who have kept my country free and my family safe.

I'd like to be among the volunteers who go to airports in various cities and towns and welcome troops home from Iraq and Afghanistan. I'd like to go to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. to find where my father's name is inscribed. It's the last recognition that he, along with almost 16 million others who served in World War II, will ever receive.

I'd like to visit the Vietnam Memorial where people leave notes and letters to the memories of Soldiers, not celebrities.

Since Jackson's death on June 25, there have been 31 Americans killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. That brings the total to 5,063 of some of our best people dead as of July 15. They didn't get much hoopla. That's why I'd like to visit Section 60 in Arlington where the dead of Iraq and Afghanistan rest and pay my respects to the new 'greatest generation.' Because you see, *those* are the stories we don't get enough of.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 5-10 knots.

Monday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** Variable at 3-8 knots.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** Light and variable.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E at 5-10 knots.

Thursday: Partly sunny, 25 percent showers. **Winds:** Variable at 3-8 knots.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** Light and variable.

July 25: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** E-ESE at 5-10 knots.

Annual total: 18.55 inches

Annual deviation: -24.18 inches

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

Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:35 a.m./7:12 p.m.	4:10 a.m./5:17 p.m.	1:34 a.m., 3.7' 2:17 p.m., 2.7'	8:21 a.m., 0.3' 8:02 p.m., 0.4'
Monday	6:36 a.m./7:12 p.m.	5:16 a.m./6:20 p.m.	2:35 a.m., 4.2' 3:13 p.m., 3.1'	9:15 a.m., 0.2' 8:59 p.m., 0.0'
Tuesday	6:36 a.m./7:12 p.m.	6:22 a.m./7:19 p.m.	3:27 a.m., 4.7' 4:01 p.m., 3.5'	10:01 a.m., 0.6' 9:49 p.m., 0.4'
Wednesday	6:36 a.m./7:12 p.m.	7:26 a.m./8:12 p.m.	4:13 a.m., 5.0' 4:43 p.m., 3.8'	10:43 p.m., 0.9' 10:34 p.m., 0.6'
Thursday	6:36 a.m./7:12 p.m.	8:25 a.m./9:02 p.m.	4:55 a.m., 5.2' 5:23 p.m., 4.0'	11:22 a.m., 1.0' 11:16 p.m., -0.7'
Friday	6:36 a.m./7:12 p.m.	9:21 a.m./9:47 p.m.	5:36 a.m., 5.2' 6:02 p.m., 4.1'	12:01 a.m., 1.0" 11:57 p.m., -0.6'
July 25	6:37 a.m./7:13 p.m.	10:14 a.m./11:31 p.m.	6:14 a.m., 4.9' 6:41 p.m., 4.0'	12:36 p.m., 0.8'