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Kwaj community tells commander what's bugging it

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Apparently Amazon.com is doing tremendous business at Johnston Island. Unfortunately, at least some of those packages should be coming to Kwajalein, but they're either weeks late in arriving or simply MIA.

The Kwajalein community delivered that message to Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander, at Thursday night's town hall meeting in the MP room. Residents also raised a stink about trash and flies, as well as a number of other issues ranging from television quality to high-flying airfares.

After making a few introductory remarks, Brown, in his first Kwaj town hall since taking command in late July, launched into an hour-long question and answer session with the audience. One of the top complaints was the second-rate treatment first-class mail is getting.

Residents claimed that mail is taking weeks, if not months, to reach Kwajalein. Resident Paul Fritz, echoing the sentiments of many, wondered out loud where the hold-up was occurring.

"The problem is elsewhere," Brown responded, saying that the Kwajalein Post Office is getting mail into the boxes as quickly as it can.

Sgt. Elizabeth Flores, with the Kwajalein Post Office, said part of the problem is that some of the mail is going to Johnston Island, and personnel there are not always correctly rerouting it to Kwajalein. Sometimes the packages are simply being returned to sender, she said.

"We're trying to correct it," she said at the meeting. "Sometimes they (Johnston Island) will do their job, sometimes they don't."

Resident Tom Kane said mail is also slow leaving the island, claiming it took two months for mail to get from Kwajalein to Honolulu.

Brown promised to get to the bottom of the matter, acknowledging, "It's not just broke apparently, it's really broke." In an interview the fol-

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Mike Nicholson with Pest Control checks for flies in a trash can near Bargain Bazaar, a trouble spot for the pests. Flies were a major topic at last week's Kwaj town hall.

TV expansion, Rich upgrade get green light

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

By next summer residents from the Huntsville area may feel right at home when they turn on the TV.

That's because the latest proposal to expand the number of channels available to viewers on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur could include local stations from the Alabama city that's home to many

government employees and civilian contractors here.

Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander, informed the community at Thursday's Kwajalein town hall meeting that he's given the green light to a plan to expand channel surfing from a simple flip-flop between channels 9 and 13 through AFN-Kwajalein.

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Bush vows to handle Hussein, terrorism

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — "We will not allow the world's worst leaders to threaten us with the world's worst weapons," President Bush vowed Monday.

In an address at an Army National Guard facility in Trenton, N.J., the president said the United States would deal with Saddam Hussein with or without the world's support.

"This is a man who would use weapons of mass destruction at the drop of

a hat," Bush said. The Iraqi dictator would also "be willing to team up with terrorist organizations with weapons of mass destruction to threaten America and our allies."

For 11 long years after telling the United Nations he would not develop weapons of mass destruction, Saddam has "stuffed the world," Bush said. "He looked at the United Nations and said, 'This is a paper tiger. Their resolutions mean nothing.'"

He said he went to the United

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Editorial

AFRTS shows more top shows, variety than any service

By Rich Feagler

I just wanted to write a few words about the American Forces Radio and Television Service.

Over the years I've heard my share of criticism about AFRTS and its programming. I guess it's sort of become the fashionable thing to do, like talking about the weather. So perhaps there's not much I can say to change that.

But here it goes anyway: AFRTS provides a *fantastic* service for Americans living overseas. Quite a few people seem to take it for granted. Just about every single, well-known American network is represented on just this one network. There simply is no other service like it. Period. And since the programs are chosen based on their popularity and overall ratings scores, it is, quite frankly, the greatest hits of American television. If it's a popular show, AFRTS usually gets it.

When I last checked the Nielsen ratings, AFRTS had every single show listed in the top ten. I've often heard it said that there isn't enough variety on AFRTS, which is something I've never fully understood. AFRTS is nothing if not variety. I've tried, but I just can't seem to find the similarities between "Newshour with Jim Lehrer" and "BattleBots"! Or between "60 Minutes" and "Frasier"!

I've always said that if you can't find something you like on AFRTS, be it



"Everybody Loves Raymond," Letterman, Oprah, the Super Bowl or whatever, then you won't be too thrilled with the TV selection back home either. As some of you already know, "real world" television is practically the same thing spread out over more channels (and with those annoying infomercials thrown in!). If you don't believe me, ask your friends who have PCSed. I get that kind of feedback all the time from former Kwaj residents.

By the way, the fact that the folks at the AFRTS Broadcast Center in Riverside, Calif., are able to obtain the rights to all these shows is amazing. It's a real credit to them and the distributors of the programming. Having been to the Broadcast Center, I've talked to the people who work there and I've seen firsthand how hard they work at trying to please their overseas audience. They really do care.

I don't want to preach, but again, I thought it was time something nice was said about AFRTS for a change (or in our

case now, DTS, which still is AFRTS). And yes, I know I work in the AFRTS office here on Kwajalein, but AFRTS doesn't pay my bills. I work for Raytheon. I'm also a serious couch potato, so I consider myself somewhat of a subject-matter expert when it comes to sitting in front of the tube for hours on end! And for that reason, I'm all for the adding of additional channels on the island if that ends up happening. If it's possible, why not? (Many of you remember that it wasn't that long ago when there wasn't ANY satellite TV available out here. AFRTS Kwajalein was all tapes).

But I believe those extra channels would only supplement the AFRTS programming, not replace it. That's because there's only so much to choose from in this isolated and remote part of the world. For example, I don't think one would want to replace AFRTS with those extra channels that are received on Roi, or with those other channels on Majuro. I think one would find that there would be huge gaps in the programming (the Super Bowl, for one, wasn't available in Majuro).

Presently, most of the major networks and their programs (as opposed to some of the smaller cable networks) are not available in this part of the world. That's where AFRTS comes in. AFRTS fills in
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The Kwajalein Hourglass

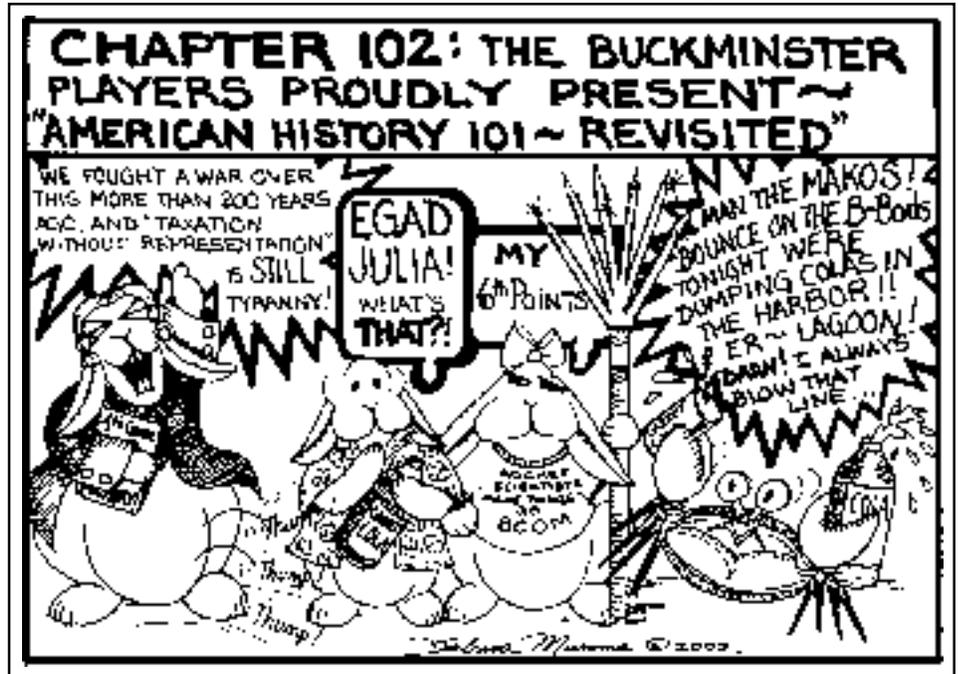
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Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma



President seeking stronger U.N. resolution on Iraq ...

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Nations Sept. 12 to convey the severity of the Iraqi threat and the strength of America's resolve to do something about it.

"I said to the United Nations, 'We have a true threat that faces America, a threat that faces the world and a threat which diminishes your capacity,'" Bush said. "Either you can become a league of nations ... an organization which is nothing but a debating society, or you can be an organization which is robust enough and strong enough to help keep the peace. Your choice."

The president wants to see a strong resolution come out of the United Nations. "A resolution which says the old ways of deceit are gone," he said, "a resolution which will hold this man to account."

Bush also stressed that the United States will not tire in the war against global terrorism. "I've made it clear to the world that either you're with us, or you're with the enemy," he said, "and that doctrine still stands."

Terrorists hate the United States because of its freedoms and because "every human life is a life of dignity," Bush said. That's not the way the enemy thinks, he asserted.

"Our enemy hates innocent life," he said. "They're willing to kill in the name of a great religion. And as long as we love freedom and love liberty and value human life, they're going to try to hurt us."

To counter terrorism, he said, "We must be flexible. We must be strong. We must be ready to take the enemy on anywhere he decides to hit us, whether it's America or anywhere else

in the globe."

Defending the American homeland is the government's most important job, he said. "We must do everything we can — everything in our power to keep America safe. And the best way to secure our homeland, the only sure way to make sure our children are free and our children's children are free, is to hunt the killers down wherever they hide, is to hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice."

Global terrorism is a different kind of war, he noted, and the nation has "begun to adjust its thinking" accordingly, the president said.

"Oceans no longer keep us safe," he said. "In the old days, you could measure progress by looking at how many tanks the enemy had one day and how many he had the next day, and whether or not his airplanes were flying, whether or not his ships were floating on the seas.

This kind of war "is not measured in equipment destroyed," Bush said. "It's going to be measured in people brought to justice, and we're making progress."

U.S. and international law enforcement officials have arrested or brought to justice thousands of suspected terrorists. "Slowly, but surely," he said, "we're finding them where they think they can hide.

"We brought in one of them the other day," Bush continued. "He thought he was going to be the 20th hijacker. At least he was bragging that way. I don't know if he's bragging now. He thought he was immune. He thought he was invisible. He thought he could hide from the long arm of justice."

U.S. and coalition military forces

have also dealt with a couple of thousands of terrorists. Some met their fate while others are on the run, he noted.

"As part of our doctrine," Bush said, "we're going to make sure there's no place for them to light, no place for them to hide. These are haters and they're killers. We owe it to the American people, and we owe it to our friends and allies, to pursue them no matter where they try to hide."

Bush said he asked Congress for the largest increase in defense spending since Ronald Reagan was president. "I did so because I firmly believe that any time we commit our troops into harm's way, they deserve the best pay, the best training and the best possible equipment."

"I also asked for a large increase because I want to send a clear signal to the rest of the world that we're in this for the long haul — that there is no calendar on my desk that says by such and such a date we're going to quit. That by such and such a date we'll all have grown weary, we're too tired and therefore we're coming home. That's not the way we think in America."

Americans understand obligation and responsibility, he said. "We have a responsibility to our children to fight for freedom. We have a responsibility to our citizens to defend our homeland.

"That means not only dealing with real, immediate threats," the president said. "It also means anticipating threats before they occur, before things happen. It means we've got to look out in the future and understand the new world in which we live and deal with threats before it's too late."

Cartoons need new time slot for kids

Dear *Hourglass* Person(s),

I want to know why you switched the cartoons in the afternoon from 3 to 2? Kids don't get back until 3:30 p.m., so why would you switch it to even earlier?

From the *Hourglass* (Sept. 17), Roi can get nine channels; why can't we? I mean, come on, we're only 40 miles away!

Kids might donate money if they could get their cartoons. I know I would. Or people could do fund-raisers or something.

Joshua W. Kendrick

Two Cents

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the gaps. In fact, when it comes right down to it, if you're an American living overseas, far from home, and you want to have access to the one network that best represents what the people are watching back in the states, believe me, AFRTS is it — by a long shot. In fact, that's why it exists.

(*Rich Feagler is the program director at AFN-Kwajalein.*)

Apology issued over profanity at bakery

On Monday, Aug. 19, upon entering the Sunrise Bakery, I refused to show my USAKA I.D. and used inappropriate language to the bakery personnel. I realize that the request to show my USAKA I.D. was a valid request in accordance with USAKA and Army regulations. I also realize that profane language is never appropriate.

I wish to make a public apology to anyone who was offended by my actions.

George Lum

Quality of life issues dominate town hall discourse ...

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lowing morning, the commander said he was going to send someone "on the road and find out where our mail is getting clogged up.

"This is important to the community and it's important to me," he added.

Pets and pests

There was also a lot of buzz about the fly population and stray cats at Thursday's meeting.

Resident Yvonne Duarte said the flies are so thick these days that "you can't have a picnic." Similar complaints were made at Roi-Namur at a town hall meeting there Sept. 12.

Mike Nicholson, with Pest Control, said his department has been unable to spray because of equipment that's been down for about six weeks or so. However, the fogger was expected to be back in action over the weekend.

Resident Denise Bottomley expressed a concern about environmental issues and the use of chemicals. On Friday, Nicholson said the fogger uses very minute amounts of chemical spread over a large area. "It's not the amount of the chemical, but the volume [that's effective]," he said.

And spraying is just the immediate solution; it's not the panacea to the fly problem, he added.

"Two words: source reduction," Nicholson said, explaining that residents need to cut off the food supply for flies by better containing garbage and pet dung or even "five million gallons of chemicals" won't help.

"The flies we see today are from problems we had last week," he said.

A related problem is the continued presence of so-called wild Kwaj cats, semi-feral, semi-domestic felines without a home that roam the island and leave dung that acts as a food source for the flies.

Paige Colclough, Veterinary Services tech, said there are strict regulations already in place to ensure residents don't leave cats behind when they PCS. Additional measures are in the works, including microchips that will be able to identify stray or lost cats that are picked up.

"Microchips will be a great asset," she said.

Entry/Exit and Travel are also joining the pet PCSing process to ensure animals leave with their owners, she

said.

"We've got some measures in place, and they're working pretty well," Colclough said.

The contract

Yes, the contract saga briefly came to the forefront as resident Johnny Gardner asked about the latest news on the apparent switch from Raytheon as prime contractor to a team calling itself Kwajalein Range Services, a triumvirate of contractors made up of Lockheed-Martin, Bechtel and Chugach.

Brown reiterated his pledge of making sure a team from KRS is at Kwajalein as soon as possible to meet with the workforce and families about the future. The commander said negotiations between the government and KRS are finished, and he expected a formal announcement to be made within a week.

In response to another question from Gardner about what changes the community could expect with the changeover, the commander said change is inevitable but promised to keep the process focused without losing quality of life or services.

"I'm going to do everything I can to protect the quality of life on Kwajalein," Brown told the crowd after Bottomley voiced concerns about depleted store shelves and fewer supplies as the current contract is phased out.

Brown said funds were approved just this week to ensure supplies are not affected.

He added that job security is not likely to be a concern for many, as historically there is an 85 to 90 percent retention rate during such changeovers.

"I think if people will be patient, all will work out OK," he said.

Taxation without representation

A proposal by the RMI government to raise income taxes on American employees is not looked upon favorably by the USAKA command, and its concerns are being made known to representatives of the U.S. State Department, according to Brown.

As reported last week, the RMI is seeking to increase the current 5 percent tax as part of ongoing negotiations between the U.S. and RMI over certain revisions of the Compact of Free Association and the Military Use and Operating Rights Agreement for

USAKA. The proposal is one of eight points made by the RMI to the U.S. last month in Honolulu.

The details of the actual proposals from the RMI have not been released.

Brown said he believes there is room for negotiations on most of the points, but not on raising taxes.

"There is a downside, a negative (to a tax increase)," he said Friday morning during the *Hourglass* follow-up interview.

The issue is a hot one among employees.

"No taxation without representation," said employee Lott Lawson after inquiring about the matter.

Flying in the face of history

The commander is taking up yet another fight on behalf of the community: The high price of airline tickets.

Brown said he plans to sit down with commercial airline company executives from Aloha and Continental beginning next week to see if ticket costs can be lowered.

Commercial prices hover around \$800 to \$900, depending on restrictions, while Air Mobility Command seats sell for about \$1,100.

Past commanders have tried to address the high cost of flying to and from Kwajalein but with little success. Brown said history need not repeat itself.

"We may be able to reach a compromise," he added, noting that the tickets are cost-prohibitive not only for residents but for family and friends who may want to visit.

Afterthoughts

Brown said Friday that he enjoyed his first round of town halls on Roi and Kwaj, and that the questions people asked were important.

"They seemed like they were reasonable requests by the community," he said. "I can tell people want to make the community better."

The commander said USAKA "is executing its missions well," so he wants to address quality of life issues as rapidly and effectively as possible to make sure the workforce is not distracted from its objectives.

"Mission first, people always' is not just a motto," Brown said. "When I make decisions, I always consider the impact on the workforce and their families."

NPR expected back on the radio by month's end ...

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The project involves buying microwave television equipment that would distribute the signals throughout the island. The Huntsville stations would be received on Kwajalein through an existing CONUS satellite facility USAKA uses now in Huntsville. Don Hornbrook, chief of USAKA Information Management, said the command is still working out the licensing and subscription agreements with the networks, so the deal is not done yet.

"I want to get the Huntsville feed because that's where a lot of our folks are from," he explained, adding that it's possible to get an alternative feed from Detroit if the first option is not available.

Brown emphasized that the system is not like cable TV, but would include many of the channels and programs that he believes residents want.

"It will be a very nice system, but it won't be cable," he said at the town hall meeting. In a follow-up interview Friday, the commander said, "I want to give [the community] variety and quality programming."

The system will provide nearly identical channels on Roi and Kwaj, as those piped in to Kwaj will be made available to Roi and vice versa.

The quest to expand TV selection at USAKA has been a long one, with a variety of different community surveys and proposals over the last couple of years. The command even looked into the possibility of working with a Marshallese company to bring cable TV to Kwajalein and Ebeye.

"I thought long and hard whether or not to pursue the TV thing," Brown said Friday morning. He added that he does not believe the two islands need a system as extravagant as those found in the states. But two channels is too little, he said.

"We need something in between," he said, not only for adult residents but also for Kwaj kids and TDY customers.

Hornbrook said the technical details are still being worked out. Channel selection should include major networks such as ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox, along with the Discovery channel and others received at Roi. The commander said he hopes to offer residents the option of choosing between keeping just the two AFN channels or the expanded service.

"I want to give [the community] variety and quality programming."

— Col. Jerry Brown
USAKA commander

The initial expansion should include nearly 20 channels, according to Craig McCarraher, AFN-Kwajalein chief engineer. About six channels, including Discovery and Discovery Travel, will be piped down from Roi. Another six include AFN stations as well as the weather radar and flight information channels. Rounding out the selection would be the Huntsville stations.

Hornbrook said the command hopes to have the system in place before the end of spring.

A small nominal monthly fee may be charged for the expanded system to assist with maintenance and operation costs, Brown said.

Tune in

National Public Radio listeners got some good news Thursday night: The command should have NPR back on the radio on an interim basis within a week or so, according to Brown.

When AFN-Kwajalein was forced to switch satellites and pick up Direct to Sailor programming this summer, it lost the popular radio service. But thanks to some creative thinking, which still needs to be tested, AFN will attempt to broadcast NPR via streaming audio downloaded through the Internet, according to McCarraher.

Hornbrook said he expects to have a permanent solution to NPR by next spring. Again, the source will be Huntsville, with NPR piped in from an FM radio station there.

The possibility of NPR returning is good news to Cris Lindborg, who had circulated a petition to get the radio station back. She said she submitted more than 300 signatures to the command before Thursday's town hall meeting.

"I think we could have gotten more, but I think we had enough to make our point," she said.

The system should begin testing by tomorrow, according to the commander.

Rich to return

More good news on entertainment:

The commander wants the Richardson Theater back, and said an upgrade should be done in a couple of months.

Steve Snider, Community Activities superintendent of Entertainment Services, said that the same company that reworked the Yokwe Yuk Theater last month is being contracted to perform the Rich upgrade.

Like the Yuk theater, the Richardson will feature a new digital projector and surround-sound speakers. The projector will be powerful enough to run even in daylight, Snider said.

The Rich was shut down earlier this year because the cost of upgrading its anachronistic 16mm system was originally too expensive. Former USAKA Commander Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., before he PCSed, asked the community to double the aluminum can recycle effort. If that happened, Wrenn said the command would fund an upgrade of the Rich.

On Friday, Brown said he's very much committed to the recycling effort and applauded Wrenn "for starting us down this path."

"We should all thank Col. Wrenn for giving us the push we needed in this very important area," he said. "I have decided to proceed with the upgrade, which is particularly popular with families, because we were able to come up with a much less costly approach than was originally proposed. My hat's off to the staff for finding creative ways to proceed with the project."

More care needed with DVD rentals ...

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that customers who come across a damaged DVD report it to the staff to receive credit for another rental. He added that customers note the scene or part of the movie affected. That way, the staff can buff the DVD, then review the area, rather than the entire movie, to ensure the work is successful.

Finally, Fritz asked that customers take care of DVDs, gently removing them from their cases by pushing on the center button, not pulling at the ends; avoid spinning DVDs in their cases; and otherwise prevent scratches in the first place.

Classified Ads and Community Notices



Kwajalein Scuba Club dive boat will be Sunday.
Cost is only \$50 for a two-tank dive out of the B-boat range. Weather will affect destination. It's an all-day excursion on the *Manassas*, so be prepared. For info or to pay (checks only) call Julio, 53674, or mail to P.O. Box 1426, or e-mail at kwajdivemaster@yahoo.com.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Roi-Namur, Oct. 20, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Chili entry forms are available on Kwaj at the post office bulletin board and at Building 1010; on Roi at the terminal building and the Outrigger Club. Fill out forms and return no later than tomorrow.

Tickets, T-shirts and caps go on sale Oct. 5.

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Alan Taylor, 54916, unless otherwise noted.

HOSPITAL BILLING CASHIER. Part time. Duties include charge sheet audits, billing for specialized ambulatory services, transferring hospital balances to finance, billing follow-up and answering phones. Candidates must be discreet, familiar with medical terminology and willing to cross-train with other positions in the department. Strong computer skills and flexibility are a must. Medical office experience preferred. Call Cindy Barrs, 52220.

HOSPITAL BUSINESS OPERATIONS. Casual. Duties include, but are not limited to, providing backup for transcription, medical records and patient registration. Candidates must be discreet, familiar with medical terminology and willing to cross-train with other positions in the department. Strong computer skills and flexibility are a must. Medical office experience preferred. Call Cindy Barrs, 52220.

INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, Supply Dept. Require strong organizational and computer skills, working knowledge of Excel, Word and Access. Duties include accepting, tagging, documenting and recording receipts of government property assets, assisting in processing and documenting excess government property, conducting inventories and providing written and oral reports as requested by the property administrator. Call Larry Roberts, 56330, or Tony Smith, 53412.

WAITPERSONS and BARTENDERS, Yokwe Yuk Club. Part time/casual. Must be able to work flexible hours, including some Friday nights until midnight and some Saturday nights until 2:30 a.m. Both positions require friendly and efficient customer service and cash-handling skills. Previous experience in food and cocktail service preferred. For further information, call HR, 54916, or the Yokwe Yuk Club, 58909.

DENTAL ASSISTANT, Dental Clinic. Casual. Criminal history background check required.

Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.

USAKA currently has the following job vacancies. For information and announcement paperwork, call Cris Foster, 54417.

VISUAL INFORMATION SPECIALIST GS-11. Closes Sept. 27.

*The movie for
the ARC
tomorrow at
7 p.m. is
"Vanilla Sky"*

Classified Ads and Community Notices

**To RSVP for the Vets' Hall
Appreciation Party,
call Laurie, 52557.
(NOTE PHONE NUMBER CHANGE)**

MAIL CLERK GS-05. Two vacancies. Temporary. Closes Oct. 2.

MAIL CLERK GS-04. Temporary. Closes Oct. 2.

MAIL CLERK GS-03. Two vacancies. Temporary. Closes Oct. 2.

ATTORNEY-ADVISOR (General) GS-14. Closes Oct. 18.

WANTED

VACUUM CLEANER. Call Pat, 52670, or leave a message.

TO BUY: Folding bed, sewing machine in good working order, video camera in working order, photo printer. Call 52450, anytime.

PATIO DECK or wood to make a deck for new housing. Call 52327.

WOOD to build deck, 12' x 12'. Call 54622.

FOUND

MEN'S WATCH, silver, near adult pool. Call 51508.

REGULATOR in dip tank at Emon Beach dive pavilion Monday. Call 53539W or 52374H.

FOR SALE

PLANT SALE. See at Qtrs. 472-A. Call 52324.

PLANT SALE. Come by Tr. 654, or call 52420.

PCS SALE. Maytag super capacity portable dishwasher; microwave; two 12' x 15' carpets; one 9' x 12' carpet, neutral color; large Sauder computer hutch; patio furniture; five-CD changer. Call 51096 or 51243.

WALL-TO-WALL carpet with pad, fits left side of two-bedroom old housing, \$75; dishwasher, works well, \$50; blinds for old housing, \$15; Hoover vacuum cleaner, works well but handle won't stay upright, \$15; U.S. Robotics 56K V90 external modem, \$20; 101100 PCI ethernet card, \$10. Call 52638.

PCS SALE. Outdoor glass table with cushioned chairs, \$75; large green outdoor carpet, \$50; Little Tykes playhouse, \$25; sandbox, \$15; slide/gym, \$25; ladies' small scuba gear, \$300; men's large Seatec BCD, \$90; TV stands, \$10 and \$30; large bike trailer, \$60; large wood shelf unit, \$75; Pooh double-bedroom set, \$80. Too much to list. Call 53760, after 5 p.m.

MAYTAG dishwasher with delay start feature, excellent condition, \$150. Call 52073.

SCUBA PRO BCDs, excellent condition, with Air2, include computers, \$600 each; men's golf clubs with bag and cart, \$150; fishing pole and 40 Penn Senator reel, model 113HLW, \$100; Penn 60 Long Reach spin reel, \$25; bread maker, \$25; soccer cleats with shin guards and socks, \$10 each; computer games/videos, \$5 up; boy's bike, \$20. Call 58672, evenings.

4' OCTAGONAL CARPET, beige, never used, 54622.

Mommy, where do flies come from?

Yum yum

Me and my kabillion cousins!

Well, Timmy, flies come from people throwing trash out that's not properly sealed and not picking up their pets' little gifts left on the street and their neighbors' yards. Flies result from careless actions by people.

LONG BLACK beaded dress, \$20; aluminum bike, \$150. Call 54691.

ORION 4.5 reflector telescope with tripod and accessories, \$200; large 10 x 70 binoculars, \$250. Call Gene, 54791, after 4 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SATURDAY at the Outrigger Club: Karaoke night at 8 p.m. with host John Tompkins.

ISLAND ORIENTATION will be tomorrow, 8-11:30 a.m., in CAC room 6. All new island arrivals and family members over 10 years of age are encouraged to attend. After orientation, join Host Nation for a trip to Ebebe, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bring lunch money and your K-badge. Women should wear long dresses or modest skirts. Questions? Call 54848.

KWAJALEIN POLICE Department will hold a bike auction Saturday, 4-5 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the Community Activities Department.

Questions? Call Cpl. Burdine, 54452.

RSE SAFETY reminds residents and visitors to park their bikes in a safe and orderly manner in the downtown area. Park in the direction of the bike racks. Do not block walkways. Questions? Call 51503.

RSE COUNSELOR position is currently vacant, but professional assistance is available at USAKA. Sources of assistance include the physician staff at Kwajalein Hospital, call 52224 for an appointment; and Kwajalein chaplains, call 53505 for assistance.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Kwajalein Wednesdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., at the PBQ, 2nd floor, Room 250. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 51143 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

**Classified ad deadlines
Tuesday issue: noon Friday
Friday issue: noon Wednesday**

**Marshallese Word
of the Day**

Bon = Night

See you at the movies!

Saturday

The Accidental Spy (2001, PG-13)

Jackie Chan returns to his Hong Kong roots in this story about a mild-mannered salesman who finds out his father was a spy and is sent on his own mission to recover a treasure. (108 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Willow (1988, PG)

Fantasy adventure about a little guy who is given a big job to protect a child destined to save the world from an evil queen. (Val Kilmer) (125 minutes)

C Building, 7 p.m.

Sunday

The Adventures of Tom Thumb and Thumbelina (2002, G)

An animated adventure about a couple of really short teens in search of their destinies. (Voices of Elijah Wood, Jennifer Love Hewitt) (75 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Collateral Damage (2002, R)

Arnie is back, this time as an L.A. firefighter whose perfect life is shattered by a terrorist bomb that kills his family. He travels to Colombia to take revenge on the bad guys. This film was originally scheduled to hit theaters in October 2001, but was delayed after Sept. 11. (110 minutes)

C Building, 7 p.m.

Monday

The Accidental Spy (2001, PG-13)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Paul Fritz, Retail Services manager, removes scratches from DVDs with a specialized grinder Friday afternoon. DVDs are increasing in popularity, and so is the wear and tear on the discs.

Tape Escape spins off with DVD rentals

**By Jim Bennett
Editor**

Maybe Tape Escape will change its name in a few years, but for now, the movie rental house simply wants to clear up the picture on DVD rentals.

Tape Escape currently holds 5,000 movies in its collection, 800 of which are DVDs, according to Paul Fritz, Retail Services manager. The ratio of DVDs to VHS tapes, however, is growing.

"Instead of four VHS tapes of a movie, we are now ordering two VHS and two DVDs," Fritz said. "Eventually we'll be ordering one [VHS] and three [DVDs]. We won't be getting out of tapes for a

long while, because there are so many of them out there, but gradually, that's the way the business is going."

Fritz said he's noticed a marked increase in DVD sales since last spring, as if a number of residents purchased DVD players over the summer.

And with increased DVD rentals, the store has had to contend with DVD wear and tear. Tape Escape recently purchased a grinder that resembles a circular sander built into a cabinet with a water line. Through six stages, the sander can remove most scratches from a DVD. But first, the staff has to be aware of the scratch. Fritz asked

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WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Winds: South at 3 to 7 knots; gusty near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny.

Winds: South at 3 to 7 knots.

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

September rain total: 6.73"

Annual rain total: 82.51"

Annual deviation: 13.85"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



Sun • Moon • Tides



| | Sunrise/set | Moonrise/set | High Tide | Low Tide |
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| Tuesday September 24 | 0638/1844 | 2033/0822 | 0520, 5.3' 1740, 5.3' | 1130, 0.6' 2340, 0.8' |
| Wednesday September 25 | 0638/1844 | 2112/0906 | 0550, 5.1' 1800, 5.2' | 1150, 0.8' |
| Thursday September 26 | 0638/1843 | 2153/0952 | 0610, 4.8' 1830, 5.0' | 0010, 1.0' 1210, 1.0' |
| Friday September 27 | 0638/1843 | 2237/1040 | 0630, 4.4' 1850, 4.8' | 0040, 1.3' 1230, 1.3' |