

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



**Elimination of the Recreation Fund will create changes in quality of life activities such as organized sports. For more, see Page 6.**

*(File photo)*

# November: You can bring about change

I am amazed at the wailing by newscasters and talk show hosts over the recent 'bitter' remarks made by Senator Barack Obama. They say he is 'elitist' and 'out of touch' with the American people.

Give me a break. Maybe he *is* elitist and out of touch, but if he is, he has plenty of company in Washington, D.C.

How many senators and representatives do you suppose are worth millions of dollars?

I guess they're in touch with all of us little guy Americans and sensitive to our problems. Yeah, right.

I don't understand why all the indignation over what Obama said. Is it because he had the audacity to say that Americans, especially those in rural America, are bitter and discouraged?

I've known a lot of rural, country people. They are a hardy and stoic breed who, yes, cling to guns, hunting

and country ways. They have a deep belief in their religion.

But they, like many Americans (81 percent according to polls) have become bitter and discouraged over the way things are in America today.

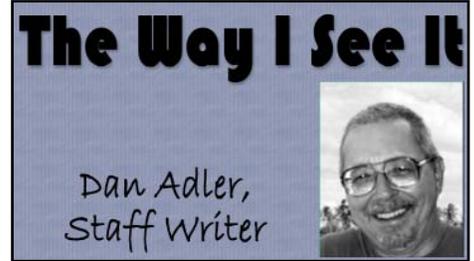
Many of those rural people live and worked in a 'one job' town. Most worked in the manufacturing sector such as foundries, steel plants, the automobile industry, appliances, food processing plants, candy makers and so on.

In the past 40 years, those jobs have slowly but surely disappeared.

At first, it was a trickle, but with free trade policies and globalization, it soon became a flood of jobs going overseas or to Mexico for cheaper workers.

It was the union jobs that went first, and many of those jobs were filled by those rural people Obama spoke of.

And along with the jobs went the



places they worked in. Manufacturing plants that used to hum with the sound of Americans working are now padlocked and falling into decay.

It's the same no matter where you go in small town America. The faces change, but the stories are always the same.

When the jobs went, health care insurance went. Many no longer see a doctor or can afford to take their

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# Festival only possible with volunteers help

By Jim Stepchew

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Kwajalein Yacht Club, all the volunteers, various departments and to the Kwajalein community for making the 8th annual Spring Break Music Festival a great success. As always, this event would not have been possible without the support and willingness of many individuals and groups who volunteered their time and efforts.

A special thanks goes out to all the local bands and their members for providing us with great live music throughout the day, Armed Forces Entertainment for sending out a band in conjunction with this event, the KYC for hosting yet another successful chili cook-off, the barbecuers for cooking up a wonderful variety of pulled pork, the home brewers for supplying such a great selection of beer and soda, the Pegasus Team, and finally, to the crews of the following departments for all their outstanding support: Community Activities, Electric Shop, Solid Waste and Grounds, Carpentry Shop, Fire

Department, and Food Services.

There are several people and groups that I would like to especially thank: Dan Eggers for the many hours he put in, Neil Dye for his support, TC and Flynn for

running the Baggo tournament, Monte Junker for the chili cook-off, Steve Banducci for the great pulled pork cook-off, the Outrigger Club, Tim Hall and the KYC skippers, Diane Swanby, the Boy Scouts, Kim Parker, the *Jenny Boyle Band* and all the brewers and volunteers at the beer garden. A very special komol tata and kudos to Asmond Arelong and Kisino



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## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# EARTH DAY

## Environmental activities to center around islandwide Kwaj clean-up

Leslie Mead  
Contributor

**E**arth Day promotes environmental awareness and understanding and happens every year on April 22.

Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day when he pursued the idea of a special event, originally intended to be a “teach-in,” highlighting environmental issues. His idea came to fruition with the first Earth Day in 1970, when 20 million people participated in various demonstrations, teach-ins and sit-ins.

In the mid-1980s, environmental crises developed; the Love Channel, an opening in the Ozone Layer over the Antarctic; medical waste washing up on beaches in New York and New Jersey; and evidence that materials previously thought benign, could have detrimental effects on human health and the environment. The Environmental Protection Agency responded to these environmental concerns with Earth Day.

Today, various organizations, including the EPA, federal agencies, private organizations and schools, continue to sponsor environmental awareness and educational activities on Earth Day. A popular event is a “clean-up” campaign, which provides an opportunity for people to take an active role in environmental improvements.

In the early 1990s, the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll established the Environmental Management office. By the mid-1990s Earth Day became an annual event. During the late 1990s an annual island clean-up involving most clubs and organizations was established. Special Earth Day tours were arranged for Kwajalein schools at: The landfill, the Power plant, the botanical gardens, and the water treatment facilities.

For the past two years, Earth Day has been celebrated with a Festival on Emon Beach, including

games, food, island and underwater clean-up efforts,

### Earth Day events on Kwajalein

The island clean-up will be on Roi-Namur on Sunday and on Kwajalein on Monday. Questions? Call 51134.

Several organizations have volunteered for sections of the island and everyone who takes part will receive gifts.

Drawings will be held every half hour during the clean-up. There are 30 prizes available.

Environmental safety health and quality is offering a selection of teaching aids. The environmental projects include; building a solar powered oven and still, an oil spill clean-up exercise, coloring books, puzzles, and other classroom projects.

The water and power plant are offering tours for schools starting Tuesday through April 26. Teachers can contact Environmental, Safety and Health at 51134 for scheduling and transportation.

A scavenger hunt will be held in the botanical gardens. Questions? Call 51134.

Environmental staff members are reaching out to classrooms to talk about Earth Day and provide information on the environment and ecology. Teachers can contact ESH&Q, 51134, for additional details.

ES&H is running a week-long recycling competition for children six to 10. Children who bring the most paper, glass, or aluminum to the ES&H office 9FN357, below the dentist's office) will win a prize.

For questions about any events listed above, please call, 51134.

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as well as a variety of family oriented activities.

Throughout the history of Earth Day, residents, clubs, and other organizations have collaborated in a large-scale clean-up effort on Kwajalein. With current budget constraints, there will be fewer Earth Day activities. The island clean-up will take place because it benefits Kwajalein and the community and it will be the focus of this year's Earth Day celebration.

I came to Kwaj from a big city and one of the things that I have always liked about living here is feeling that I am part of a community that cares. Volunteerism levels here are astonishing. From the people who manage the sports teams to the ladies who work in the Mic Shop, just about everybody on Kwajalein Atoll volunteers part of their time to make this place better. Every year, many people participate in the island clean-up campaign.

The first year I was here, during the annual island clean-up, I watched a father with his daughter, just a toddler, walking along the beach behind the Kwaj Lodge. That little girl glommed onto everything on the beach—trash, shells, coconut fronds and seaweed. She walked, rather unsteadily, back to her father who held the trash bag open for her. This scene helped me realize that Earth Day and the island clean-up means a lot more than just picking up trash, it also teaches the next generation about the environment.

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— Leslie Mead

### Earth Day Tips

- **Reduce, reuse and recycle.** It's important to remember that Kwajalein has limited landfill space. The three-R's make a big difference.
- **Conserve electricity.** Kwajalein's power plant runs on diesel generators—power savings decrease emissions and save money. Limit your time in the shower. Install long-lasting, energy conserving, compact fluorescent light bulbs. Don't pre-heat your oven unless the recipe specifically calls for it .
- **Make sure that what goes into your toilet is supposed to be flushed.**
- **When shopping, use reusable bags.** Call, 51134, for a free shopping bag.
- **When using your computer, think "save a tree" before printing.** Print on both sides of a sheet of paper; try printing multiple slides on a sheet of paper when using PowerPoint; re-use printed paper as scrap paper for notes; use the paper recycling box in your office.
- **Try using environmentally friendly cleaners such as vinegar and baking soda.**

## ANIMALS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

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FIND THE NAMES OF 24 ANIMALS FOUND IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

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| GHOST CRAB         | HAWKSBILL TURTLE   |
| GIANT CLAM         | MICRONESIAN PIGEON |
| GREEN SEA TURTLE   | SPOTTED DOLPHIN    |
| BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN | COCONUT CRAB       |
| NAPOLEON WRASSE    | BLACK NODDY        |
| SPERM WHALE        | FINBACK WHALE      |
| GIANT GROUPE       | FIRE CORAL         |
| SHEARWATER         | BLENNIE            |
| DUGONG             | POLYNESIAN RAT     |
| BROWN BOOBY        | FAIRY TERN         |
| BLACK CORAL        | COWRIE             |

The first five people to present this puzzle completed correctly to the ESH&Q Office (FN 357 - below the Dental Office) during office hours (Tues. - Sat. 8:00 to 4:30 p.m.) will receive a prize.

# Continental baggage policy changes May 5

## Hourglass reports

Continental will be implementing the following changes to the domestic (U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands) checked bag policy. For tickets purchased April 5 and beyond for travel commencing on or after May 5 the following applies:

- Coach Non-Elite customers on non-Y (non-refundable) fare tickets are permitted to check one (one) bag free of charge (within 50lbs/62 linear inches)

- A \$25 service fee will apply for the second checked bag (within 50 pounds/62 linear inches) for coach

Non-Elite customers traveling on non-Y fare tickets.

- If applicable, overweight and over-size fees apply to the customers first and second checked bag

### Exceptions:

- Elite Access Customers
- Coach OnePass Elite Members and SkyTeam Elite members are permitted to check two bags free of charge

- This includes all customers traveling in the same travel plan (excluding group travel plans)

- Non-Elite customers on a purchased Y ticket are entitled to two bags free of charge

- Customers traveling on military orders are entitled to check two bags free of charge (U.S. active military in uniform with ID, not Kwaj residents traveling on travel orders)

- Continental Airlines Presidential Plus credit card holders

- First Class or BusinessFirst customers (regardless of elite level or fare)

The policy described in the information above only applies to wholly U.S. domestic itineraries. If domestic travel is part of an international itinerary, the international free allowance (two free pieces for coach class customers) still applies.

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Loeak who worked countless hours, Carton Karon, Mike Bill, Sotin Maie and the entire staff of Community Activities and Armed Forces Entertainment whose efforts made this event so enjoyable, Danny Anjain and Davinson Abon of Waste Disposal, and the crew from the Electric Shop. Without the support of these and many others this event would never have happened. Also a big thank you goes out to hard bodies Cindy Ehart and Gloria Cassidy for all their efforts and direction in helping set up, Monte Junker, Ed Zehr and the others who showed up early Monday morning to help with the clean up.

To the folks who donated their homemade chili, pulled pork and homebrew, thanks for all the great tasting concoctions! Congratulations to the first place winners in the three chili categories: Hottest chili: Christopher Provolt; Original

chili: Bob Sholar; Traditional chili: Rick Larkin. the People's Choice award for the best overall chili: Song Banducci.

Congratulations to the winners the Baggo tournament Kevin Grant & Kevin Ehart, and finally the winners of the People's Choice Award in the beer garden. In the homebrew category: first place, Jim Cossey's "Pegasus Pale Ale" and in the soft-drink category: first place, Keith Peacock's "Cream Soda". Congratulations also to the second and third place winners And finally, to the Kwajalein community, a big thanks to all of you for your generous support and donations. This year we collected \$900 to assist outer island education, thank you.

It is truly the time, effort and support of the volunteers in our community that makes events such as this a success.

Hope to see you all again next year.



## Making a splash

A search and rescue swimmer (SAR) jumps out of an MH-60S Seahawk assigned to the "Blackjacks" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 21 during SAR training in the Persian Gulf. HSC-21 is deployed aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa (LHA 1) and is conducting exercises in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman David A. Brandenburg

# Budget cuts, transition plan mean many quality of life changes coming to Kwajalein

By Nell Drumheller  
Editor

Transition within the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll community has an affect on every man, woman and child.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, known as AAFES, provides retail services to military installations around the world. AAFES is scheduled to open its first food court facility on Kwajalein the weekend of July 4, according to an announcement Col. Stevenson Reed, USAKA commander, made at the last town hall meeting.

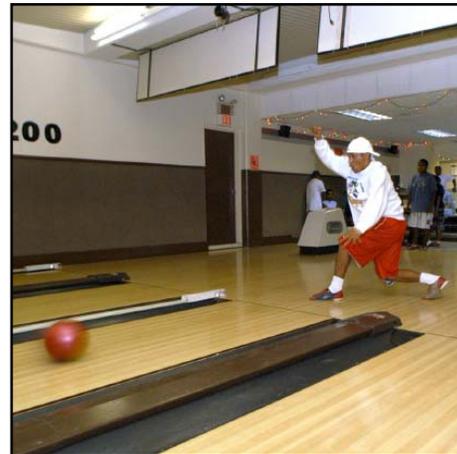
Within a year, AAFES will provide most retail services. Dividends generated from AAFES revenue will be returned to USAKA to support morale, welfare and recreation like activities for the community. However, the RecFund, as we know it, will no longer exist—effective 31 September 2008. Current plans are to have Kwajalein Range Services continue to run Surfway, Third Island Store, Sunrise Bakery and clubs.

The following activities/locations are currently supported through the RecFund: Small boat marinas, golf courses, bowling center, hobby shop, pools, beaches and kayak program, sport facilities, the

library, special events and the reservation center where islanders can rent tables, chairs and tents. “There are other community programs that have always been base funded and will continue to be as long as they can secure the funding in these belt-tightening times,” Simone Smead, Operations/Community Activities manager, Community Services Division said. “The facilities include movie theaters, sports programs, religious services, Corlett Recreation and Activities Centers, the Adult Recreation Center, Ivey Gym, gear locker and USAKA events and ceremonies. “Cost-saving initiatives have already been taking place in these areas, such as the elimination of the Ivey Gym staff and the reduction of adult recreation center hours of operation,” Smead said.

The RecFund, by design, is what allowed artificially low fees at many of the recreational locations/activities, according to Smead. “It also allowed for an increased number of programs, many of which would not typically be self-sustained in communities the size of Kwaj and Roi,” she said.

“Effective with the FY09 budget the RecFund will be eliminated; all items will be base funded. Recreational programs will have to be self-



The Bowling Center will run only until failure.

supporting or compete for budgeting dollars along with everyone else on the contract for available funds,” said Tony Veirup, Deputy Site and Executive Services Manager.

With the elimination of the RecFund, along with the reduced budget, changes must be made, “So these programs are not dissolved, as they are very important [to the] quality of life in the USAKA community,” Smead added.

“The majority of the decisions regarding the financial model and restructuring of the recreational programs were made by the USAKA/SMDC [Space and Missile Defense Command] Transition Execution Team,” Veirup said. “Specific fee schedules are being developed by KRS as we implement a program that must be self-supporting, perhaps scaled down; or receive what funding will be available from USAKA. We are trying to get the most bang for the buck and retain essential quality of life recreational programs.”

“As a clearer understanding of these actions is realized, alternative solutions may arise as was the case with the Grace Sherwood Library that is now run by a part-time paid librarian/volunteer coordinator and a host of gracious volunteers,” said Smead. There have been several creative suggestions on how to keep both pools in operation at minimal cost as the swimming community has already expressed great concern



File photo

The adult pool may close if repair and upkeep is too costly.

about the closing of a pool. The suggestions that have been made are being explored, and KRS is attempting to keep both pools open given the FY09 budget guidance.

"The Yuk Theater was slated to be closed, but given that the Richardson is not working, the Yuk is still being used," Veirup added, "As for the Rich, the Quality of Life committee approved funding for a new projector that is already en route and this should bring the Rich back on line."

However, operational changes have also been made at the bowling center to help it become more profitable and closer to breaking-even," said Smead. "For example, the bowling center is now available for leagues, parties, and special events but walk-in hours have been eliminated since they were costly and attracted minimal business."

America's past-time, at least the slow-pitch version, will also be affected. Several changes have already been made to reduce the costs of sports programs according to Smead. She said the recent softball season was run with one umpire, which eliminated a second umpire and a scorekeeper.

"The transition plan stated that 'ball field functions' need to be all-volunteer," Smead said. "This would encompass all of the sports leagues which are softball, basketball, soccer, and volleyball as well as periodic tournaments."

The upcoming basketball season will be completed.

"The summer months historically feature short tournaments and/or leagues given vacation schedules.

However, offerings this summer are unclear at this point and time and the future of the nine-month sports league programs is still unclear," Smead said.

Meanwhile the inner tube water polo season is underway at the family pool, and Smead and her staff have defined ways to shave off a few dollars and cents for that league and the basketball season, by following the policy initiated during softball season and reducing staffing at each game. "The participants have understood these actions and the softball season actually went very smoothly," Smead said. "More discussions about how some form of a sports program could be continued, perhaps by volunteers or with mini-



**Small Boat Marina fees increased on April 5.**

mal funding, are still being explored. There are complexities with scheduling a 20-30 teams sport league, coordinating to get RMI [Republic of the Marshall Islands] teams in participation and communicating with the league so oversight would be optimal."

Fees are being raised at most recreational facilities. In most cases, this is the first major fee increase in quite a while. "With the exception of very minor increases such as \$2.50 per month for golf dues that was done three years ago, significant price increases have not taken place in at least five years and in many cases longer than that," Smead said.

On April 5, the Small Boat Marina prices increase went into effect.

"B-boats now cost \$10 an hour or \$50 flat rate instead of \$8 an hour and a \$40 flat rate," Smead said. She added, "Ice will be \$1.50 instead of a dollar for a 20-pound bag." A full schedule of the services and new prices is available at Kwajalein and Roi-Namur small boat marinas.

"The small boat marinas have also reduced staffing by more than 20 percent at Kwaj and 20 percent at Roi," Smead said.

Fee increases are planned at the hobby shop, golf courses, bowling center, and kayak shack in the coming months. "The new golf fees will go into effect with the next semi-annual registration that takes place in May. Hobby shop fees will increase in late April, along with bowling center fees," Smead said.

A quick search on the Internet shows that the fees on Kwajalein are

in line with other military installations overseas. "Price comparisons are done for what is considered the three business operations: Small boat marina, bowling, and golf. They are compared against other military bases that are as close as possible to USAKA with regard to demographics and composition."

Veirup explained, "The fee increases are needed as one part of the solution to help make recreation facilities more cost efficient given the elimination of the RecFund. Historically, the RecFund model was developed specifically to help offset recreational fees and that is why the community has always enjoyed such a varied recreational program at such affordable prices.

However, without a RecFund this approach can no longer be sustained and programs need to cover the majority, if not all of their costs, if there is hope to keep that activity."

USAKA and KRS leadership acknowledged that the transition is challenging and that community members may become frustrated. "Community members are welcome to ask KRS management [a question] or certainly use the Commander's Hotline [if they have questions concerning transition].

"We do ask that customers not confront the facility workers or front line supervisors as they are simply doing what they have been asked to do. During these stressful times it simply adds more stress when, people performing these services are repeatedly questioned about decisions that they cannot influence. Your understanding is appreciated," Veirup said.

# Nine servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

**Spc. Jacob J. Fairbanks**, 22, of Saint Paul, Minn., died April 9 in Baghdad, Iraq of injuries suffered in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Sgt. Jesse A. Ault**, 28, of Dublin, Va., died April 9 in Baghdad from wounds suffered in Tunnis, Iraq, when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 429th Brigade Support Battalion, Virginia Army National Guard, Roanoke, Va.

**Sgt. Shaun P. Tousha**, 30, of Hull, Texas, died April 9 in Baghdad from wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st

Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Tech. Sgt. Anthony L. Capra**, 31, of Hanford, Calif., died April 9 near Golden Hills, Iraq of wounds suffered when he encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to Detachment 63, 688 Armament Systems Squadron, Indian Head City, Md.

**Sgt. William E. Allmon**, 25, of Ardmore, Okla., died Saturday in Baghdad of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

**Spc. Arturo Huerta-Cruz**, 23, of Clearwater, Fla., died Monday in Tuz, Iraq of wounds sustained when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned

to the 10th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Sgt. Joseph A. Richard III**, 27, of Lafayette, La., died Monday in Baghdad of wounds sustained when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), located at Fort Polk, La.

Two Marines died Monday while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. They were both assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Milwaukee, Wis. Killed were: **Cpl. Richard J. Nelson**, 23, of Racine, Wis. And **Lance Cpl. Dean D. Opicka**, 29, of Waukesha, Wis.

## Lead levels above the drinking water action level on Meck Island



The Meck Island water tests show lead levels in the water above the limit, or "action level" of 15 parts per billion (ppb). As a precautionary measure, run the water one-two minutes prior to utilizing it for consumption. As a result, the environmental department will increase monitoring of Lead and Copper from annually to every six months and

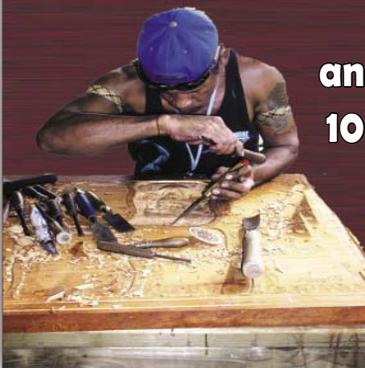
implement a corrosion control treatment.

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

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## Micronesian Shop



and Kwajalein Art Guild will hold a clearance sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday, under the canopy by the Art Annex. The Mic Shop will sell overstocked and slightly scratched items. The Art Guild will sell supplies discounted up to 40 percent.





**HELP WANTED**

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

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

**Kwajalein Veterans Hall**

BAR MANAGER. Applicants should have a résumé highlighting bar or restaurant experience and any scheduling and supervisory experience. Position starts May 1. Call 59676 and leave a message.

**U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll**

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

**WANTED**

DVD MOVIES appropriate for nine year old

boy. Call Ivy, 54814.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND DICTIONARIES grade level kindergarten-fifth, for schools on Ebeye. Call 52527.

**LOST**

SNORKELING VESTS (two) children's size, yellow; between Emon Beach and Ocean Road. Call 55190.

FLIP-FLOPS at Emon Beach during music festival. Call Samantha, 54239.

**FOUND**

BLACK SUNGLASSES at passport agent/USAKA Host Nation activities office on the second floor of Building 901. Call 55033 or 54848.

**FOR SALE**

SEARS KENMORE canister vacuum cleaner with all attachments, \$30. Call Jennifer, 52312.

END TABLES (two), solid teak, deep carved, one drawer and two doors for enclosed storage area, removable plexiglass protector across the top, 23½-inches by 23½-inches, \$225. Call 53640, 4-8 p.m.

BIKE TRAILER, new wheels, tires, and hitch plus two fishing rod holders and open bed for cooler or easy to modify, \$75; large outside Rubbermaid storage unit, \$90; six-foot Christmas tree, space saving corner style, \$20 and TV stand with side storage, black, up to 32-inch TV, corner or wall style. Call 52306.

PCS SALE. Rubbermaid outside storage building, \$125; Cape Dory 18-foot, mooring marina side with five-horsepower, four-cycle Honda motor, \$1500; women's Eva SeaQuest BCD, large; Calypso Titan octopus; Gekko Suunto dive computer with mesh bag; Sunlight dive light (D-4), and hanger, \$600 and plants / orchids. Call 50160, after 5 p.m.

ALUMINUM BLINDS for 400 series, \$80; carpet rugs (two), \$35 each; Oceanic medium BC, \$75; 20-inch girls' bike, \$20; US diver conshef regulator, \$140; octopus, gauges with Datamax sport computer, \$150; Sequest regulator, octopus, Suunto console, like new, \$150 and patio cover frame, \$60. Call 53677, home or 53137, work.

FINS, NEVER USED, Oceanic large, extra-large, \$40; AERIES split fins, never used, large/extra-large, \$80; TUSA fins, size small/medium, \$35; Sherwood Avid BCD, \$200; Sherwood Brut

**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 at 12:30 p.m., in Roi chapel.

Protestant.  
Sunday  
8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.  
Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m.

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

Latter-day Saints  
10 a.m., Sunday, in Corlett Recreation Center, Room 3.

Church of Christ  
10 a.m., Sunday, in Quarters 442-A.

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

regulator and octopus, \$180; new 70-pint dehumidifier, \$245; dive computer, Cressi Sub Archimedes II, \$275 and Canon S3 IS 6MP \$270. Call 51081.

BOAT HOUSE located on Boat Lot 10, insulated shipping container with electrical connections, comes with or without an air conditioner, container in good condition and is held with a boat, \$800. Call 53634, after 5 p.m.

PCS SALE. Dive equipment: BCD, regulator, computer, weights, shelving, acoustic guitar, fishing rods, blinds, dishwasher and microwave. Call 51626, after 4:30 p.m.

PALAUAN STORY BOARD with the legend of The Fish Bearing Tree, deeply carved, 28 by 12 inches, in pristine condition, carved by master carver Maech, \$75. Call 54613.

BOOKSHELVES, \$25 each; crib/bed, \$75; complete Peter Rabbit nursery set; crib set with quilt, fitted sheet, headboard and crib bumpers, skirt, window valance, diaper stacker, and quilt wall hanging, \$35; Peter Rabbit decorative pillow, \$2; Peter Rabbit hamper, \$5 and trash can, \$3. Call John, 51467 or 53299.

PCS SALE. Extra-long twin box springs (two), \$20 each; 25-gallon low maintenance aquarium, \$130; brass lamps, \$25; stained glass dolphin lamp, \$75; large framed pictures, \$60-\$70; Marlin gaff, \$60 and fishing lures and skirts. Call 52527 or 53876.

ROCKER PAD, two-piece, new, burgundy with Spill Guard liquid-resistant fabric and gripper pad. Call 55006.

OLYMPUS 770sw DIGITAL CAMERA, one month old with 1GB Xd card and extra battery,

*Café Pacific*

**Lunch**

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Jan. 25
Sweet-and-sour pork	Top round of beef	Broiled pork chops	Beef stroganoff	Szechwan pork	Swiss steak	Kalua pork/cabbage
Chicken cordon bleu	Vegetable ragu	Herb-roast chicken	Chicken piccata	Chicken katsu	Turkey stir-fry	Cheeseburger mac
Pepperoni/cheese pizza	Breaded chicken breast	Three-cheese quiche	Broccoli/rice casserole	Thai vegetable pasta	Tuna casserole	Baked mahi-mahi
Grill: Super bird	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Chicken fajita wrap	Grill: Teriyaki burger	Grill: Sicilian Hoagies	Grill: Tostada bar

**Dinner**

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Hoisin spareribs	Sliced turkey/gravy	Cantonese pork	Hamburger steak	Kwaj fried chicken	Flank steak	Ham steak Hawaiian
Thai chicken	Parker ranch stew	Tandouri chicken	Baked penne	Seared honey-lime ono	BBQ chicken	Oven-fried chicken
Veggie chow fun	Cornbread stuffing	Mini-taco bar	Turkey pea-pod stir-fry	Hawaiian chopped steak	Barley pilaf	Brunswick stew



**THE RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER**  
will not be available Thursday through April 26 due to required scheduled maintenance by the Marine Department.

During this period, recreational diving will be limited to a depth of 50 feet.

waterproof to 30 feet with no housing, \$300; Pentax optio waterproof to 10 feet, no housing needed, camera, memory cards and extra battery, case, \$250 and Acer Aspire 5100 laptop, six months old, \$475. Call Mike, 55987.

PCS SALE. Gateway laptop, only three weeks old, model ML6720, operating system Vista home premium, Intel Pentium dual-core 1.46 GHz 15.4-inch screen 1GB RAM 120GB harddrive, \$550 firm. Call Warren, 56166 or e-mail [cliftonww1968@earthlink.net](mailto:cliftonww1968@earthlink.net).

PLANTS AND ORCHIDS. Call 52788.

RUG 60 by 90-INCHES, patterned with muted green, tan and brown, \$150; two-drawer locking lateral file, light wood finish, \$70 and plants, various prices. Call 58012 or 52782.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

THREE PALMS Snack Bar will be closed after business on Monday. The Dock Security Checkpoint Snack Bar and Sunrise Bakery will remain open as scheduled. The Kwajalein community, including families, will be allowed to purchase lunch at Café Pacific during the closure period. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult while dining at the Café Pacific.

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, Kwajalein Lodge reservation desk hours will be 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. daily

TEXAS AGGIE MUSTER is at 6:30 p.m., Monday, in Quarters 224-A. RSVP to Keith or Wendy, 52614.

THE DEADLINE for photos to be entered in the Photo Exhibit is Monday. No photos will be accepted five days prior to the exhibit. For information, contact Renee Biser-McGinnis at [msoptimistic101@yahoo.com](mailto:msoptimistic101@yahoo.com).

KWAJALEIN ATOLL INTERNATIONAL Sport Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m., Wednesday, at the Pacific Club. Food and beverages will be served.

ARE YOU spring cleaning and looking for a place to send things? Donate to the Queen of Peace patio sale being held Wednesday. Drop off donations at Quarters 430-B until Tuesday. Questions? Call Rory, 52441.

**ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS**  
**LDNL**



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**COVER LIKE NO OTHER**

Known for energetic and powerful performances, LDNL covers material not attempted or successfully interpreted by any other live band. Playing some of the most popular hip hop, dance and pop tunes of today and yesterday, their unique sound—punctuated by live instrumentation and remarkable vocals—is sure to get audiences up out of their seats and onto the dance floor.



**8 p.m., Saturday, at Roi Outrigger**  
**6:30 p.m., Sunday, at Emon Beach**

KWAJALEIN POLICE will conduct a bike and property auction at 4:30 p.m., April 26. The community is invited to attend and bid on property. Questions? Call 54445.

STUDENT MUSIC recital is at 7 p.m., May 1, in the Multi-Purpose room.

THE KWAJALEIN AMATEUR Radio Club will sponsor an amateur radio testing session on at 7 p.m., May 2. Tests given will include technician, general, and amateur extra. Study guides and practice tests can be found online at [www.hamelmer.com](http://www.hamelmer.com). Discussion groups will meet before testing. For times and other information e-mail Randy Young.

SEASON ONE of the BBC series *Torchwood* will be shown at 7:30 p.m., Fridays, at the Adult Recreation Center for 13 weeks.

IN ORDER to ensure that all computers receive the necessary patches and remain compliant

with higher headquarters' directives, please make sure to restart your computer at the end of each day. Powering off your computer may lead to non-compliance and a lock out. Questions? Call 55132.

HELP KEEP Kwajalein and Roi-Namur beautiful by adopting an area. If you are looking for a way to get involved in the community, join the Adopt-An-Area program. For information, contact Brenda, 53331, or e-mail [brenda.panton@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:brenda.panton@smdck.smdc.army.mil).

THE ADULT POOL is for use by persons 18 and up. Children should not use the adult pool even if accompanied by an adult. Exceptions are pre-approved swim team practice and scuba lessons.

THE KAYAK SHACK now offers float rentals. Rent a surf rider, \$2. You must be 10 years-old to sign the rental agreement. Questions? Call Mandie, 52847.

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children to a doctor. Many have to go to food banks to be able to feed their families.

I don't know about you, but when I see people in that situation crying as they tell their stories on TV, I cry along with them because I know that there but for the grace of God, go I.

A long time ago, in a place that seems so far away, there used to be a concept called corporate citizenship.

Many American companies used to actually put their country and fellow citizens first. But as I said, that seems a long time ago in a place that doesn't exist anymore.

After 40 years of job losses to foreign interests and knowing that the American worker means next to nothing to American businesses, can anyone blame people for being bitter?

How can anyone get indignant because a political candidate merely stated the truth?

American workers get lip service and promises of help (funny how it's mostly in election years), but not much ever really happens.

The government has a few re-training programs to help some of those whose jobs have gone to Mexico, India, China or some other country where American companies hire cheaper labor.

But most of the people who have attended those re-training programs still can't find work, and those that do are sometimes forced to take jobs paying less than half of what they used to make. Many have to take jobs with no health care insurance or other benefits.

Many Americans have seen the companies they work for run into the ground by greedy and incompetent CEOs. Then those same CEOs walk away with millions of dollars while the workers are left with nothing.

Bitter? Now what do Americans have to be bitter and discouraged about?

The majority of Americans are frustrated and feel there is no one in government or business they can turn to for answers.

Who will stop the hemorrhaging of our jobs?

I don't think it will be the businessmen who want no caps on HB-1 visas so more foreign high tech workers can come into the United States (to work for less money of course).

It's hard to have warm fuzzies about people who make fortunes in America and then turn their backs on fellow citizens by giving jobs to foreigners.

The majority of Americans want to get out of Iraq, but recently, a political figure was quoted by the news media as responding to a reporter's question about the issue with, "So?"

That's how many Americans feel our concerns are being answered. "So?"

The cost of gas and groceries are ruining American families. "So?"

Oil is at a record \$115 a barrel just two weeks after congressional hearings on Big Oil profits. "So?"

It's estimated that two million Americans might lose their homes in the next year. "So?"

The number of jobs lost since the first of the year exceeds 230,000 with 80,000 lost in March alone. "So?"

There are 37 million people below the poverty line and more joining them everyday, many in those rural communities Obama spoke of. "So?"

People who worked hard all of their lives and retired thinking they had a pension and health care insurance to see them through the 'golden' years now find themselves out in the cold as more and more American companies stop pensions and healthcare insurance. "So?"

There are 40 million people and 15 million children without health care insurance in America. "So?"

Americans want their borders secured and the flood of illegal immigration stopped. "So?"

We don't want free trade deals that give our jobs away and make it easy for American companies to move to other countries. "So?"

Home prices have fallen so far that many people owe more than their houses are worth. The government bails out big banks, but it seems the home buyer is on his own. "So?"

Do Americans have the right to feel bitter and disgusted with their government, their corporations and the 'powers that be?' You bet we do.

Obama may have not phrased it right and now he is being savaged for political reasons, but nonetheless, he is correct. At least I think so.

Americans have seen the dream and the promise of our great country slowly fade before our eyes because of greed and corruption in our government and in our business community.

The long and the short of it is that America and her people have been bought and sold by Big Money and special interests.

And yes, I believe we are bitter because no one listens. Or cares.

Do we really want our fears and concerns to continue being answered with "So?"

Don't we all want the candidates to discuss the issues that concern us and tell us what they intend to do to try to fix our many problems?

But what we get instead is the never-ending negative sniping and 'gotcha' moments.

Only we the people can change the way things are. Yet, almost half of eligible voters didn't vote in the last presidential election.

Do you really want change? Do you really want someone to listen?

You know what to do.

Do it this November.

### Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 12-18 knots.  
**Sunday:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** E at 10-17 knots.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 10-16 knots.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 12-18 knots.  
**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** E 12-18 knots.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 10-16 knots.  
**Jan. 25:** Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 11-17 knots.

Annual total: 15.92 inches  
 Annual deviation: -1.07 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit [www.rts-wx.com](http://www.rts-wx.com).

### Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:38 a.m./6:59 p.m.	6:45 p.m./6:05 p.m.	3:41 a.m., 4.2' 3:51 p.m., 4.0'	9:50 a.m., 0.3' 9:54 p.m., 0.4'
Sunday	6:37 a.m./6:59 p.m.	7:32 p.m./6:45 p.m.	4:07 a.m., 4.5' 4:18 p.m., 4.0'	10:19 a.m., 0.5' 10:18 p.m., 0.5'
Monday	6:37 a.m./6:59 p.m.	8:21 p.m./7:27 a.m.	4:32 a.m., 4.6' 4:45 p.m., 3.8'	10:47 a.m., 0.5' 10:42 p.m., 0.5'
Tuesday	6:36 a.m./6:59 p.m.	9:12 p.m./8:12 a.m.	4:57 a.m., 4.6' 5:11 p.m., 3.6'	11:15 a.m., 0.5' 11:06 p.m., 0.3'
Wednesday	6:36 a.m./6:59 p.m.	10:04 p.m./9:01 a.m.	5:23 a.m., 4.4' 5:38 p.m., 3.4'	11:44 a.m., 0.3' 11:30 p.m., 0.2'
Thursday	6:35 a.m./6:59 p.m.	10:55 p.m./9:50 a.m.	5:50 a.m., 4.2' 6:05 p.m., 3.1'	12:13 a.m., 0.1' 11:55 p.m., 0.1'
April 25	6:35 a.m./6:59 p.m.	11:45 p.m./10:42 a.m.	6:18 a.m., 3.9' 6:35 p.m., 2.8'	12:45 p.m., 0.2'