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SBX takes close scan of Reagan Test Site

By KW Hillis

Associate Editor

Kwajalein's lagoon skyline may change in 2005 to include a radome 250 feet above the water's surface.

And if the Sea-based X-Band radar does moor in the lagoon it will be thanks to last week's community effort to show USAKA/RTS off as the perfect home base for the radar.

"The whole community came together on both sides in putting this project together," said Lt. Col. Clarence Johnson, RTS commander. "I think they didn't know what to expect, and we took the lead ... You don't want people to ask you questions, you want to give them the answers before they ask you."

The key was to distinguish USAKA/RTS from the other sites, said Dr. Jay Donnelly, of the MIT/LL Technical staff.

The X-Band radar, part of the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense test program, is designed to track, discriminate and assess incoming target missiles. The SBX is designed to put the X-Band capabilities on a mobile platform.

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(Photo courtesy of GMD)

An artist's rendering shows the mobile X-band radar that could come to Kwajalein by 2005. The platform is 390 feet long by 238 feet wide and weighs 30,000 tons. It would moor in the lagoon because it is too big to tie up to Echo Pier.



Canoe races turn legend into reality

Part one of a two-part series

By Jim Bennett

Editor

They glide across the water as smoothly today as they must have a thousand years ago.

And though technology marches on, many in the Marshall Islands have embraced traditional sail canoes, marked most notably by the races at Ailinglaplap Atoll last week.

"It's been a dream of ours to have something like this," said Alson Kelen, program manager for the canoe building program *Waan Aelōn In Majel* on Majuro. "We're recreating the legends. Instead of making movies we're actually doing them."

The canoe races are based on the ancient

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Lady I-2 sails downwind March 20, during traditional canoe races held at Ailinglaplap Atoll last week.

(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Hourglass takes Army's top award

By Jim Bennett

Editor

USAKA officials received word Tuesday that *The Kwajalein Hourglass* placed first in the Army's annual Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware journalism competition.

The paper took top honors among the Army-funded newspapers, small format category of the contest.

"The purpose of the competition is to reward, in-

(See PAPER, page 3)

Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Sea Quest visitors thank community

We came for a few days and we stayed nearly a month — that says it all about the hospitality on this island — and what a good month it has been.

As we head off on our next voyage, we want to say thank you to all the wonderful people who have befriended us here. And also a thank you to those we have not met, but who have given us a friendly wave and a smile as we have pedalled by.

A special thank you is limited (but not limited only) to the 40-year-old birthday people, Les and his crew at the Small Boat Marina and the members of the yacht club.

And last, but not least, to our sponsors.

Marshallese Word of the Day

Jabot — Sunday

Letters to the Editor

Keep letters to less than 300 words, and keep your comments to the issues. Letters must be signed. We will edit for AP style and, if you exceed the word limit, space. Please limit yourself to one letter every 30 days to give other readers a chance to write.

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Tom and Heather met us at the Majuro New Year's Eve party and took on the sponsoring obligation. For us it has been more like an adoption, which has made our stay here a joy.

From us, a couple far from our family, thank all of you for your kindness.

— Michael and Tere Batham

Student questions war's imperative

The call to war has been announced. For all those who will fight this war, I say thank you. There is no question you will be successful. For those who believed it was the only answer, I feel otherwise. Your role in this situation is now over; you've passed on the responsibility. We will inflict more wounds than already exist, and it will be up to my generation to heal them.

— Patrick Casey
Class of 2003

Attention Surfway shoppers: move

I am a young bachelor who is tired of the way I am treated by those who use Surfway as their personal chat room. On a recent visit to the store I politely asked two ladies that were chatting and completely blocking the aisle if I could please get past. To this they looked at each other, laughed and then continued chatting as if I had never said anything. I was stunned and disgusted that grown people were acting this way, though it was not the first time I had been treated rudely by someone talking rather than shopping. Please, if you must talk, at least try to move so other shoppers can get to the items they need. There is NEVER a need to be rude and callous! The store is for everyone, not just a select few. Please don't act like you own the place.

— Angela Sneed

Guest Cartoon — By Ron Tsubamoto



'Auto Focus' gives blurred image of adult themes

Editor's Note: *Parents be warned. The movie "Auto Focus" has an innocent-looking box with "Hogan's Hero's" Col. Hogan on the cover, but this is no comedy about the making of the sitcom, as the following reviews will attest.*

By Jason Bischoff

AFN

"Auto Focus" is a movie about friendship, a movie about excess, but mostly "Auto Focus" is a movie about Bob Crane videotaping himself having sex with many different women.

The film begins with Crane, played by former talk show host Greg Kinnear, getting the lead on "Hogan's Heroes," and ends with his mysterious murder in Scottsdale, Ariz. These two incidents are the only things in the film I'm certain actually happened.

Director Paul Schrader, writer of such classics as "Taxi Driver" and "Raging Bull," would have us believe that Crane took part in countless debaucheries while remaining a man of God, and never drinking, smoking or using drugs, but at the same time delusional about producing and starring in a big budget porn flick to resurrect his career.

It's on the set of the classic sitcom that Crane meets electronics salesman John Carpenter, played wonderfully by Willem Dafoe. The '60s were a time of free love and experimentation, and Bob Crane pulled a chair up to the all-you-can-eat freak buffet. Their relationship gradually goes from a couple of guys having a good time to out-and-out sexual addiction and codependence.

Kinnear's Crane is a constant contradiction, so comfortable with his lifestyle that he reveals his "hobby" to Richard Dawson and Donna Reed, yet at other times suffering breakdowns



from the fear and embarrassment of the world finding out.

The casting and acting are wonderful and Schrader's vision of the '60s is exactly as I remember it from Bob Thompson album covers and reruns of "That Girl."

Hollywood is home to many mysteries, from Marilyn Monroe to Carl "Alfalfa" Switzer, waiting to be made into good movies. At the top of that list still sits the unsolved murder of Bob Crane. "Auto Focus" is out-of-focus, but features too many naked women for me not to recommend it.

By KW Hillis

Hourglass

If "Hogan's Hero" Bob Crane's life story depicted in "Auto Focus" is to be believed, then neither the person nor the movie has much redeeming social value — except for one thing. The movie does give a fascinating glimpse into the development of Sony's VTR or video tape recorder technology in the '60s. Instead of the compact video cameras and VCR tapes of today, the early VTR system in the '60s was definitely not portable unless you were equipped with muscles and a baggage cart.

This is as much a family movie as Crane was a family man — romping with hundreds of women while losing one, then two families to his addiction

Swing and a Hit

With baseball season opening Tuesday, Kwaj time, we thought you might want to get in the mood with our picks for best baseball movies.

"Bull Durham" — Funny, sexy and great quotable lines you can use all season long.

"The Natural" — Set in the '40s, this sentimental movie looks back on the game as we all wish it was or could be. It's OK to get goosebumps when the music picks up, and Robert Redford goes to town with the bat or ball.

"Field of Dreams" — Quirky with a hint of supernatural, this one's as much about family as baseball.

"Bad News Bears" — This one's for the kids, but don't bother with the tiresome sequels. Tatum O'Neal and Walter Matthau is all you need.

to sex. It is a walk into the dark side of life. Willem Dafoe, as electronic salesman John Carpenter, is perfect as a Pied Piper opening the world of sleaze to Crane. Greg Kinnear portrays Crane with little worried tics around the eyes professing to be "normal" while everyone else must be uptight about sex.

Crane self-destructed before my eyes and his inability to see anything wrong with his inappropriate behavior matches one definition of insanity: doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. That could be said for watching this movie. After watching virtually the same scene repeat and repeat — the two men seducing and photographing or video-taping women — I was more than ready for the movie to be over.

Paper judged by professionals in competition ...

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spire and recognize journalistic excellence from qualified Army uniformed and civilian Public Affairs practitioners that best represent the highest standards of the Army," according to the Army's statement of purpose for the competition. "And, forward the best of what has been submitted to represent DA in the [Department of Defense] competition."

The Army competition consisted of a pair of entries, a required entry of the May 10 issue and an "editor's choice"

issue. This *Hourglass* editor picked the Nov. 26 issue to submit.

"A panel of 23 professionals from the commercial media, academia and Department of Defense community personnel reviewed 230 print and 80 broadcast submissions" in 22 categories, according to an Army release.

"Unless you've worked on a newspaper, you can't know the sweat, and the personal and professional principles it takes to produce one," said LuAnne Fantasia, Public Affairs of-

ficer. "The *Hourglass* staff walks that tightrope between meeting command information needs and producing a newspaper by journalistic, as well as Department of Army standards. That isn't easy. And I'm happy they're recognized for it."

The Hourglass will now compete in the DoD's Thomas Jefferson Competition later this month, with results to be released in May.

This is the second Keith L. Ware for the paper, which also earned the award for the calendar year 2000.

Races attract attention from throughout islands ...

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Marshallese legend of the race between Jebro and his older brothers. Jebro took his mother on board his canoe for the race, after his brothers turned her down. She proceeded to unwrap a bundle that proved to be a sail and Jebro's canoe quickly passed his brothers' boats. When his oldest brother demanded the boat, Jebro gave it to him, but kept a key piece of the sail hardware, thus making the sail useless. Jebro went on to win the race.

Last week's race went to the host, Ailinglaplap Atoll, whose crew finished first by a mere four minutes after coming from behind to pass the Ailuk Atoll canoe. Ailuk led the race after the first day. As a result, Ailinglaplap kept all of the dozen or so canoes that participated, but as host, deferred the \$10,000 first prize to the Ailuk team. Namu Atoll finished third, but took second prize of \$6,000, while Namrik Atoll took finished fourth and captured the third prize of \$4,000.

The finish came as little surprise to host and co-sponsor Ailinglaplap Sen. Chris Loeak.

"I knew we would win," he joked, sitting under a tree with co-sponsor *Iroiylaplap* Michael Kabua at Buoj on Ailinglaplap Island. "That's why we made the bet."

Kabua laughed, but added that winners included young Marshallese.

"We're trying to motivate our younger generation," Kabua said. "It's understanding more about the way people live."

Kabua added he hoped many Marshallese would build traditional canoes in lieu of motor boats they simply can't afford to buy, fuel or maintain.

Second place finisher, Ailuk Atoll, does



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Race promoters hope Marshallese will adopt sail canoes for practical uses as well as for racing.

just that.

Sandy Alfred, owner of the Ailuk canoe, also anticipated a strong performance from his team because he drew team members from the atoll where residents fish and gather raw materials aboard such canoes.

"They work on the canoes every day because that's how they get their food," Alfred said. "They practice every day."

Built over three months on Ailuk, the racing canoe resembled the work canoes with but a few modifications. The Ailuk team, however, included nine sailors, though only three crewed at a time, along with support personnel.

"We were very serious about this race," Alfred said.

Another winner was the island itself, which normally features around 600 residents living in rustic isolation broken only by occasional flights and boat traffic. The island runs five miles long in a crescent shape, but less than half a mile wide at the widest point. Homesteads – most cinderblock, with some plywood and corrugated tin buildings, as well – sit on either side of the road running down the center of the island.

Hosting the races, the atoll population swelled by an additional estimated 800 people, most living in the tent city on Buoj.

Other people stayed aboard the vessels that carried them to the atoll. An RMI government landing craft carried several hundred people and large shipments of food, livestock and a pair of vehicles, too. The *Oleanda*, a 150-foot-long passenger vessel and a private venture by Majuro entrepreneur Jerry Kramer, carried nearly 100 people, some Americans who had flown down for the event. Four sailboats from Majuro – including Americans, French, Australian and Canadians – and a three-boat contingent from Kwajalein dotted the sheltered anchorage in the channel near Buoj.

"We have people here from every direction," Loeak said.

"Now the tradition means something," Kabua said. "The story is a reality."



Crew aboard the Ebeye entry steer a course downwind March 20.

(Photo by Jim Bennett)

USAKA/RTS community unites for SBX proposal ...

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GMD officials chose six locations to compete to become the primary support base, or home port. Besides Kwajalein, the sites include Naval Base Ventura/San Nicolas Island, Calif.; Naval Station Everett, Washington; Port of Valdez and Adak, Alaska; and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the last site which the team is currently visiting.

The nine-member SBX site selection team visited Kwajalein last week to assess all factors including the local environmental considerations, infrastructure, cost, security and the local community's reaction to the SBX.

The mobile platform will "let us put the X-Band in an optimum location to get the best test data in our test bed," said Navy Cmdr. Robert Dees, SBX Technical advisor and spokesperson for the team. The team is looking for the best fit for the unique attributes of SBX which is not built yet, but is slated to be finished by January 2005.



Cmdr. Robert Dees

During their visit, the team received a complete and comprehensive tour of all testing and support facilities and departments on Kwajalein, Meck and Roi including Marine, Aviation, Kwajalein Hospital and Supply.

The community team knew what they wanted, Donnelly said.

"They gave us a priority list of questions before they arrived," he said. "The community here was not only able to answer the questions ... but also raise questions and concerns, that I feel they will go back and try to answer at the other sites. I think it was a learning experience for them beyond what they expected."

All of the six sites do have infrastructure to supply and support the SBX, Donnelly said.

"However what sets USAKA/RTS apart is the fact that they get a primary support base that is also a world-class test facility that includes integrated range support and

workforce," Donnelly said. "By virtue of the fact that we are an integrate range and test facility, there are always unique testing opportunities that they won't get anywhere else in the world."

Dees agreed, "One very unique aspect is the ballistic missile testing that goes on here. Many times during the year we would get a target we could observe that we wouldn't get anywhere else."

The team's big concerns include the environment, the community impact and security, Donnelly and Dees said.

"One of the advantages here is that the community is used to working with high-powered radar and there is a very controlled environment, which is good," Dees said. "The only place we've looked that has that; we would be mooring by San Nicolas Island."

Dees said both RTS and San Nicolas have more and controls, "and we're separated from the population. And we have control of the electromagnetic and airspace."

Each location offers unique issues. "At [Everett, Wash. and Pearl Harbor] locations we're looking at mooring close to the civilian population which is not used to high-powered radars," he said. "We also have a lot of air traffic we have to coordinate. Locations in Alaska are both small populations, but have some challenging weather and Adak is distant."

The one disadvantage for Kwajalein, Dees said, is distance.

"It is fairly far from the test locations and we're also at the end of long supply pipeline," he said. "So it is harder than other places to get people and parts."

Donnelly and radar evaluator Doug Hoskins both thought that the distance concern may have been resolved.

"By the time they left, I think, they realized that that is a benefit ... we can fulfill all their supply and logistic needs," Donnelly said.

Hoskins added, "On the one hand you use an interstate highway somewhere ... Then on the other hand, being out here we still get things delivered and it's a safe and secure location as you can get."

If it comes to Kwajalein, the radar must moor in the lagoon, which requires shuttling people and supplies. The size of the vessel and strength of

Echo Pier precludes tying up dockside, Dees said. Now, part of the team's bid for Kwajalein includes a mooring 1½ miles from the pier.

The RTS proposal team pointed out to the Site Selection Team that the infrastructure on Kwajalein already includes shipping people and supplies back and forth from island to island everyday.

The team will make the final site decision this summer.

Meanwhile, the platform, built in Norway, for the oil industry, "is equipped with a semi-submersible oil platform which would have a payload of 20,000 tons," Dees said. The total weight of the platform and radar will be 30,000 tons.

"The Aegis cruisers that you get in port here are under 10,000 tons," he said.

Bought by the program in February, the platform will move to the Gulf Coast from Norway starting in April, he said. Modifications include personnel accommodation modules, thrusters for mobility, diesels for power and, of course, the X-Band radar itself.

The platform is 390 feet long by 238 feet wide and semi-submersible, he said. The platform can be raised and lowered by taking in or pumping out about 15,000 tons of water used as ballast.

The site team was impressed with the schools, hospital and with the community and thought it would be a help in attracting the less than 75 people required to support the SBX.

"This is a unique community in that the level of understanding of ballistic defense is probably higher than any place in the world," Dees said. "Also, the common approach of the people to work and towards family life is pretty nice."

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Tonight

Channel 9

- 5:00 Jeopardy!
- 5:30 Wheel of Fortune
- 6:00 **Bulletin Board**
- 6:30 The Cosby Show
- 7:00 Friends
- 7:30 Scrubs
- 8:00 Everbody Loves Raymond
- 8:25 **Window on the Atoll**
- 8:35 Frasier
- 9:00 ER
- 10:00 ESPNews
- 10:30 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 11:30 The Late Show with David Letterman

Channel 13

ALL DAY COVERAGE OF OPERATION
IRAQI FREEDOM

Saturday, March 29

Channel 9

- 12m The Late Show with David Letterman
- 12:30 ESPNews
- 1:00 **Movie: "Rain Man" (PG)** A self-centered young man expects an inheritance from his deceased father, but learns that the bulk of the money goes to his autistic brother. (Tom Cruise, Dustin Hoffman)
- 3:30 **Movie: "Phantom of the Rue Morgue" (PG)** A mad scientist uses a trained gorilla to wreak havoc on those who have wronged him. (Karl Malden)
- 5:30 PGA: The Player's Championship (2nd rd)
- 11:00 Sportscenter
- 12n **Window on the Atoll/Bulletin Board**
- 1:00 NCAA Basketball Sweet 16: Texas/UConn; Maryland/Michigan St.
- 6:00 **Bulletin Board**
- 6:30 The Cosby Show
- 7:00 The Simpsons
- 7:30 That 70's Show
- 8:00 Survivor VI: Amazon
- 9:00 Fear Factor
- 10:00 ESPNews
- 10:30 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 11:30 The Late Show with David Letterman

Channel 13

ALL-DAY COVERAGE OF OPERATION
IRAQI FREEDOM

Sunday, March 30

Channel 9

- 12m The Late Show with David Letterman
- 12:30 ESPNews
- 1:00 **Movie: "The Bodyguard" (PG)** A security specialist hired to protect a pop diva falls in love with her. (Kevin Costner)
- 3:30 **Movie: "The Fireball" (PG)**
- 5:00 **Bulletin Board**
- 6:00 Programming to be announced
- 8:00 Malcolm in the Middle
- 8:30 Cheers
- 9:00 The Dukes of Hazzard
- 10:00 The Entertainers
- 11:00 Austin City Limits
- 12n National Geographic
- 1:00 Behind the Music
- 2:00 WWE Raw or Call to Duty
- 3:00 **Movie: "A League of Their Own" (PG)** The shortage of major league baseball

- players during WWII leads to the formation of a women's baseball league.
- 5:30 **Movie: "Rasing Arizona" (PG)** A career criminal falls in love with a female police officer and promises to go straight if she marries him. (Nicholas Cage, Holly Hunter)
 - 7:00 My Wife and Kids
 - 7:30 Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Daughter
 - 8:00 Enterprise
 - 9:00 Law and Order: Special Victims Unit
 - 10:00 **Window on the Atoll/Bulletin Board**
 - 10:30 Saturday Night Live

Channel 13

- 12m CNN Saturday Morning
- 1:30 Weekend Housecall
- 2:00 NBC Saturday Today
- 4:00 Wall Street Journal Report
- 4:30 America's Black Forum
- 5:00 CNN Saturday
- 6:00 Headline News
- 6:30 Army or Air Force News
- 7:00 Dateline
- 8:00 Headline News
- 8:30 Road to the Final Four
- 9:30 NCAA Basketball: Elite 8 Regional Finals
- 1:00 Washington Week in Review
- 1:30 Headline News
- 2:00 MSNBC
- 3:00 CNN Saturday Night
- 4:00 PGA: The Player's Championship (3rd rd)
- 8:00 Headline News
- 8:30 America's Black Forum
- 9:00 Headline News
- 9:30 Navy/Marine Corps News
- 10:00 Big Story Weekend
- 11:00 Headline News
- 11:30 Nightly Business Report

Certain AFRTS sporting events are not available on Kwajalein's DTS network.

All programming is subject to change without notice. AFN-Kwajalein cannot control such changes. Channel 13 sports and news events are most likely to change.

Window on the Atoll: Kwajalein Atoll Diving

Monday, March 31

Channel 9

- 12m Showtime at the Apollo
- 1:00 The Entertainers
- 2:00 Women's NCAA Basketball Sweet 16
- 4:00 Sportscenter
- 5:00 College Game Night
- 5:30 Hour of Power
- 6:00 Celebration of Victory
- 6:30 **Movie: "Airplane" (PG)** A pilot who is afraid of flying boards a plane to woo back his stewardess girlfriend.
- 8:00 Little Bill
- 8:30 Franklin
- 9:00 Rocket Power
- 9:30 Fairly Odd Parents
- 10:00 Family Movie: "True Confessions"
- 11:30 Rugrats
- 12n **Bulletin Board**
- 12:30 **Movie: "Cliffhanger" (PG)** A band of criminals forces a mountain guide to help them find their lost loot. (Sylvester Stallone)
- 2:30 Alfred Hitchcock
- 3:00 Motor Week
- 3:30 Ebert and Roeper
- 4:00 WWE Smackdown
- 5:00 Andromeda
- 6:00 M*A*S*H
- 6:30 **Window on the Atoll/Bulletin Board**
- 7:00 Judging Amy
- 8:00 **Movie: "The Haunting" (PG)** Three people are brought to a house for what they think is an experiment in sleep disorders. (Catherine Zeta-Jones)
- 10:00 Headline News
- 10:30 Seinfeld
- 11:00 Meet the Press

Channel 13

- 12m Fox and Friends
- 1:00 Fox and Friends
- 2:00 CBS News Sunday
- 3:30 Face the Nation
- 4:00 Headline News
- 4:30 Navy/Marine Corps News
- 5:00 Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer
- 7:00 Road to the Final Four
- 7:30 NCAA Basketball: Elite 8 Regional Finals
- 12n Fox Report
- 1:00 This Week
- 2:00 MLB: Rangers/Angels
- 5:00 Larry King Weekend
- 6:00 Fox Magazine
- 7:00 Access Hollywood
- 8:00 PGA: The Player's Championship (final)

Tuesday, April 1

Channel 9

- 12m America's Black Forum
- 12:30 ET: Weekend Edition
- 1:30 Sportscenter
- 2:30 Women's NCAA Basketball Sweet 16
- 4:30 Sportscenter
- 5:30 **Bulletin Board**
- 6:00 Good Morning America
- 8:00 Sesame Street
- 9:00 Programming to be announced
- 11:00 Oprah Winfrey
- 12n **Bulletin Board**
- 1:00 Newshour with Jim Lehrer
- 2:00 Hannity and Colmes
- 3:00 Zoboofoo
- 3:30 Fairly Odd Parents
- 4:00 Horrible Histories

4:30 One World
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Wheel of Fortune
 6:00 **Window on the Atoll/Bulletin Board**
 6:30 The Cosby Show
 7:00 60 Minutes
 8:00 JAG
 9:00 Houston Medical
 10:00 ESPN News
 10:30 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
 11:30 The Late Show with David Letterman

Channel 13

12m Good Morning America
 2:00 Headline News
 2:30 World News
 3:00 Early Show
 5:00 Fox News
 9:00 Access Hollywood
 9:30 Headline News
 10:00 Dateline Sunday
 11:00 Headline News
 11:30 NBC Nightly News
 12n MLB: Yankees/Blue Jays
 3:00 News Night with Aaron Brown
 4:00 CNN News
 4:30 Lou Dobbs Moneyline
 5:00 Larry King Live
 6:00 The News with Brian Williams
 7:00 The O'Reilly Factor
 8:00 Nightline
 8:30 Headline News
 9:00 Army or Air Force News
 9:30 Access Hollywood
 10:00 20/20
 11:00 Headline News
 11:30 Nightly Business Report

Wednesday, April 2

Channel 9

12m The Late Show with David Letterman
 12:30 ESPN News
 1:00 **Movie: "61*" (PG)** The story of Roger Maris and his quest to break Babe Ruth's home run record.
 3:15 **Movie: "The Awful Truth*" (PG)**
 5:00 **Bulletin Board**
 6:00 Good Morning America
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 12n **Bulletin Board**
 12:30 Judge Judy
 1:00 Newshour with Jim Lehrer
 2:00 Hannity and Colmes
 3:00 Disney's PB and J Otter
 3:30 Braceface
 4:00 Outward Bound
 4:30 The Amanda Show
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Wheel of Fortune
 6:00 **Bulletin Board**
 6:30 The Cosby Show
 7:00 7th Heaven
 8:00 **Movie: "My Dog Skip" (PG)** A Jack Russell terrier gets his shy eight-year-old neighbor into a series of adventures and turns him into a popular kid. (Frankie Muniz)
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 5:00 Larry King Live
 6:00 The News with Brian Williams
 7:00 The O'Reilly Factor
 8:00 Nightline
 8:30 Nightline: Up Close
 9:00 Headline News
 9:30 Access Hollywood
 10:00 Dateline Tuesday
 11:00 Headline News
 11:30 Nightly Business Report

Thursday, April 3

Channel 9

12m The Late Show with David Letterman
 1:00 ESPN News
 1:30 **Movie: "Miracle at Midnight" (PG)** A Danish doctor and his wife hide Jews from the Nazis during WWII.
 2:45 **Movie: "Waiting to Exhale"** The story of four African-American women and their romantic woes. (Whitney Houston)
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 2:00 Headline News
 2:30 World News This Morning
 3:00 Early Show
 5:00 Fox News
 9:00 Access Hollywood
 9:30 Headline News
 10:00 Dateline Tuesday
 11:00 Headline News
 11:30 NBC Nightly News
 12n ABC World News Tonight
 12:30 CBS Evening News
 1:00 NBA: Kings/Wizards
 4:00 CNN
 4:30 Lou Dobbs Moneyline
 5:00 Larry King Live
 6:00 The News with Brian Williams
 7:00 The O'Reilly Factor
 8:00 Nightline
 8:30 Nightline: Up Close
 9:00 MLB: TBA

Friday, April 4

Channel 9

12m The Late Show with David Letterman
 12:30 ESPN News
 1:00 **Movie: "The Longest Day" (PG)** The story of D-Day in Normandy during WWII.
 4:30 Movie Magic
 5:00 **Bulletin Board**
 6:00 Good Morning America
 8:00 Sesame Street
 9:00 Programming to be announced
 11:00 Oprah Winfrey
 12n **Bulletin Board**
 12:30 Judge Judy
 1:00 Newshour with Jim Lehrer
 2:00 Hannity and Colmes
 3:00 Disney's Hercules
 3:30 Disney's Buzz Lightyear
 4:00 Pokemon
 4:30 Spiderman
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Wheel of Fortune
 6:00 **Bulletin Board**
 6:30 The Cosby Show
 7:00 Friends
 7:30 Scrubs
 8:00 Everbody Loves Raymond
 8:25 **Window on the Atoll**
 8:35 Frasier
 9:00 ER
 10:00 ESPN News
 10:30 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
 11:30 The Late Show with David Letterman

Channel 13

12m Good Morning America
 2:00 Headline News
 2:30 World News This Morning
 3:00 The Early Show
 5:00 Fox News
 9:00 Access Hollywood
 9:30 Navy/Marine Corps News
 10:00 60 Minutes II
 11:00 Headline News
 11:30 NBC Nightly News
 12n NBA: Wizards/Hawks
 3:00 News Night with Aaron Brown
 4:00 CNN
 5:00 Larry King Live
 6:00 The News with Brian Williams
 7:00 The O'Reilly Factor
 8:00 Nightline
 8:30 Nightline: Up Close
 9:00 Headline News
 9:30 Access Hollywood
 10:00 Primetime Thursday
 11:00 Headline News
 11:30 Nightly Business Report

Due to continuing coverage of operation Iraqi Freedom, all programming is subject to change without notice.

Podunkers, Guppies claim softball titles

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Podunkers and Guppies returned to the top of the heap, claiming divisional championships this week.

Guppies beat Nike, 16-3, in Game 3 of the Beta Division World Series Wednesday night. Nike jumped to a one-game lead Friday night, winning over Guppies, 12-6. But the Guppies came back to even the series Saturday night with a 9-4 win, setting up Wednesday's rubber match.

Podunkers wrapped up the title in two games, defeating Criminals, 10-2, Tuesday night, following the 7-0 win March 20.

The two World Series victories conclude the spring softball season which also featured Gamma Division Champions Tarlang, which won their title last week, and Women's Division champions 30-Something, which won March 13.

As a result, Guppies will move on to A Division next season and Tarlang will move up to B Division.



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Water Polo Pickups

Goalie Matt Hatfield prepares for a shot from Brian Stevens in innertube water polo action Thursday night at Millican Family Pool. The pool is the sight of weekly pick-up games starting at 6 p.m. Thursdays, and anyone is welcome to join the games. The game, a Kwajalein tradition, involves paddling in an innertube and getting the ball in the goal for the point.

Basketball prepares for jump start next week

Basketball Schedule

Tuesday, April 1

5:30 p.m. Rocket/SDA Attack I
6:30 p.m. Jab Back/Triple "J"
7:30 p.m. USAKA/An-Z-Lik

Wednesday, April 2

5:30 p.m. Jabro Men/SDA Attack II
6:30 p.m. Snipers/Spartans III Boys
7:30 p.m. Angels QOP/Kaurur

Thursday, April 3

5:30 p.m. Spartans II Girls/SDA Attack Girls
6:30 p.m. Spartans I Girls/Double Dribble
7:30 p.m. Spartans III Girls/WD 40

Friday, April 4

5:30 p.m. Job Corps Navigators/Air Supply
6:30 p.m. Bejorok/Tommy Knockers
7:30 p.m. Spartans II Boys/Ballaz

Saturday, April 5

6:00 p.m. Brickdadies/Bucholz Ghost
7:00 p.m. Kwaj Ballers/Spartans I Boys

All games played in the CRC gym

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Kwajalein basketball will tip off next week with five leagues and a few new rule changes, including the opening jump ball and limited overtimes, according to Scott Pratt, Adult Athletics supervisor.

Pratt and managers from the 22 teams met Wednesday night and, with the recent institution of a registration period prior to the manager's meeting, discussed league issues. It's a departure from the past where managers simply registered at the meeting, turning in rosters and paying their fees.

"It was a great meeting," Pratt said, adding he already had leagues and schedules drafted. "It was fun to go in there with everything in hand. We were able to take on some of the small stuff."

Among the issues and rule changes:

- Each game will now open with a jump ball.

- Overtime is limited to one three-minute period. If still tied, the first team to score after the OT period wins.

- Leagues will have set days to play from Tuesday through Saturday with Monday set aside for make-up games. Games may only be rescheduled if a team can't play for mission or Ebeye ferry-related reasons.

- Because the first week of the schedule is Spring Break, the games are played as scrimmages with no officials, and don't count against the final standings.

- There is no longer a 10-minute grace period, but then the 5:15 p.m. game is replaced by a 5:30 p.m. game.

Each game consists of two 20-minute halves with a five-minute half-time. That still leaves 15 minutes for overtime, fouls and other clock-stopping events.

- All teams must provide an official, and anyone else wanting to officiate should contact Pratt, 53331.

**For updates on all games,
officials and scorekeepers, call
the Sports Hotline, 54190**

CAFÉ PACIFIC
Join us Sunday
For our special
Greek Brunch

Lunch

Sat	Fiesta taco bar Seasoned roast beef Chicken and sausage jambalaya Grill: Sloppy Joe on a bun
Sun	GREEK BRUNCH Marinated flank steak Grill: Brunch station open
Mon	Italian pasta bar Chicken-fried steak with gravy Grill: Brunch station open
Tues	Pasta al pesto Beef Stroganoff Three-way pork spareribs Grill: Bacon, tomato and cheddar
Wed	Fresh vegetable stir-fry Kalua pork and cabbage Spicy Buffalo chicken Grill: Turkey and jack cheese
Thur	Chow fun noodles Crispy-fried chicken Island hamburger steak Grill: Chicken and bean quesadilla
Fri	Eggplant Parmesan Roasted turkey Beer-battered cod Grill: Western cheeseburger

Dinner

Tonight	Grilled salmon with capers Oven-smoked turkey Spicy beef curry
Sat	Assorted pizzas Teriyaki sirloin Sweet-and-sour chicken
Sun	Stir-fry to order Blackened mahi mahi Cantonese-style pork
Mon	Eggplant with penne a la cacciatore Marinated grilled flank steak Herb honey Cornish hen
Tues	Baked sesame tofu Teriyaki pork chops Spicy beef with vegetables
Wed	Parmesan ratatouille casserole Sliced London broil Seasoned roast chicken
Thur	Baked snapper with shoyu/miso Keoki's pot roast Spicy seafood curry
Fri	Chicken and veggie stir-fry Char Siu roast pork Korean-style grilled beef

HELP WANTED

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Prefer five-years-plus experience. Excellent communication, computer and organizational skills a must. Ability to multi-task and work in a fast-paced environment. Contract/procurement background is a plus. Need to be able to file and maintain a suspense log.

WANTED

CONCRETE CYLINDERS for garden. Call 52450.

DOG CARRIER, medium size. Call 51800.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION is currently seeking new teachers for the upcoming Spring B session. If you have any special skills you would like to teach, call Anthony, 51078.

FOUND

BRACELET/ANKLET with no clasp at bike rack in front of high school. Call 54991.

PATIO SALE

TONIGHT and TOMORROW evening, 5-7 p.m., Tr. 541. PCS sale. Lounge chair, Sony Trinitron 27" TV, convection/microwave oven, new Panasonic vacuum cleaner, toaster oven, Gateway 450 computer with DVD, sound speakers, Millennium 2000, Outlook Express and Microsoft Office, movie tapes, wall shelving, bookcases, snorkeling equipment, clothes. Call Mike, 51426W or 53614H.

SATURDAY, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Qtrs. 473-B. Blinds, cooler, chairs, curtain rods, clothes, carpet.

SATURDAY, 10 a.m.-2p.m., Qtrs. 490-B.

MONDAY, 7-11 a.m., Qtrs. 439-B. Small aquarium, exercise bike, ladies' golf clubs. No early birds.

MONDAY, 8-11 a.m., Qtrs. 496-A. Multi-family sale.

MONDAY, 8-10:30 a.m., Qtrs. 437-C. Dive gear, roll-up patio shades, patio storage cabinet.

MONDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, Qtrs. 124-E. Girls' clothes, books, stuffed animals, formal dresses, sizes 5 and 7.

FOR SALE

FULL-SIZE trampoline, good condition, \$100; two dishwashers, great condition, \$100 each. Call 58936

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when outside your
quarters.**

**They must be visible
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backpacks,
wallets or purses.**

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TERM IV:**

NSCI 170, Concepts of Meteorology (3), Tuesday and Thursday, 6-9 p.m.;
NSCI 171, Laboratory in Meteorology (1), Friday, 6-8 p.m.
Instructor is Brian Morrison.

EDCP 101, Effective Writing Skills (3), Wednesday and Friday, 6-9 p.m.
Instructor is Susannah Jones.
Registration will be March 15-29, 1-5 p.m., at the University of Maryland office, Building 368.
Classes start April 1.

or 52492.

LITTLE TYKES Burley, \$170; three green wooden box planters, \$9 each; ironing board, \$5. Call 52276.

HOOVER POWER Max Deluxe vacuum with 9.3 amp motor and Allergen filtration system, excellent condition, paid over \$200, will sell for \$100; two JBL 450 spearguns with many extras such as tips and 50 feet of heavy-duty banding, \$250 or best offer for all. Call 52642 and leave a message.

YAMAHA WAVE VENTURE three-person jet ski with new battery cover, includes trailer and extras, runs as good as it looks, \$5,000 or best offer. Call 54431, days, or 54555, evenings.

MEDELA pump-in-style, double-electric breast pump,

Chapel Services

**Protestant services:
Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**
This week's sermon:
"The Sword of the Spirit"

**Sunday school for all ages through
adult, 9:15 a.m., in the REB.**

**Catholic services:
Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., main chapel
Sunday Mass:
7 a.m., small chapel
9:15 a.m., main chapel**

**Catholic CCD
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., in the REB**

For information, call 53505.

Classified Ads and Community Notices



Marshalllese Cultural Center

Hours are:
Fridays, 3-5 p.m.
Mondays, 4-6 p.m.
Handicraft demonstrations on Mondays.

To arrange tours, call Cris, 52935.

\$200; Jolly Jumper, \$15; walker, \$35; double-stoller, \$100; bouncer chair, \$15; open-top swing, \$40. Call Mandy, 54677, after 5 p.m.

LARGE DESK and office chair, \$40 for both. Call Jean, 54833, after 5 p.m.

TWIN FUTON frame, folds for use as a couch or can be used flat for a bed, excellent condition, \$45. Call 56671 or 55525.

BOOKCASES: one 6' high x 3' wide, one 4' high x 5' wide, one 6' high x 4' wide, \$20 each; microwave oven, \$30; plants. Call 52308.

DIAPERS, size 5; infant clip-on chair. Call 50158.

ROLLERBLADES, ladies' size 7, new, \$45; tan briefcase with combo lock, new, \$30; slide/movie screen, \$7; portable CD player, new, \$70; black and white reversible comforter, \$10; aluminum suitcase, 18" x 14" x 6½", \$20; inflatable Grinch, 8', new, lights up, \$25. Call 53640, 4:30-8 p.m.

LA-Z-BOY recliner, dark blue, excellent condition, \$200 or best offer. Call 55137 or 53736.

VIDEOS, \$6; 42" three-shelf bookcase, \$35; 28" three-shelf bookcase, black, \$30; 27" computer desk, can be used to hold microwave or TV/VCR, \$30; rug runner, \$20; toaster oven, \$20; wardrobe, plastic and metal with wheels, \$25; Easy Rider exerciser, great for problem knees, folds up for storage, \$50. Call Mary, 51614, after 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ALL PATRONS of Café Pacific: It has been observed that takeout privileges are being abused and large amounts of food are being removed from the facility. Takeout privileges are now being monitored and anyone who abuses the system will be reported to their manager.

To register for the KYC chili cook-off April 6, go to <http://www.kwajyachtclub.com> then click on KYC chili cook-off under upcoming events. If you used the old link to register, use the new one to re-register.

KWAJALEIN ART Guild art supplies sale is Monday, noon-1 p.m., at the Art Annex.

ORTHODONTIST will be on island April 2-3. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

KWAJALEIN Art Guild's Spring Arts and Crafts Fair is April 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the MP room.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA Club's annual mandatory safety meeting is April 9, 7 p.m., in the MP room. Annual dues should be paid at this meeting. Checks only. Questions? Call Ivy, 54814.

SPRING BREAK hours for family pool and Emon Beach: Tomorrow, family pool closed, Emon, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Sunday, family pool, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Emon, 11

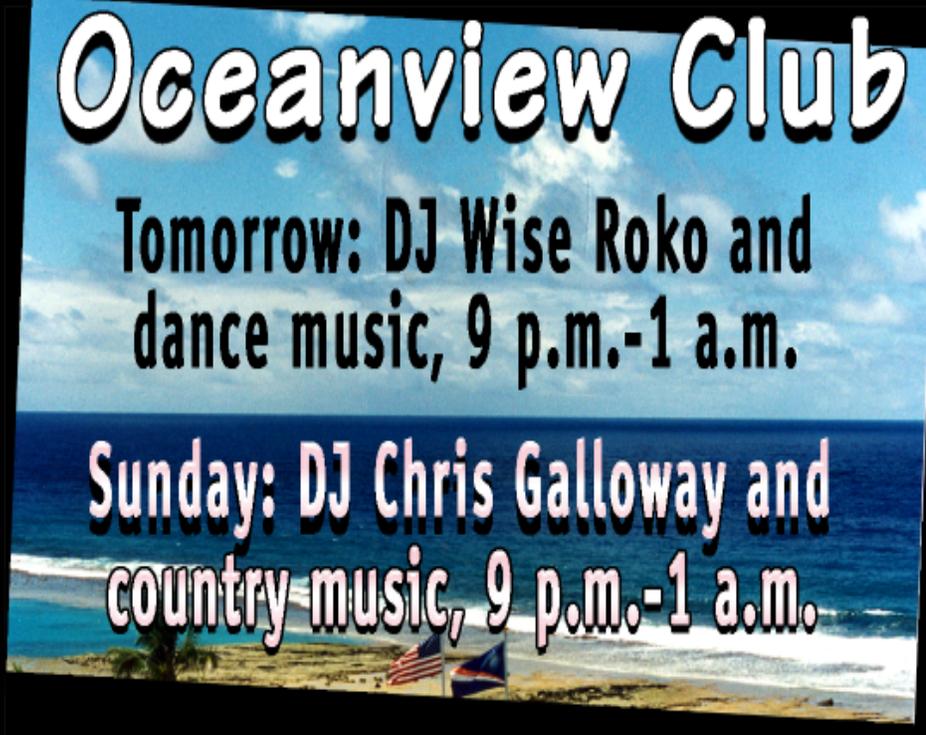
RMI WORKERS APPRECIATION SHOPPING DAY FOR C AND D BADGED WORKERS ONLY, is tomorrow, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., at Macy's, Macy's West and Gimbel's.

Domestic, commute, laundry and VIP badge holders are not allowed to shop.

All workers must have photo ID in order to shop.

Normal regulations for Ten-Ten remain in effect.

(Small text and graphics follow, including a list of participating stores and a note about the event.)



Oceanview Club

Tomorrow: DJ Wise Roko and dance music, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Sunday: DJ Chris Galloway and country music, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

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FAMILY MOVIE

is tonight, 7:30 p.m., at the Richardson Theater. The feature movie is "Road to Redemption."

Free popcorn. Bring your family and enjoy the show.

Sponsored by
Island Memorial Chapel.



a.m.-6 p.m.; Monday, family pool, noon-6 p.m., Emon, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, April 1, family pool, 1-6 p.m., Emon, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 2, family pool, 1-5 p.m., Emon, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 3, family pool, 1-6 p.m., Emon, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Friday, April 4, family pool, 1-5 p.m., Emon 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 5, family pool closed, Emon 12:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 6, regular schedule resumes.

SPRING BREAK activities are planned for grades 1-6 and 7-12 April 1-6. Activities and times are posted around town and distributed at schools. Questions? Call 53331.

EVERYONE IS invited to Scott Pratt's 30th birthday party tomorrow at the adult pool after work hours.

FIESTA HISPANIC Club invites the community to a potluck dinner Sunday, April 13, 6 p.m., at the Pacific Club. We are an official club now and need your support to get things going. Come join us and bring a dish to share. Questions? Call 51800.

SURFSIDE BEAUTY Salon asks patrons to call and cancel hair appointments if they cannot make it for the appointment.

KWAJALEIN YACHT Club meeting is tonight, 6:30 p.m., at the club. Bring the family for cheeseburgers, hot dogs and fun.

SPRING BREAK Music Festival will be April 6 at Emon Beach. Live music 1-10 p.m. KRS food services will provide food and drinks. KYC will hold a chili cook-off with proceeds going to local charities. Kid's activities are planned. Shaved ice and cotton candy will be available. Ethnic foods will be on sale. There will be a homebrew garden (21 years or older) to sample local brews.

BOY SCOUTS: Have kayaking fun Monday, 8 a.m., at Emon Beach. Questions? Call 58672.

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL officials' and scorekeepers' clinic is tonight in CRC room 1. Scorekeepers' clinic will be 5 p.m.; officials' clinic will be 6 p.m. For more information, call Erika, 53331.

Shuttle service for the Commodore's Ball Sunday will run the church route 5:45-10:30 p.m.

The Rustman



Kwajalein Running Club's 24th annual Rustman Triathlon is Monday, April 28.

This is a 1K swim-42K bike-10K run held since 1980.

It takes many volunteers to run the event. Timers, recorders, water station staff, barbecue cooks and safety marshalls.

To volunteer, call 51815.

The 1st Annual Masters Partner Tournament



Monday, April 14
8:30 a.m. shotgun start

- Open to all golfers who are current with greens fees
- \$25 per person (covers beverages, prizes and buffet)

Each player chooses a player from the 2003 Masters. The player's net score plus the last round gross score of the Master's player is the player's team score. Player with the lowest team score is the winner. Closest to the hole on par threes and other events will be held. Sign up at time of drawing. Limited to 52 players. Drawing for partners is April 13, 5 p.m., at the Country Club. Questions? Call Bob, 53768.

Spring Break Activities

Flag football
Saturday, April 5:
grades 3-6,
1-2:30 p.m.;
grades 7-12,
3-4 p.m.,
High school field



Karaoke Night
Saturday,
April 5, 8 p.m.,
Youth Center:
grades 7-12

Ceramic Easter eggs:

Tuesday, April 1,
Hobby Shop:
grades 1-3, 1-2 p.m.;
grades 4-6, 2-3 p.m.
Call 53331 for a spot!



See you at the movies!

Saturday

Charlotte's Web 2: Wilbur's Great Adventure (2003, PG) Cartoon. The famous sheep-herding pig has more adventures. *Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

8 Mile (2002, R) A young rapper searches for his identity and future in music while battling his own anger and frustration. (Eminem)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Domestic Disturbance (2001, PG-13) A divorced father worries about his son's new step-father who may be a murderer. (John Travolta)

Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Inspector Gadget 2 (2003) The Inspector is up to solving and preventing crimes masterminded by the evil Dr. Claw. (French Stewart)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

I-Spy (2002, PG-13) Classic '60s spy-comedy updated to the big-screen. Inprobable team Eddie Murphy and Owen Wilson team up to find an invisible stealth fighter jet.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

8 Mile (2002, R)

Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Monday

Charlotte's Web 2: Wilbur's Great Adventure (2003, PG)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

8 Mile (2002, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Abandon (2002, PG-13) A young woman must deal with the loss of her boyfriend two years later when the case is reopened. (Katie Holmes, Benjamin Bratt)

Adult Recreation Center, 7 p.m.

Iraqis threaten soldiers' children

Advance proceeds; mine-sweeps continue

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein's regime is forcing men to fight by threatening children, U.S. Central Command officials in Qatar said today.

The Iraqi regime is becoming increasingly desperate and using threats of murder to survive. Members of the "Iraqi regime are seizing children from their homes near the town of an Najaf and are telling families the males must fight for the regime or they will all face execution," said Army Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, vice chief of operations at Central Command.

Brooks said the coalition forces are fighting well and, with overwhelming force, have defeated every threat facing them. He said more coalition forces arrive each day, in accordance with the war plan. DoD officials said more than 250,000 U.S. service members and 40,000 other coalition troops are involved with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Coalition operations are degrading the regime's control of its forces. "We're seeing locally controlled military and paramilitary actions, frequent 'survival moves' by regime leaders and uncontrolled firing of air defense missiles," he said.

Special operations forces are performing missions throughout the country. "Strategic reconnaissance is ongoing to find weapons of mass destruction, ballistic missiles and regime leaders," Brooks said. "Unconventional warfare is ongoing in several areas to prepare Iraqis to join in liberation.

Direct action occurs at times and places of our choosing."

Fighting overnight came from a mix of regular and irregular Iraqi forces. Vehicle-mounted irregulars east of an Najaf attacked units of the Army's V Corps, he said. "There were reports of a significant number of vehicles approaching," he said. "The reports were not accurate in terms of the size of the force, and V Corps units soundly defeated the attack, destroying most of the force."

In an Nasiriyah, units of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force defeated an attack by irregulars supported by armored personnel carriers, rocket launchers and anti-aircraft artillery systems. "The battle lasted about 90 minutes," Brooks said. "The Marines did sustain some wounded, but remain fully effective."

British and American minesweepers are widening the channel that supply ships must use to dock at the port city of Umm Qasr. Yesterday, coalition forces cleared a channel 60 yards wide from the Persian Gulf to Umm Qasr.

"As we expanded that broader to create a 200-yard pathway, we identified some ... bottom-influence mines," Brooks said. "These are subsurface mines able to be programmed ... to count the number of hulls that pass over. After a certain point they detonate. Clearing operations continue today."

In the north, several hundred "Sky Soldiers" of the 173rd Airborne Brigade opened a new front in a Kurdish-controlled area of northern Iraq, defense officials announced. The troopers jumped onto an airfield. Now that the area is secure, flights will bring in more equipment and personnel.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a slight chance for a shower.

Winds: East-northeast at 14-18 knots with higher gusts near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny with isolated showers.

Winds: East-northeast at 15-20 knots with higher gusts near showers.

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

March rain total: 2.08"

Annual rain total: 7.19"

Annual deviation: -4.17"

Call 547700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday March 29	0649/1859	0420/1619	0300, 4.2' 1500, 5.0'	0850, 1.7' 2120, 1.1'
Sunday March 30	0648/1859	0503/1707	0330, 4.6' 1530, 5.2'	0920, 1.2' 2150, 0.8'
Monday March 31	0648/1859	0543/1753	0350, 5.0' 1600, 5.4'	0950, 0.9' 2210, 0.6'
Tuesday April 1	0647/1859	0621/1837 New Moon	0420, 5.3' 1630, 5.5'	1020, 0.7' 2240, 0.5'