Zoe Martindale, backed up by dad, Jack, greets the Easter Bunny Sunday at Brandon Field where she participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Helping the Easter Bunny is Community Activities’ Becky Wortman.

Hello Bunny

Yuk Club to reopen

By Jim Bennett

The sky is not falling, anymore, at the Yuk Club and the bar is set to reopen in four weeks, according Lloyd Jordan, Retail Services manager.

“We’re preparing the facility and have to make sure there are no safety hazards,” Jordan said.

The Yokwe Yuk Club bar closed Feb. 16 after portions of the concrete ceiling separated from the rebar skeleton of the building and crashed down in the kitchen.

Since then, officials have reexamined the facility, considered options and worked to provide the bar and fine dining service once available at the Yuk.

A structural engineer from Honolulu inspected the building, taking core samples from the concrete ceiling, said Jeff Jones, a local mechanical engineer working on the project.

The club, also known as Facility 502, consists of three sections, the center, with the foyer and kitchen, built in 1952, according to the most recent Analysis of Existing Facilities. The dining area on the east and bar on the west, were added in the early ‘60s.

“The main work is in the kitchen area, but we’re not going

RMI Trade Fair opens local opportunities

By Jim Bennett

This is not your usual fish story. It just started that way.

Maj. David Coffey, Host Nation chief and fresh seafood fan, arrived on-island in 2001, only to discover he couldn’t get locally caught fish at the Yokwe Yuk Club restaurant.

“I couldn’t believe it,” he said. “We’ve had [congressional delegations] here since who cares what kind of bureaucracy enabled a system where Marshallese sell fish to the U.S. but not here.”

Two years later, Coffey and others may have solved the problem as Marshallese businesses prepare to apply for “approved source” status by the Department of Defense, but the measure goes beyond fish.

Monday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., more than 24 Marshallese businesses will gather at the mini-mall, all showcasing wares from fish to produce to soap to

Cases mount though SARS virus isolated

By KW Hillis

Although the Centers for Disease Control announced April 14 (stateside) that they isolated the virus that causes SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, new cases and undisclosed previous cases are cropping up across the world and travel from the disease hot spots is becoming more and more restricted, even locally.

“The latest reports are that the virus is a coronavirus,” said Dr. John Janikowski, Kwajalein Hospital Staff doctor and exotic disease expert. “This is the same family of viruses that cause the common cold, but the SARS strain is apparently new to humans. [There are] still no cases here.”

Janikowski recommended reas-

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Free the turtles

Dear Editor,

Have you ever run an article on the sea turtles being kept on Kwaj? Perhaps other newcomers might be interested in this as well. How did the turtles come to be there? Aren’t these threatened and endangered species? How is this legal? Are they Army property? Has anyone ever started a petition to have these animals released?

I have heard it said that “they could climb out of the pool if they wanted to.” This ignores the fact that these turtles operate on instinct, and they only leave the water to lay eggs. I doubt that they are intelligent enough to know that if they climbed out of that pool and across some very sharp rocks, they would have a very different, and probably happier, life.

I have also heard it said that they have been in captivity too long and wouldn’t survive if released. But again, these animals operate on instinct. No mother teaches them where to go or what to eat. I think that if they could do this as hatchlings they could manage as adults. Dangerous though it may be, I would suggest that releasing these animals so they can breed and live a normal life would be preferable to the animals and the species, as a whole.

Put yourself in their position, a little pool or a vast ocean? They just need a little help to get there.

The Consortium of Oceanographic Research and Education in D.C. has been doing a census of marine life around the globe including projects which tag and track animals electronically. Perhaps these turtles could be tagged and released and make their own contributions to science. Maybe some of the computer whizzes on-island could set it up so Kwaj folk could watch “their” turtles.

— Carrie Rieden

Editor’s Note: Our earliest stories on the turtles that we have handy reference the turtles to before 1995. Stay tuned for our follow-up story.

TV games defy logic

Just like a fine wine, “Kwaj excuses” get better as the years go by.

This past week during lunch, I was watching the final game of the Men’s NCAA Basketball Tournament. The first half had been completed and the commentary between the halves had just ended. Approximately five minutes into the second half our local TV station cut in and began to show the roller information. After about two minutes of this, I called the station and asked why. The reply was, “The ballgame aired yesterday.” What’s the logic in showing only half a game?

This isn’t the first time our local TV station has made this kind of decision. Last weekend a program was interrupted for 20 straight minutes, nothing but AFN commercials were shown. When our local station did return to the program, it was a completely different episode. Another closely contested ballgame during the weekend was interrupted with 50 seconds remaining to play in order to show an MCPON Navy commercial.

Who’s making these kinds of decisions and what kind of logic is the individual using? It makes perfectly good sense to show half a ball game? Twenty uninterrupted minutes of AFN commercials is entertaining?

I realize with “breaking news” that program schedules will change as well as being interrupted, even out here. But lately it seems these interruptions have been taking place more frequently than normal. And please don’t use the war news as an excuse. That’s a cop-out. No games during the week were pre-empted because of war news.

Is it so difficult to use a little common sense? But then again, maybe common sense is not needed when a “Kwaj excuse” will suffice.

— Tom Farris

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Buckminster and Friends —— By Sabrina Mumma

CHAPTER 128: BUCKMINSTER AND FRIENDS ASK THE AGE~ OLD QUESTION ~
"WHAT ARE MY NEIGHBORS DOING OVER THERE?"

There’s something about noisy neighbors that makes me recall fond memories of my skeet shooting days. Pull! — Sabrina Mumma © 2003
Regional course studies people as well as places

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

As Host Nation officer, Stephan Notarianni’s job responsibilities include resolving issues between the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. He is responsible for cultural and political leaders and keeping both countries’ perspectives in mind. Over the last three months, he upgraded this and other negotiating and communication skills during the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies Course in Hawaii.

“The ultimate goal of the course would be, before you push that button or make that call to attack or to invade, the hope is that you will talk to one another,” he said. The course put “a face and a voice on issues.”

The U.S. Department of Defense APCSS in Hawaii is designed to “enhance cooperation and build relationships through mutual understanding and study of comprehensive security issues,” according to APCSS’ Public Affairs office. There are only two such institutes in the world, the Marshall Center in Germany for European countries and the one in Hawaii for the U.S. and Asian-Pacific nations.

One of 11 people from other commands and agencies representing the United States, Notarianni also represented SMDC and USAKA at the cross-cultural conference.

A total of 32 countries and 88 senior military and civilians attended the conference.

Countries represented at this course included: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Comoros, East Timor, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palau Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

What the students, some from countries at odds with one another, learned over the three months of attending classes and socially interacting was “security as a state of mind, international security which entails cooperation,” Notarianni said.

Even with the beneficial atmosphere set up by APCSS and the Pacific Command, there was conflict, he said.

“We did have some confrontations because people don’t see eye to eye,” he said. “When you talk about chemical weapons that Russia was producing, the Russians are there trying to defend — emotional — people crying.

“You don’t only learn from the course, you learn from the people as well.”

— Stephan Notarianni Host Nation officer

YYWC promotes cultural exchange and friendship

By KW Hillis
Associate Editor

Women from Kwajalein’s Yokwe Yuk Women’s Club and the Jine Tip Tip Club will enjoy Majuro’s hospitality, May 2 – 6, and learn about Marshallese culture and customs while their hosts get to know more about American mores.

“The purpose is cultural exchange and friendship,” said Dianne Tarnstrom, YYWC past-president and member. “We get to know each other and break down barriers.”

The YYWC is a service organization, benefiting both the Kwajalein and Marshallese community, she said. The club provides scholarships for Kwajalein high school seniors, delivers Christmas gifts to outer islands, hosts a Christmas Exchange dinner with Ebeye women, runs the Bargain Bazaar and the Mic Shop to raise money for Micronesia’s educational needs and sponsors the Kaleidoscope of Music in addition to visiting Majuro every other year for the cultural exchange with the women’s clubs there. On off years, representatives of Majuro’s clubs visit Kwajalein.

The women will have the opportunity to tour Majuro’s Adele Museum and other cultural and government locations, said Maryanne Lane, Host Nation officer and YYWC member. Mary Note, the Republic of the Marshall Islands president’s wife, and Editha Senko, U.S. Ambassador Mike Senko’s wife, will each host a meal for the group. A large dinner celebration and gift exchange complete with games and music is scheduled for the last night.

“If you are really trying to make friends with people in the Marshallese community, this is a good club,” Lane said.

Anyone who wants to go to Majuro with the group should call Tarnstrom, 55990, as soon as possible.

“We dress in dresses of the same fabric, we take presents for students from the hard-hit countries,” she said.

At the end of the course many had to change their flight plans to return home.

The course and interaction with people from other nations gave him a new perspective on what he saw on the news and how understanding others, he said.

“I think it will improve my way of doing business in the Marshall Islands,” he said.
Downtown min-mall to go non-smoking

By Jim Bennett

The mini-mall will see a few new signs, the latest calling for no smoking except in designated areas, according to Lloyd Jordan, Retail Services manager.

Government regulations prohibit smoking within 50 feet of an entrance to a public building. But in the downtown area, where a number of ashcans sitting by doorways have reduced the amount of cigarette butt-litter, officials also have seen an increase of resident complaints based on smoking in those areas.

“We’ve had increased complaints and we’re trying to look at the overall process and make something workable for everyone,” Jordan said.

KRS has proposed to the command establishing a separate covered area, initially a tent, away from Macy’s near 7th Street. That would be followed by a pavilion-like structure to be built later.

“Johnston Island might have something, too,” Jordan said. “We don’t know about that yet.”

Some other designated smoking areas, perhaps near the Post Office or Tape Escape, or both, may also be a part of the plan, he added.

In other news:

• Macy’s will now cash personal, one-party checks for up to $250, rather than the previous limit of $200. The change comes as part of the new contract requirements.
• Surfway now accepts credit and debit cards at two of its four cashier stations. On the other hand, with communication upgrades going on lately, the process for clearing credit cards has, on occasion, slowed because of fewer lines dedicated for that purpose. Jordan said that should clear up in the next week or two.

Correction

Jeff DeLong is the KREMS Radar manager, not KEAMS Radar manager, as reported in the April 18 issue.

The Hourglass regrets the error.
Fair features fish and more ...

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bottled water.

The fish, from ahi to blue marlin, come from an American-owned commercial fishing enterprise in Majuro that currently sells sashimi-grade to the U.S. and Japan. It's never frozen, only chilled, and sells, on average, for less than $4 a pound, depending on the type and size of fish, Coffey said.

Produce such as cucumbers and peppers and local favorites like pandanus and breadfruit are essentially organically grown on Lora Island near Majuro. Coffey inspected the farms noting they use rotating crop rows, one product in between another, to preserve the soil and add a fish-based fertiliser made locally, with only a small amount of additional nitrogen added.

“We can be buying stuff in Surfway that was picked the day before and not treated with anything,” Coffey said.

The soap is coconut-based giving it moisturizing properties. Some in Coffey’s office make a point of buying it when they're passing through the capital.

For bottled water, one might also turn locally, as a Marshallese company operates the same filtration and water purification equipment as many of their stateside and European competitors.

And that’s just a few of the products. Other vendors on hand will offer black pearls, charcoal, insurance for boat owners, bottled water and tourist trips.

Some will give handcraft demonstrations and door prizes, including travel tickets, pearls and fish, will be awarded every hour.

“We're not asking anyone to buy anything in a charitable effort,” Coffey said. “We haven't entered into any contracts, and we’ve made it clear to the Marshallene they have to compete. This is an opportunity to inform the community what’s available locally once the approval is in place.”

Once the Marshallene apply, an Army inspector from Hawaii will visit and could grant approved status immediately if the companies meet the requirements. Kwajalein Range Services officials have said they would need 30-45 days to complete contracts for sales. An Army inspector visiting earlier this year said many of the companies could be very close to achieving that status.

But though the fair offers an opportunity for Kwajalein shoppers, ”It is not the finish line,” Coffey said. “The real goal is to be able to walk into Surfway or some other facility and have this available.”

Bar side to reopen, while fine dining gets creative ...

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to use the kitchen area,” Jones said. “Well shore it up to make it safe though.”

He added the dining area would be closed off from use, as well.

More importantly, the inspector found the ceiling in the foyre, where the entrance and bathrooms are located, and bar area to be safe, and crews over the next three weeks will work on the ceiling to shore up any minor, loose chips, Jones said.

For the short-term, the bar side will reopen serving drinks and a small bar-food menu, using the short-order grill behind the bar. The menu will include Buffalo wings and quasadillas, along with local favorites such as the coconut prawns and Kwaj burger.

For the long-term, however, “We're hoping eventually to build a new facility but, of course, that is all contingent on funding,” Jordan said. Such a project would require the money and around two years of work from the engineer-}

Wrestlers are a hit at Walter Reed

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Army Pvt. Fernando Gonzalez enjoyed a visit from professional wrestlers “Bradhshaw” and “Faaoroq,” who visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center recently.

Gonzalez, 18, who was shot in his left thigh five days after arriving in Iraq, said he has been an avid wrestling fan since he was a kid.

The Riverside, Calif., native, joined the Army in August 2002 because, “That was the best thing for me to do, at the time,” and it was “a stepping stone going into law enforcement.”

Gonzalez said later, “They’re pretty big guys, but they’re real people. They’re really down-to-earth people and they’re easy to talk to. The fact star wrestlers visited me makes me feel good.”

“This is my way of saying thank you very much to these guys for what they’ve done,” Bradshaw said. “They’ve done a hell of a lot.”

Asked what prompted him to visit the soldiers, Faaoroq said, “Why wouldn’t you come to visit these guys? For what they’re doing for us over there, sacrificing their lives, this is the least I could do. I wish I could do more.”

The catering group is now serving two or more such special meals at homes and other locales every week, according to Walter Turner, catering manager and executive chef.

“We actually made champagne out of lemons,” Turner said, playing off the common lemons-from-lemonade cliché analogy. “There’s a high demand for this,” he added.

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

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GENERAL ENGINEER, GS-0810-14. Duty stationed in Arlington, Va. (Missile Defense Agency). Closes April 25. University of Maryland College has the following vacancy:

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FOUR-SPEED Kwaj bike, good condition, $40; three complete sets of scuba gear with BCD, regulator, AIR 2 and weights, one size ladies’ small, two size men’s medium; ladies’ wetsuit, small, excellent condition, $35. Call 58672.

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Come to the
10% off
sale at the
Micronesian Shop
Friday, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

All profits support
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ISLAND WOMEN are invited to the Yokwe Yuk Women’s Club newcomer wine and cheese get together Sunday, April 27, 4-6 p.m., at the commander’s quarters. A lei making demonstration and information on island activities is available. Questions? Call Dianne, 55990, or Denise, 54630.

WANT TO volunteer at the Micronesian Handicraft Shop? A training session is Monday, April 28, 2 p.m., at the shop. For more information, call Dianne, 55990.

MARSHALLESE CULTURAL Experience presented by George Seitz Elementary School students is Saturday, May 3, 7 p.m., in the MP room. Students will share their knowledge of Marshallese culture through song, dance, drama and stories.

BUNKO! Come to the Yokwe Yuk Women’s Club general membership meeting tomorrow, 7 p.m., in CRC room 7. Never played Bunko before? No problem. It’s simple, lots of fun and you might be a winner. Mic Shop prizes awarded. RSVP to Jody, 53235.

SCUBA CLUB is holding a two-tank dive trip to Legan and Lone Palm April 27. The boat will depart from Small Boat Marina at 7:30 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Cost is $50 per person. Snorkelers are welcome. To sign up, call Mac, 59559 or 52860.

LCM FERRY RULES: After 7 p.m., all passengers are required to remain in the well deck under the canvas covers. No passenger is authorized to be in the wheelhouse area after that time.

BALLROOM DINNER/DANCE tickets are on sale now. This annual extravaganza featuring “The Pacific’s Most Dangerous Band” is April 27. To purchase tickets, call Cris, 52935, Nate, 53578, or Dick, 51684.

GRADUATION FOR Scouts is May 5, 6 p.m., at family pool. Bring a dish to share for a Mexican potluck. Bring a swimsuit.

PASSPORT PHOTOS are taken every Tuesday, 1-4 p.m., at the RTS Photo Lab, Building 1002. Pay first at Finance. Questions? Call 53773.

OPSEC REMINDER: Providing our military forces with uncompromised defense systems is necessary to minimize risks and enhance our potential for the successful termination of a conflict. Apply OPSEC.
**See you at the movies!**

**Wednesday**
The Banger Sisters (2002, R) Two former '60s groupies—one still wild, one straight-laced and married—meet up in 2001. (Goldie Hawn, Susan Sarandon)
*Adult Recreation Center, 7 p.m.*

**Saturday**
The Other Side of Heaven (2001, PG) An Idaho Falls farm kid travels to Tonga to become a missionary during the 1950s.
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Red Dragon** (2002, R) In a precursor to Silence of the Lambs, an FBI agent contacts Dr. Hannibal Lector for help with another psychotic criminal. (Edward Norton, Anthony Hopkins)
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Red Dragon** (2002, R)
*Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.*

**Sunday**
A Bug’s Life (1998, PG) Flik, an ant who can’t get anything right, embarks on a plan to free his colony from the clutches of evil grasshoppers. Features an all-star cast of voices including Dave Foley, Kevin Spacey and Julia Louis-Dreyfuss.
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Twister** (1996, PG-13) A estranged couple, both scientists, reunite to chase a super tornado across Oklahoma. (Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton)
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**8 Mile** (2002, R) A young rapper in Detroit deals with the pain and frustration in his life through music. (Eminem)
*Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.*

**Monday**
The Other Side of Heaven (2003, PG) Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

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**WEATHER**

**Sunrise/set**

**Moonrise/set**

**High Tide**

**Low Tide**

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**Tonight:**
Numerous showers, some heavy, and a possible thunderstorm.

**Winds:**
East at 13-17 knots, with gusts to 26 knots near showers.

**Tomorrow:**
Partly sunny with widely scattered showers.

**Winds:**
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Tonight’s low 75°
Tomorrow’s high 86°

**April rain total:**
6.50”

**Annual rain total:**
13.69”

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-3.49”

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.

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**Surfside Beauty Salon manager Brenda Panton prepares to cut Chris Danals’ hair. The hair is destined for non-profit Locks of Love, where it will be made into a wig for children with medical hair loss.**

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**Hair today, donated tomorrow**

By KW Hillis
Associate Editor

About once a year, a long-haired resident opts for a shorter cut and donates his or her tresses to Locks of Love, according to Brenda Panton, Surfside Beauty Salon manager.

Chris Danals did Thursday.

“I suggest Locks of Love if their hair meets the length requirements, but Chris already knew about it and wanted to donate,” she said.

Locks of Love, a non-profit organization, makes human hair prosthetics and gives them to disadvantaged children with medical hair loss. Donated hair must be at least 10-inches long and meet certain requirements listed on www.lockslove.org.

We do know how to cut hair to get the optimum length, Panton said as she cut the last lock of Danals’ hair and laid it next to the bundle on the counter.

Tired of long hair, Danals said he wanted to see it put to good use and wasn’t concerned about cutting so much off all at once.

“It’s just hair,” he said.