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U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands

OPSEC program draws new blood

By Jim Bennett

It's no secret how USAKA/KMR OPSEC officer Master Sgt. Raymond Bell feels about the program, or the people who work with him on the USAKA/KMR OPSEC Committee.

"You always think you can do more to cover the bases. It's a constant process," he said. "But I do feel good about the trainers and the committee."

OPSEC, or operational security, is a high-priority at USAKA/KMR, where missile testing and other technological programs regularly generate classified and sensitive but unclassified data.

"OPSEC deals more with economics now, too," said Master Sgt. Billy Jarrell, who will take over as OPSEC officer in June when Bell PCSes. "If you can steal someone else's research and development, you don't have to come up with it yourself. We're not even talking about 'the bad guys' anymore. The adversary could be another company in competition. We probably have to be more secretive than others about what we're doing out here because it is the latest and greatest technology."

Bell, Jarrell, and government and contractor employees met last week to review training and update committee members on related issues. John Jorgenson, automated information security specialist, gave a lecture on computer security and Sgt. 1st Class Donnell Jones discussed force protection and threats.

Jones described anti-terrorist protection measures, particularly useful for USAKA/KMR residents who travel abroad on their annual leaves. He also said USAKA/KMR reduced its current threat condition rating to "normal," last week, down from Alpha, where it had been since a pair

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Crossing the line

Sharon Greenbaum crosses the finish line Monday as the winner of the 2000 Rustman triathlon. Greenbaum completed the 1-kilometer swim, 42-kilometer bike ride, and 10-kilometer run in 2:23:17. Greg Hogan finished first in the men's master division with a time of 2:34:59. Fast.com — with members Katie DeLong, Jeff DeLong, and John Ross — led the team competition with a time of 2:11:53. For complete Rustman results check out Friday's *Hourglass*.

Navy crew treated to unexpected vacation after C-130 breaks down en route to Guam

By Peter Rejcek

A C-130 airplane en route to Guam from Norfolk, Va. stopped on Kwajalein April 23 to refuel. That's where the trip ended.

A hydraulics problem — a blown landing gear seal — grounded the plane and stranded the flight crew and the plane's Navy passengers on Kwaj.

The unexpected vacation for the Navy's Fleet Composite Squadron Six (VC-6) members forced them to cancel their mission — flight simulation tests for some 7th Fleet ships, including the U.S.S. *Kitty Hawk*, anchored at Guam — because of time constraints

While disappointed their mission

was scrubbed, Lt. Cmdr. Matt Maxwell said there are worse things than getting stranded on a tropical island.

"It was a pleasant surprise for us," he said. "The kids are having a blast."

Maxwell said the crew's two other officers, nine enlisted men, and civilian were finding plenty on Kwaj to occupy their time, from lazing on the beach to fishing with the help of local residents. Scuba diving was also on the agenda.

"It's a lot of fun here," he added.

According to Maxwell, there was not another C-130 available to fly the crew to Guam. Their mission, BQM-

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Message in bottle carries a meaning miles away

By Bob Fore

When 11-year-old Alyx Howard wrote a note and sealed it in a plastic bottle, little did she realize the result that would come of her actions.

Howard and her friends had discussed doing something like this before, so she finally sat down Jan. 22 and wrote a short letter on notebook paper. It began, "Dear whoever gets this letter."

Howard introduced herself and gave her age. She asked that the person finding the message respond by telling a little about themselves.

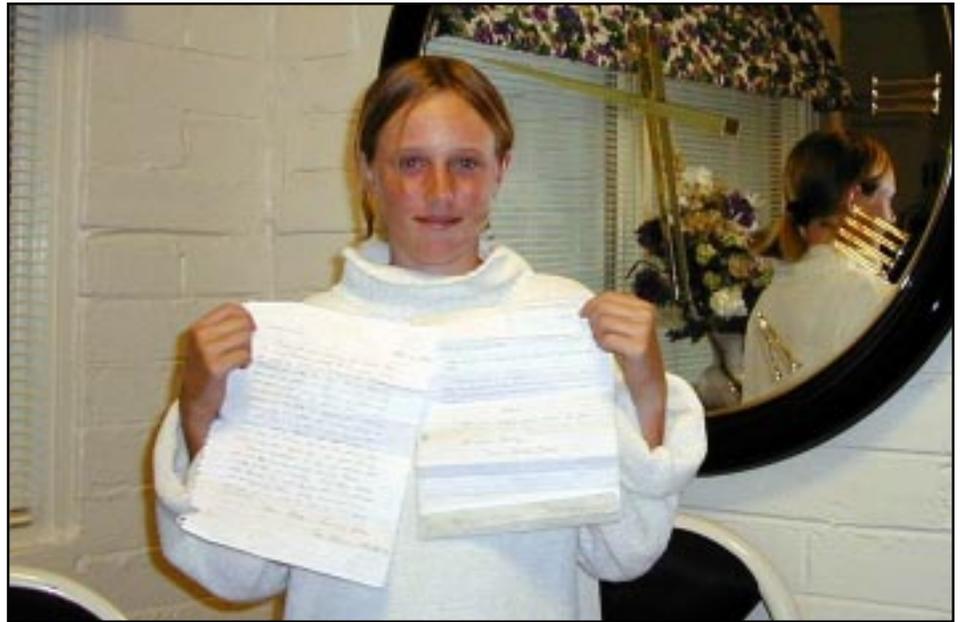
"I had been thinking of doing this for about a year," Howard said. "I wondered what would happen if someone found it and what their response would be."

After sealing the note in the bottle, she rode to the west end of the island and threw it into the waves, only to have it swept back onto the shore. Retrieving the bottle, she realized that there might be a better way of sending the message on its voyage.

That evening, Howard asked family friend and Kwajalein resident Trudy Butler if she would help. Butler agreed to throw the bottle into the ocean on her next fishing trip.

The following morning, at a point some seven miles off the Shark Pit, Butler launched the bottle on its journey.

"I thought it might be a year or so before I heard anything, but it was only about 60 days before I heard something back," Howard said.



(Photo by Bob Fore)

When Alyx Howard decided to float a message in a bottle, she had no idea how much it would mean to the recipients. After a voyage of about a thousand miles, the bottle was retrieved by a woman on Weno Island, Chuuk, who had a special reason for attaching importance to the simple message.

The bottle traveled nearly a thousand miles in a west-southwesterly direction, ending up on Weno Island in Chuuk.

"It was really, really exciting when I received a letter back," Howard said. "I ran around looking for all my friends who also wanted to send messages in bottles."

In the envelope were two pages of notebook paper. The first was the message written by Howard, and the second was from the family that found the bottle.

The recipient, Sina Michiuo, 42,

wrote that she had found the bottle and asked her daughter to answer Howard's message.

The short letter spoke of the importance that Howard's message had for them.

Michiuo's husband had passed away on the very date that she had found Howard's bottle. She declared they will always remember Howard's letter, and they feel she is now a part of their family.

"I am planning to write them back," Howard said. "I also plan to send another bottle in the future."

Customs allows travelers to import small quantities of tobacco products

From Staff Reports

The U.S. Customs Service has announced that small quantities of U.S. tobacco products exported from the United States may now be brought back into the country.

The new ruling overturns a ban that began Jan. 1 and was reported in the April 11 edition of the *Hourglass*. This restriction barred travelers from bringing back U.S. cigarettes, cigars, and tobacco purchased tax-free at Kwaj, in overseas military exchanges or commissaries,

or on-board military carriers.

The new rule allows travelers to bring back some tobacco products for personal use. It is effective until further notice and comes as a result of a preliminary injunction filed by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in April.

Overseas personnel may choose "returning resident" or "nonresident" exemptions with customs when on stateside leave or temporary duty. As returning residents, travelers may include no more than 100 ci-

gars and 200 cigarettes in the \$400 personal exemption.

An additional 100 cigars may be taken under the nonresident gift exemption. When personnel return home after their overseas tour has ended, they may import a "reasonable" amount of cigarettes and no more than 100 cigars. Customs officials recommend staying within the 200-cigarette limit in this case.

Incidentally, the ban on importing Cuban tobacco products is still in effect and can carry heavy fines.

Finding a niche

Kapingamarangi Village supplies Kwaj with handicraft

By Peter Rejcek

POHNPEI — The large, fleshy hands of Heyger Paul grasp the wooden shark while simultaneously whittling the flanks of the artificial beast with a thin, curved knife — like a fisherman filleting his catch. The strokes are as swift and fluid as a fish in water; after all, carving is second nature to people from Kapingamarangi Atoll.

“We just learn it from growing up with our parents,” noted Paul, one of about 60 carvers transplanted from his home island 300 miles away to this little neighborhood in Kolonia, Pohnpei’s largest town. “We learn by watching. Nobody taught us.”

Kapingamarangi Village — one of Pohnpei’s most popular tourist attractions because of its high-quality wood carvings and woven wall

modest homes and their water catchments.

But differences emerge as one strolls down the pavement. A silver-haired elder with a face as wrinkled as a crumpled newspaper, but with a trim, muscled torso and powerful arms, chops away at a rough-looking shark the size of small child. A large pile of wood blocks sits behind him, as if awaiting the fireplace. Farther down the road, smiles and signs welcome passers-by into homes-turned-shops, where men spend their days making everything from carved manta rays on pedestals to dolphin necklaces of palm tree ivory nut, using knives fashioned from files.

Kapingamarangi Village is literally a world away from westernized experiences, but the wares are familiar, particularly to residents of

four large boxes of handicraft he exports to Kwajalein each year to make a living. He complains that the shops in Kolonia do not offer the carvers reasonable prices for their works. Very much the entrepreneur — he has one of the few shops with its own sign, Carving Spot Handicraft, and is quick to hand out a business card — Paul said he started supplying the Mic Shop about 10 years ago along with some older villagers.

Those men have since passed away, essentially leaving the Kwajalein market to Paul and several other carvers.

Terry Morton, a former buyer on behalf of the Mic Shop, said there are generally four carvers who supply Kwajalein — Paul, Esirom Hicks, Billy Mateak, and Kaius Saick. She said as many as half a dozen shipments arrive from Pohnpei each year, with more handicraft showing up around Christmas.

“We have four good suppliers we work with,” she said.

Only 36, Paul said he has been carving since he was 10 years old. It seems to be a skill endemic to the Kapingamarangi, not unlike the stick charts fashioned by the Marshallese. It’s also a skill reserved for men, he explained. Women weave, men carve, he said, smiling at the idea of a woman carver offered by a female customer. Carving is also a “very old” custom, according to Paul, and has evolved over the generations. In the old days, the storyboards, sculptures, and outrigger canoes served a different purpose than economics.

“We made things that tell the life of the islands,” Paul said.

Handicraft also served more practical purposes in the days before natural disasters forced many Kapingamarangi to emigrate to Pohnpei. For example, those eel traps found in the Mic Shop once measured four feet long and were actually used to trap the slithering beasts.

Today, the older carvers still keep alive some of those traditions on a

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Heyger Paul demonstrates his carving technique inside Carving Spot Handicraft, which serves as his workshop and retail space in Kapingamarangi Village, located in Kolonia, Pohnpei. Paul is one of four artists who sell crafts found at the Micronesian Handicraft Shop.



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

hangings, among other handicraft — is found on the northwest edge of town, a stone’s throw across the bay from Sokehs Rock. At first, there is little to distinguish it from other Kolonia neighborhoods: Tin-roofed homes crowd together; dozens of children laugh and play in the street; thatched shelters with ubiquitous blue coolers turn into *sakau* bars as the sun goes down; and barely tamed jungle nearly camouflages the

Kwajalein, because this is where much of the stock for the Micronesian Handicraft Shop originates. And Paul, a friendly Polynesian (the Kapingamarangi are Polynesian in culture, appearance, and language) with a Buddha’s sublime smile and round, hard belly, is one of the shop’s chief suppliers.

“I find supplying the Mic Shop is more [profitable],” said Paul, who relies on local sales and the three or



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Sharks hang in suspended animation, appearing to circle intricately woven wall hangings in Heyger Paul's Carving Spot Handicraft shop in Kolonia, Pohnpei. Paul is one of the chief suppliers of Pohnpeian crafts to the Micronesia Handicraft Shop.

Carver changes style to fit new tastes ...

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smaller scale, while the younger artisans of Paul's generation look for ways to make their works more appealing to tourists and collectors. Sharks no longer sit still, but rather twist and curve, mouths gaping with real shark teeth. Dolphins are no longer dull: They leap into the air or ride waves.

Morton said the Mic Shop has requested in the past that the carvers try different things, such as fish flipping in the air or dolphins balancing balls on their noses.

"They're starting to do more twisting with the wood. There are different sizes, larger pieces," she added. "And snails. All of a sudden snails started showing up."

Paul agreed his style is changing to meet demand.

"I'm making some changes this year," he revealed. "I'm going to do a little bit of action."

Some traditions remain, however. Light and dark woods from mangrove swamps are still used as the primary material for carvings, and

carvers collect their own supplies. Paul works most days but Saturdays, a day of preparation in his culture. His shop is modest, nothing more than a shed dominated by a large tree stump that serves as the work area. After chopping the young wood into a reasonable facsimile of his subject, Paul uses a knife to shape the piece. It is then hung to dry, before being sanded and waxed.

The most popular pieces tend to be sharks and dolphins. Paul said he prefers carving the latter.

"They're lovely animals—and they're much easier than sharks," he said.

But in Paul's hands, even an eel seems lovely.

The Micronesia Handicraft Shop

Sunday	Closed
Monday	4-6 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m.-noon
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10 a.m.-noon
Friday	6-8 p.m.
Saturday	noon-2 p.m.

New Books

at



Grace Sherwood Library

McNaughton Fiction

Where You Belong by Barbara Taylor Bradford

Elixir by Gary Braver

Second Wind by Dick Francis

Murder in Central Park by Mike Jahn

The Burning City by Larry Niven

Blue at the Mizzen by Patrick O'Brian

Wild Decembers by Edna O'Brien

The Runner by Christopher Reich

Moses: The Last Book of the Bible by Les Whitten

McNaughton Nonfiction

The Battle for God by Karen Armstrong

The Investment Strategies of Everyday Millionaires and How You Can Become One Too

by Charles B. Carlson

Get Happy: The Life of Judy Garland by Gerald Clark

The Case Against Hillary Clinton by Peggy Noonan

The Death of Innocence: The Untold Story of Jon Benet's Murder and the Investigation That Failed Us All by John Ramsey

A Week in the Zone by Barry Sears

Locating and Evaluating Information on the Internet by Art Wolinsky

Travel Books

Fodor's: Australia, Florida, Los Angeles, Spain

Frommer's: Australia, Hawaii

Let's Go: Alaska and the Pacific Northwest, Austria and Switzerland, California, Germany

Other Recent Acquisition - Nonfiction

Inon in Majol: A Collection of Marshallese Folk Tales by Terry Mote

Classified Ads and Community Notices

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Nancy, 53705.

DOCUMENTATION SPECIALIST, Junior/Senior High School. Part time. Approximately 30 hours per week. Require excellent computer skills, good organization skills, and ability to work with students and adults. Primary responsibility involves student records. Selected individual will be required to undergo a criminal history background check.

SECRETARY, ALTAIR. Full time. Individual to perform general secretarial duties including, but not limited to, writing memos, typing, filing, answering phones, timecards, and ordering office supplies. Familiar with MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Good interpersonal and written skills a must. Requires daily commute to Roi.

RETAIL SUPERVISOR, Sunrise Bakery. Full time. Individual will be responsible for daily operation, ordering and inventorying supplies, daily cash handling, and monthly billing functions. MS Office experience a plus.

STOREKEEPER, Tape Escape. Casual position. Individual will be responsible for opening and closing facility, billing, customer service, and bank transactions. Individual will also be responsible for supervising all cashiers, as well as various administrative tasks.

SECRETARY, Community Activities. Part time. Looking for well-qualified, self-motivated individual who will be responsible for

developing and maintaining an administrative database, labor recording, and supply requisitions. Experience in Microsoft Office 95, filing systems, and basic office organization, as well as oral and written skills, a must.

COORDINATOR, C&DM Dept. Full time. Must have MS Office experience, especially MS Outlook. Responsible for receiving and distributing contract deliveries from engineering community to government customer. Well-organized and able to communicate with both internal and external customers. This highly visible job requires strict adherence to delivery schedules.

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, Kwajalein Job Corps Center. To teach English, reading, and math to Marshallese students. Teaching certificate preferred, but not required. Teaching experience helpful. For information or to apply, call 55622.

FAMILY CHILD-CARE PROVIDERS. Responsible individuals to supervise young children in a home environment. Child Development Services will provide training and inspections to become an FCC provider. This is a requirement for anyone providing child care in their home more than 10 hours per week. Selected individuals and family members over age 12, as well as other authorized individuals residing in a potential child-care home, are required to undergo a criminal history background check. Call Trina, 52158.

WANTED

FRESH FISH. Call 53624.

BABY-SITTER for one hour in evenings. Call 53124.

EXTRA-LONG child's safety gate (68"). Call 53488.

LOST

NICKLAUS PW on golf course Saturday, April 22. Call Bob, 54528.

DIVE MASK with purge valve, black strap, and black snorkel, at North Point, April 7. Call 59020H or 52224W.

FOUND

DIVE KNIFE in Emon Beach area. Call 54176.

CALICO CAT without rabies tag oceanside. Call 52017.

BLACK SPORTS watch on 4th Street in new housing. Call 53227.

FOR SALE

PCS SALE. 13" Color TV/VCR, three months old, \$250; lace curtains, \$6 each; various size rods; white sheers, \$5 each; silk flowers; two speakers, \$5 each; loveseat couch, \$150; rugs; lamp, \$10. Call 52622 or



Get your B-boat license and enjoy Kwaj waters. Register at Community Activities or Small Boat Marina for the boating orientation class May 3-4, 6-8 p.m., in CRC Room 1. Questions? Call 53643.

52314 and leave a message.

TODDLER'S rocking horse with electronic sounds, excellent condition, \$140; Maytag dishwasher, available June 20, three years old, great condition. Call 51576.

PLAYSTATION GAMES: *Jeremy McGrath, Supercross, Extreme, Coolboarders 2, and Apocalypse*, \$15 each; Alien sandwedge golf club with head cover and video, \$30. Call 52296.

GOLF CLUBS: Lady Cobra II irons, 4-PW, paid \$700, will sell for \$400; Medicus PC practice golf club, new, includes book and video, \$65; Ping Pal putter, \$65; child's LH putter, new, \$20. Call 51751 and leave a message.

DOUBLE-JOGGER, one year old, no rust, \$200; suitcase, \$25. Call 54571.

KENWOOD RECEIVER, \$200; CD changer, \$100; four brass and glass shell light fixtures, new in box, five single, one triple globe, \$100 for all; kitchen appliances; mature banana tree in pot, \$25; and country stoneware, \$25. Call 52544 after 5 p.m.

FOOT MASSAGER, \$15; men's wetsuit, large, \$15; men's wetsuit, extra-large, \$25; shelving, \$20; men's rollerblades, size 10, \$75; women's rollerblades, \$15; baseball bat and helmet, \$15; tennis racquet, \$25;

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THE BARGAIN BAZAAR

Monday 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday 6-8 p.m.
Thursday 1-3 p.m.
Saturday 1-3 p.m.

Have you pushed mom's buttons?



Why not make up for it by entering Macy's Mother's Day card contest? Age groups are 4-12 years and 13-18 years. Cards must be hand-made and submitted before 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 10. Come on, show mom you love her and you'll never do it again until next time.

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Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation tomorrow, 8 a.m.-noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below. Questions? Call Sgt. Egan, 54421.



racquetball racquets, \$10 and \$15; racquetball goggles, \$12; 1, 3, 5 woods, \$10. Call 54120.

OUTDOOR TABLE, white, \$15; four folding chairs, \$25. Call 53124.

TWO 35-GALLON aquariums, \$200 each; one 75-gallon aquarium, \$450 (both come with accessories, fish, and frozen food, \$5 per package); piano, \$600; girls' dive gear, size small, \$600; men's dive gear, size large, \$250; snorkel equipment; rollerblades, \$50. Call 53532 days or 53884 after 5 p.m.

HUGE PLANT sale. Call Leann, 53532 days or 53884 after 5:30 p.m.

SONY FIVE-CD player with remote, \$100; Technics dual-cassette deck, 2x dub speed but no auto reverse, \$75; camcorder bag for 8 mm, \$20. Call Greg, 54518.

LAWN and BEACH folding chairs, \$5 each. Call 54434 or 58880.

PCS SALE. DVD-ROM 4x video card with video out; Panasonic 900 mhz cordless phone. All less than 6 months old. Call Jeff, 53552W or 54128H.

PCS SALE. Yamaha 760 Wavebuster II jetski, runs great, very dependable, in-

cludes all-aluminum trailer, \$3,000. Call Colby, 54784.

BOYS' ROLLERBLADES, size 6, \$65. Call 53227.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOKWEYUK Women's Club executive board meeting is tonight, 7 p.m., in Qtrs. 202. If you are unable to attend, call Gerri, 54430.

YOKWE YUK Women's Club members are invited to join the Education and Assistance Committee on a visit to schools on Ebeye Monday, May 15. RSVP by May 8 to Debbie, 58822, or Gerri, 54430.

YOKWE YUK Women's Club appreciation barbecue will be Monday, May 8, 6-8 p.m., at Emon Beach. Hamburgers, side dishes, and punch will be provided. Elections will be held. RSVP by Thursday to Brigitte, 52641, or Gerri, 54430.

ENZMANN FAMILY PCS party and potluck cookout will be Monday, May 8, 3 p.m., at Camp Hamilton. Questions? Call Heather, 52573.

KWAJALEIN AMATEUR Radio Club meets the first Friday of the month, 7 p.m., in the Ham Shack on Ocean Road next to the adult pool.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will meet Thursday, 8:45 a.m., in the Religious Education Building. For more information, call Joan, 52280. MOPS is sponsored by the Protestant chapel.

THERE WILL be a junior high school band and choir concert Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m., and a senior high school band and choir concert Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m., in the MP room.

CORAL OPEN Tournament: Coral Open 2000 will be the weekends of May 21 and May 28. KGA and USGA members are invited. Tickets can be purchased Sundays, 10 a.m.-noon, at the golf course, or Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon, at the mini-mall. Entry fees must be paid to select a tee-time. Last day to sign up and buy guest tickets is May 15. Questions? Call Sue, 53744.

MUSIC RECITAL, in conjunction with the Kwajalein School Art Show, will be Thursday, 6:30 p.m., in the MP room.

CUB SCOUT Pack 135 leaders will hold their next roundtable meeting Monday, May 8, 8 a.m., in the Scout Hut.

U.S. GOVERNMENT property sealed bid sale will be conducted during April and May. Items will be available for inspection April 25-May 6, Tuesdays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. Sealed bids will be received until May 6 at 6 p.m., at Raytheon Range Systems Engineering, DCCB, Facility 1500. Bids will be opened May 9 at 9 a.m. For additional information, call Raytheon Reutilization and Disposal, 51770 or 51076.

**This week
at the
Yokwe Yuk Lounge**

Tonight



*DJ Jim Muich plays all
the best modern music
for your dancing pleasure,
7-11 p.m.*

Saturday



*is the night to party with
CPN DJ Rich Feagler
playing the hits from
the '80s and '90s.*

Sunday



*is Techno night with
DJ Chris Hale.
Come on down for
some hardcore
techno rock,
8 p.m.-1 a.m.*

**The Marshallese
Cultural Center**

**Mondays . . 4-6 p.m.
Fridays . . . 3-5 p.m.**

**Handicraft demonstrations
will be given Mondays,
4-6 p.m.**

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Bicentennial Man (New Release, PG)

Based on a short story by renowned science fiction author Isaac Asimov, the movie stars Robin Williams as a domestic android who wants to become human. (Sam Neil, Wendy Crewson, Oliver Platt) (131 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Being John Malkovich (New Release, R)

A file clerk on the seventh-and-a-half floor of an office building finds a small door behind a filing cabinet that leads into the mind of actor John Malkovich. The portal allows anyone who enters to become Malkovich, with some interesting results. (John Cusack, John Malkovich, Cameron Diaz) (112 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Snow Falling on Cedars (New Release, PG-13)

Nine years after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, a small town in the Pacific Northwest must deal with the troubling legacy of U.S. policies against Asian-Americans. The tensions spill into the courtroom when a Japanese-American man is found dead in the icy waters, and his close friend is accused of murder. (Rick Yune, Eric Thal, James Rebhorn, Max Von Sydow) (126 minutes) Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

My Man Godfrey (Classic, 1936)

One of the great screwball comedies of the 1930s. Carole Lombard plays the most eccentric member of an eccentric family who meets a hobo. (William Powell) (124 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Snow Falling on Cedars (New Release, PG-13)

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

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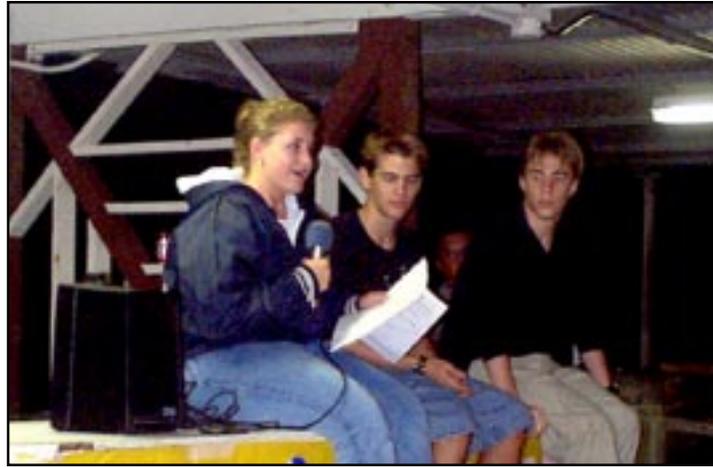
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Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

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Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.



Cody Baker, Danny Robey, and Jesse Henstock, left to right, read the senior wills to the juniors and adult bystanders at the 2000 Junior/Senior Banquet at Coral Sands Beach on April 23.

(Photo by Loren Lindborg)

Seniors pass torch to juniors at banquet

By Loren Lindborg

Amidst the dark veil of night and the sparks of a blazing bonfire, students exchanged future wills and prophecies at the annual Junior/Senior Banquet on April 23. Bequeathed items from seniors to juniors included everything from Pikachu trading cards to Prozac prescriptions, while the juniors predicted their upper classmen would become an American Gladiator or even a shepherd in Arizona.

Junior John Clayton organized the event, along with many volunteer members of the class. They arrived at 6 p.m. to set up decorations and prepare the food while the seniors participated in a scavenger hunt.

A feast that could feed a crew of Viking warriors followed the hunt. Served by Clayton and volunteer Tom Daly, huge pots of broiled shrimp, potatoes, and sausage were poured onto tables covered with

thick, brown wrapping paper. People dug in with their hands as cocktail sauce and bread was passed around. Reggae and dance music lingered in the background.

The junior advisors lit a giant bonfire on the beach, signaling it was time to move on to the reading of senior wills and junior prophecies. The wills were documents created by each senior of things or characteristics that they wanted to pass on to the younger class. The prophecies, fortune-tellings of each senior's future, were created by a committee of juniors. The readings were the last event of the evening and brought both laughter and tears to an enjoyable evening.

"It was absolutely wonderful. I enjoyed the evening a lot," said senior Taylor Speaker.

"It turned out great," said junior David Zakeri. "I believe it was a memorable event for everyone."

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet



Sun • Moon • Tides



Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a brief shower or two.
Winds: East-northeast at 13 to 19 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny with a brief shower possible.
Winds: East-northeast at 12 to 17 knots, with higher gusts possible near showers.
Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
 Tomorrow's high 87°
April rain total: 2.34"
Annual rain total: 27.76"
Annual deviation: +8.00"
 Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.
 Forecasts available online: www.kmr-wx.com

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday May 2	0633/1900	0451/1715	0310, 5.3' 1521, 5.4'	0917, 0.9' 2129, 0.6'
Wednesday May 3	0633/1900	0537/1809	0341, 5.8' 1556, 5.6'	0952, 0.6' 2200, 0.4'
Thursday May 4	0633/1900	0626/1905	0414, 6.1' 1632, 5.6'	1029, 0.3' 2233, 0.4'
Friday May 5	0633/1900	0717/2004 New Moon	0448, 6.3' 1708, 5.5'	1106, 0.3' 2306, 0.4'